



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**

September 27, 2012

The **September 27th** meeting opened with a clang of the bell, and making a change in pace **Prez Melinda** asked **Jon** to lead our members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. In honor of our program speaker, **Conner Fields**, **Melinda** described the advertisements, sponsored by the **Great Britain** and **India Rotary Clubs**, which adorned London, the site of the 2012 Olympics, with posters saying "**We're This Close**" to annihilating polio from the face of the planet. Some **Rotarians**, such as **Ken Logan** and **Michael Thorne**, carried the Olympic torch that ultimately lit up the sky during the festivities.

Questions posed by **Matt**, our **Trivia Master**, centered around Presidents and their quotes. While this writer cannot recall all the quotes or who said them, hints were given such as "[t]he 16th President (Lincoln) said..." **FDR** (Franklin Delano Roosevelt) said "There is nothing to fear, but fear itself." **James Madison**, our 4th President, was the Father of the U.S. Constitution.

Visiting **Rotarian** from Hamilton, Montana, **Beau Johnson**, was introduced, and he exchanged flags with **Prez Melinda**. **George** had a flag to present to our club president from a **Rotary Club** in Ohio. There were other travelers from our club who had gifts to present pursuant to the "**Margolis Doctrine**:" **DGN**



Larry presented a pen and note pad from a **Holiday Inn**. **PP Susan** made up for several several trips: She had a club banner to present from her visit to the **Council Grove, Kansas Rotary Club**. She had **Disneyland's Disneyland's Club** 33 pens, wine corks, swizzle sticks and napkin from her Half Marathon Trip during Labor Day weekend. She had a football program from the University of Kansas / Texas Christian University game from her visit to Kansas, and lastly, while absent from the last meeting (September 20), **Susan** acquired

construction defect material from her speaking engagement in San Diego, California.

Lauren gave a report about **Shade Tree** and the need for volunteers to provide birthday cakes and gifts to the children staying there. **PP Jim F.** gave a report regarding the **Nevada Rotary Foundation** meeting that took place on **Tuesday, September 25th**. **Prez Melinda** urged members to attend a picnic sponsored by the **Henderson Rotary Club**, chaired by **Dick** and **Nancy Dailey**. Our next **Rotary Round-Up** will be **Friday, October 5th**, at **Al's Garage** located in *The District*.

Next on the agenda were **Fines**, **Happy Bucks** and **Dammit Dollars**, and it was there **DG Norm DG Nominee Larry S.** took the floor to collect the greenbacks. Although **Brian** claimed he was not late (just talking with **Ashley** as she was manning the table outside), he was instructed to spin **The Wheel**, and spun, of all things, an "**F**," meaning **Finemaster Larry** had to pay his fine. **Dave J.** had a story (excuse) about why he was late, but spun a "**T**," meaning the entire table of folks where he was sitting had to pay a fine. Those not wearing their **Rotary** pins were fined -- did only our visiting **Rotarian Beau** not wear his pin??? **PE Mike S.** was the "**Secret Greeter**," and **Dave J.** and **Jay** had to pay fines for forgetting to greet him. **Matt** and **Steve** had birthdays to celebrate, and our club members did so with our own (really, really) had rendition of "**Happy Birthday**."





Susan Holland Johnson
Club
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and so with our own (really, really) bad rendition of **happy birthday**.

With respect to "**Happy Bucks and Dammit Dollars**," **Dave J.** was happy to be "vertical, still in the game." He also celebrated his wife's (Sharon's) birthday by taking her to "Wicked" at the **Smith Center**. And was he happy or sad **Illinois** lost? **Jim S.** was happy the **Oregon Ducks** won, and he is awaiting its game with **USC**. **Steve** was happy to have attended his class reunion, but unhappy to see that only *old* people attended. **Jay** was happy to have attended the Shakespeare festival in Cedar City, Utah. **Steve W.** was happy to be in business for his first six weeks.

Birthdays



Matthew Newsom
September 26



Stephen T. Tucker
September 30



Christine L. Smith
October 12



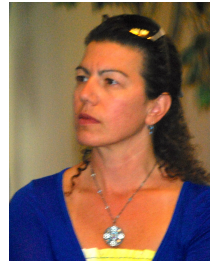
Ashley Mahaney
October 16



Frank King
October 18



Kent Ivey
October 31



We were all sad **Marielaina** will be leaving our club as a member, but we wish her well in starting her new snack (chips) business. Visiting **Rotarian Beau** was happy to be here to breathe fresh air given the fires that are occurring in Montana. **PP Jim F.** was happy **UNLV** won against the Air Force, and that **Dave J.** is going to Italy. **Kent's** 15-year-old daughter is driving him crazy. **PE Mike S.** is happy the **Vikings** won against the **Packers**. **Prez Melinda** was happy to spend a day with her 92-year-old client.

Jim S. gave **Lauren** a quiz on projects, which included the **Corazon Super Build**, a 1-day project with District 5300 which will occur on **April 13**. It is a hands-on project where we expect to build four homes for folks in Mexico (a village south of Tecate). In order to

acquire one of these homes, the recipients had to engage a certain number of hours in community service.

Next on the agenda was hearing our program speaker, **Conner Fields**. Connor is an Olympian, who represented the United States in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, England in the BMX competition. Connor is a 2010 graduate of Green Valley High School, who has been competing in BMX since he was age 7. His career started when his mother saw a flyer at a bike shop announcing BMX racing, and thought it would be something of interest to Connor. By ages 9 and 10, Connor was competing at the national level. In 2003, the International Olympic Committee announced BMX would be a competing Olympic sport as of 2008, hoping to bring in the interest of younger viewers. Incidentally, rugby and golf will be Olympic competing sports as of 2016 (you had better start practicing now, **George**).



Wedding Anniversaries

None this month.



In 2008, Conner watched the Olympics and it was then he decided he would work to compete in 2012. He talked about his sacrifices, which included training instead of fun, while in high school. In 2010, he made the national levels, and was eligible to compete in the World Cup at age 17, when he won his first Junior Elite World Cup competition. He won two World Cup titles in 2011 and four in 2012. To earn his spot on the U.S. Olympic Team where only three men can compete, he had to win his trials, which he did in early summer 2012. He has trained

in Australia for three months, and notably, spent much training time in Chula Vista, California.

Conner discussed his experiences at the 2012 Olympics where he won all quarter trials, and ultimately, placed 7th in the main race. He indicated he was not just there for the Olympic experience, and was considered a "medal or bust" athlete. He met many athletics including the gymnastic "Fierce 5" and the fastest man in the world, Usain Bolt. There is no question Conner will work to make the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team and win a gold medal.

Next on the agenda was the raffle, and Conner was asked to pick the winning ticket -- **David L. David L.** was the lucky winner who drew an "8" from the remaining deck of cards, winning **\$8**. Conner was asked to lead our group in reciting the **Four Way Test** of the **Things We Think, Say and Do**. Of course, the meeting ended as it began -- with the clang of the bell.

Rotary Round-Up



Friday
October 5, 2012

Al's Garage



**in
The District**

The first Rotary Round-up of this year will take place at **Al's Garage** this **Friday, October 5th** beginning at **5:00 PM**. You can come any time after that.

No RSVP is needed.
Rotarians, friends, family, kids and dogs are invited.
Everyone pays for themselves.

We get together to have a drink, alcoholic or not, eat, talk, and whatever else comes up. So, please join us if you're available. Bring anyone you'd like.

YOU are the Missing Piece

Green Valley Rotarians

Missing on

Sept. 27, 2012

Russ Bowler, Tom Bramlett, Jack Ewing, Duane Frizell, Jerry Gardberg, Frank King (LOA), Jeff Manna, Nelda Manna, Dave McGovern, Mike Peterson, Stephen Silberkraus and Christine Smith.

Make-Ups Completed

None Reported This Week

Visiting Rotarians

Beau Johnson
Rotary Club of
Hamilton, Montana



Guests

Connor Fields

Guest Speaker