



## This Week's Program

February 21, 2013



**Program:** He will talk about new stadium project and conference realignments.

**Presenter:** Jim Livengood, UNLV Athletic Director

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### Rotary Recap

By: Lauren Robydek and Michael Soden

February 14, 2013

The romantic February 14th meeting of the **Rotary Club of Green Valley** got off to a leisurely start, but fortunately for the coffers, we still had some late arrivers. **Don** led recital of the Pledge, and then **Mike P.** took it easy on us with some relatively benign Valentine's Day trivia. In case you were curious, the very first valentine was penned in jail, there are 1 billion valentines given each year, and a whopping **85%** of Valentine's Day cards are purchased by women (Come ON, gentleman;!).

Slightly out of regular order, Don came up to introduce our morning speaker. Attendees heard a very informative and interesting presentation from **Dr. Peter DeBry**, an ophthalmologist who will open up private practice in Henderson this summer. **Dr. DeBry** shared a lot of great information on glaucoma, macular degeneration, and cataracts, and explained that a regular annual eye exam is critical to detecting early signs of these issues. Questions were fielded, and then President **Melinda** thanked **Dr. DeBry** for his time, presenting him with a plaque documenting a teacher mini-grant that will be made in his name.

After **Dr. DeBry** hustled out to start seeing patients, **Christine** took the helm to introduce visitors and guests. This list included GVHS Student of the Month Melissa Berman (sp?), **Melissa's** mother, father, and brother (didn't catch names), GHVS Principal **Jeff Horn**, former club members **Gerry Holinski** and **Marvin Longabaugh** (great to see you guys!), and prospective member Jim Paxton (we hope to keep seeing you!).

Once names were assigned to faces, Mike P. introduced the very impressive **Melissa Berman**, Green Valley High School Student of the month (see additional information below). After listing **Melissa's** many wonderful accomplishments and attributes, **Mike** presented her with a plaque and a \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card. Melissa said a few words of thanks after receiving a standing ovation.

Next, prospective member **Jim Paxton** came up to give President **Melinda** pictures from his trip to Banff. President **Melinda** was eternally grateful, remarking that **Jim** was obviously trying to make her jealous. She marveled, "You're mean and you're not even a member yet," but finally took her tongue out of her cheek and thanked Jim for observing the Margolis doctrine.

Finemaster **Mike P.** kicked things off by fining latecomers **Dave J.**, **Brian**, and **Stephen S.** Moving right into Happy Bucks and Dammit Dollars, **Dave J.** made the statement that he's "not one to gloat," and then proceeded to gloat shamelessly about a recent Illinois victory over Indiana. Other noteworthy mentions included **Christine** heading to Bryce to snowshoe, Gerry taking his kids to see the Harlem Globetrotters, **Kent's** son getting the lead in the LV Academy production of Oklahoma, several dollars for the Student of the Month, several others for seeing **Marvin Marvin** (and seeing that there's less of him!), and finally, Jay's remark that he has been forced to follow Illinois and Indiana sports for 3 years now (which Mike likened to a duck being force-fed prior to becoming foie gras).



With the remaining time, Project Chair and Vice President **Jack** gave attendees a project update (with some supplemental assistance from each project lead). Upcoming events include the C.T. Sewell Elementary School Health Fair (February 19 at the school), the Bike Rodeo (at Robert Taylor Elementary, on March 7), and the German Super Build (which will be on April 13, near Tazota, Mexico). Sign up sheets were circulated, but these

## 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



**Robert D Frizell**  
February 25

Corazon Super-build (which will be on April 13, near Tecate, Mexico). Sign up sheets were circulated, but these events still need volunteers, so please go online to register if you'd like to participate! **Ashley** also mentioned that she needs judges to help with the Hensel (sp?) Essay Contest, so please contact her if you are grammatically skilled and willing to assist. To wrap up club business, President **Melinda** and **Caroline O.** talked about our upcoming 21st birthday party. The club is seeking the donation of auction-able items (need to possess a retail value, and should be worth at least \$25). **Christine** has procured a \$200 Nordstrom's gift card, **George** is talking to Audi about a donation of "exotic rides" driving experiences, we might be getting a Venetian or Palazzo package, and there is rumor of a donated **PUPPY** (!!! This reporter will have to sit on her hands during any and all puppy-bidding).

Don won the raffle, but swell guy that he is, only swiped \$5. **Nelda** offered up a quick reminder about this weekend's "wine racking" at Grape Expectations, so show up at 2pm if you'd like to take part. Next week's speaker will be UNLV Athletic Director **Jim Livengood**, and we hope to see you there!

## Student of the Month - Green Valley High School



Congratulations to Melissa Berman for being selected as the Rotary Student of the Month. Melissa is an excellent representative of a high-achieving, well-rounded high school student, ranked number 17 in her class of 684 with a weighted GPA of 4.68. Her teachers describe her as "an amazing student, perceptive and insightful, who consistently earns the highest grades in the class, and who never settles for mediocrity."

Melissa enjoys all of the classes and opportunities available at Green Valley High School, because she loves the challenges that her AP classes provide. With a busy schedule filled with school, family, and community service, this hard working young lady is able to manage her time by completing tasks by setting time aside each day

after school for schoolwork, then letting everything else fall in place behind.

Melissa considers herself to be a person who is honest, loyal, organized, punctual, hard-working, and open to new ideas and others' beliefs. Her goal is to achieve straight A's throughout school, attend a 4 year university majoring in civil engineering with an emphasis in environmental engineering, eventually pursuing a masters' degree and to participate in the Engineers Without Borders Program.

When she is not working on her schoolwork, Melissa volunteers her time at Empe Ner Tamid, where she teaches sixth graders twice a week.

Congratulations, Melissa Berman!

### Visiting Rotarians

None this week.

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### Guests

**Dr. Peter Berby - Guest Speaker**

**Melissa Berman, Student of the Month and family  
Laurie, Sean, Kenny Berman**

**Jeff Horn, Principal of Silverado High School**

**Gerry Holinski, Guest of Club**

**Marvin Lonabaugh, Guest of Melinda Margolis**

**Jim Paxton, Proposed new member**

### Wedding Anniversaries

**Susan Holland Johnson**

Jan 17



**Larry Skaggs**

Mar 15

### Events

#### February 2013

**02/21** - Club Meeting - Jim Livengood, UNLV Athletic Director

**02/28** - Club Meeting: 4-Way Test Speech Contest

#### March 2013

**03/07** - Club Meeting: Jim Servino is lining up our speaker

**03/12** - Board of Directors Meeting

**03/14** - Club Meeting - Nevada State College president Bart Patterson