



District 5300



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# Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

10/23/17

Presiding:	President Ron Reynolds
Conducting:	President Ron Reynolds
Invocation and Pledge:	Fred Fukumoto
Photos:	Ted Henderson
Mr. /Ms. Mic:	Once again, President Ron overlooked the assignment of “Mic” duty. However, upon being reminded of said oversight, he opined [as attorneys are wont to do] that he does not forget anything and that he is simply doing things “my way”. Apparently, President Ron’s “my way” meant that Ted had to juggle the mike and the camera until Eric Colvin took pity on him. Pres. Ron also reminded the reminder that the observation in last week’s newsletter that he had forgotten to assign “Mic” duty, was manifestly incorrect inasmuch as he had given the mic to Hank with the assignment of “Mic” duty.
Newsletter:	Obadiah Dogberry (OD note: I stand unjustly accused of misrepresenting last week’s assignment of “Mic” duty...I can’t help it if the note taker’s notes are incomprehensible!)

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

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## **VISITING ROTARIANS:**

None

**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:**

**Cliff Silverstein** was accompanied by Marty Markov, an acquaintance from Cliff’s “young folks” community. Marty is a retired investment manager with Smith Barney who went back to law school after retirement to earn a law degree and who now spends his time as an expert witness in cases relating to investor matters. Marty moved to town about six weeks ago from Marina Del Rey, California.

**Jeanne Radde** from the Satellite Club was welcomed by President Ron who thereupon reminded everyone that the next Satellite Club meeting is on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, and will be held at Cliff Silverstein’s home at [2626 Portsmouth Ave., Henderson, NV](#) (from the 215, take Eastern Avenue south to Anthem Parkway and continue on AP to Laurel Heights Lane. Turn right and proceed to Portsmouth Ave and turn left and the location will be on your right...and no, Stateline is not just around the corner!)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President Ron** reminded everyone that we are “dark” next week in recognition of [Nevada Day](#).

**Tom Martin** announced that our next “Feed the Homeless” event at Christ Church Episcopal on Maryland Parkway would be on 11/29/17. “Honest Tom” (as he was so addressed by President Ron – a sobriquet rightfully earned through Tom’s longstanding reputation as a trusted and “standup” businessman in the community) said we need donations of coats.

**Jim Andres** was absent today so **Rebecca Collett** reminded the club (for the 40,000<sup>th</sup> time) that the Andy Katz Memorial Golf tournament 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). She also said that she and **Jordana Lane** will be “manning” the first tee (shouldn’t that be “staffing” the first tee, or “womaning” the first tee? In this age of [#MeToo](#), we need to watch our [“P’s and Q’s”](#)!) Our club is one of the “Gold” sponsors.

**Rebecca Collett** also announced that District Governor Rhagada Khoury will be in town on 11/2 for a [train ride and BBQ](#) with 10 local clubs. Spouses, partners, significant others, homeless friends, etc., are invited for this group event. You will experience Rotary fellowship at its best, and have a chance to see fellow Rotarians outside of District Conference. \$15 (each) covers the train ride, BBQ dinner and soft drinks (unsoft drinks are on your own dime!). Dinner will be at [“Fox Smokehouse BBQ”](#), 1007 Elm Street, Boulder City, NV at 6:00 p.m. For the train ride, continue on to [Nevada Southern Railway Excursion](#), 600 Yucca St, Boulder City, NV.

**Karl Maisner** was called on for announcements. Somewhat surprised, Karl said that he had no particular announcements. Whereupon President Ron magnimously gifted Karl with a \$25 Lawry's gift card for his extra efforts in reviving our [website](#) which had disappeared into the ethernet during a hosting company upgrade. Pres. Ron observed that Karl's business includes website design. Karl said that, indeed, the website was back up and running and, indeed, his business includes website design (wait...doesn't that constitute "advertising" which merits an automatic recognition?) Karl also observed that Cliff's address in last week's newsletter was incorrect; it should have been 2626 Portsmouth, not 26 Portsmouth (OD note: "Hey, don't blame me because your note taker hasn't learned how to write legibly!")

**Eric Colvin** – Eric again announced the Holiday Party to be held on December 7th from 7-9 at his home at [1304 Colony Pine Street, Las Vegas, NV, 89144](#). The food will be provided by Soiree's. His home is in a ritzy, exclusive, gated community so be prepared to provide the secret codes and to answer the secret questions in order to be admitted. You may want to bring an extra guest with you as you will probably have to leave them at the gate as insurance to make sure that you actually leave after the evening is over.)

Eric also announced the winners of the Sunday football pool: Julie Brutch (Meadows Bank) was the \$150 halftime winner and Bruce Pope was the \$150 final score winner. Tom Martin thereupon announced that he was NOT the winner of last week's pool despite the fact that his name was listed on the chart in the winning square. Apparently Donna was the true owner of the square (probably doesn't matter, since all money in the Martin household is controlled by Donna anyway, correct, Tom?). Bruce Pope, however, observed that he WAS the actual winner (again, it probably doesn't matter, since all money in the Pope household is controlled by Beth anyway, correct Bruce?) Threatened with a fine, Bruce said that he would make a deal with the President...since he had been unjustly accused in prior meetings of failing to ensure that Clinton was present, he would accept a fine of \$50 for all the times Clinton wasn't present, and a "credit" of \$50 for all the times Clinton was present. Well, President Ron didn't just fall off the turnip truck yesterday, so he turned down Bruce's magnanimous offer and fined him \$25.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

**Clinton Pope** was welcomed back by President Ron after many, many absences, but said that he understood the need to be absent since he was always meeting with the governor or some other very important person. He also congratulated Clinton on his recent birthday (9/29). Clinton said that he only meets "with someone from the office of the Governor" (no doubt hoping to minimize his fine). He also said that he has been a member for almost 7 years and today was the first time his birthday was recognized by the club president (probably because Clinton is so handsome and young looking that it is nigh on impossible to think of him as aging at all!) Clinton than regaled us with another "break-in" story. Last time, it was his car that was stolen (fortunately recovered a few days later.) This time, the burglars sifted through the house but only stole a lockbox...which, however, contained passports, birth certificates, marriage license, etc.) Again, fortunately for Clinton, almost everything was recovered when a good Samaritan found the documents in a parking lot at Wal-Mart. Well, almost everything, the passports are still missing (which won't do the burglar any good because, hey, anybody who compares the passport picture to the burglar will say..."Nope, the guy in this picture is way too handsome to be you." After such a tale of woe, apparently President Ron gave him a pass with no fine.

**Jack Woodcock** was fined \$50 for a recent golf outing at the exclusive [Summit Club golf course](#) just south of the Ridges. Pres. Ron said that he had heard that one of Jack's golfing partners was none other than Chris Publow and offered to rescind the fine if he would produce Chris at our next meeting. Jack said that Chris had already left town but would be coming back soon.

**Rebecca Collett** was offered a choice; a \$25 Lawry's gift card if she could answer a question or a \$25 fine if she couldn't answer it. The question? "What is special about tomorrow?" It was a \$25 fine for her as she had a momentary lapse of memory (she knew the answer, of course, but for some reason, it had slipped her mind just then) but was reminded that tomorrow is "[World Polio Day](#)". As everyone knows, Rotary has given over \$1.7 billion dollars to help end polio forever.

**Keith Thomas** apparently escaped with no fine after successfully whining once again. President Ron reminded Keith (who takes the meeting notes for Obadiah Dogberry, the newsletter editor) that his notes should have properly reflected that last week Hank had indeed been assigned "Mic" duty. Keith said that he was sure that his notes indeed had the correct information but that it must have been the unpredictable editing of Mr. Dogberry.

Keith did point out that he has been wearing his cowboy boots in honor of all those whose lives were so terribly impacted in the 1 October shooting.

**Hank Falstad** was called upon to verify the fact that he had indeed been assigned "Mic" duty. He verified the fact (and if we hear one more thing in this newsletter about "Mic" duty, it will be one thing too much.)

**Ted Henderson** apologized for being absent last week and instead sending his evil twin Skippy. He graciously offered to pay the fine which was imposed on Skippy.

**Eric Colvin** was recognized \$50 for his bank ranking No. 67 in the nation in SBA lending. When asked if he was aware that Royal Business Bank (Keith Thomas' bank) was ranked No. 54, Eric responded that "well, they are twice as large as we are, so shouldn't they be ranked a lot higher?) Pres. Ron thereupon fined Keith Thomas \$25 even though he has nothing at all to do with SBA lending at Royal Business Bank.

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### **JOKE OF THE DAY**

Scott Baranoff ("no more mister nice guy", he said, signaling a return to somewhat bawdy jokes) then earned a \$50 fine for a somewhat "un-bawdy" but clever joke about a bushy bearded bartender, a lovely blond customer, a seductive digit/labial interaction, and a subsequent request by the lovely blond customer to provide toilet paper for the ladies room.

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### **ROTARY PINS**

Apparently we are so good at wearing Rotary regalia, that Pres. Ron feels no need to inquire.

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## **GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT**

None.

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## **DRAWING**

Clinton Pope

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**PAY YOUR BILL!** It is 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:**

October 30:	DARK (Nevada Day)
November 6:	Dr. Nancy Brune, executive director, Guinn Center for Policy Priorities
November 13:	Marady Leary, Director, Hiring our Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program
November 20:	DARK (Thanksgiving)
November 27:	Carolyn Goodman, Mayor, City of Las Vegas
December 4:	Tom Axtell, GM of PBS – Las Vegas
December 11:	DARK (Holiday Party)
December 18:	Stacey Lockhart, executive director, The Shade Tree
December 25:	DARK (Christmas Day)
January 1:	DARK (New Year's Day)

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## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES THROUGH DECEMBER**

**10-26-17 – 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ANDY KATZ Golf Tourney** – Rhodes Ranch Gold Club

**10-26-17 – Greenspokes / Satellite Club Meeting** at Cliff Silverstein's home 6:00pm

2626 Portsmouth Ave., Henderson

**10-30-17 – DARK – Nevada Day – no Rotary Lunch Meeting**

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**11-01-17 - (tentative) Happy Feet at Ruby Thomas Elementary School**

**11-02-17 – GROUP 12 & 13 Rotary Clubs joint event–TRAIN RIDE-BOULDER CITY**

District Governor, Raghada Khoury will attend and all Club Presidents will get to “spotlight” their Clubs. All Club Members and spouses are invited. Cost per person is \$15 and covers the Train Ride, BBQ appetizers, and soft drinks. Beer and Wine will be available for purchase that evening.

**11-08-17 – Boy’s Town of Nevada - Mrs. Claus’s Kitchen.** 4 volunteers are needed.

Someone also to Dress as Mrs. Claus. Time is 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**11-09-17 – Satellite Club Meeting – Hygiene Kits to be assembled – at Sierra Gold**

**11-20-17 – DARK – Thanksgiving – no Rotary Lunch Meeting**

**11-22-17 – PBS Pledge Drive Phone bank Volunteers – Receiving phone calls for pledges**

**11-29-17 – Feed the Homeless at Christ Church Episcopal 5:00pm**

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**12-??-17 – Santa Clothes (in partnership with the Las Vegas Club) – Rotarians taking 100’s of “at risk” children clothes shopping at JC Penney stores in Summerlin, Vegas and Henderson**

**12-07-17 – Rotary Holiday Party at Eric Colvin’s Home from 6 to 9pm.**

**12-16-17 – Salvation Army BELL RINGERS – Downtown Summerlin**

**12-21-17 – (tentative) Satellite Club Meeting**

**12-22-17 - (tentative) Magical School Bus – Opportunity Village – Rotarians volunteering to work at the Magical Forest as Santa’s Helpers.**

**12-25-17 - DARK (Christmas Day)**

**01-10-18 - DARK (New Year’s Day)**

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**FULL CALENDAR FROM DACdb FOR 2017-2018 IS ATTACHED.**

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**TODAY’S SPEAKER:** Today’s speaker was [Jon Ralston](#), who has spoken to our club many times in the past and who never fails to inform with witty, incisive, and timely information about the current state of affairs. Check out his new website, [The NV Independent](#).