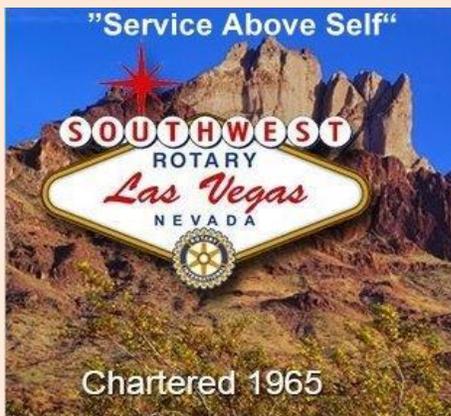




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# Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Newsletter

## 8/5/19

Presiding and Conducting: **President Sean Tanko**  
 Moment of Silence for victims of shootings in Gilroy, El Paso, and Dayton.  
 Pledge: **Pres. Sean**  
 Photos: **Ted Henderson** (see below or click [here](#) for better quality pictures)  
 Mic duty: **Sebastian Swanson** (again! That's four weeks in a row and must be his new assignment???)  
 Newsletter: **Obadiah Dogberry, Esq.**

### VISITING ROTARIANS

**Colleen Schiefen** joined us today from the [Rotary Club of Ithaca, New York](#). She is in town with a friend who is a Star Trek fan. Colleen insists she isn't a "trekkie" but did volunteer that she had accompanied her friend to a few Star Trek events. She accepted a Southwest Rotary banner and said that she had one in her hotel room and wasn't able to bring it today. She did say she would mail us one.

**Dr. Ronald Heezen** (today's speaker) is also a Rotarian here in Las Vegas. He belongs to the [Las Vegas Won Club](#).

### GUESTS

**Kaylee Lane** was a guest today of her mother, **Jordana Lane**. Kaylee, despite her youthful appearance, is about to enter the workforce as the youngest employee of the [Las Vegas-Clark County Library District](#) (that is if she doesn't decide to go back to [Lamping Elementary](#) where she will be entering the fourth grade next week!)

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF



### The Object of Rotary

THE OBJECT of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**FIRST** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**SECOND** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**THIRD** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**FOURTH** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service

### The Four-Way Test

OF THE THINGS we think, say, or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### Rotarian Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians:

AS A ROTARIAN, I will

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ted Henderson** said that he had found the answer to a question that Fred Fukumoto had about who pays for the polio vaccinations in India (given the fact that India has the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest economy.) Ted said that he was at the Foundation Dinner recently where he asked that very question to Brenda Cressey who is a Rotary Foundation trustee. Brenda said that three years ago, India's government took responsibility for covering the cost of the vaccinations. RI still provides the volunteers, however.

**Paul Gustilo** announced that the Feed the Homeless service project last Wednesday at [Christ Church Episcopal](#) was very successful and well attended, both by volunteers and by homeless (for the most part, we were able to tell who were the volunteers and who were the homeless.) CCE is located at [2000 S Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89104](#). We provide the food for the dinner and we provide clothing and hygiene supplies for distribution. See pictures attached or click [here](#) to see better quality pictures.

Paul also said that he is working on a Happy Feet project for September at Ferron Elementary.

**Keith Thomas** announced that vandals had cut the chain link fence into the Provident Community Garden where our Rotary tree project is located. The thieves made off with three of our fruit trees! They took a Saturn Peach, a Pink Lady apple, and a Utah Sweet. They also took half of our compost pile. **Ted Henderson**, upon hearing that a "compost pile" was involved, commented that "...well, that was a real s...y thing to do". Whereupon, **Pres. Sean** immediately assessed Ted with a \$50 recognition. It was going to be \$25, but apparently the egregious nature of the comment given the presence of "tender ears" (and, no, he wasn't talking about Keith Thomas' ears) dictated that the fine be somewhat more punitive.

**Sebastian Swanson** reminded everyone that he is putting on a planned giving seminar and you can sign up using the link in the flyer sent out last week or by just giving him a call.. One of the areas of planning that his team is involved in is helping people with charitable giving. He said that a Rotarian seminar around effective strategies to give more and save on taxes would be not only beneficial to our current members, but also to prospective members, donors, and sponsors. He is hosting this event on 8/21 with a dinner at [Panevino's](#). There would be 50 seats available and he is flying in one of their national speakers to discuss the following topics:

- Donor Advised Funds
- Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Bequest at Death

The kind of prospective members/donors/sponsors that would benefit the most from this discussion would be business owners (medium to large), high net worth individuals, highly compensated employees, and anyone who has estate tax concerns. Coming into the corporate membership chair, He said that this would be a great way to show prospecting members how to not only donate effectively to the club but also give current members insight as to how they can give more.

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## RECOGNITIONS

**Pres. Sean** began by apologizing for missing the past couple of meetings and provided the club members with a long recitation of his recent vacation to the wilds of Alaska and the peril's that he had faced in said uncharted northern wilderness areas. He even said that he was going to fine himself for said vacation. **Pres-Elect Jordana** interjected that she had fined him a \$100 last week so he magnanimously forgave himself any additional fine.

**Pres.-Elect Jordana Lane** was thanked by **Pres. Sean** for her masterful handling of last week's meeting. **Pres. Sean** said he would give her a credit of \$50 or \$75 in Lawry's gift cards. Easy decision...gift cards it was!

**Bruce Pope** was asked about his recent peregrinations. His response, "Pennsylvania! Oh, and did I say how handsome you are with your beard trimmed, Mr. President?" **Pres. Sean**, recognizing that Bruce was trying to change the subject, used his lawyerly skills to elicit the confession that Bruce had indeed been somewhat farther than PA. In fact, he was on a river cruise that included Paris and 4 other countries, apparently ending up in Prague. He said one of the highlights of the trip was "...visiting the USA in France". By way of explanation, he said that there is a [cemetery](#) in Normandy, France, where the American soldiers killed in the Normandy invasion are buried and that the cemetery is considered to be American soil. He said the General George Patton is also buried there, having expressed the desire before he died to be buried with "his men". He said he enjoyed great weather while he was in Paris although it was very hot before and after they were there. He then reminded **Pres. Sean** that **Tom Martin** was on a river cruise in Europe at the very same time that he was. **Pres. Sean**, again realizing that Bruce was trying to deflect attention from his pending fine, and to appropriately recognize Bruce and Beth for their wonderful time, assessed a \$150 recognition.

**Tom Martin** was then called upon about his trip (amply described as a Viking Cruise to Scandinavia and beyond in last week's newsletter). Tom immediately protested that this would be the third time he was being recognized for the same trip. He said that **Past-Pres. Karl Maisner** had fined him right at the end of his year and that **Pres-Elect Jordana Lane** had also fined him last week (wait, wasn't her fine a CREDIT?). **Pres. Sean** pointed out that "...it's a new year and there is a new sheriff in town". This time he was fined \$100! Not even Tom's recitation of the damages done to Donna's brand new Lincoln Continental could sway **Pres. Sean**. (A hit and run semi truck took off the front end of her car and since it was so new, parts weren't available and it took 5 ½ weeks to get the parts ordered and the car repaired and back on the road.

**Pepe Charles** was ratted out by one of his fellow Rotarians about a recent outing with his wife. **Pres. Sean** asked what the occasion was and **Pepe** said that he and Pamela had recently celebrated their 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by attending the "[Michael Jackson ONE](#)" show at Mandalay Bay. He said it was a pretty good show (editor's note: I'm sure, however, that the best part of it was that he was able to

spend quality time with such a wonderful lady. Tuviste mucha suerte de encontrar una esposa tan maravillosa.) **Pepe's** cost for the evening was increased by a \$50 recognition.

Celebrating our 34th Wedding Anniversary.



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## JOKE OF THE DAY

None

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## GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT

**Pres.-Elect Jordana** “regifted” **Keith Thomas’** gift from last week which was an [“Idaho Spud”](#) candy bar. No it isn’t made from potatoes...it is a candy bar native to Idaho.



**Pres. Sean** thereupon announced that his “preferred gift” for his year will be socks, the more colorful the better.

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## DRAWING

**Sebastian Swanson** was today's winner

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

8-12-19 Rotary Board Meeting at Lawry's  
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8-19-19 Dark for Social on Thursday  
8-21-19 Planned Giving Seminar at Panevino's.  
8-22-19 Rotary Social Evening at Home Plate Grill and Bar.  
8-26-19 Rotary Meeting at Lawry's  
6/6-10/20 RI Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii  
6/12-16/21 RI Convention in Taipei, Taiwan  
6/4-8/22 RI Convention in Houston, Texas

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## PROGRAM

**Dr. Ronald R. Heezen** was today's speaker. He is the executive director of the [Las Vegas-Clark County Library District](#). Here is his "bio" as he wrote it himself..." When I graduated with a "useless" degree in history (my father's words, not my own), I still fancied myself a writer. After all, I didn't have a teaching certificate and college teaching positions in history were held by those who would eventually die, be stuffed and mounted in their offices, and still manage to retain their faculty status. On the other hand, the prospects for eating looked bleak. What I needed, I thought, was a part time job in a refined setting. A friend of mine was a part time paraprofessional at Salt Lake City Public Library in the young adult (Y.A.) area. Since she was departing for full time work, she alerted me, and I applied. After three months, the library offered to make my position full time and permanent and I was only too glad to accept. I was getting used to food. I was so taken with the Y.A. work, I decided to become professional. I completed my Master's Degree in Library Science at Brigham Young University.

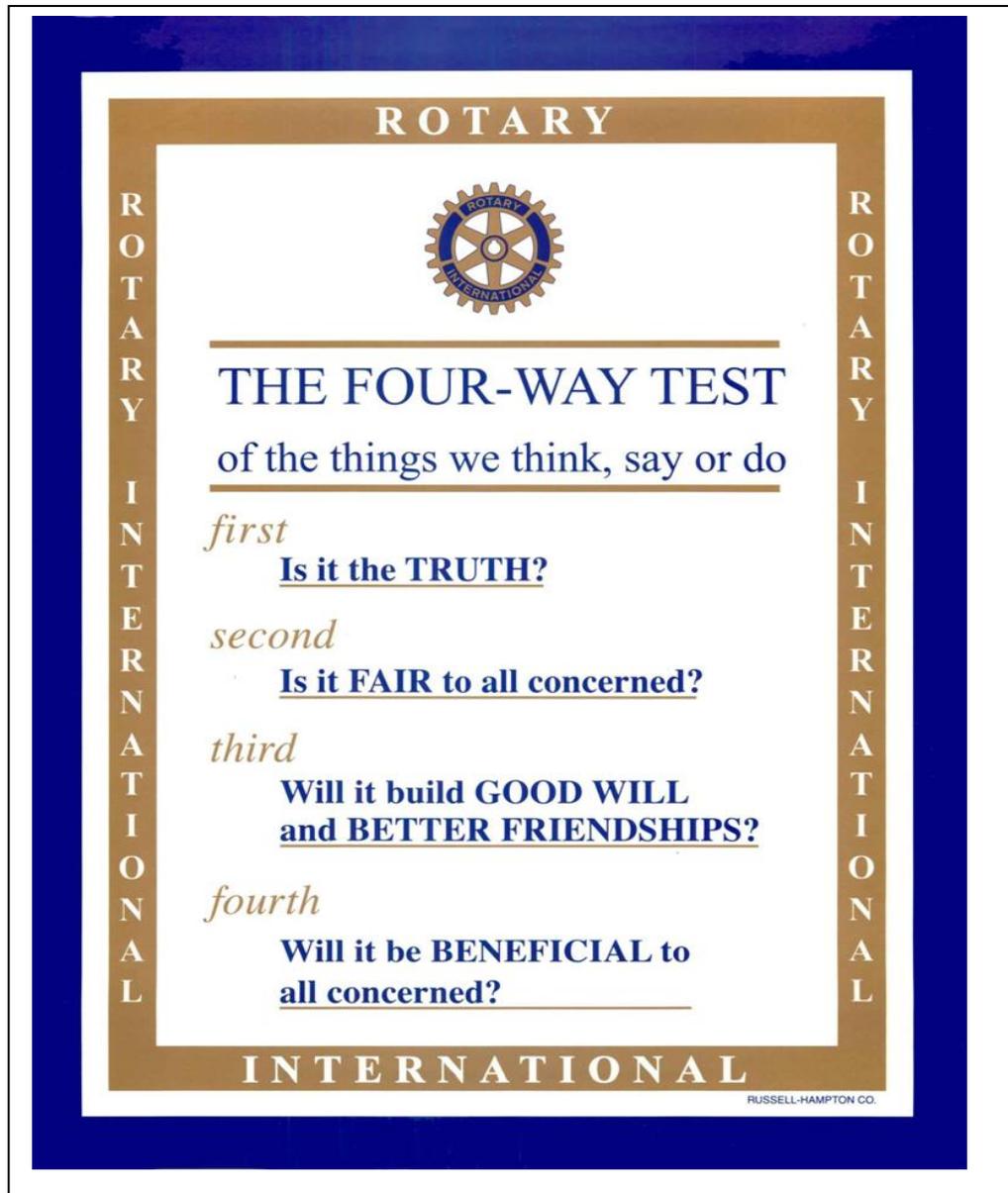
Now, a hundred pounds later and totally addicted to food, I have worked in libraries ranging in size from Weatherford, Texas, to Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. The in-between libraries include: Salt Lake City and Davis County (Utah); Dallas, Longview, and Frisco (Texas); Omaha (Nebraska); and, Caddo Parish (Louisiana). Along the road, with my wonderful wife Candace beside me, I've completed my Ph.D. and we raised a successful daughter. I would say Jenni is bright, but she insisted on keeping her husband and four kids in Texas when mom and dad moved to other locations. Go figure."

A copy of his presentation can be seen by clicking [here](#).

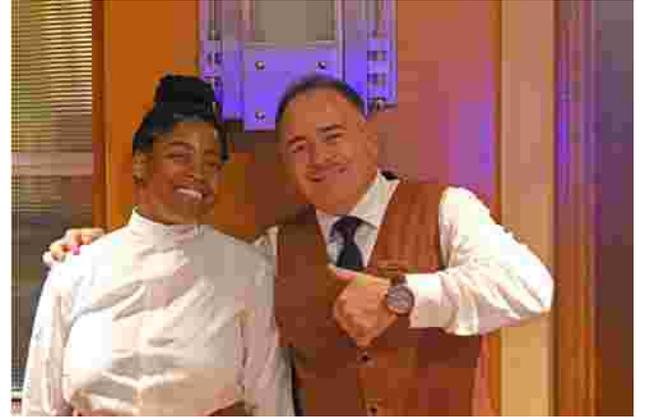
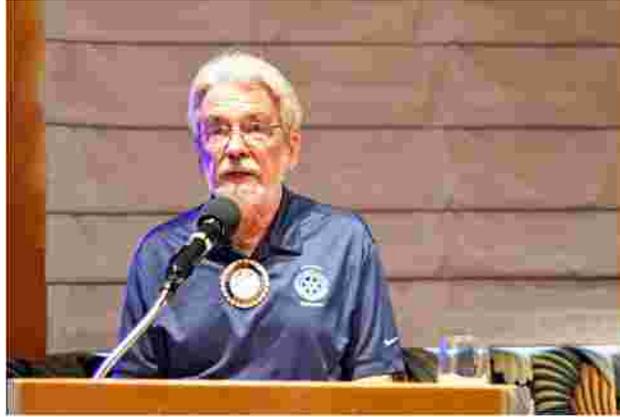
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## CONCLUSION

We concluded the meeting by not standing and not reciting the Four-Way Test: (guess our rookie **Pres. Sean** forgot?????)







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