



This Week's Program

August 29, 2013

Presenter: Taras Krysa, Director of the Henderson Symphony Orchestra



Program: Conductor of the Henderson Orchestra will present updates on the orchestra and the upcoming season.

Taras Krysa serves as the director of orchestras at UNLV and music director of the Henderson Symphony Orchestra.

Krysa was born in Kiev, Ukraine to a musical family and began his formal studies as a violinist at the Moscow Conservatory. After moving to United States, Krysa continued his studies at Indiana University and Northwestern University both in violin and conducting. His conducting teachers have included Victor Yampolsky, Jorma Paunola and David Zinman. As a violinist, Krysa has won positions with the New World Symphony orchestra and St. Louis Symphony Orchestras.

In recent seasons his conducting appearances have included National Ukrainian Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra van het Oosten, New World Symphony, St. Petersburg Symphony, Moscow Soloists, Slovak Sinfonietta, Spoleto Festival Chamber Orchestra, Kiev Chamber Orchestra and the Lublin Philharmonic Orchestra. He has made three critically acclaimed recordings for the Brilliant Classics label. Krysa has also served as Principal Conductor of the Ukrainian State Symphony Orchestra, which he led on the several European tours with the appearance at the Concertgebouw Hall.

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Rotary Recap

By: Jim Paxton

August 22, 2013

President Mike rang the late bell and invited members and guests to enjoy breakfast and fellowship. **Mike** began the meeting at 7:15 and asked for the introduction of guests by Sergeant-at-Arms **Nancy Dailey**. The Club welcomed prospective member **Jeff Bills**, a past president from Van Nuys CA, and **David Chase**, also a past President from Winchester, MA. **Rampur Viswanate**, a past district governor from eastern Washington, was introduced. Guests **Jeanie Neil**, from Sidney Australia, and **Chelyn Sawyer** was also presented. Guest **Betty Mahalik**, from Summerlin Rotary, urged GV Rotarians to attend the SOAR Awards, September 9, 9:00 a. m., at the Clark County Courthouse honoring police and firemen who have performed extraordinary service.

Christine Smith requested volunteers to attend certification training for District grant applications. Those interested should contact her.

Next, **Darcy Dougherty** displayed shirt designs with the Rotary logo, available for club members to purchase in order to promote club recognition while performing our community projects. **Darcy** said that \$5 from each purchase would be retained by Green Valley Rotary.

Anniversary Party Chair **Susan Johnson** reported that silent auction item collection is going well, but ticket sales are not as successful, with only 35 currently signed up. **Susan** said that a puppy has been donated for a "live auction" during the event. We have recently added tickets and memorabilia provided from presidential libraries, and a lunch with **Henderson Mayor Hafen** has also been added. **Melinda Margolis** presented an award to **Judy Lloyd** for being the first to submit five perspective invitees.

Larry Skaggs discussed the Rotary Rose Parade Float, saying that the workers per shift have been reduced from 50 to 40. He urged members to join the decoration effort, and he will be announcing a trip to Pasadena during the holiday season.

President Mike was recognized for his 33rd anniversary and **Jay Larsen** for number 25. **Fine Master Larry** added to the Club's coffers by calling meeting latecomers to spin the fine wheel.

Summerlin Rotary's **Betty Mahalik** announced that her club will again be sponsoring a wine event in November, in order to raise funds for the high school musical talent in her area.

Happy bucks came from **Nancy Dailey** for her and **Dick's** coming trip to "the sinkhole capital of the world" in Florida. **George Baggott** was happy that a long baby-sitting stint with his grandchild ends tomorrow. **Jon Hoolihan** was happy that his dog is better. **Christine Smith** was happy that law pro bono classes are available through UNLV.



Program Chair **Jim Frey** introduced the day's speaker, UNLV President **Neal Smatresk**. **Dr. Smatresk** has been UNLV president since August, 2009. **Smatresk** opened by saying that he is happy that things are much better at the University than they were two years ago, when he last addressed the Club. Not only is the financial situation improved, but the University has drawn its largest incoming class with the best students ever, representing all 50 states and 80 different countries.

"We have attracted six National Merit Scholars, the most ever. Our dorm population is going from about 900 to more than 1,600, an all-time record." **Smatresk** explained that even more beds are needed, and the University is planning two to three thousand more beds in a new development, north of Hamm Hall. These graduate student and faculty "resort apartments" will add to the diversification of housing offered at UNLV.

Smatresk said studies are showing that Nevada is one of the two least expensive states for higher education. "UNLV is recognized as the leader for food, lodging and gaming education," he said, "but we need to strengthen health care, technology, solar renewables and unmanned vehicle technology." He described how bio-medicine and a transplant center have strongly aided Houston, TX, in coming back from the oil bust of several years ago. Las Vegas needs more than gaming and the university is attempting to diversify its offerings.

The University costs the state of Nevada \$126 million per year. The financial return is three dollars cash generated for each dollar the State spends. The direct economic impact to the State is \$1.5 billion per year from the University, by way of grants, contracts, sports events, and direct money spent.

"If we look at what has happened in Utah, at the University of Utah, we could do even better," said **Dr. Smatresk**. "Instead of a return on investment of 3:1, we could be at 6 or 8 to one, as is the University of Utah. UNLV is currently graduating only 80 with advanced technical degrees each year. We need 200 tech-ready grads per year to grow the community the way we could."

During questions and answers, **Smatresk** said he thinks chances are better than fifty-fifty that a new stadium will be built. He said that Las Vegas is the biggest city in the county without a covered stadium, and he estimated that a new stadium would generate an additional \$400-500 thousand per year.

Larry Skaggs won \$10 in the drawing, and he led the Club in the Four Way Test before adjournment.

Visiting Rotarians

Betty Mahalik, Las Vegas Summerlin

Sharon King, Las Vegas Summerlin

Rampur Viswanath, PDG, Eastern Washington

Guests

Jeff Bills

Dr Neal Smatresk - guest speaker

Chelyn Sawyer - guest of Stephen Silberkraus

Jeanie Neil - guest Stephen Silberkraus

David Chase - guest of Steve Tucker

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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Susan Holland Johnson
Club Director, Rotary Foundation Chair

Robert D Fritzel
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
08/29 - Weekly Meeting: Taras Krysa, Conductor, Henderson Orchestra

September 2013
09/05 - Weekly Meeting;
09/10 - September Board of Director's Meeting
09/12 - Weekly Meeting: Pam Noyes on the Affordable Care Act
09/19 - Weekly Meeting: Linda Bertuzzi, Asst Dist Governor on Folio Plus