



District 5300



Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

7-31-17

Presiding:	President Ron Reynolds
Conducting:	President Ron
Invocation/Pledge:	Keith Thomas
Photos:	Bruce Pope
Mr. Mic:	Fred Fukumoto
Newsletter:	Obadiah Dogberry

PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING – Thanks Bruce!

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Paul Workman from the Summerlin Club. Paul is a frequent and welcome guest.

GUESTS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I think our neophyte President Ron forgot about announcements inasmuch as he immediately launched into recognitions.

RECOGNITIONS:

Jim Andres was assessed a \$200 recognition and welcomed back after an absence of a number of meetings. His mother-in-law has been battling stage IV cancer and he and Perye have been spending a lot of time with her. He was able to break away for a quick trip to lovely downtown Ogden, Utah for a birthday party for a good friend. President Ron thanked Jim again for the use

of the Manpower offices for the board retreat and invited him to come to the podium to retrieve two large wooden forks belonging to Manpower that he had “inadvertently” taken home after the retreat. President Ron agreed to cut the recognition to \$100 because of “...what he did with the purloined forks” before returning them.

Wally Emery was recognized \$150 for his 2 ½ month vacation – including time in Canada fishing at Lake Williston (north of Winnipeg), attending the Calgary Stampede, and visiting Jasper in the Canadian Rockies. President Ron also wondered why there were no Anderson Dairy products in any of his stores, whereupon Wally, ever the consummate gentleman, simply said that the competition offered a better deal.

Jack Woodcock was recognized \$150 for his recent trip to Iceland with his son. They visited Keflavík and Reykjavik and pretty much all of the country apparently. He said Iceland has the most diverse scenery around and the [Dettifoss waterfall](#) has the greatest volume of any waterfall in Europe. His only complaint was that at one point they were on a tour with 40 other people, all decidedly more “long in the tooth” and they were “slowing him down”. He said the country is powered “geothermally” and every house has hot water piped to it. He said since the volcano erupted in 2010 that tourism has increased 700%.

Keith Thomas was only recognized \$25 because he successfully argued that his absence from the meeting last week was caused by a very, very, very, expensive airplane trip to visit a grandson at the National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia and then another very, very, very expensive airplane trip to California to visit another grandson celebrating a birthday. When asked if he was there for President Trump’s disastrous speech to the Scouts on Monday, he demurred and said that he had been forced to make a choice between his grandson’s birthday and listening to the President and that he thanks he made a wise choice. He did present President Ron with a variety of “gifts for the President”; a key ring with a fob from the West Virginia police, a packet of sunscreen, some sort of wrist band, a Jamboree patch, and a scoutmaster’s whistle with the World Scouting Emblem (the World Jamboree is going to be held in West Virginia in 2019.)

Clinton Pope also missed last week but said that he was on the phone with the governor and just couldn’t break away in time to get to Rotary. (Was it the governor? Or the governor’s office? No matter, President Ron hit him with a \$25 recognition.

Sean Tanko, club secretary/treasurer, who not only was missing last week but who also missed the retreat, was recognized \$125 once President Ron found out he had been bike riding in Whitehorse. Whitehorse is the capital of northwest Canada’s Yukon Territory.

President Ron gave himself a \$50 recognition for forgetting to bring Sean’s retreat binder. A President fining himself?? Simply unheard of.

Pepe Charles, another missing Rotarian last week, said that he had also been in Chicago for 10 days visiting museums and spending time with their daughter who is working on her master’s degree at Notre Dame. Pepe also said that he and Pamela will soon be celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary at a couples retreat being held at Notre Dame.

Hank Falstad, also missing last week, was recognized \$50 for not knowing the correct “recognitions” start time (said \$50 to be on top of a previously assessed \$25 for reminding President Ron of a dilatory meeting start time!) Hank said that he would have been here last week but he was in New York City looking at hotels for ADA compliance in order to make the world a better place – well, at least more accessible. Did you know that Hank’s actual initials are CHHF? Anyone know what his full name is? I’ll bet if you can come up with it by next week, that President Ron will give you a credit! (Well, maybe he will.)

JOKE OF THE DAY: Doctor Scott was absent. (We are missing your jokes, Scott!! Well, some of them.)

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT: None. Remember that he is looking for “whistles”.

DRAWING: A Southwest Rotarian who shall remain anonymous (mostly because your scribe forgot to write it down) won the big pot and our visiting Rotarian from Virginia was the winner at your scribe’s table.

PAY YOUR BILL! It's really easy! Remember that it is your duty to keep up to date on invoices. The Club recently instituted on-site credit card payment so any member can pay their bill at any meeting. If you do not know how much you owe, just ask Elaine.

Dark Days for 2017 – 2019:

07-03-17	4th of July
09-04-17	Labor Day
10-30-17	Nevada Day
12-11-17	Christmas Party
12-25-17	Christmas Day
01-01-18	New Year’s Day
01-15-18	Martin Luther King Day
02-12-18	Lincoln’s Birthday
02-19-18	President’s Day
04-23-18	Gold Raffle
05-28-18	Memorial Day
06-25-18	Debunking

Upcoming Speakers:

July 24: Clark Dumont, Sr. VP/Chief of Staff, MGM Resorts International
July 31: Steve Sebelius, Political Columnist, LVRJ
August 6: District Governor Visit and Club Assembly
August 14: Tina Quigley, General Manager, RTC
August 21: Scot Rutledge, Nevada's Marijuana industry
August 28: Mayor Carolyn Goodman (Tentative)

SPEAKER: Returning to speak to the club was **Debra March**, Mayor of the [City of Henderson](#). See her full bio [here](#). She has previously been a speaker (during her time on the Henderson City Council.)

Debra March was elected Mayor of Henderson with over 55 percent of the vote in the April 2017 primary election and assumed office June 20, 2017. As mentioned above, she served on the Henderson City Council from July 2009 through her election as Mayor. Henderson is Nevada's second largest city and has been recognized as one of the safest cities and best places to live in the nation.

Mayor March introduced the five broad priorities that she has set out for the city's long term efforts to improve on and protect what has been accomplished in Henderson. These priorities include enhancing transparency and communications, strengthening and diversifying Henderson's economy, improving public safety, continuing to provide a quality community and actively participating to improve education.

Unlike many politicians who pontificate the entire time, she laid out her vision and plans and then allowed club members to ask any questions that they wanted. Her candor and attention to detail was refreshing and welcome. The time, as always, was too short and we hope we can have her return next year.

(I'm sure President Ron will grant a major credit to the first person who can come up with the reason that there is a parenthetical "of course" in the meeting theme following the meeting date on the first page!)