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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

Future Speakers

August 8
James Taylor,
Nevada Gaming
Control Board
Supervisor

August 15
Brian Burton,
Three Square

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

Rotarians – John Ingeme, Las Vegas Rotary
Aaron Cantillo, Las Vegas Rotary

Visitors - Randy Shimon, guest of Donnie Garritano
Damian Kazeangin, guest of Mitchell Horst
Richard Hinshaw, guest of Mark Rowley

Announcements

Feed the Homeless – Tom Martin announced that Feed the Homeless will be Wednesday, August 31 at Christ Episcopal Church on Maryland Parkway. A sign-up can be found in the book. Tom encouraged the Club to provide clothing items for distribution as well. Doug Malan is looking into if his daughter and church will be providing cookies.

Passing of a Friend – Bruce Pope announced that Doug Carson, a friend of many members of the Club, passed away late last week and that a viewing/service will be held at Palm Mortuary this coming Thursday. Bruce will provide additional details once he has learned more.

Peace Conference – Mr. President would like to inform the Club membership that the Rotary International Zones 25 & 26 Peace Conference will be held at the Palm Springs Convention Center Sunday, November 13, 2011 and keynoted by Mr. Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. You can register online at Rotary District 5300 website.

Membership Training – Adrienne Cox mentioned that she is helping put together two District 5300 membership training sessions for area membership chairs, one of which will be located here in Las Vegas at Boyd Law School to be held August 27. Also, Adrienne announced that Clinton Pope will be assisting the District's Teen Leadership Camp in reaching out and helping securing student applications for the coming fall's camp.

District 5300 Newsletter – Club members that are interested can find additional news and happenings throughout District 5300 can be found at <http://www.district5300.org/newsletter20112012/news1108/NL.htm>.



**Rotarians –
upcoming
Community
Service
opportunities**

August 31
Feed the Homeless
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Christ Episcopal
Church
St. Louis &
Maryland Pkwy



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Events

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Recognitions

Vroom-Vroom! Chris Publow was recognized \$75 for his new “baby” sitting in his garage. He explained that he had flown to Europe and test drove his new BMW 535 sedan and it finally had made it back into his garage.

How’s the NEVADA Wolf Pack this year? NEVADA alum Eric Colvin was asked how his alma mater will do this coming football season. He said “decent, probably 8 wins” and then continued by saying “at least we know they have one win already.” When prompted he said, “There’s UNLV.” President-in-waiting Donnie Garritano asked if any UNLV people wanted to respond to that and no one wanted to take the bait. Eric’s pride cost him \$100.

Who needs a “cheap date”? Apparently Melissa Copeland does. Adrienne Cox felt compelled to “gift” a ¾ drunk bottle of Cheap Date wine to the Club’s Past-President. In addition Doug Beckley brought a number of items Melissa left behind from her recent debunking including her gavel and numerous sashes. For her forgetfulness she was recognized \$100.

And about that gavel . . . Doug Malan quickly pointed out that it is the Immediate Past-President’s duty to have the gavel attached to a plaque at the end of the year. For the oversight Doug Beckley was recognized \$25.

Donnie’s rules . . . President Elect Donnie Garritano gave Andy Katz, Keith Thomas and Cliff Dieterle \$25 credits for wearing Rotary apparel.

Another new car? Bruce Pope made sure to point out that Fred Fukumoto had recently bought a new car out of mechanical necessity. Fred bought a new Nissan Altima. No recognition was levied.

Where’s the speaker? Andy Katz was recognized \$50 for not having the speaker show up as the President Elect had to fill time. After a short “tap dance” Hank Falstad took to the podium and chastised the group for not recognizing that earlier he had introduced “Bob Bigelow” which in fact was not Bob and no one noticed. He then pointed out that the speaker was in fact in the room and invited him to the podium.

Our Program:

Attorney Thomas Morlan spoke to the club about the inner workings of the debt collection business including the barriers to entry, the regulatory issues associated with the operation of a debt collection business and the average amount of consumer debt that every Nevada resident carries. He explained that Nevada was second in debt to income ratio and has a tremendous number of debt collection agencies based in the state. Operation of a debt collection agency is a very difficult legal responsibility as they adhere to very strict rules on what they can and cannot do to secure payment on a bill in collections. He also spoke to the business liability of those who contract with debt collection agencies.



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**Rotarians at work for
the Club**

Invocation & Pledge

Keith Thomas

**Introduction of
Visiting Rotarians
and Guests**

Aric Graham

**Mr. Mic
Doug Beckley**

**Reporter
Clinton Pope**

**Raffle Winner
Pepe Charles**