



## This Week's Program

June 13, 2013



**Presenter:** State Senator Joe Hardy

**Program:** The Senator will update us on the significant laws passed by the Legislature which completed its session last week.

### Rotary Recap

**By:** Lauren Rudydek and Michael Soden

June 6, 2013

**Larry B.** kicked off the June 6th meeting of the **Rotary Club of Green Valley** by leading attendees in reciting the Pledge, and we moved right into trivia with man-of-many-talents **Jim S.** If you were curious, the Pair-A-Dice Casino was the very first one opened on the Strip, Hawaii is the widest US state, Minnesota boasts over 90,000 miles of shoreline, Arizona is leading domestic copper producer, and PP-Susan knows how Louisiana got its name (she was put on the spot for this one).

Switching gears, **Jim S.** wrapped up trivia and acted as our "Sheila" for the day, he introduced the morning guests. This list was comprised of **Dr. Nicole Cavanagh**, morning program from Touro University, repeat visitor and high end travel agent **Sara Raney**, Red Rock Rotarian **Jeff Grandy** from Child Focus, and Gerry H. (who will hopefully officially rejoin the club soon!).



President **Melinda** brought **Jeff Grandy** up to the front next, and **Jeff** provided a brief summary on what Child Focus does (which is facilitate bonding between siblings who are living separately in foster care). **Jeff** thanked us for the goods the club donated after the All-Star Soccer Tournament, and also expressed gratitude for the items brought in today. All of these donations will go with **Jeff** to Child Focus's "Camp to Belong" event, a week-long summer camp that will re-unite 95 brothers and sisters (with the help of some 50+ volunteers).

After **Jeff** was re-seated, **Nelda** made a quick announcement about the billing for inclusion in the All-Star Soccer game program; \$25 will be added to your regular invoice if you advertised with a business card, so keep an eye out.

PP **Susan** joined President **Melinda** in the front of the room to talk about the club's upcoming 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Party, and they reminded everyone that we still need donations for the silent auction. The party will be the evening of September 14, at Ravello, at Lake Las Vegas, and tickets will be \$65 a person (drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served). This just in: PP **Susan** has procured the donation of a helicopter ride with Metro, and a CSI experience- way to go, **Susan!** These promise to both be big ticket items (a helicopter ride recently brought in some \$1700 at another fundraiser!), and President **Melinda** gave **Susan** with a sparkplug award for all her efforts on this shindig. We have a lot of great items lined up already (Susan thanked **George** for his donations, and said he was "the bomb"), but we still need more, and we also need to get LOTS of people to attend (we're aiming for 200+!) **Susan** also mentioned that there is an option to book a discounted room overnight after the party (\$99/night), and a link to this coupon will soon be available on our website.

Substitute Finemaster **Larry** took the helm next, and he kicked things off with a remarkable rendition of "Happy Birthday" for the club's May babies. Even with our ears bleeding, **Larry** was able to raffle off an orphan Rotary polo shirt, collecting \$11 from **Don** (who got the shirt for speaker **Dr. Cavanagh**). There weren't really any latecomers, but **Larry** did catch a few folks who weren't wearing a Rotary pin. Voluntary contributions came next, and highlights included two anniversaries, a great Smith Center show, several graduations, a mother-in-law visit, a fractured collarbone!, important birthdays, a trip to cooler weather, a reminder about the Round Up tomorrow (last one to be held at Nacho Daddy- 5:30pm to 7), an email message from **Dave A.** (he's still vertical, but did not mention being in the game?!?), and the shaming/celebration of member **Jerry G.**

**Melinda** busted **Jerry's** chops because a longtime acquaintance of his had no idea that **Jerry** was in Rotary (she apparently sounded incredulous, even), and she patted his back in sharing that another longtime friend confirmed that **Jerry** always wore his Rotary pin on the golf course. In observance of the Margolis Doctrine, **Nelda** gave **Melinda** a Tarheels shot glass from North Carolina, and **Jim S.** gave her some Trapp's yellow corn meal from South Carolina. Finally, President **Melinda** was fined for not wearing her badge, and we then moved on to the morning program.

**Don** again introduced **Dr. Nicole Cavanagh**, who has a PhD in Psychology, and is the Director of the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities at Touro University. **Dr. Cavanagh** briefly defined the three main developmental disabilities, described how they present, and explained the behavioral, occupational, and speech therapies used to help those afflicted. A few critical take home messages were: 1. To pay close attention to the children in your life, because early detection drastically improves the likelihood of significant progress through therapy, and 2. 1 in 88 children is diagnosed with autism, so it's time to remove the stigma. **Dr. Cavanagh** also debunked the theory that inoculation causes autism; this is completely untrue. There is likely a hereditary predisposition for these disabilities, but research in this field is still pretty young. After **Dr. Cavanagh** answered several questions, President **Melinda** thanked her for providing a wonderful program, and presented her with a Teacher Mini-Grant Donation Plaque. **Melinda** also pointed out how lucky we all are to have received **Dr. Cavanagh's** business card and an open invitation to contact her.

To close out the meeting, President **Melinda** announced that our Rotarian of the Month for May is one absent **Mike P.**, so she'll have to "pin" him next week. **Dr. Cavanagh** picked **George's** raffle ticket as the winner, but that sweet guy only lifted \$3. Better luck next week, everyone- we've got a pot of some \$400 building! Members recited the Four Way Test and the meeting was adjourned.



### Visiting Rotarians

**Jeff Grandy**  
(Las Vegas Red Rock)

### Guests

**Nicole Cavanagh**  
(Guest Speaker)

**Gerry Holinski**  
(Guest of Club)

**Sara Raney**  
(Guest of Melinda Margolis)

## 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

 **Melinda Margolis**  
President

 **Michael Soden**  
President-Elect

 **Jay Larsen**  
Secretary, Vice President


 **Ashley Mahaney**  
iPast President


 **Nelda Manna**  
Treasurer

 **Jack R Ewing**  
Club Director, Service Projects Chair

 **Jim Servino**  
Sergeant-at-Arms

 **Christine L. Smith**  
Club Director

 **Larry Skaggs**  
Club Director, Public Relations Chair

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

### Birthdays

 **Sheila R. Callum**  
June 25

 **Jeff C. Manna**  
June 29

 **James Frey**  
June 29

 **David H Lee**  
July 07

 **David Joseph Jochman**  
July 09

 **Larry Skaggs**  
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### Events

June 2013  
06/13 - Club Meeting - State Senator Joe Hardy  
06/17 - 21st Birthday Committee Meeting  
06/20 - Club Meeting - Mike Soden  
06/27 - Debunking Party at 6pm!!!  
No club morning meeting today  
July 2013  
07/04 - Happy 4th of July - No Club Meeting