



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

By: **Christine Smith** and **Larry Skaggs**

October 11, 2012

The **October 11, 2012** meeting was started by **President Melinda** with the traditional clang of the bell. **Melinda** asked friend and former club member, **Andy Wright**, to lead us in the pledge.

Matt got our brains working with his trivia selection of state capitals. Which state capital is named after a president? Why, Madison, WI, of course! The capital named for America's Dead Sea – Salt Lake City. The group appeared to be fairly knowledgeable on state capitals. What brainteasers w**Matt** come up with next week?

Travelling club members presented **Prez Melinda** with gifts from their travels. **Steven S.** brought gifts from his adventures to Sydney, Australia and from NASA. Who knew that **Melinda Melinda's** not only a flashlight collector but also a space freak? She was delighted with **Steven Steven's** gift of a 50th anniversary coin from NASA. **Steven's** gifts just kept coming – a bag of dehydrated bulls**t was the best of all! **Steven** loved visiting a **Rotary** club that served cocktails one-half hour before the start of the meeting. Folks seemed to warm up to that idea. Hmmmm – does that mean we can add Bloody Mary's and mimosas to our breakfast menu?

Ashley (is that you **Ashley**? - Love the red hair!) brought **Melinda** a pen from Riverside, California. **Mike S.** attended the **District 7600 Rotary Conference** in Virginia and brought **Melinda** a 100-year anniversary pin. **Don** said he travelled to Palm Springs but could not find a **Rotary** club. **Susan** helped him find "**Club Locator**" on his iPhone. No more excuses, **Don Don!**



Past President Mike P. introduced our guests, **Dick** and **Nancy Dailey; Caroline Orzes; Andy Wright; Joe Ruber; John Chase; Chelyn Sawyer;** and **Jacob Snow**, the Henderson City Manager, our guest speaker. Also visiting was our student of the month, **Darri Darrin Chao** his parents and **GVHS** principal, **Jeff Horn**.

Darrin is indeed an impressive young man! He is a pole-vaulter, volunteer at Sunrise Hospital, a history buff, a forensics competitor, a violinist in the orchestra, a National Merit Semi-finalist; and a rower.

He plans to go to college and study engineering. *(See complete story below).*

Melinda then called out **Steve W.** to tell everyone what a great time we had at the **Rotary Round-Up** at **Al's Garage**. Don't miss next month's outing.

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



Susan Holland Johnson
Club
Director, Rotary
Foundation Chair

Jim S. “interviewed” **Jeff** about the club’s latest fellowship project – winemaking. Stay tuned for a report on the progress of the group’s toils. (*Photos from Saturday’s “crushing” are posted below*).

The highlight of the club’s “spinning of **The Wheel**” tradition was when **Dave J.** told **PP Mike P.** that he should have to pay a buck because he tried to fine **Dave** for not wearing a **Rotary** pin. Come on, **Mike**, we all know that the **Rotary** logo on our polo shirts counts. Cut us a break!

Lots of happy people and the bucks kept coming – **Jack** was happy to be travelling to see the Blue Angels. **Susan** was happy that she and Eric were retiring from **Green Valley High School Sports Club** fundraising and happy to have raised over \$75K in ten years. **Christir Christinewas** happy to celebrate another birthday. **Dave J.** is happy to be travelling with his bride to Italy. **Ashley** was happy to have celebrated the approval of her parents’ gas station in Riverside, CA. **Jeff** was happy that we had such a great time making our wine. **Mike Mike S.** was happy to have welcomed a new grand baby. **Larry S.** was happy that our Chicago Bears “kicked butt.” **John Chase** was happy that his daughter is playing on a golf team and doing well. **Jim F.** was happy to have spent time with his BFF Justin Timberlake at the *Shriners’ Golf Tournament*. **Steven S.** was happy to claim that he is the only person to have licked the Space Shuttle (now there is a story there!). **Jeff Horn** was happy that **Green Valley High School** has a top volleyball team, and the girls won a regional title in a golf tournament and one of the players shot a record round of 65. **Nancy Dailey** put in a “shameless plug” for recruiting board members for *Opera LV*. **Dick Dailey** was happy about “DA BEARS”. And **Joe Reuber** was happy that he went to a convention with **George**.

Birthdays



Christine L. Smith
October 12



Ashley Mahaney
October 16



Frank King
October 18

Kent Ivey
October 31

Wedding Anniversaries



Christine L. Smith
Nov 02



Jim F. introduced our guest speaker, **Jacob Snow**, Henderson City Manager.

Jacob Snow, Henderson City Manager. Jacob told us that his first project was the Bruce Woodbury Beltway. As Henderson’s City Manager, he has managed the city operating with a \$15 million deficit. The City has had to overcome some bad PR, but they are proud to be named the second safest city in the United States. Henderson has one-half the crime rate of comparable cities. They have an excellent jail with excellent food (let’s hope none of us get to



try it!). They have been able to reduce their budget deficit by providing jail space for Immigration Customs Enforcement, having employees willing to take pay cuts; and under-spending their planned budget. Over the past four years they have cut the budget by over \$120 million while maintaining services. Jacob hopes to have Henderson named the first local government to operate in the black. He also told the group that he is not optimistic about a stadium being built in Henderson. He is hopeful that Union Village will go forward with a December groundbreaking and the water park looks like a “go.”



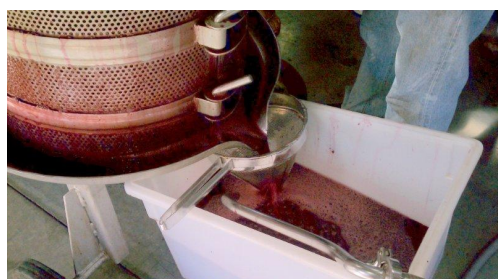
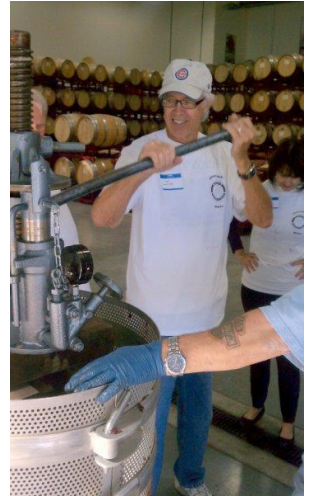
With time running out we had our raffle and **Dave L.** drew the winning ticket. Still two Jokers in the deck and the pot grows every week. Don’t miss the chance to win big money!

Calendar volunteer sign-ups are now “online” for **Opportunity Village** and helping **“Santa” “Santa” Jon** at the Mission on Christmas Eve.

A big thanks to visitor **Joe Ruber** for volunteering to purchase and deliver our **Shade Tree** birthday gifts. And another thanks to **Dave J.** for bringing the Halloween wine cozies.

See you all next week!

It's a (Minor) Miracle Turning Water (OK, it was Grapes) Into Wine...





October Rotary Student of the Month Green Valley High School

October 11, 2012

The **Green Valley High School Rotary Student of the Month** for **October** is **Darrin Chao**.

Darrin is an excellent representative of a high-achieving, well-rounded high school student. Not only does he excel in his Honors and AP classes with a 4.000 weighted grade point average, but he also devotes his time as a student leader and has volunteered one hundred hours at Sunrise Hospital.

Darrin participated on the Green Valley High School Cross Country team for two years and has also pole vaulted for the Track and Field team for three years. His purpose is to be a member of a team which gives a sense of support, more than any other activity.

Darrin is the historian for the National Honor Society and a policy debater for the Green Valley Forensics Team. He is also a violinist in the orchestra and he has been in the top performing group since his freshman year. He was selected to perform as a soloist with the Henderson Symphony Orchestra as a part of a youth music competition. Darrin also states that he has a natural talent at standardized testing, having excellent scores on the SAT, AP Test, and he is a National Merit Semi-Finalist.



His teachers describe Darrin as an exceptional student whose greatest strength is his ability to communicate via spoken or written language at a depth that far exceeds his peers. His English teacher says that Darrin never settles for a surface interpretation of the literature read, instead he continually delves deeper to unearth more complex meanings in the works. His Spanish teacher says Darrin works very well with his classmates, making an effort everyday to improve his Spanish. Mr. Ginger says that Darrin is a successful extemporaneous speaker and a four-year policy debater on the Green Valley High School Speech and Debate Team. This year he has taken on the role of being a student-coach, working with the novice policy debaters, helping them better understand how to construct a debate case, cross-examine their opponents and present an effective rebuttal.

Darrin was born and raised in Las Vegas. He is the proud brother of a former Valedictorian graduate of Green Valley High School. His hobbies include rowing at Lake Mead, which he enjoys because it is unique and it relaxes his disposition, in addition to being great exercise. He has been at GVHS since his freshman year. The thing Darrin likes best about school is the absolute support offered by the school for any academic goal that a student would strive to achieve. Darrin spends most of his time playing a substantial amount of tennis, being a member of the Symphony Orchestra, watching television, socializing with friends, completing schoolwork and completing applications for universities and colleges. However, he always ensures that there is sufficient time in his schedule for simply having fun and enjoying himself.

Darrin's plan for the future is to be accepted to Stanford University, where he hopes to graduate with an Engineering degree. He imagines himself surrounded by tech geeks, with a flash-drive hanging around his neck at all times.

Congratulations to **Darrin Chao** for being selected as the **Green Valley High School Rotary Student of the Month** for **October 2012**.



*“Commitment to
Excellence”*

YOU are the Missing Piece

**Green Valley
Rotarians**

Missing on

Oct. 11, 2012



Larry Bettis, Russ Bowler, Duane Frizell, Kent Ivey, Frank King (LOA), and Steve Tucker.

Make-Ups Completed

None Reported this Week

Visiting Rotarians

**John Chase
Caroline Orzes**

Rotary Club of Boulder City, NV
Rotary Club of Henderson, NV

Guests

**Dick Dailey
Nancy Dailey
Joe Reuber
Darrin Chao
Paul Chao
Ichih Chao
Jeff Horn
Andy Wright
Chelyn Sawyer
Jacob Snow**

Former Henderson Rotarian
Former Henderson Rotarian
Guest of the Club
Student of the Month
Darrin's Father
Darrin's Mother
GVHS Principal
Former GV Rotarian - Guest of Ashley
Guest of Steven S.
Guest Speaker

