



This Week's Program

September 5, 2013

Presenter: Gail Marie Beckman a born cruciverbalist



Program: She Puts Words to Work in a Puzzling Profession.

It's said that everyone's born with a talent. Some of us are born carpenters; others are born dancers. Gail Marie is a born cruciverbalist.

A cruciverbalist, (kroo-suh-vur-buh-list), is a designer or aficionado of crossword puzzles. She is both.

She wrote her first crossword in 1990 as a training tool for cable TV. It bothered her that co-workers would spell cable: C-A-B-E-L, so she developed a puzzle comprised of cable television terminology that couldn't be completed unless you spelled everything correctly. After writing three training crosswords for the company, then getting requests for personalized puzzles, she broke away and started Custom Crosswords.

customcrosswords.com

Sergeant-at-Arms:

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Rotary Recap

By: Christine Smith & Jim Paxton

August 29, 2013

After a good breakfast and some hearty fellowship, **President Mike** started off the meeting with the traditional clang of the bell and the pledge to our nation's flag.

We had a full house, including guests **Steve Rice**, **Jeff Bills**, **Andy Hall**, **Bob Dworkin** (soon to be inducted) and **Liz Burns** (Guest of **Ashley Mahaney**).

"Who Am I?" a new meeting feature, highlighted Past- President **Mike Peterson**. It did not take us long to guess our club's first resident Hoosier and devoted White Sox fan!

Darcy Dougherty showed us samples of the Green Valley Rotary shirts we can order. If you do not have a club shirt, be sure to order one soon.

Susan Johnson updated all club members on the September 14, Club 21st Anniversary Party. Register now, bring all your friends, and support the Club's major fundraiser!! Club members have worked hard to get outstanding silent auction items and to plan a fun evening. Keep bringing your contributions to our raffle item, a wheelbarrow of booze.

We have assembled a great group of wine makers for this year's barrel of wine (pinot noir) at Grape Expectations. Start thinking about a name for our barrel, and be sure to tell **Susan** the dates you are not available to gather to stem the grapes.

Larry Skaggs' trivia for the day highlighted the Rotary Anns, founded in 1914. Women have been included as members of Rotary since 1987. Go back in time to 1983 or 84, and there might have been women walking into the House of Friendship, but these women weren't Rotarians. They might have been a Rotary Ann or the spouse of a Rotarian. Today, approximately 16% of Rotarians are women.

A long line of late comers spun the wheel to fill the club's coffers.

Happy Bucks was kicked off by **Mike Peterson** who was happy his Hoosiers are undefeated (come on, **Mike** – we know they have not played a game yet!). **Jack** paid a buck in honor of **Dave** who looked "sharp". **Jocko** remarked that **Jack** thought he looked sharp because he was dressed in very similar clothes! LOL! **Jack** was also delighted that his son **Joshua** was happy to see him when he returned home after being away a few days. **Jocko** was happy that his Fighting Illini are undefeated. **Larry** was happy about his new ride – a jeep for his Mexican get- aways. **Melinda** was happy to see **Liz Burns** and to meet **Don Havin's** student. **Darcy** is happy that her family will all be together in Illinois for Thanksgiving. **Don** threw in money because his table was talking about the geography of Nevada, and he did not remember the student whom **Melinda** met at the gym. **Shannon** was happy the **Hoolihan** family will celebrate 20 years in Pioche for the Labor Day holiday. **Jim** was happy that **Barry Thibodeau** donated a beach bike for our silent auction. **Caroline** was happy that we had representatives from the Henderson Symphony Orchestra with us. **Russ** was happy that he travelled with family to San Francisco, but next time just he and his wife will go. **Sheila** was happy that we had a full house at the club meeting.

Sheila introduced our guest speaker, **Taras Krysa**, director of the Henderson Symphony Orchestra.

Taras is also the director of orchestras at UNLV. Krysa, a talented violinist, was born in Kiev Ukraine. He came to Las Vegas in 2006.



The Henderson Symphony Orchestra started 27 years ago when four musicians got together in the gym at Basic High School. They have expanded their audience from 150 to 1200. The Symphony offers a free concert series with nine performances. They perform throughout the year for school children, giving them an early introduction to classical music. Additionally, young talented musicians can audition to perform with the symphony. Upcoming performances will feature **Wagner** (October 4) and world renown soloist, **Luana Devoil**. The Henderson Symphony receives funding from the City of Henderson and in-kind support.

Taras told us that he hopes that the Symphony will have a permanent concert hall venue within the next ten years.

The pot for our weekly drawing had grown to a whopping \$735. **George Baggott** drew the winning ticket and got a six from the deck of cards. There are still two jokers in the deck – so be sure to come next week. You could be the lucky winner of nearly \$800.

Looking forward to seeing you all next week.

Visiting Rotarians

No visiting Rotarians

Guests

Steve Rice

Taras Krysa - guest speaker

Jeff Bills

Andy Hall

Liz Burns - guest of Ashley Mahaney

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



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Nancy Dailey

Club Director, Membership Chair



Susan Holland Johnson
Club Director, Rotary Foundation Chair



Robert D Frizell
Projects Chair, Club Director

Birthdays



Stephen T. Tucker
September 30

Wedding Anniversaries



David L. McGovern
Sep 05



Neida Manna
Sep 25

Events

September 2013

09/05 - Weekly Meeting: Gail Marie Beckman
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 Polio Plus
09/25 - Weekly Meeting: Ranya Botros, Public Information Officer, NDOT