



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: **Susan Johnson** and **Larry Skaggs**

October 4, 2012

OK. I admit it. I was late for the meeting and had to spin **The Wheel** and accept my fine in the middle of the meeting (I spun a **"N' to the Left,"** meaning **Dave M.** had to pay, hee hee). However, assuming the **October 4th** meeting started as it always does, **Prez Melinda** probably struck the bell, and led our group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and country.

Jim S. was called upon to act as **Trivia Master**. Panama, Peru, and Paraguay are the three countries starting with "P" where the primary language is Spanish. California is the 34th state to come into the United States. Elvis Presley's two-sided single record, containing *"Don't Be Cruel"* and *"Hound Dog"* was the most popular of its day. The *"Tale of Two Cities,"* written by Charles Dickens contained the quote, *"It was the best of times, the worst of times..."*

Jim S. was also called upon to introduce our guests. **Gerry Holinski**, a former **Green Valley Rotarian**, joined us. **Dave Chase**, another visiting **Rotarian** was also there. Last, was **Joe Reuber**, the *FritoLay* Las Vegas Zone Account Manager, who has donated bags of chips to our club's annual **All-Stars Senior's Soccer Tournament**, was our third guest.



In abiding by the **"Margolis Doctrine,"** our members brought gifts from their recent travels. **PP Jeff** presented **Prez Melinda** with a lei from Hawaii, making her the first club president to be "lei'd" in a meeting. **Dave M** went to Whistler, Canada, and he presented **Melinda**



with her third football program.

Melinda announced that **Steve T.** would be reimbursed for his outlay for guests' breakfasts. **Prez Melinda** also provided the members with a copy of our current **Member Orientation Packet** and calendar. She noted that only \$185.00 of our \$1,000.00 annual dues is directed to the club for its expenses.

October 5th marks our next **Rotary Round-Up** which will take place at **Al's Garage** in *The District*. **PP Jeff** announced that **Saturday, October 6th**, at **1:00 p.m.**, will be the first meeting of the winemakers' club, involving de-stemming the grapes. **All Rotarians** are welcome to attend. **Prez Melinda** also announced that **Tuesday, October 9th**, will be a **Board of Directors** meeting at her office, beginning at **5:30 p.m.**

While we did not have a program speaker today, it was announced that the Henderson City Manager, **Jacob Snow**; **Dr. Michael Harter**, the senior provost and CEO of Touro University; and UNLV Head Basketball Coach **David Rice** will be our next three upcoming speakers on **October 11, 18** and **25th**.

PP Mike B. was back as our **Finemaster** today. He commented he recently received a



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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

PP MIKE P. was back as our **rinemaster** today. He commented he recently received a notice from **Tom B.** of the **Nevada Rotary Foundation** meeting. The meeting place was changed from **Wildhorse** to **Melinda's** office. The message indicated that **Tom** was sorry for the "incontinent." (We are assuming he meant "inconvenience????")

Tom was also our "secret greeter," and there were some of us who were fined for not greeting him (probably because we were late). **Dave J.** paid **Lauren's** fine as both of them were caught in the same bad traffic. **PP Jeff** was happy to have gone to Hawaii, and drinking lots of mai tais, but he was "unhappy" as his lovely wife, **Nelda**, was sick. **PP Jim F.** was happy to be volunteering to work the TPC charity golf tournament, which will no longer be featuring Justin Timberlake. He was also happy to have seen "Wicked" with his wife Carol, and winning, via lottery, tickets to front row and paying only \$25 each. **Kent** was happy his daughter received the highest grade in her Chinese class. **Tom B.** had both a **Happy Buck** and a **Dammit Dollar**: his nephew is coming to Las Vegas to get married. In addition, **Tom's** relatives are coming and apparently staying with him.

Dave J. was "vertical and still in the game." **Jim S.** was rooting for the Oregon Ducks, and awaiting anxiously the game with the USC Trojans. **DGN Larry S.** was happy to meet the incoming **Rotary Zone Director**, who laid out some of his programs, including a big push for membership. **Dave M.** was happy he went to Whistler, noting it was beautiful and a place for "fit" people. Visitor **Joe Reuber** donated a **Happy Buck** as the Ohio State Buckeyes won their game. Visiting **Rotarian Dave Chase** was happy his favorite quarterback, Tom Brady of the New England Patriots, had a good game.

It was during this time that **Tom B.** experienced several technology problems with his cell phone as it kept ringing! (...followed quickly each time by a lame excuse...). Other announcements included the UNLV basketball team's Red/Black Scrimmage taking place on **October 18**. It will be the first chance to see the **Rebels** in action. **Dave J.** will be arranging for us to attend a **Wranglers** hockey game as a fellowship event. **Prez Melinda** had good things to say about **George**: He brings guests to our meetings!

Jim S. interviewed **Jon** regarding the Christmas project which he has been conducting for the past 28 years. **Jon** buys toys and accepts donations in form of toys and clothing for our community's needy. The **Interact** clubs wrap the gifts, and they are distributed by **Jon**, **Jon**, acting as "**Santa**," a week before Christmas. Christmas cards signed by our **Rotary club**, which each include a \$2 bill, are also distributed to the homeless. On **December 24**, a large distribution of toys and clothes takes place. Needless to say, **Jon** can always use more help. After all the distributions are done, participants go to **Jon's** house for a crazy hat exchange and to "get drunk" party. **Jon** urges all **Rotarians** to go through their closets and donate gently used clothes. They will be collected at our club meetings and stored until the distribution.

In lieu of a program, **Prez Melinda** requested our club members discuss ideas for increasing membership and raising funds. Last year at this time, we had 45 members, and we are down to 33. The ideas generated from these round-table discussions will be reviewed at the next Board Meeting.



Don was selected by members as **Rotarian of the Month (September)** for arranging such great program speakers. He was asked to pull a raffle ticket and drew ...243. **Jon** was the lucky winner, drawing a face card from the dwindling deck. He won **\$10**, leaving approximately **\$400** in the pot. **Jon** then led our group in reciting the **Four-Way Test** of the *Things We Say Think and Do*. Of course, the meeting ended as it began -- with the clang of the bell.

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





YOU are the Missing Piece

Green Valley

YOU ARE THE MISSING PIECE

Rotarians
Missing on
October 4, 2012



Russ Bowler, Duane Frizell, Jerry Gardberg, Frank King (LOA), Nelda Manna, Matt Newsom, Stephen Silberkraus, Christine Smith, Mike Soden and Brian Whitaker .

Make-Ups Completed

Mike Soden District 7600 Conference, Virginia

Visiting Rotarians

None This Week

Guests

Gerry Holinski	Former Green Valley Rotarian
Joe Reuber	Guest of the Club
Dave Chase	Guest of Steve T. (and former Rotarian)