



Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

8/14/17

Presiding: President Ron Reynolds
Conducting: President Ron
Invocation/Pledge: President Ron
Photos: Bruce Pope
Mr. Mic: Jim Andres
Newsletter: Obadiah Dogberry

PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING – Thanks Bruce!

VISITING ROTARIANS:

None – to encourage visiting Rotarians to attend our weekly meetings, the board has approved a “lunch special”. The lunch special will be posted on the club’s Facebook page. Beginning with next week’s meeting, and ending 12/31/17, any visiting Rotarian who says they saw the post on the Facebook page will receive a 20% discount on their lunch.

GUESTS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Ron announced that the board had met earlier today and reminded everyone that all are welcome to attend the open portion of the board meeting. (Remember that it is a “Greenspokes” requirement to attend at least one board meeting.)

Eric Colvin – Eric announced that today was President Ron’s birthday and suggested that it would be appropriate to serenade him with song to recognize the occasion. Following a “pregnant pause” waiting for someone to begin, voices began to swell and such a melodious

chorus has heretofore never been heard. (Perhaps, “melodious” is the wrong word, maybe it should have been “odiferous”??)

Eric went on to announce the annual UNLV football tailgate party to be held on September 30th. UNLV’s worthy opponent is San Jose State and the game will be televised so come wearing full makeup in case you are featured on the “kiss cam”. This year we will be partnering with the Las Vegas Club for the tailgate party which is scheduled to start 3 hours prior to kickoff. Eric said the ticket cost was \$10 but was unclear whether that included the cost of the tailgate party, or just the admission fee. Perhaps he will clear it up next week (if he shows up, that is.) He just may have to “pick up kids” again which is the excuse he used for missing last week’s meeting (turns out he was picking them up from “golf camp”). He suggested that he had to do it since Jessica was in New York selling \$50 million in bonds on behalf of the City of Las Vegas in her capacity as CFO. He also said she was headed back to NY next year to sell \$750 million in bonds to build the Raider’s stadium. When asked if she was paid extra for such trips, he said she was already paid pretty well. Hmm, sounds like Eric is living in the lap of luxury.

Eric also announced that he is organizing a trip to Spring Mountain Ranch for the “Super Summer Theater” presentation of “Young Frankenstein” (that’s “Frawn-ken-steen”). More later on this opportunity of a lifetime.

Karl Maisner announced that the next Greenspokes meeting would be held in conjunction with the next Satellite Club meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2018, at PT Gold’s.

Tom Martin reminded President Ron that the traditional “birthday recognition” was \$100 and suggested that he accept the same. Whereupon President Ron reminded Mr. Martin who was president and who levied the recognitions and intimated that he get on with his announcement or else! President Ron said it in his most kindly voice, however, and said that not only was he celebrating his 70th birthday today, but he was also celebrating 40 years in Rotary. (Maybe Tom should have suggested \$110?) At any rate, Tom announced the upcoming “**Feed the Homeless**” event on Wednesday, August 30th, at 5:00 p.m. at Christ Church Episcopal on Maryland Parkway and St. Louis.

RECOGNITIONS:

Scott Baranoff was queried about his whereabouts since he hadn’t been seen nor heard from since the debunking at Karen Goff’s. Scott said that he had been out of the country on a “little trip”. Little trip??? Turns out he spent three weeks in Scandinavia, in such exotic locations as Oslo and Stockholm. President Ron immediately assessed Scott a \$200 recognition but said he might reduce it if he had a joke. He immediately said, “of course, but is Joanne here?” He then proceeded to relate a story about two nuns (one who was “logical” and one who was “mathematical”) and their experience in successfully outwitting a mugger. Given the logical and somewhat puritanical outcome of the joke, President Ron reduced his recognition by \$25.

Pepe Charles was recognized \$50 for his recent trip to Notre Dame (the university) to a couples retreat to celebrate his 32nd anniversary. Apparently it worked because Pamela is starting work today as a math and science teacher at St. Ann’s (in the old Bishop Gorman HS on Maryland

Parkway). Pepe mentioned that his daughter spent the past summer teaching in South Central Los Angeles (yes, she lived through it) and is starting her master's program at Notre Dame.

Ed Guthrie was asked about his plans and said that he and Sheral are planning a 44th wedding anniversary trip to Bar Harbour, Nova Scotia, and all points in between. President Ron (an ardent teetotaler) suggested that he might want to stay out of bars and assessed a \$100 recognition.

Joanne Blystone (who has had a “tendency” to miss recent meetings) was welcomed back with a \$50 recognition. Joanne, as we all know, had some minor surgery and is walking with a cane for a couple of weeks. She did say that she recommended “nerve blocks” if anyone wants to know how to avoid pain (I wonder how we can figure out “recognition blocks”!) Welcome back, Joanne.

Adrienne Cox has also been conspicuous by her absence and attributed it to a trip to Europe. She did say that the trip almost ended in disaster. Apparently the first part of the trip went just fine but then, on the way home, she lost her passport somewhere between Copenhagen and Heathrow Airport. After chewing on her dilemma for a while and trying to figure out what to do, “Homeland Security” came riding to the rescue. Turns out a contingent of Homeland Security folks were headed back to the U.S. at the same time she was and somehow their paths crossed and one of the HS people pulled out a handheld computer and in about 5 minutes had verified for the Heathrow “TSA” folks that she was a legitimate U.S. citizen. She didn't even miss her flight!! President Ron assessed a \$100 recognition for Adrienne being able to have the full weight of the United States Government at her beck and call.

Doug Malan was queried about his recent trip to Southern California. Doug said that he and his family were celebrating a week-long family reunion (at a fancy time-share resort which he did not name and probably rightfully so because if President Ron had found out where it was, the recognition would likely have been a lot higher!) Between all the kids and grandkids, there were 25 people there. Doug's recognition was going to be \$50 but was reduced to \$25 by President Ron who then thanked Doug for his service to Rotary, particularly his waiver of fees for services related to Rotary filings, etc. (The real reason is probably that he survived the full week with all the grandkids.)

Jack Woodcock was recognized only \$10 (probably because he gets fined almost every week) due to his recent inclusion in a newspaper ad, along with about a hundred other very prominent Las Vegans, as a “supporter” of a certain county commission candidate. Not only was he listed once, but he was listed twice! Jack said that he hadn't even been notified that he was being included, but that he would support her anyway.

Jordana Lane was given a \$60 credit for her outstanding contributions to our club, including the Happy Feet program which will be kicking off in September at Dean Peterson Elementary School with shoes for 60 kids.

Paul Gustilo was given a \$25 recognition because “nothing exciting” (according to Paul) had been happening in his life.

Jim Andres failed to wear his Rotary pin today and was given a \$25 recognition. President Ron informed Jim that the board had approved its financial support again this year of the upcoming Andy Katz Memorial Golf Tournament which will be held on Thursday, October 26, at Rhodes Ranch.

Rebecca Collett wasn't recognized for anything but I thought I'd better include her just to show that I really can spell her name correctly.

JOKE OF THE DAY: (see Scott's recognition above).

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

None – although our novice President failed to even call for gifts.

DRAWING: Hank Falstaff (who had on another occasion had suggested that the club may wish to participate in a "homemade" wine project.) President Ron congratulated Hank on winning the drawing and told him that the board had considered his winemaking suggestion, but that, due to the press of other business, felt that the time was not yet ripe for such an endeavor. That isn't exactly what they said, but it was words to that effect... I guess President Ron doesn't want our club to become known as "bootleggers".

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
06-25-18

Memorial Day
Debunking

Upcoming Speakers:

August 21: Scot Rutledge, Nevada's Marijuana industry
August 28: Robin Mancini – The Syria Project

SPEAKER: ANGELA CASTRO - Senior Director of Government Affairs, Media Relations and Marketing - Angela is the senior director of government affairs, media relations and marketing for the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC). In her role, Castro works directly with the general manager and is responsible for the oversight of all strategic and public facing initiatives that span public transportation, traffic management and roadway planning and funding. She directs all state and federal government affairs and public policy; traditional and digital marketing; public engagement; media relations and messaging. Castro oversees a talented and dedicated team focused on building and strengthening the RTC's brand values through the implementation of sound policies, collaborative initiatives and progressive marketing and media relations efforts that are critical to supporting the RTC's mission today and in the future.

Before joining the RTC, Castro held several important marketing or media positions with the Las Vegas Monorail, MGM International and the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

Castro moved to Las Vegas to attend the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations. She later earned her Master of Business Administration degree from Regis University. She is a graduate of the Las Vegas Metro Chamber's Leadership Las Vegas program, a member of the Southwest Rotary Club and Nevada Public Radio (KNPR 88.9 FM) Community Advisory Board, and has been named to Vegas Inc.'s distinguished "40 under 40."

Angela gave a great audio/visual presentation followed by a lively question and answer session. One of the most valuable questions related to whether the RTC has an "Uber-like" app that shows bus locations, arrival times, etc. Turns out it does. Just go to the app store and search for "ride RTC". After downloading it, you will be prompted to download "Transit" which is required in order for the RTC app to work. Then just open the rideRTC app and select "My Bus", then enjoy and plan your trip.

Check out the club's Facebook page from time to time as the a/v presentation will be posted to the page.