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Birthdays



Robert D Frizell
February 25



**Robert D.
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February 26

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March 06



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This week's Speakers

Presenter: New Members Delinda Crampton and Jim Hooban

Program: Kraft Talks

Sergeant-at-Arms:

02/19 Darcy Dougherty

02/26 Russell Bowler

03/05 TBA

Weekly Bulletin Scribes

02/19 Debbie Mitsch

02/26 Stephen Tucker

03/05 TBA

Rotary Club Green Valley Board Recap

February 10, 2015

By Jim Paxton

Rotary Club of Green Valley (RCGV) President Jack Ewing sounded the late bell at 7:00 a.m., and members and guests enjoyed social interaction and the Wild Horse breakfast buffet until he rang the bell again, calling the meeting to order. Sergeant-At-Arms Lauren Robydek was then called upon to introduce guests and visiting Rotarians.

Lauren welcomed a returning visiting Rotarian from Berlin, Arno Buchholz. She introduced Jim Hooban, who is transferring from the Las Vegas Rotary. In addition, soon to be inducted new member, Delinda Crampton was introduced. Lauren then introduced the day's speaker, Jim Cornwall, visitors Derek Uehara and Michael Smith, and the Silverado High School February Student of the Month, Amar Shah. Amar was accompanied by his parents Lyn and Omar, his brother Himansu, and SHS Principal Bob Mars.



Past President Mike Peterson was called to the podium to honor SHS Student of the Month Amar Shah, a National Merit Finalist. Not only does Amar excel in the classroom, he is captain of the varsity tennis team, and he competed at the High School National Debate Tournament in Policy Debate, last summer. He is a member of Varsity Quiz Bowl, and the Mu Alpha Theta (math club). He tutors through Mu Alpha Theta, and he volunteers through National Honor Society for food drives and special events.

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Judy Harris Lloyd
March 14

**Wedding
Anniversaries
None**

Events

February 2015

- 02/12 - Club Meeting: The Tortoise Group
- 02/13 - Sewell Health Fair
- 02/19 - Club Meeting: Dave Flatt, Pres. Elect Nevada State PTA
- 02/26 - Club Meeting: 4 Way Speech Contest

March 2015

- 03/05 - Club Meeting: Dan Pentkowski
- 03/12 - Club Meeting: Eric H. Franklin, Director of the Small Business

Amar's teachers describe him as dedicated and persistent, but also open and approachable. He considers himself to be an inquisitive and an interested individual, always ready to learn. Amar has not finalized college plans, but he is currently interested in studying nanotechnology and its applications in medicinal environments. Amar has already authored a scientific paper that will be published in July of 2017 in the Pediatrics in Review Magazine. Mike P. presented Amar with a \$50 gift certificate to Barnes Nobel and a plaque honoring him as RCGV Student of the Month. He was further honored by the Club with a standing ovation.

Pres Jack followed with announcements. The annual Rotary Peace Conference will be in Glendale, CA., on March 14. This notable event will be streamed world- wide. Pres Jack urged the membership to attend the Annual District 5300 Dinner at Treasure Island, March 28. District Assembly is scheduled in Hisperia, CA, on April 11, and the gathering provides training for Rotary Board Members. May 2, is the Corazon SuperBuild. Lauren R coordinated last year's September SuperBuild, and May will be the District's first springtime SuperBuild.

District Conference is scheduled at Green Valley Ranch, May 15-17. Come and celebrate our own Larry Skaggs' success as District Governor at the upcoming District 5300 Convention. The event runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Darcy Dougherty happily announced that the Club has received proceeds from the fall Gala, which was held at the M Hotel and Casino. A check for \$3,180 was received. The hotel discounted our costs, due to the microphone malfunction. Darcy extended a "well done" to Shelia Callum who is on a leave of absence following the job that she did coordinating last year's Gala.

Membership Chairman Gerry Holinski was called to the microphone to introduce incoming members James Hooban, sponsored by Susan Johnson, and Delinda Crampton, sponsored by Darcy D. Gerry welcomed the new members into the worldwide family of 1.2 million Rotarians. Pres Jack told them that effort and participation is needed to realize the benefits of Rotary. A standing ovation by Club Members welcomed Jim and Delinda.



Mike P recognized the Club's three charter members, Melinda Margolis, Larry Bettis, and Jim Frey for their 23 year of RCGV Service. David McGovern was recognized for his birthday, and the Club sang Happy Birthday in its traditional, unique way. Mike P had some cherub trivia honoring Valentine's Day. Fifteen percent of women historically send flowers to themselves on Valentine's Day. The Wedding Ring on the second finger dates back to a time when it was believed that a nerve carried love between the left third finger and the heart!

Mike P circulated the room receiving many happy dollars about new members Jim and Delinda. Boston native Dave Chase was happy about being in Vegas rather than in blizzard ravaged Boston. Melinda M. was happy about her longevity as a Green Valley Rotarian, and she was happy that the Club collected from the Gala. Duane Frizell was happy to be casually dressed in order to attend his daughter's junior high Valentine's Day Play. Jim Frey was happy that he has registered for District Conference, and Pres Jack was happy to feed \$5 to the polio pig, urging the membership to "feed the pig too." Jack and several others gave happy dollars honoring the new members, Jim and Delinda.



Gerry H. introduced speaker



Jim Cornwall from the Tortoise Group. Jim, a former broadcaster and newspaper man, came to Southern Nevada about two years ago. According to Jim, it is no longer illegal to have a desert tortoise. The Tortoise Group is the only adoption agency in Southern Nevada for these endangered animals. The Group is

hoping to expand the number of adoptions, up from three in 2012, to 23 in 2013, and to 72 in 2014. They are hoping 100 will be adopted in 2015. There is a \$75 adoption fee, and it is required that the adopting family have a fenced yard as well as a fence around any existing pool or pond. The cold blooded desert tortoise burrows, and it hibernates in winter. Currently the Tortoise Group is building a new shelter in North Las Vegas.

According to Jim, there are five desert tortoise species. The local species is found in Nevada, Arizona, Utah, and California. It grows to about an 18 inch diameter. Desert Tortoises live 80-100 years, and inbreeding is a danger.

The Tortoise Group educates those wishing to adopt, and it educates in schools and institutions, attempting to increase population. "We spread the word on adoption, diet, care, backyard requirements for adoption, and breeding," he explained. "Threats to the desert tortoise include human developments, off road vehicles, ravens and other predators, and brightly colored plastic, which the tortoise will mistake for food."

Following Cornwall's presentation, the drawing was held. Guest Rotarian Arno B's number was called, and Arno drew a face card, winning \$10. Arno led the Club in reciting the Four Way Test before adjournment.

Visiting Rotarians

Arno Buchholtz
Jim Hooban

Guests

Delinda Crampton