



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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November 15, 2012

The November 15 meeting of the **Rotary Club of Green Valley** got off to an ordinary start with the Pledge and some Thanksgiving trivia from Trivia Master **Matt**. Our regular round of questions was supplemented by Sergeant at Arms **Jim S.**, who peppered the club with questions about Navasota, Texas (future home of departing member **Marvin Longabaugh**). In case you were curious, Navasota is the Blues Capital of Texas, and it boasts a population of some 7000 people. It's also currently home to Chuck Norris- he and **Marvin** will be neighbors. To bid **Marvin Longabaugh** farewell, President **Melinda** presented him with a coveted "sparkplug award." (A brand new sparkplug- not one from Jim's lawnmower, as one member speculated). Melinda thanked **Marvin** for all his efforts over the years, especially his hard work at the helm of **Piazza Colori**.

After wishing **Marvin Longabaugh** well, we were introduced to our morning guests: **Shawn Thomas**, Silverado High School student of the month, **Alan and Tricia Thomas** (Shawn's parents?), **Elba Rocia**, an administrator from Silverado High School, and (tardy but present!) Silverado Principal, **Bob Mars**. Other guests included frequent visitor Joe Reuben, returning guest Sheila Collins, her guest **Michael Bass, Tom and Nancy Dailey** (who have been formally approved by the Board, and will be inducted as members soon!), former member **Marvin Longabaugh**, prospective member **Caroline Orsez, Carol Servino** (our Sergeant's better half), and morning speaker, **Dr. David Demore**.

President **Melinda** next requested that Past President **Mike P.** take the podium to introduce our Silverado High School Student of the Month, **Shawn Thomas**. **Shawn** is lackadaisically making it through his senior year with a 4.8 GPA and 3 AP classes, and he's currently ranked first in a class of 580- no big deal(!!!). We learned that in addition to being an academic superstar, **Shawn** is a very well rounded young man (see additional information below), and is certainly deserving of the Student of the Month plaque and Barnes and Noble gift card that were presented to him.

After **Shawn** received a standing ovation, **Mike P.** switched hats to perform Finemaster duty. The Fine Wheel received immediate attention from anyone who failed to say hello to **Nelda**, the Secret Greeter, and this play was also successful in nabbing most latecomers. Moving on to voluntary contributions, **Mike** took several dollars from **Dave J.**, who read a thank you letter from a Marine who had received a care package. **Dave** also presented **Mike** with some sort of framed Indiana sports memorabilia that had been ripped off from Great Clips. Silverado High School Principal **Mars**

offered up a dammit dollar on account of his tardiness, explaining that he had been working to resolve a situation at school (and it had been successfully resolved), but President **Melinda** didn't let it go at that... She insisted the Principal spin the Wheel (he spun \$1), because the Student of the Month/ Program Speaker immunity didn't cover him (it was nice to meet you, Principal **Mars** - please don't be scared to come back!).

Dave M. contributed a happy buck and a dammit dollar, reporting that both were because he is buying another UPS store with his sor **Matthew**. **Elba** offered up a dollar in celebration of her Principal's arrival, and **Marvin** shared heartfelt sentiment about his upcoming departure from the area/club. **Jim S.** was glad the Oregon Ducks won again, **Nelda** pointed out that **Jeff** had not given a happy buck in celebration of her return, and then she presented **Melinda** with some gifts (following the Margolis doctrine) from her recent trip to visit her mother. **Susan** ran the Military marathon, but forgot to bring **Melinda's** gifts, **Brian** crawled out from under his rock to express much delayed dismay over **Marvin's** move to TX, and **Mike** relayed a hilarious story about son **Nathan** (who wisely disapproves of Kentucky basketball, as "they have 'ucky' right in their name!"). **Joe Reuben** shared some information on his Bearcats Football organization, which helps underprivileged kids play football by providing funding, rides to and from games, uniforms and more (GV Rotary recently made a \$400 donation to this very worthwhile cause).

The morning program was provided by **Dr. David Demore**, an author and Political Science Professor at UNLV. **Dr. Demore** provided some very interesting statistics and insight on the recent election, explaining that **Romney's** downfall was largely due to the **Obama** campaign's early use of a **Karl Rove** strategy: they turned **Romney's** asset of business management experience against him (which is what the **Bush** campaign did to Kerry in 2004). We also learned that we are currently seeing one of the largest gender support gaps in history (women for **Obama** and men for **Romney**), and that Nevada was the only state where **Obama** won and a Republican won a race for Senate. After fielding a few questions, **Dr. Demore** was presented with a plaque (a Teacher Mini-Grant will be awarded in his name), and was thanked for his time and interesting presentation.

Sweet **Nelda** won the raffle, but lifted only \$9 from a burgeoning pot of some \$500. Better luck next week everyone! Members stood and recited the Four Way Test, and the meeting was adjourned.

Club Leaders



Melinda Margolis
President



Michael Soden
President-Elect



Jay Larsen
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Ashley Mahaney
iPast President



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Christine L. Smith
Club Director



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Club Director, Public Relations Chair



Susan Holland Johnson
Club Director, Rotary Foundation Chair



YOU are the missing Piece

Birthdays

Steven S. Weggeland
December 02



Weldon E. Havins
December 09



Jay Larsen
December 11

Jerome M. Gardberg
December 27

Green Valley Rotarians

Missing on

Nov 15, 2012



Larry Bettis, Russ Bowler, Jim Frey, Dewayne Frizell, Kent Ivey, Frank King (LOA), Dave Lee, Steven Silberkraus, Steve Tucker, and Steve Weggeland

Wedding Anniversaries

Frank King
Nov 29



Larry G. Bettis
Dec 28



George Edward Baggott
Dec 28

Jerome M. Gardberg
Dec 28

Make-Ups Completed

None Reported this Week

Visiting Rotarians

Caroline Orzes

Rotary Club of Henderson, NV

Guests

Sean Thomas	Student of the Month
Alan and Patas Thomas	Sean's Parents
Robert Mars	Silverado High School Principal
Dick and Nancy Dailey	Applied for Membership in GV Rotary
Elba Rocia	School Administrator
Marvin Longabaugh	Guest of Melinda Margolis
Sehila Callus	Guest of Melinda Margolis
Michael Bass	Guest of Melinda Margolis
Joe Ruben	Guest of George Baggott
Carol Servino	Guest of Jim Servino
Dr. Daniel Damore	Guest Speaker