



(Check out our Facebook page – “Rotary Club of Las Vegas Southwest”)

## Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

9/11/17

Presiding:	President Ron Reynolds
Conducting:	President Ron Reynolds (although the President’s microphone was mysteriously missing when he tried to start the meeting; however it miraculously appeared in Hank Falstad’s possession whereupon Hank, as is his wont, reminded President Ron that it was time to start the meeting (earning himself an immediate \$25 recognition.)
Invocation/Pledge:	Doug Malan
Photos:	Ted Henderson
Mr. Mic:	(I think it was Ted?)
Newsletter:	Obadiah Dogberry

PHOTOS FROM THE MEETING – Click [here](#).

### **VISITING ROTARIANS:**

**Ken Reiser** from the [Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta Sur](#). Ken is a friend of Cliff Silverstein and is in town visiting Cliff and Carolyn. Ken is involved with a [water filter](#) project with the PV Club and provided a short introduction to his involvement in the project and how it benefits the people who do not have access to clean water.

**Necmi Kahraman** joined us from the [Rotary Club of Beylerbeyi, Istanbul](#). He is in town for an E-commerce convention.

**Paul Workman** joined us again from the Summerlin Rotary Club. Paul is a frequent visitor and is always welcome. He is a banker with Bank of George. He invited everyone to join his club at one of their breakfast meetings at TPC Summerlin. They meet at 7:15 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month. (Apparently his nuanced invitation was only to join him for breakfast

and NOT to be his guest for breakfast. Well, we all know Paul's penchant for penuriousness so we weren't surprised.)

**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:**

**Melissa (Copeland) Brooks** introduced her guest, Phil Ragazzo, who later presented a short overview of his organization, "[American Dream U](#)" ( a non-profit dedicated to helping military members mustering out to get the education and access to resources they need to find their dream job or to start a business of their own.)

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**RECOGNITIONS** (Shouldn't announcements follow the introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests? Actually the announcements followed the recognitions for some inexplicable reason – you would think our new President would have the order figured out by now, after all he is almost 25% of his way through his year! But I guess Presidents can do whatever they wish!):

**Members not wearing Rotary Pins** – Past President Aric (you would think a past president would know better) was recognized \$25 for forgetting his pin (and any other Rotary accoutrement.)

**Rich Bowler** was recognized for the recent notoriety surrounding his CPA firm's audit contract from the Las Vegas Convention and Visitor's Authority. PBTK was apparently the low bidder, which LVCVA made up for by flying their entire firm (and spouses and children and pets and friends) to Hawaii for 2 weeks all expenses paid as a "thank you" for a "clean audit".) Ok, none of that is true...actually, the always circumspect Rich volunteered nothing, saying that he has to maintain his client's confidentiality and doesn't want to jeopardize his CPA license (which he said he had held for over 50 years...although I don't know how that is possible inasmuch as Rich doesn't look a day over 29!) Nonetheless, he has to come up with 1% of the audit fee (which he did say had already been paid), which works out to \$150.

**Shawn Callahan** was recognized \$100 for his recent trip to Baton Rouge. Shawn questioned President Ron's clairvoyance regarding the trip to BR as he didn't think anyone knew about it. President Ron must be learning from Past President Rich as he volunteered nothing about the source of his information, saying that he had to "maintain confidentiality"! Further questioned about his recent travels, Shawn said that he had just been in LA for a baseball game. Asked what team, he said "the Dodgers, of course!

**Keith Thomas** was asked about his recent interfaith activities and trips. Keith said that he spends all his free time performing charitable activities and helping the poor and needy and has precious little time to do anything else (anyone need to buy a bridge in Brooklyn?) Actually, he did volunteer that he had recently returned from Los Angeles where he visited his newest granddaughter. His youngest daughter, Rebecca, and her husband are the proud parents of a little

girl by the name of “Ko” (Japanese for child). Rebecca is a [movie director](#) and her husband is a [rock musician](#) currently enrolled in a master’s program at USC. Since they are living about a block from the USC campus, Keith visited the campus and found a genuine USC lanyard complete with a coach’s whistle (which according to Keith was so new that it had never been used, although that isn’t what he said) which he then presented to President Ron as a “Gift for the President”. Apparently, President Ron was so touched that he only recognized him \$25.

**Ted Henderson** was asked about a flyer on the table showing him at his wedding reception 50 years ago. Ted said that it was actually a cropped picture which if fully shown would have shown that he was in the act of throwing Nancy’s garter. Ted said that Nancy’s family were “tee-totalers” and his family had at least three alcoholics in attendance so the plan was that there would only be fruit punch, nuts, and mints as refreshments. However, when he and his bride performed the ceremonial wedding toast they gulped down the drink only to immediately choke on “champagne” which had apparently been filched from a neighboring bar mitzvah and slipped onto the bride and groom’s table. I don’t know if that has anything to do with the garter incident although Ted did say that he didn’t just throw it but that he actually shot it straight at his best man (Ted - was “straight” the correct word to use?)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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](http://www.andykatzgolf.com).

**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.

**Eric Colvin** – Eric announced the annual UNLV football tailgate party to be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>. UNLV’s opponent is San Jose State. 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.) 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 with Eric by 9/25 so LVRotary can get a head count for food.

The football pool season kicked off last night and Clinton Pope was the \$150 halftime winner and John Klai was the \$150 final score winner. (Hmmm. Shouldn’t Clinton have been recognized just a little bit???)

**Karl Maisner** announced that the next Satellite meeting is 9/28 at Sierra Gold (no meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> due to Happy Feet on the 13<sup>th</sup>).

**Aric Graham** announced the club's continuing sponsorship of the Boys and Girls Club "Boy's Night Out" and "Girl's Day" and invited Rotarians to volunteer. BNO will be on Thursday, October 5, and GD will be Saturday, October 7.

**President Ron** announced that he had received a plethora of thanks in the form of letters from students at [Jo Mackey Academy of Leadership and Global Communications](#), which letters he then, passed around for all to peruse. Our club has been a longtime supporter of their robotics program. Thanks so much to Rotarian Hank Falstad for championing their cause with our club.

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**JOKE OF THE DAY:** Scott Baranoff was prepared with a deeply philosophical and witty jest, but apparently the press of time prevented presentation of said quip! Probably our novice President just forgot?

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**GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT:**

(Just the one from the ever-thoughtful (and humble) Keith Thomas.)

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**DRAWING:**

Hmmm. Once again, my notes fail to include the winner of the drawing, although it should be noted that the table winner at the head table was none other than Keith Thomas, but only after a last second ticket trade with Bryan Dziedziak.

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**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.

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**Dark Days for 2017 – 2018:**

07-03-17	4th of July
09-04-17	Labor Day
10-30-17	Nevada Day
12-11-17	Christmas Party (party on the 7 <sup>th</sup> )
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

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**Upcoming Speakers:**

September 18: TBD

Sept. 25: Michael Rosten, PBTk Accounting (Rich)

Oct 2: Andrew Patterson, Sports Gaming (Fred)

Oct. 9: Gwen Migita, VP of Sustainability, Caesars Entertainment/Board Chair, ImpactNV

Oct 16: Brett Lashbrook, USL Las Vegas Lights Soccer Team

October 23: Jon Ralston/Elizabeth Thompson, The Nevada Independent

October 30: DARK

November 6: Carolyn Goodman, Mayor, City of Las Vegas

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**TODAY'S SPEAKER: Bruno Bowles, Manager, [Las Vegas Springs Preserve](#)**

Las Vegas Springs Preserve consists of 180 acres dedicated to nature walks and displays and is owned and operated by the Las Vegas Valley Water District. The Preserve is located approximately three miles west of downtown Las Vegas, Nevada. Bruno recounted a short history of Las Vegas ("The Meadows")-William Clark-Stewart Ranch and water rights-1905-Clark's town site-north well field-still pumping groundwater-1962 artesian springs stopped flowing-ground dropped 6 feet-1963 first well-new attraction at LVSP is "Boomtown" which features 4 of the original "railroad" cottages-come visit the Charleston Heights pumping station, the only one that you can actually visit and view how it operates-Nevada State Museum sits on top of a 20 million gallon underground reservoir-archeology at the LVSP may yield stone points and dinosaurs-90% of water comes from Lake Mead and 10% from wells.