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**Future Speakers**

**June 18, 2012**

**Jon Ralston**  
**Political and**  
**Business Journalist**

**June 25<sup>th</sup>,**  
**President Aric**  
**Graham**



**Rotarians –**  
**upcoming**  
**Community**  
**Service**  
**opportunities**

**August 29<sup>th</sup>,**  
**Feeding the**  
**Homeless**  
**Christ Episcopal**  
**Church**  
**St. Louis &**  
**Maryland Pkwy**  
**5 pm – 7 pm**



## Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

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 Guests

**Rotarians -** Dave Cabral from Las Vegas Central Rotary  
Sevgalin Atanasov recent transplant to Las Vegas from Bulgaria  
Violeta Bachvarova recent transplant to Las Vegas from Bulgaria  
Bob Hellrigel from Las Vegas Central Rotary  
Tyler Janes, recent transplant from Fair Oaks, California

### Announcements:

**Dan Stover Competition** - Jesse Meche won the Dan Stover competition at District Conference (Lake Arrowhead) and he addressed the Club providing his thanks and perspective. He will be attending the Hart School of Music this coming fall.

**Debunking** – Melissa Copeland reminded the Club that the debunking will be July 2 at Jack Woodcock's house. Either call or sign in the book for your RSVP.

**Auction Items** – Fred Fukumoto announced that all of the MJ Christiansen gift certificates have been purchased but a few items were left including MLB baseball tickets for the upcoming weekend in Los Angeles, exotic car rental and a Lou Gherig poster. Talk to Aric Graham or Fred for details.

**Las Vegas Central Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament** will be held June 23 at the Golden Nugget the buy in is \$40 and can be billed through the Club.

### Recognitions:

**World Traveler Former Publisher Extraordinaire** – Sherm Frederick was recognized \$100 and asked to recount his most recent travels where he spent 2 ½ month in Europe. He said he spent one month in Paris but wished he had had more time in Prague and Budapest. Although he took a number of Club flags, he did not actually visit any Clubs (shame on him!) but he did say that "There is no place like home." He was also asked to play "Are you and Expert" game where he was asked the following questions:

- 1) What year did Joseph Pulitzer buy New York World for \$346,000?
  - a. 1883 (did not answer correctly)
- 2) In 2006, what newspaper has the largest week day circulation?
  - a. USA Today (answered correctly)



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Directors**

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- 3) What year was The Associated Press established?
  - a. 1848 (did not answer correctly)

**When a milestone is more than a milestone** – Wally Emery was asked what milestone he had just passed and he said he had just turned 70 years old. He recounted that he had received a surprise birthday party which was under the guise of an 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation party (which confused him terribly). He also recounted that the Club had donated \$2,500 for the League of Southern California Doctors which had identified an individual in Senora, Mexico which needed to be treated for Marfan disease. In total \$15,000 was used to take this individual to the Cleveland Clinic for surgery and they are now doing fine.

**They call me the wanderer, yeah the wanderer . . .** Cliff Dieterle was asked to recount his adventure the first night of the board retreat in Zion. He said that he had dialed in on one car, which he thought was a part of the caravan to Vern Ratzlaff’s cabin, and followed it off into the mountains of southern Utah. When the car in front of him drove up in front of a cabin Cliff asked if it was Vern’s place and they said no, he then asked to use the bathroom and they obliged. Needless to say, Cliff never found Vern’s house. For his troubles, Cliff was given a \$50 credit.

**So what happened to your budget?** Donnie Garritano was grilled by Mr. President for going over his retreat budget and asked him to explain himself. Donnie explained that apparently there was a screw-up with the room bookings and the management wasn’t very helpful and the Club was forced to pay the balance even though the rooms were not occupied. Add to that, he did not figure in Utah room tax.

**Balls, balls everywhere there are balls!!!** Hank Falstad was called out to explain his role in gifting hundreds of golf balls upon the President’s return from the International Rotary Conference. Hank admitted his role. He also was a participant in the Butch Harmon School of golf lessons and was asked how his game was. He said not a good as it used to be but when pressed how many times he had shot under his age he said well over 50 times. He was recognized \$50.

**Jokes can pay off . . .** Scott Baranoff was credited \$100 for a “good” joke. Not to be put in print.



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**Rotarians at work for  
the Club**

**Invocation & Pledge**

**Introduction of  
Visiting Rotarians  
and Guests  
Tom Martin**

**Mr. Mic  
Josh Satterlee**

**Photographer  
Ted Henderson**

**Reporter  
Clinton Pope**

### **Our Program:**



#### **Myron Martin, President and CEO of The Smith Center**

Mr. Martin spoke to the Club about what is happening at The Smith Center which opened in March of this year. He explained the various offerings, upcoming shows and the feedback he and his staff have received from the local community and performers and performing arts critics. The performing arts center and its various theatres have been applauded by all as one the best, if not the best, center in the United States. Today, Mr. Martin is more enthused than ever about the cultural future of Las Vegas. The Smith Center will attract a broad cross-section of the Las Vegas valley. This cultural campus is much deserved and will enhance our quality of life.