

#### **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?

#### **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

## Rotary Recap

By: Lauren Robydek and Larry Skaggs

October 18, 2012

The October 18th meeting opened with the Pledge and some upbeat 90's trivia from Trivia Master Matt (in case you were wondering, the first Kevorkian-assisted suicide took place in 1990, Magic Johnson contracted HIV in 1991, and Mother Theresa and Princess Di both passed in 1997- how uplifting!). While trivia was taking place, attendees were treated to video footage of the club recent winemaking event. Prominently featured in the video was our club wine-making uniform, courtesy of Melind Melinda, Rich, and Jeff: white tee shirts (inviting grape stains) that read, "I came, I stomped, I concord."

Next, Jim S. introduced morning guests: Dr. Michael Harter and Schyler Richards from *Touro University* (who presented our morning program); Jeff Grandy from *Child Focus*; frequent guest Joe Reuber,

**(Frito-Lay)** and **Joe's** guest **Blair Sanders** (and Joe and Blair brought some delicious chips for sampling! We hope to see your shining faces <u>and</u> tasty chips again next week)!



After introducing **Jeff Grandy**, **Jim S.** peppered him with questions in this week's "Lightning Round," a brief interview process geared towards educating members and guests about projects or volunteer opportunities. Jeff provided information on the upcoming *ift of Giving* event, which aims to recreate holiday spirit for separated siblings in foster care. This year's *Gift of Giving* will be held on **Saturday**, **December 1**, from **11:30 am**. to **6** pm., at the *Circus-Circus Adventure Dome*, and there are several ways for **Rotarians** to help out. Jeff provided a list of requested in-kind donations, and he also welcomed **Rotarians** to volunteer on the "day-of" (volunteer applications can be returned to Jeff at the **Nov** 

1 meeting, and they are available on our website in the *Child Focus Projects* folder). Jeff also has 3-foot Christmas trees available, each with about 25 kids' names and gift requests (these can be taken into an office, etc.). It was also mentioned that **District Simplified Grant** request has been submitted to **District 5300**, so hopefully we will soon find out if the **District** will grant an additional \$1500 to the *Gift of Giving* (on top of the club's \$1500 donation).



Next, **President Melinda** inquired if members who had traveled recently had



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## Birthdays



Kent Ivey October 31



Nelda Manna November 13

#### Wedding Anniversaries



Christine L. Smith November-02

Frank King November-29



followed the Margolis
Doctrine (requiring
traveling club members
to procure a gift/club
flag for their president),
and she was delighted
when Susan and Don
each produced
souvenirs. Susan
brought some corks



back from her half-marathon in Healdsburg, and



she and **Melinda** took a moment to remind members about the upcoming meeting for the 21st Club Anniversary party (meeting will be at 6 pm. on Monday, Oct. 22, at Susan's house - emailed details to follow). Next up was **Don**, who had attended an *AOPA* (pilots' association) meeting wearing his **Rotary Rotary** pin. His pin was spotted by the President of the *International F International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR)*, and **Don** was able to bring **Melinda** an *IFFR* hat and very special pin (this pin has flown around the world and been on every continent except Antarctica!) on account of this connection.

Speaking of pins, **Finemaster Mike** took the helm next, and he immediately demanded a pin check. Several members had to cough up a pin buck, and a few more squared off with the Wheel on account of their tardiness. A quick round of voluntary contributions was made, and highlights included ahot pink *GVHS* volleyball shirt for **Jon**, someone tattling on "pin less" visiting **Rotarian Jeff Grandy**, gratitude for the morning speaker, and excitement about attending the approaching BYU/Notre Dame football game. It was also mentioned that **Jack** will be attending the **Henderson Chamber of Commerce's** event next **Thursday**, in case anyone else would like to join him.



After



Happy Bucks and Dammit Dollars, Don took the podium to supplement Jim's introduction of morning speaker Dr. Michael Harter, the President of Touro University. Dr. Harter shared a great deal of information on Touro, which is a Jewish-affiliated, not-for-profit institution that was established in Henderson in 2004. There are about 1,500 students enrolled in Touro's various colleges, and the University employs around 300 faculty and staff. In addition to its academic programs, Touro runs a free clinic for community members without insurance, operates a clinic at the Shade Tree Shelter, and is involved in a number of other charitable/community-oriented efforts in the Vallechyler Richards chimed in near the end of the presentation to offer campus tours to anyone interested, and a few club members attested to the impressiveness of these tours. Schyler mentioned that the University is always in need of support for its Autism Center, and that scholarship funding is also welcome (and that donors have influence over scholarship criteria). All in all, this was a very interesting program, and we are clearly very lucky to have this fine institution in our backyard.

With the raffle pot bursting at the seams (\$493 total!), everyone's hero **Larry S.** pulled a tiny two. Thanks **Larry!** Members recited the **Four-Way Test**, and then the *Projects Committee* gathered for a meeting after the regular meeting (so stay tuned for details on upcoming projects!).

# **YOU are the Missing Piece**

Green Valley Rotarians

Missing on

Oct. 18, 2012



Russ Bowler, Tom Bramlett, Dave Jochman, Frank King (LOA), and Dave McGovern.

### **Make-Ups Completed**

None Reported this Week

### **Visiting Rotarians**

**Jeff Grandy** Rotary Club of LV Red Rock, NV

#### **Guests**

Joe Reuber Blair Sanders Mike Harter Schyler Richards Guest of George Guest of George Guest Speaker Guest Speaker