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## Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

### Future Speakers

May 2

**Anthony Bonnici,**  
Author "Move  
Mountains"

May 9

**Dr. Lesley Di  
Mare, Nevada  
State College**

May 16

**GSE Team from  
Egypt and Jordan**



**Rotarians –  
upcoming  
Community  
Service  
opportunities**

May 4<sup>th</sup>,

**Happy Feet  
Dean Petersen ES  
9:45 a.m.**

May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Super Build 2011  
Tecate, Mexico**

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](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](http://www.lvswr.org)**

### Welcome to our Visiting Rotarians and Guests

**Rotarians -** Bill and Donna Hungeling from Atlanta, GA  
Mary Westbrook from Las Vegas Rotary Club

**Visitors -** Sean Henn, guest of Rebecca Collett  
Juli Johnston, guest of Joanne Blystone  
Jessica Danko, guest of Mitchell Horst  
Beth Pope, guest of Bruce Pope  
Casey Spanish and Kyle Orrock, guests of Aric Graham

### Announcements:

**Rotary Foundation** – Ted Henderson announced that the Club will be mailing an \$11,000 check to the Rotary Foundation this week.

**President's Retreat** – Incoming Las Vegas Southwest Rotary President Aric Graham announced the President's retreat will be May 20 & 21 up at Zion National Park. Spouses, kids, grandchildren welcome. Please contact Aric if you plan to attend and if you will be RVing/camping or will need a hotel room.

**Happy Feet** – Aric Graham announced that Happy Feet will be Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Dean Petersen Elementary School. Sign-up can be found in the book.

**Super Build 2011** – Mitchell Horst announced District 5300's "Super Build 2011", a one day project to build 3-4 houses in Tecate, Mexico on May 14<sup>th</sup>. A needed items list will be provided prior to the trip. Sign-up in the book and for more information [www.district5300.org/superbuild/superbuild.html](http://www.district5300.org/superbuild/superbuild.html).

**New Membership Drive** – Pepe Charles announced that Justin Kalb is being put forth for membership and reminded everyone to fill out a membership "leads" sheet if you haven't already done so.

**Regards from Robbie Graham** – Melissa Copeland announced Robbie Graham sent a note to the Club expressing how much she missed everyone, as well as a \$100 contribution.

**Emergency Response Kits and Canterbury Earthquake Relief Fund** – Last week's speaker Hesham Elnagar said that our club eclipsed LV Rotary's \$403 contribution with \$432 to develop ERK's for the Canterbury Earthquake Relief Fund.



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## Officers and Directors

### President

Melissa Copeland

### President Elect

Aric Graham

### Secretary/Treasurer

Donnie Garritano

### Directors

Josh Satterlee

Adrienne Cox

Keith Thomas

Eric Colvin

Fred Fukumoto

Tom Martin

### Immediate Past

### President

Doug Beckley

### Advisors

Bruce Pope

Joanne Blystone

### Avenue of Service

### Chairs

### Community Service

Josh Satterlee

### Vocational Service

Megan Schmick

### International

### Service

Mitchell Horst

### Club Service-

### Programs

Troy Lochhead

### Events

Karen Strawn

### Membership

Pepe Charles

### Public Relations

Charlie Dorsey

### Administration

Donnie Garritano

### Foundation

Ted Henderson

### President's Credit Board:

Keith Thomas received credit by taking his mother-in-law's car to Ted Wiens. Keith also received credit for having Jack Woodcock sell a building on his behalf and Aric Graham is eligible for a prize.

### Recognitions:

**Reading the newsletter?** Eric Colvin received a \$25 credit for naming Rebecca Collett as this past week's member spotlight. Andy Katz was recognized \$25 for not.

**Don't make mistakes and make sure to pay your bills!** Ted Henderson was recognized \$150 for taking 3 months to pay his bill and botching last week's introduction (Alexandria, Egypt . . . not Virginia).

**Grandpa!?!** Doug Driggs was recognized \$150 for his new granddaughter, Charity.

**No really, wedded bliss!?!** Mitchell Horst relayed a rather entertaining story about his marriage proposal to Jessica Danko (ask him about golf balls) a week later they were married in Mexico. For all his smiles and effort Mitchell was recognized \$75.

### Name the Rotarian:

Karen Strawn was asked to name the Rotarian described by the following clues:

1. First job – Pearl Diver (aka Dish Washer)
2. Best job – Bartender – not best paying but most fun
3. Worst job – Texas buffet manager
4. Most memorable travel experience – RI conference in Copenhagen
5. Biggest influence in my career – Jerry Sheinhost

Karen correctly said Eric Colvin and was credited \$25.

Mark Rowley was asked to name the Rotarian described by the following clues:

1. I am a biggest fan of UNLV teams
2. Biggest pet peeve – Government
3. People might not expect that I'm a fan of – Ballet
4. Hidden talent – Making art with metal. I can make rings & ID bracelets
5. Most memorable travel experience – 10 days in Scandinavia & St. Petersburg

Mark did not correctly guess John McCandless and was recognized \$25.

Bryan Dzedziak was asked to name the Rotarian described by the following clues:

1. My favorite movie – Braveheart
2. Historical era I would've liked to live in – 1920's
3. Best job – Usher @ Caesar's Palace Fights in 1980's
4. Worst job – Bus Boy/Dish Washer
5. Hidden talent – Play guitar

Bryan did not correctly guess Donnie Garritano and was recognized \$25.

Pepe Charles was asked to name the Rotarian described by the following clues:



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**Rotarians at work for  
the Club**

**Invocation & Pledge**

**Introduction of  
Visiting Rotarians  
and Guests**

**Melissa Copeland**

**Mr. Mic  
Cliff Dieterle**

**Reporter  
Elaine Vinson/Clinton  
Pope**

**Raffle Winner  
Tom Martin**

1. First job – Soda Jerk
  2. Best job – Airline Flight Attendant
  3. Worst job – Baby Sitting
  4. Favorite movie – Top Gun
  5. Super human power I'd like to possess – Do away with world hunger
- Pepe did not correctly guess Karen Strawn and was recognized \$25.

Vern Ratzlaff was asked to name the Rotarian described by the following clues:

1. Biggest pet peeve – Whining
  2. Hidden talents – Painting, writing, designing, singing & dancing
  3. Historical era I would like to have lived in – Victorian
  4. Profession I would like to attempt – Litigation
  5. Something I'm bad at, but would like to be great at – Sleeping & relaxing
- Vern did not correctly guess Rebecca Collett and was recognized \$25.

### **Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year:**

Madam President presented this year's Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year by asking a short list of questions:

Did you know that we have a member amongst us . . .

- Who has attended 20 district conferences in a row, only missing due to travel for his job?
- Who has served at many levels of the district including Assistant District Governor?
- Who has served as a committee member for the Save the Earth Environmental Committee?
- Who has served as Co-Chair for the District's Foundation Committee?
- Who has served as "House Captain" for Christmas in April Rebuilding Together?
- Who has chaired the New Vista Ranch Adult Developmentally Disabled Home parking lot & water tower project?
- Who has hosted GSE team members 3 times from the countries of Japan, Israel & South Africa?
- Who is a Benefactor as well as a 7-time Paul Harris Fellow?
- Who continues to volunteer in our Feeding the Homeless & Happy Feet service projects?
- Who has been a Rotarian since 1987?
- Who is a past-president of our club?
- Who continues to hold leadership positions in the club?
- Who has been an incredible strength & support to me & the club?

Madam President then presented this year's **Club Rotarian of the Year Bruce Pope** with his award.

### **Gifts for the President:**

Mitchell Horst gave a bottle opener from Mexico.

### **Our Program:**

"Biggest Loser" Season 11 contestant, and local Las Vegan, Sarah Nitta shared her own personal tragedies that lead her to become dedicated to being healthy while conveying the trials and tribulations of being a show participant, the difficulties of keeping weight off, how she self-motivates and what she learned through her experience on the show. To learn more about Sarah visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sarah-Nitta-Biggest-Loser-Season-11-Pink-Team>.



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**Member Spotlight:** Aric Graham, Vice President, Relationship Manager



**Company:** U.S. Bank

**Title:** Relationship Manager

**Contact:** [aric.graham@usbank.com](mailto:aric.graham@usbank.com), 702-251-1624

**Services I Provide:**

I manage the relationship between U.S. Bank and its business clients. My clients are Las Vegas businesses that range from \$20M - \$500M in gross revenue and generally have 50+ employees. I am their advocate for a credit request and provide them with all of the banking services they need. This includes daily management of their operating accounts, treasury management, foreign exchange needs, equipment financing, lines of credit, and numerous other services. An ideal lead for me is an introduction to a CEO or CFO of a company that meets the above description.

**Words of Wisdom:**

“Sometimes the best *helping* hand you can give is a good, firm push.”

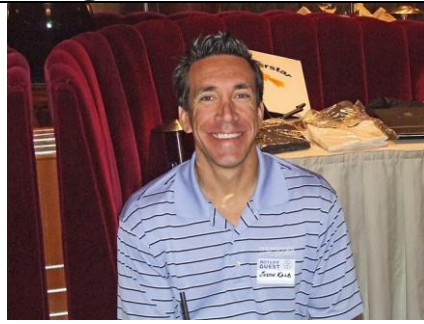




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Bill & Donna Hungeling visit from Atlanta, Georgia



Is this our newest member, Justin Kalb?



Madam President's present from Mitchell Horst



"Donnie who?" Andy Katz has trouble with this week's member spotlight



"Did you do your homework?" asks Pepe Charles



Mark Rowley grins as he's about to get a question wrong



"I love dirty jokes!" exclaims Karen Strawn



Juli Johnston poses perfectly for her guest shot



"You smell . . . great!" whispers Cliff Dieterle into Vern Ratzlaff's ear



Mitchell Horst is now married to the beautiful Jessica Danko



Bruce Pope is Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year!



Guest speaker "Biggest Loser" contestant Sarah Nitta