



This Week's Program

July 11, 2013

Presenters: Board Presentation

Program: The 2013-14 board of directors will be providing the club information on their new assigned areas.

Rotary Recap

By: Susan Johnson and Jim Paxton

June 20, 2013

The meeting opened with our Rotarian of the Month and Past Prez **Michael Peterson** leading our members and guests in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Sgt. at Arms **Jim Servino** then was called upon to pepper our group with trivia concerning the "Sopranos," in honor of the series' star, James Gandolfini, who played Tony Soprano and recently died at age 51 in Rome, Italy. Eighty-six (86) episodes were produced; the character of Tony's mother was based upon the mother of the series' creator, David Chase. Steven Van Zandt not only was an actor in the series, but he is a member of the Bruce Springsteen band.

Sheila Callum introduced our guests: **Donna Costa** and **Gerry Holinski**, who both have submitted applications for induction into our club. Notably, Donna, who originally from New York, was a member of the Salt Lake City club, whose membership reaches 300. The membership cost for that club is \$125 per month, and \$300 initiation, compared to our club's \$1,000 annual fees, and \$100 initiation. Gerry is a former member and we are happy he is returning!

Past Prez **Melinda Margolis** broke down the \$1,000 annual fees, which include approximately \$600 for meals/breakfasts, \$100 is paid to Rotary International Foundation as a Sustaining Contribution as we are a "Sustaining Member" club. Approximately \$115 is paid for district and international dues, leaving \$185 to pay club expenses. Obviously, as our club desires to contribute/donate funds to various entities/charities, including \$900 for the Student of the Month gift cards, and Teacher Mini-Grants, we need to focus on member donations and/or fundraising.

Past Prez **Melinda Margolis** presented the Spark Plug Award, given his hard work on the 21st Anniversary Party Committee, acquiring donations of food for our Annual High School Seniors All Stars Soccer Tournament in May, and generally "coming out of his shell." George B. reminded our club members of the 21st Anniversary Party taking place September 14, 2013 at Lake Las Vegas and that a big feature of the cocktail party will be the silent auction items. We need to raise at least \$15,000 net to make the donations/contributions within our club's budget for 2013-2014. We need our members to sell tickets to get at least 200 attendees!

The De-Bunking Party will be held June 27th, and members will receive credit for attending. Members' cost will be \$25 and guests/spouses \$35. Registration can be done on-line through our club's website.

Next on the agenda was the "Margolis Doctrine," where members taking vacations, business trips and the like, must present our president a "gift" or souvenir of their travels. **Nancy and Dick Dalley** attended a "make-up" meeting at their former club, the Monsey Sunrise Club in Indiana. They noted the program speaker was the Secretary of State whose topic was "voter fraud." They also reported an exchanging of flags. They presented Melinda with a brochure from Santa Claus, Indiana, a golf ball collection set from the Indy 500, and a game schedule of the Indian Baseball Team. **Jim Paxton** went to New York City, and presented Melinda with a used subway ticket and coffee mug—unfortunately, he did not attend a Rotary meeting there. **Lauren Robydek** went to Los Angeles and Montana, and presented Melinda with alcohol, Chicklets and antlers!

Past Prez **Mike P.** was presented his May Rotarian of the Month pin, and he was given his last chance to act as Finemaster, and acquiring "Damn It Dollars/Happy Bucks." **Brian Whitaker**, **Steve Silberkraus**, **Dave Jochman** and **Darcy Dougherty** were tardy for the meeting and had to spin the wheel. **Brian W.** and **Dave J.** spun a "2" and had to pay \$2; **Steve S.** spun "F" for Finemaster, meaning **Mike P.** had to pay his fine, and **Darcy** got 2 chances at the wheel (as the first spin did not make a full turn) for a "2." Members "ratted out" Past Prez **Melinda**, who was looking at her cell phone during the meeting. Past Prez **Mike P.** was happy to visit and see his father for the first time in 8 years. Unfortunately, the plan to see a White Sox game, tour of the facility and see the World Series cup was cancelled due to weather. **Kent Ivey** moved into a new office, and paid a fine for not wearing his Rotary pin. He also paid a "damn it dollar" as his daughter's car rolled into another while parked at the District. **Vice President Jack Ewing** went on vacation in the wilderness (meaning Uncle **Jon Hoolihan's** cabin in Pioche, NV), Baker, NV (Great Basin National Park) and he noted his daughter, Rachel, even had a great time fishing and eating fish! **Jim S.** was happy he is becoming Club Treasurer and having a great mentor in **Neida Manna**. **Jim P.** was unhappy he gained 8 pounds while visiting New York City. **Judy Lynn**, our newest member, is learning she cannot take her Name Badge home! **Nancy D.** noted her son's dog ate his vertical blinds. **Dick D.** was happy about University of Iowa's baseball team. **Darcy D.'s** family is in town and they all saw the Michael Jackson show with a good time had by all. **Dave J.** is vertical and still in the game, noting **Nancy D.** was dressed in Iowa Hawkeye colors even though she attended Indiana. He also made some comments directed to **Christine Smith**, who happily admits she is a Democrat and has Obama's signature and picture on two golf balls in her office. **Gerry H.** was happy he was submitting his membership application and he is now a member of the Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) Board. He is also happy to be attending the Republican Men's Meeting tonight. **Lauren R.** had a damn-it dollar as she could not attend next meeting, but was happy her reason was she would be in Hawaii. Past Prez **Larry Betts** was happy his daughter and son-in-law are celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversary. Past Prez **Susan Johnson** was happy **David Lee** acquired show tickets, a DVD and Video donated by the singing group, Human Nature, for our club's silent auction. Past Prez **Mike P.** "ratted out" both **Caroline Orzes** and **Sheila Callum** for being pictured in the newspaper's society page (or did he call it the fish wrap?) for Opera Las Vegas and not wearing their Rotary pins.

Past-Elect **Michael Soden** was our Program Speaker, and he laid out plans for the 2013-2014 year. The Theme is "Engage Rotary, Change Lives." Our club will have trivia, but it will be questions of our members each week. Every member will be a Sergeant at Arms for at least one meeting. Board meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Wildhorse Golf Club, 5:30 p.m., with the first one being July 9th. He also presented the budget for the next year, and a detailed version will be available on our club's website. We have financial goals of reaching at least \$14,000 in contributions/fundraising through Sponsorships and Silent Auction at the 21st Anniversary Party. We will have other goals of reaching 100 percent membership as Paul Harris Fellows—we are currently at 75%. We also have goals of increasing our membership from 35 to 44 and increasing funds in our club's charity foundation. Mike also will be sending the members an e-mail which will have a link to register for the DeBunking Party.

Unfortunately, given the time, this writer to leave, and cannot report regarding the remainder of the meeting.

Visiting Rotarians

None to Report

Guests

Gerry Holinski
(Guest of Club)

Donna Costa
(Guest of Havins, Weldon E. MD JD)

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

 **Sheila R. Callum**
Vice President

 **Melinda Margolis**
iPast President

 **Jay Larsen**
Secretary

 **Jim Servino**
Treasurer

 **Lauren Robydek**
Sergeant-at-Arms

 **Christine L. Smith**
Club Director

 **Larry Skaggs**
Club Director

 **Caroline A. Orzes**
Club Director, Public Relations Chair

 **Nancy Dalley**
Club Director, Membership Chair

 **Susan Holland Johnson**
Club Director, Rotary Foundation Chair

 **Robert D Frizell**
Projects Chair, Club Director

Birthdays


 **David H Lee**
July 07

 **David Joseph Jochman**
July 09

 **Russell K Bowler**
July 12

 **Larry Skaggs**
July 12

 **Mike Peterson**
August 04

 **Caroline A. Orzes**
August 09

Wedding Anniversaries

 **Jack R Ewing**
Jul 10

 **Kent Ivey**
Jul 29

Events

July 2013
07/11 - Weekly Meeting: Board Presentation
07/15 - Weekly Meeting:
07/25 - Weekly Meeting:

