



This Week's Program

August 22, 2013

Presenters: Neal Smatrsk, UNLV President

Program: The state of UNLV



Dr. Neal J. Smatrsk was appointed president of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas on Aug. 6, 2009. Under his direction, UNLV has hit a number of milestones and academic achievements, positioning the university as a leader in the dynamic Intermountain West.

Smatresk helped wrap up a record-breaking \$537 million fundraising campaign, the largest campaign in the history of Nevada's higher education system. His efforts, in particular, led to a \$12.6 million donation from the Engelstad Family Foundation to support what is now the largest active scholarship program in the university's 52-year history. He also secured a donation from the Lincy Foundation to establish The Lincy Institute, and he forged a partnership with the highly respected Brookings Institution to establish its first foray west of the Mississippi: UNLV's Brookings Mountain West. Together, Brookings Mountain West and The Lincy Institute provide UNLV with a comprehensive platform for addressing education, health care, social systems, and public policy.

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Sergeant-at-Arms:

08/22 Nancy Dailey

08/29 Dick Dailey

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08/22 Jim Paxton

08/29 Christine Smith

Rotary Recap

By: Michael Soden

August 15, 2013

President **Mike** rang the bell and invited club members to get some breakfast and enjoy fellowship.

The portion started around 7:15 with visiting Rotarian **Raghada Khoury** leading the members in the Pledge.

Donna Costa, new Rotarian to our club and this week's SAA introduced: **Linda Bertuzzi**, AG and member of Las Vegas Fremont Club, **Raghada Khoury**, District Ignite Chair and member of the Apple Valley Club.

Announcements

SOAR program: Linda Bertuzzi announced the Twelfth Annual Safety Officer Award Recognition (SOAR) program in the Chambers of the Clark County Commissioners. The date is 09/09/2013 at 9:30 am. They would like as many club members as possible to attend.

In addition, she presented a \$500.00 sponsorship check for the 21st Birthday event. **THANK YOU!!!!**

Thank you Don Havins: IPP Melinda presented Don Havins with a long over due thank you for his work last year with the club. Don has not been with us for the past several weeks due to a broken back he suffered. Congratulations Don!



Making Wine Event: Susan Johnson announced that they have sold 18 cases of wine and just needed two more. **Dave Jochman** and **Gerry Holinski** stepped and purchased the last two remaining cases. The party is on members. Last year's event was a blast and would expect the same this year. The wine of choice was Pinto Noir.

21st Birthday Event: PP **Susan Johnson** and IPP **Melinda Margolis** provided updated information. The club is doing a great job in obtaining silent auction items. As of this moment we have sold 20 tickets. We need at least 100 to break even and pay for the event. Anything over that will go to help finance our charitable donations for the rest of the year. All of the sponsorships and silent auction money will be donated to the foundation. Those funds will also be drawn as needed for charity projects like Teacher Mini-Grant. Ticket Sales are of immediate concern.

Barrel of Booze Reminder: Please be sure to bring a bottle of your beverage and add to our Barrel of Booze raffle.

President **Mike** spoke of the importance to sell as many tickets as possible. He asked each member to try and sell 4 tickets. This would mean based on 40 members we would hit our goal of 160 sold tickets.

Presentation



Our Newest Paul Harris Fellows: PP **Susan Johnson**, Club Foundation Chair presented **Shannon Hoolihan-Wilcox** a Paul Harris Fellow Award made possible by her father **Jon Hoolihan**. Because of **Jon's** donation of \$1000.00, **Susan** did her magic and was able to present **Jon** with his +1 PHF award. Congratulations to you both.

Happy Fines

Larry Skaggs tested us on Rotary trivia again. The question: What was the first country outside the USA to charter a club. After several wrong answers. The answer was..... Cuba.

Fine Master Larry Skaggs called up latecomers to spin the wheel. And for the first time in a long time. Some might even say decades long. Dave Jockman was not one of those. Will wonders never cease.

Lots of happy bucks were collected

Program



Linda Bertuzzi, Las Vegas Fremont

Raghada Khoury, Apple Valley

Guests

None Reported

President Mike introduced Raghada Khoury, PP of Apple Valley, XAide to Miles Petroff, Participant Coordinator for RLYA and TLC. Oh and also the Ignite Chairperson for the district.

Raghada provided information of current membership trends. We have been at 1.2 million Rotarians for 10 years. This past year the district dropped several hundred members even after the addition of the Antelope Valley Clubs from another district. Based on the decline in North American membership. The RI board is considering moving the RI HQ to another country. All service clubs are seeing the same challenges.

To assist with curbing the downward trend Zones 25 - 26 have introduced a membership/retention program called Ignite. The trials have been very successful. The district is asking our club to get on board with it. It is based on certain tasks that relate to club membership responsibilities. Each task completed assigns points. The member with the most point at the end of the Rotary year will receive a tablet. The club will be recognized as a Premier club at the District Conference in May.

Each week we will have a board so that all members will see their progress. Any member can also view their status in DACdb. There was a module built to track the program.

Raffle: The pot is huge. Well over \$600. There are still two jokers and about 24 cards remain.

See you all next Thursday!

Visiting Rotarians

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

Michael Soden
President

Jack R Ewing
President-Elect

Shelia R. Callum
Vice President

Melinda Margolis
iPast President

Jay Larsen
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Jim Servino
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Christine L. Smith
Club Director

Larry Skaggs
Club Director

Caroline A. Orzes
Club Director, Public Relations Chair

Nancy Dailey
Club Director, Membership Chair

Susan Holland Johnson
Club Director, Rotary Foundation Chair

Robert D Frizell
Projects Chair, Club Director

Birthdays

No birthdays found.

Wedding Anniversaries

Thomas E. Bramlett
Aug 22

Michael Soden
Aug 23

Jay Larsen
Aug 25

David L. McGovern
Sep 05

Events

August 2013

08/22 - Weekly Meeting: Neal Smatrsk, UNLV President
08/29 - Weekly Meeting: Taras Krysa, Conductor, Henderson Orchestra
08/31 - Register now for wine in the fall!

September 2013

09/05 - Weekly Meeting: Director's Meeting
09/10 - September Board of Director's Meeting
09/12 - Weekly Meeting: Pam Noyes on the Affordable Care Act
09/14 - Green Valley's 21st Birthday Party!
09/19 - Weekly Meeting: Linda Bertuzzi, Asst Dist Governor on Polo Plus