



The Four Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Rotary Recap

By: **Lauren Robydek** and **Larry Skaggs**

August 23, 2012

The **August 23** meeting of the **Rotary Club of Green Valley** mercifully began at 7:05 am. (this reporter was on the cusp of tardiness), and **President Melinda** then moved on to the Pledge and a **Rotary Minute** about **Rotaplast**. **Rotaplast** is a charitable organization started by a San Francisco **Rotary** club, and its mission is to repair cleft palates in (currently South American) children. Approximately 13,000 surgeries have been performed thus far, and the very informative video (from which we saw only a small segment), is also available for viewing online.

Trivia Master Matt has some not-so-trivial food poisoning, so his place was filled by **Sergeant : Sergeant at Arms Jim S.** **Jim** shook our usual trivia game up a bit, by insisting that each (very difficult) question be answered by **Larry S. alone**, (because **Larry** usually answers them before the asker is done asking). If a question remained unanswered, the club was allowed to chime in, but suffice it to say **Jim** had to answer most of his own questions this morning.

After stumping everyone, **Jim** changed hats to introduce guests and visitors, and this group consisted of: **Bob Dworkin**, visiting from Torrance, CA, (**Bob** might join our club **AND AND** become treasurer!); **Fred Silberkraus** and **Chelyn Sawyer**, both repeat guests of new member **Stephen S.**; and **Dr. Himansu Shah**, our guest speaker.

President Melinda next accepted travel gifts from **Jeff** ("burro droppings" from Oatman, AZ, and a Wild Hogs pic signed by John Elway!) and **Tom** (an apron from **Tom's** wild *Parrothead* concert weekend), and then **Melinda Melinda** officially amended the vacation gift policy (a banner from another club is a perfectly acceptable gift, requiring no additional souvenir).



Moving on to club business, **Prez Melinda** reported that *Night Golf* took place last week, but we have no idea how it went (golf attendees **Matt**, **Ashley**, and **Mike S.** were all missing from today's meeting). **Jeff** happily reported that our *Grape Expectations* winemaking event wine is now oversold (but that those who purchased several cases can probably accommodate latecomers who still want to join). The club was also briefed on the upcoming **District Leadership Seminars**, which will be held on **September 15**, at the *Boyd School of Law* at *UNLV* (please register online to attend these very informative training sessions) (more information on these seminars is listed below).

President Melinda reported that the club has applied for a **District Simplified Grant** to assist the *Child Focus* organization (only projects requiring financial assistance and



Susan Holland Johnson
Club
Director, Rotary
Foundation Chair

Birthdays



Matthew Newsom
September 26

Stephen T. Tucker
September 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Steven S. Weggeland
Aug 20



Thomas E. Bramlett
Aug 22



Michael Soden
Aug 23



Jay Larsen
Aug 25



David L. McGovern
Sep 05



Jeff C. Manna
Sep 25



Nelda Manna
Sep 25

offering hands-on volunteer opportunities are eligible for this grant, and **Child Focus** meets both of these requirements). Finally, **Tom** encouraged club members to attend the upcoming **SOARS (Safety Officer Award Recognition)** ceremony, which will be held on **September 10** at the County building off Charleston and Grand Central. This event recognizes safety officers and first responders from every area of the valley, and club members who have attended in years past report that it's a very inspiring and worthwhile experience.

With **Mike P.** absent, the ruthless and cunning **Finemaster Larry S.** was back at the helm. As usual, **Larry** didn't pull any punches, and he kicked things off by calling out **Steve W. Steve W.** for putting the flag on the wrong side of the podium. Moving right along, anyone who hadn't greeted **Secret Greeter Jim S.** had to pony up a buck (I swear that guy was hiding out in the bathroom). Next, **Larry** gave a buck back to anyone who had in his or her possession their **Rotary coin** – (everyone was "gifted" one during **Larry's** presidential year, or received one since). This list was short: **Tom...!!**

Moving on to voluntary contributions, **Brian** was happy to be back after a busy few months, visitor **Bob D.** was thrilled by USC's Number 1 ranking (as was **Jeff**, who broke out in song), **Don** was happy to have guest speaker **Dr. Shah** at the meeting, **Steve W.** was called out on his wedding anniversary, **Dave J.** (still vertical and in the game) was headed to a Veteran's funeral, and reported that the local **Parrotheads** know how to party (and they funded 65 boxes last year for us to send to the troops!). **Jay** was forced to pay up for his approaching anniversary, **Tom** celebrated **Mike** and **Susan** joining our **Foundation B Foundation Board**, his 53rd wedding anniversary, and his 2 year anniversary with the club, **Jeff** chipped some money in for a great motorcycle trip, **Melaina** reported having a great time at **Child Focus's** back to school shopping event (and told an adorable anecdote about son **Adam**, who proposed that the family "really should try to stay there [at the *Bellagio*] more often..."). **Steve T.** contributed a dollar for fun had with siblings in CA, **Larry Larry S.** put up a buck for **Melaina's** gorgeous red shoes, and **Jim S.** forked over some **Dammi Dammit Dollars**, admitting that **he** was actually the one who put the flag in the wrong place.



The morning program was a very interesting talk from **Dr. Himansu Shah**, a local plastic surgeon. Dr. Shah encouraged attendees to check doctors' credentials (he warned that a doctor may be ER certified but performing plastic surgery), and provided some very helpful information on skin cancer and its risks.

Dr. Shah went on to discuss the wide range of procedures included under the plastic surgery umbrella,

and he also showed some compelling before and after photographs.



After answering a few questions, Dr. Shah was presented with a certificate documenting a **Teacher Mini-Grant** to be made in his name, and was asked to stick around after the meeting for a few more "private" inquiries.

DGN Larry S. won the morning raffle to close the meeting out, mercifully lifting only **\$10** from a burgeoning pot. Members recited the **Four Way Test** and the meeting was adjourned.

Register for District Training Sessions

August 16, 2012

[District Training Sessions](#)

The time is fast approaching and District 5300 trainers are busy putting the final touches on the **District Training Sessions**.

In the morning you can learn everything you wanted to know [and more!] about **The Rotary Foundation, Membership, and Public Relations**. Stay for lunch and learn how to get **FREE** money for your clubs in the afternoon.

THIS IS ONE WAY FOR YOU **[IF YOU ATTEND THE AFTERNOON SESSION]** TO BECOME CLUB CERTIFIED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS. Any club that wants a grant in the future (District Simplified Grant, International Matching Grant, Global Scholar Grant) **MUST MUST** have two members of the sponsoring club who are certified!

It is an all day knowledge fest! Registration links are coming soon through the District calendar on DaCdb.

September 15, 2012:

UNLV, Boyd School of Law, 4504 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV.

Doors open at 8:30 am.

Morning sessions run from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

[Learn How to Get Free Money in the Grants Management Seminar](#)

Immediately following your morning training on September 15th, stay for lunch and attend the **Grants Management Seminar**. It is **MANDATORY** for two persons to attend if your club wants to secure any Global Grant or District Grant matching funds in 2013-14.

Learn how to find and fund projects, sustainability, how to partner and new requirements. **DG S**. **DG Sylvia** urges all clubs to attend and become certified. Without this certification, clubs will not be eligible for grants. Watch the district website for more information.

Safety Officer Award Recogniton

September 10, 2012

COME SOAR WITH US

THE ROTARY CLUBS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

Invite you to attend the Eleventh Annual

SOAR PESENTATION (Safety Officers Award Recognition)

Monday, September 10, 2012

9:00 am to 10:30 am

Clark County Commissioners Chambers
500 Grand Central Parkway

HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM

Clark County Fire	Mesquite Fire
CCSD Police	Mesquite Police
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Nevada Highway Patrol
Henderson Fire	Nellis Air Force Base
Henderson Police	North Las Vegas Fire
Las Vegas City Marshalls	North Las Vegas Police
Las Vegas Fire & Rescue	Office of the Attorney General
Las Vegas Metro	Pahrump Valley Fire & Rescue
United States Marshalls	



Join us as we honor
SERVICE ABOVE SELF!



**Rotary Club of Las Vegas Red Rock
Charter Night Party**

September 15, 2012



Red Rock Rotary of LV
is celebrating their charter

We would like you to be a part of our special night!

at

Vintner Grill at Neiman Marcus
(inside the Fashion Show Mall)
3200 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 100
Las Vegas, NV

on

Saturday, September 15, 2012
5 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$55 per person*
*includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and two beverage tickets

RSVP by September 7, 2012
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YOU are the Missing Piece

August 23, 2012

**Green Valley
Rotarians**

Missing on

August 23, 2012



Russell Bowler, Jack Ewing, Jim Frey, Jerry Gardberg, Greg Hawthorne, Kent Ivey,
Susan Johnson, Frank King (LOA), Stephanie Kurtz, Ashley Mahaney, Nelda Manna,

Matt Newsom, Mike Peterson, Christine Smith, and Mike Soden.

Make-Ups Completed

Kent Ivey	Green Valley Board Meeting
Susan Johnson	Green Valley Board Meeting
Ashley Mahaney	R.C. of Magnolia Center - Riverside, CA
Mike Soden	Green Valley Board Meeting
Steve Tucker	Rotary Club of Henderson, NV

Visiting Rotarians

Bob Dworkin	R.C. of South Bay Sunrise - Torrance, CA
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Guests

Chelyn Sawyer	Guest of Stephen Silberkraus
Fred Silberkraus	Guest of Stephen Silberkraus
Dr. Himanshu Shah	Guest Speaker