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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

Future Speakers

May 7
Rosemary
Vassiliadis
McCarran
International
Airport



Rotarians –
upcoming
Community
Service
opportunities

May 19
Mexico Home
Building
In Corazon

Did you know that you can make-up for a missed meeting by attending an E-Club Rotary meeting? Just click here to see how

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/eclub_list.pdf.

The Club meets at Lawry's Prime Rib restaurant, 4043 Howard Hughes Parkway at 12:15 p.m. every Monday. Please check the Club's website, www.lvswr.org.

Welcome to our Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Visiting Rotarians – Linda Bertuzzi from the Las Vegas Fremont Club and Randy Pote from the North Las Vegas Club

Guest - Capucine Holmes as a guest of Andy Katz

Announcements

Dan Stover – Mitchell Horst announced the Club is sending 2 winners to the District Conference for the \$3,000 grand prize (reduced from \$5,000 due to lack of participation).

Gold Raffle Baskets – Karen Strawn asked the Club members to please bring back the baskets they received auctioned items in during the Gold Raffle, so that they may be recycled for next year's Gold Raffle.

LVSW Rotary Club and Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation First Annual Celebrity Poker Tournament – Fred Fukumoto announced that the competition is heating up for the Celebrity Poker Tournament to be held on May 5, 2012 at Caesar's Palace. We know of one pro already signed up to play—this is a super satellite event for the World Series of Poker, and it is not to be missed!!

Recognitions:

Chris Publow was quoted in the newspaper regarding new competition coming into town. \$25 credit for him.

Franchesca Van Buren just got back from a short Mexican cruise, costing her \$50—a small price to pay for much needed R&R.

Mitchell Horst's new baby is doing just peachy. However, making fun of his wife cost him \$50.

Clinton Pope is loving his new home, located near Lone Mountain. Congrats to him—and a \$70 fine.

Scott Baranoff came up with a pretty good joke this week. \$25 credit for making us laugh.



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Gifts for the President

Cliff Dieterle brought the President some lovely golf balls from Los Lagos. For his troubles, he was fined \$100.

Our Program:

Linda Bertuzzi and Randy Pote Rotary International's National Immunization Day in India

Eight members of District 5300 travelled to northern India on February 19 to be a part of the National Immunization Day being held all throughout India. Past President Linda Bertuzzi of the Las Vegas Fremont Rotary Club and Past President Randy Pote of the North Las Vegas Rotary Club shared their incredible experiences with the Club.

Their job was to immunize children with 2 life-saving immunization drops, immunizing them from polio, a devastating disease. They gave the children the “purple pinkie,” signifying that they had been immunized. Rotary had been unable to enter this particular village the previous year, because village members were afraid that Rotary was trying to sterilize their children. With the help of a local village elder, they were able to enter the village once again to give the amazing, life-saving immunization to the village’s children.

Linda and Randy also told about their experience helping to build a dam for the village. They worked side by side with the builder-women, who each earned \$3 per day for their heavy labor in lifting and moving large, heavy rocks. Linda spoke about the moment when one of the women, who each weighed perhaps 70 pounds, reached down to massage Linda’s legs to give her some relief from the pain—a kindness and thoughtfulness that Linda found overwhelming and just simply bowled her over.

Rotary has done an incredible job of helping to eradicate polio—but the hardest job still lies ahead. The last 1% must still be eradicated, and that fight will be longer and more expensive than the one already fought and won.

It was really special to hear from Linda and Randy.

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the Club**

**Invocation & Pledge
Josh Satterlee**

**Introduction of
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and Guests
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**Raffle Winner
Chris Publow**