



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?

Rotary Recap

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September 20, 2012

Luckily for latecomers, the **September 20th** meeting of the **Rotary Club of Green Valley** got off to a moderately tardy start. For this morning's **Rotary Minute**, **President Melinda** queried, "What have you learned in **Rotary**?" **Melinda** (a self-described control freak) shared that she has learned to surrender a little control, and **Jim S.** explained that he has learned to assume that everyone is the **Secret Greeter**. **Jim** and **Melinda** showed a short video featuring other **Rotarians** eloquently describing what they have learned about **Rotary**, and then a few of our very own club members were polled.

Mike P. was this morning's trivia master, and the theme was identification of the proper term for a group of several particular animal species. I know you're dying to know, so here is a quick recap of what we learned: a group of gorillas is *band*, ferrets hang out in (my favorite!) a *business*, a group of bears are called a *sloth*, a bunch of asses are a *pace pace*, several tigers make a *streak*, and a group of porcupines are a *prickle*.

Next was **President Melinda's** favorite portion of the meeting: the time when members come to the podium to present her with their travel gifts! **Jon** recently attended his 50th High School Reunion in Buffalo, NY, and reported that he was joined by 86 (of 253) other classmates (all who were much older than **Jon**). While in NY, **Jon** attended a Buffalo Bills game, so he brought **Melinda** a program and a ticket stub. **Russ** fessed up to visiting Zion, and he gifted **Melinda** with some lovely lava rocks (**Russ** was quick to clarify that these rocks came from *outside the park*). When **Prez Melinda** asked if anyone was headed out of town, and might need a club banner, **Jeff** and **Nelda** said they were headed to Hawaii, but would NOT be attending any other club meetings (apparently they had a very difficult time doing so on prior trips).

Jim S. then introduced visitors and guests, which was a quick and easy task. We were visited by **Patrick Vinson**, from **The Smith Center** (the morning program), and former **GV Rotary** member **Gerry Holinski**. **Pres Melinda** griped that no one had spent any of her money (if you bring a guest in September **Melinda** will pay for their breakfast), so she announced that she was upping the stakes: If anyone brings a guest to next week's meeting, **Melinda** will pay for the guest's breakfast AND pay the host member \$12! **Larry S.** quipped that he was going to investigate bus rental so that he could bring several homeless folks in for a hot meal (hopefully **Melinda** is working on some "fine print" for her contract). **Melinda** also mentioned that next week's speaker will be **Connor Fields**, GVHS graduate and London OLYMPIAN (BMX event), so that presentation should be interesting.



Club Leaders



Melinda Margolis
President



Michael Soden
President-Elect



Jay Larsen
Vice President



Ashley Mahaney
iPast President



Kent Ivey
Secretary



Nelda Manna
Treasurer



Jim Servino
Sergeant-at-Arms

Jack R Ewing
Club Director, Service
Projects Chair



Christine L. Smith
Club Director



Larry Skaggs
Club
Director, Public
Relations Chair

Club business was discussed next, starting with a **Shade Tree** update. **Duane** will be handling this month's two birthdays (with a little delivery help from **Lauren** - **Duane** said



Susan Holland Johnson
Club
Director, Rotary
Foundation Chair

Birthdays



Matthew Newsom
September 26



Stephen T. Tucker
September 30



Christine L. Smith
October 12



Ashley Mahaney
October 16



Frank King
October 18



Kent Ivey
October 31

Wedding Anniversaries



Jeff C. Manna
Sep 25



Nelda Manna
Sep 25

he had "mis-volunteered" for a date when his wife had committed them to attending an out-of-state wedding). It was announced that there would be a **Rotary Foundation Board** meeting on **Monday (24th) at 5:30 pm**, and a **Round-Up on October 5th at Al's Garage (in the District)**. Two **Henderson Rotarians (Dick & Nancy Dailey)** are hosting a picnic at their home on **Saturday, September 29**, and club members are encouraged to attend this inter-club fellowship event.

It was mentioned that the project committee would be meeting directly after this morning's regular meeting, and all interested members were invited to take part. On a final project note, thanks to club participation in a prior District event (wheelchairs purchased and delivered to Hermosillo, Mexico), our club was able to procure four leftover wheelchairs for donation **SNAPS (Southern NV Association of Polio Survivors)**. Thanks to **Larry S., Mike S. and Ashley** - each had a hand in making this donation possible.

Moving on to **Happy Bucks** and **Dammit Dollars**, **Fine Master Mike P.** called out latecomers and pin-shunners (this reporter tattled on her pinless "neighbor-to-the-right" (**Russ**), and was promptly punished by **Russ's "neighbor-to-the-left"** spin). **Melinda** suggested fining **Jeff** for his reluctance to take a club banner to HI, and for calling her phone in an attempt to stir up fines, but she settled for **Jeff's Happy Buck** over his 36th anniversary. After much fanfare, it was revealed that the **Secret Greeter** for the morning was one friendly **Nelda**, so anyone who had missed greeting her had to take their chances at the wheel (how do you not hug this lady?! That's like the nicest **Secret Greeter** choice ever). **Jon** had a **Happy Buck** for his experience at the Bills game: he was the oldest fan in his area, but some younger fans took him under their wings, and they all high-fived like maniacs. **Brian** paid some **Happy Bucks**, displaying both gratitude (for a ticket fixing) and sympathy (for a USC football travesty). **Melaina** paid up in appreciation of *Wicked* at the **Smith Center**, and shared an adorable anecdote about precocious son Adam. Other mentions included **Dave J.'s** sad news of his brother-in-law's passing, a **Happy Buck** for an *Illinois* win, **Mike's** booking of a 2013 trip to London, **Larry S.'s** enjoyment of the new **Rotary Club of LV Red Rock's** charter dinner, **Jim S.'s** **GV Rotary** pride (apparently we were oft-mentioned as a *good* example during the recent **District Training Seminars**), and **Duane's** dismay at a BYU loss.



Wallets empty (but hearts full!), attendees gave their undivided attention to **Patrick Vinson's** informative presentation about the recently opened **Smith Center**. We learned that there are 3 performing venues on the property: Reynolds Hall (the largest, with approximately 2000 seats), and the smaller Boman Pavilion and Troesch Studio Theater. The Children's Discovery Museum will also be relocating to the Smith Center, and it's due to open in February. Mr. Vinson shared that **the Adams Family, Anything Goes, West Side Story, Shrek, Beauty and the Beast, Billy Elliot** and **Catch Me if You Can** will all

be coming to the Smith Center, so visit the Smith Center website to look into tickets (free public tours of the facility are also available- they can also be booked on the website).

To close out the meeting, **Prez Melinda** thanked Mr. Vinson for his time, and presented him with a framed certificate evidencing a **Teacher Mini-Grant** to be awarded in his name. **Kent** graciously only lifted **\$3** from a burgeoning raffle pot, members recited the **Four-Way Test**, and the meeting was adjourned.



YOU are the Missing Piece

September 20, 2012

**Green Valley
Rotarians**

Missing on

Sept. 20, 2012



George Baggott, Jack Ewing, Susan Johnson, Frank King (LOA), Dave McGovern, Matt Newsom, Stephen Silberkraus and Christine Smith.

[Make-Ups Completed](#)

None Reported This Week

[Visiting Rotarians](#)

None This Week

[Guests](#)

Gerry Holinski
Patrick Vinson

Former Green Valley Rotarian
Guest Speaker