



Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

8/28/17

Presiding: President-Elect Karl Maisner
Conducting: Past-President Rebecca Collett
Invocation/Pledge: Doug Malan
Photos: Ted Henderson
Mr. Mic: Joe Wittenwiler
Newsletter: Obadiah Dogberry

PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING – Thanks Ted!

VISITING ROTARIANS:

None according to Past President Rebecca (actually today’s speaker is a member of the Summerlin Rotary Club...hmmm, shouldn’t there be some sort of “recognition” for the monumental omission of a visiting Rotarian????)

NOTE: to encourage visiting Rotarians to attend our weekly meetings, the board has approved a “lunch special”. The lunch special is posted on the club’s Facebook page and is good until 12/31/17. The special is that any visiting Rotarian who says they saw the post on the Facebook page will receive a 20% discount on their lunch.

GUESTS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jordana Lane announced that the next Happy Feet would be at Dean Peterson Elementary School on Wednesday, September 13, 2018, beginning at 8:00 a.m. We will be putting shoes and socks on 60 kids. Past-President Rebecca asked for a show of hands to see how many of the club

had participated in the “hands-on” event in the past and to her surprise everyone present had participated (well, there was one exception who shall remain nameless.)

Tom Martin reminded everyone about 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. We will be distribution food, clothes, and hygiene products.

Hank Falstad (who earlier, as is his custom, reminded Past-President Rebecca to get on the stick and start the meeting on time) announced the speaker (topic-marijuana) last week was very interesting but that it could become a “train wreck” and engender tons of lawsuits.

Eric Colvin – Eric announced again the annual UNLV football tailgate party to be held on September 30th. UNLV’s worthy opponent is apparently Fresno State, not San Jose State as previously announced. This year we are partnering with the Las Vegas Club for the tailgate party which is scheduled to start 3 hours prior to kickoff. Eric said the tailgate cost was \$10 plus the cost of your own ticket into the game (although you don’t have to go to the game. You can just come for the fun and frivolity at the tailgate and then skedaddle.) Eric also mentioned that you have to bring your own “edibles” (apparently a reference to last week’s topic, although your scribe professes complete ignorance about the meaning of said “edibles”.) The tailgate party will be on the west side of the stadium in the asphalt area so don’t forget to bring chairs to sit on. You need to sign up by 9/25 so LVRotary can get a head count for food.

Eric also mentioned that he was a big winner on the Mayweather/McGregor fight last Saturday because he took Mayweather at 10-1 odds. Of course, your scribe professes to know nothing about the evil gambling betting process, but apparently however, you have to bet more than \$10 to win big!

The topic of the annual football pool was broached and Eric was persuaded to again put together a board. Thanks, Eric, you are a stalwart Southwest Rotarian!

Karl Maisner thanked all who attended Greenspokes/Satellite last Thursday at Sierra Gold. A great time was had by all (check out the pictures on our Facebook page). He also announced that the next Satellite meeting is 9/28 at Sierra Gold (no meeting on the 14th due to Happy Feet on the 13th).

RECOGNITIONS:

Marcia Rands (who immediately heaped effusive praise on Past-President Rebecca-no doubt hoping to soften the “recognition” blow) was asked what was up in her life. Marcia said she and Marianne have finally finished landscaping their back yard after almost a year in the new house. She also invited everyone to come visit her at the Interstate Battery store/warehouse at 4151 W. Oquendo. Apparently she and her brother mounted a coup and “bought out” their dad and consolidated their retail operations and are now doing business only from the W. Oquendo location. Her effusive praise must have worked because she only received a \$25 recognition.

Aric Graham was asked about his frequent absences. His nonchalant response was “oh, I have had a busy summer traveling to Toronto and San Diego and my wife’s pregnant.” Once the

entire club membership picked their jaws up from the floor, a thunderous round of applause immediately broke out. Since Aric is no “spring chicken”, it was indeed blessed news of a new little boy who will be joining the Graham family next February. (Aric has already set up a basketball hoop in the backyard – watch out, Valpo, you may have a future star!) His nonchalance earned him a \$50 recognition.

Rich Bowler earned \$0 recognition (how did he do that?) by recounting a recent trip to Missoula, MT to visit his oldest son (Rich has almost as many kids as President Ron) and to listen to his grandson speak in church about his recent two years as a missionary in California preaching to the heathens. Rich said he has another grandson currently serving as a missionary in Lansing, MI, which, according to Rich, is even more “heathener” than California. Rich, as we all know, has a gorgeous singing voice and that talent has apparently been passed on to his son as his son sang the National Anthem at the [Missoula Osprey](#) baseball game while Rich was there and in attendance. (Did you know that the Missoula Osprey team also has a [blog named “Bird Droppings”](#)?)

Eric Colvin was fined \$100, apparently for nothing other than being a stalwart Southwest Rotarian and giving his all for mankind (and womankind!). Eric did remind everyone that the Andy Katz Memorial Golf tournament was just around the corner and “passed the ball” to Jim Andres.

Jim Andres reminded the club that the AKMG tourney will be held Thursday, October 26, 2017, at the Rhodes Ranch Golf Course. There will be a 7:00 a.m. breakfast and an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. Check it out at www.andykatzgolf.com.

JOKE OF THE DAY: Scott Baranoff related a decidedly “G-rated” joke about apartment hunting with 8 kids and why it helps to leave the wife and 6 of the kids in the cemetery when you talk to the apartment manager about your family.

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT:

None – actually there were gifts for the President – we just did not have a President. President Ron was probably arguing a case in front of the Supreme Court (or maybe he was just listening to a song by the Supremes and forgot to come to Rotary.)

DRAWING: Adrienne Cox once again had the winning ticket. However, just seconds prior to the drawing she was persuaded to trade tickets with Keith Thomas, who was so sure that he then had the winning ticket that he was already on his feet and headed to the podium when the winning number was announced. Adrienne is always so lucky! (Actually it is Southwest Rotary who is lucky to have her as a member.)

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:

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| 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:

SPEAKER: Robin Mancini – [The Syria Project](#) – Click on the link for more information and check our Facebook page for a link to today's PowerPoint presentation.