

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?

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Birthdays

Heidi Woodruff
November 28



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Rotary Club Green Valley Program For November 17, 2016

Program: The Syria Fund

After experiencing tremendous hardships over the last four years of conflict; the Syria fund is an attempt to create a sense of normalcy. In the face of enormous humanitarian crisis, the program focuses efforts on families living in Mafraq and Azraq - cities in Jordan with significant populations of Syrians living outside of United Nations organized refugee camps. These families are underserved by large, mainstream aid organizations and the Syria Fund provides meaningful contributions to directly better lives.

Student of the Month Silverado High School

Remember, Our Breakfast meeting @ Green Valley HS is 12-8-16

Scribes

11-17-16: Stephen Tucker

11-24-16: Thanksgiving Day - no meeting

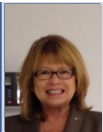
12-01-16: Debbie Mitsch

Rotary Recap: November 11, 2016 By: Jim Paxton

Rotary Club Green Valley (RCGV) honored American's veterans last Thursday by recognizing members with military service and by scheduling highly- decorated combat veteran Lieutenant Colonel Steven Seroka to address us on the status of veteran affairs in America.

The RCGV meeting was called to order at 7:15 a.m. by President Bob Hulshouser, following 15 minutes of breakfast and fellowship. Pres Bob began the meeting with a quote from General Douglas MacArthur " The soldier, above all others, prays for peace, but it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

Membership Chair Debbie Mitsch introduced our guests. In addition to Colonel Seroka, Green Valley High School senior and student of the month, we welcomed Emma Letourneau, Emma's mother Allison Bredlow, and father Larry Letourneau, GVHS Administrator Tricia Deley ,



Debbie Mitsch
December 01



Weldon E. Havins
MD JD
December 09

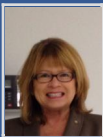


Jay Larsen
December 11

Arthur J. Macarios
December 12

Wedding Anniversaries

Alex Grodzinsky
Nov 19
Debbie Mitsch
Nov 23



Events

November 2016

11/17 - Student of the Month - Silverado HS
11/17 - Refugee relief

December 2016

12/01 - Brooklyn Mae Mohler Foundation
12/01 - Student of the Month - Silverado HS
12/05 - Opportunity Village Magical Forest
12/08 - Meeting at Green Valley High School
12/10 - Annual Christmas Holiday Party
12/12 - Opportunity Village Magical Forest
12/15 - Attorney General Military Assistance
12/15 - Opportunity Village Magical Forest
Rotary Club Green Valley meets Thursdays, Wildhorse Golf Club, 7:00 a.m.

and DEBBIE'S HUSBAND BOB MITSCH. GERRY HOLINSKI had three guests. Don Bohman, Walt Watson and Robert Fehring.

Announcements followed with Pres Bob announcing that the charter to create a Rotaract Club at the College of Southern Nevada has been submitted to Rotary International. Bob said that Interact Clubs at Silverado and Green Valley are doing well, but teacher seminars preempted the school day the preceding Wednesday, when their regular meetings are scheduled. Bob explained that the Club's Christmas Party, scheduled for December 10th, will preempt the usual Rotary Roundup, which is normally scheduled the first Friday of the month.

Pres Bob announced that Dave Jochman is again planning to coordinate the clothing collection for Catholic Charities. A new coordinator is needed to chair the Teacher Mini-Grant Program. Past President Mike Pederson asked the Club to put the All-Star Soccer Tournament on their calendars for December 7th. Many members are required to carry off this exciting, long- running program including snack bar sales, ticket taking and the selling of raffle tickets. More announcements appear each week in the left column of this bulletin.



**Student of the Month
Emma Letourneau
Green Valley HS
with President Bob
& her parents
Allison & Larry**

Mike P continued by calling on Emma Letourneau, who is the GVHS's Student of the Month. "Emma is ranked number one in her class of 722 at GVHS with a weighted 4.8 GPA. She has earned straight A's since the fifth grade." Her college plans are directed toward the engineering honors program at UNLV.

Emma's teachers admire her for the hard work that she puts forth, and for all she accomplishes. Her AP Physics teacher said "Emma has been an exceptional student in AP Physics this year, due to her amazing work ethic and motivation to learn. Emma is a truly active learner because she consistently reflects upon her strengths and weaknesses. She asks thoughtful questions that lead to greater understanding for herself and her classmates."

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Mike moved the program to trivia and happy dollars. Gerry H. answered that California is the state with most Vets residing there. Dave Jochman reminded the Club that this Veterans Day is the 241st anniversary of the Marine Corps. In other trivia we learned that the oldest vet, 110 years of age, died last May.



Darcy got the Joker

Jim Frey was happy for our efforts to sell PGA Golf tickets, resulting in \$2,300 for the Club. Jim had a Dammit Dollar because he was soon to leave for Reno. On the happy side, Jim will visit his grand kids. Christine Smith had a dammit dollar because she missed us last week, and another because her dog was attacked. She had a happy dollar because the dog is now doing better. Gerry Holinski reminded us that the Henderson Chamber's mixer was scheduled that evening

and since RCGV is a member, Club members are welcome to attend Chamber functions. Gerry said that at a recent meeting someone asked if we met at the "Crazy Horse;" No he responded, Rotary meets at "Wildhorse".

Mark Roy had a dammit dollar over the loss of his brother in law, and he was leaving for the funeral. Darcy Dougherty had a happy dollar for Student of the Month Emma, a dammit dollar for Hillary's election loss and another because her diseased father, a longtime navy man, would have been 98 on Veterans Day. Dwayne Frizell had a dammit dollar since his choice on the ballot, "none of the above," lost in the election. Jon Hoolihan had a happy dollar and a wish that Trump does well. Retired Marine Dave J was happy to explain that yes, the marines are part of the Navy, "We're the men's department," he chirped. Dave McGovern was happy that so many are checking the immigration system of his native Canada that the Canadian computer system crashed. He was happy that Tuesday ended the political ads, but he was unhappy that so many lawyer ads will be returning. Debbie Mitsch had a happy dollar due to presence of her veteran husband Bob. Pres Bob concluded the happy dollars with a dollar in honor of GVHS Student of the Month Emma, and another in honor of our guest retired Air Force Colonel Steven Seroka, a 30-year veteran who flew multiple combat missions.



**The Colonel
Steven Seroka**

**Senior Executive
Keynote Speaker
Colonel USAF (retired), Fighter Pilot, Strategic Leader**

Steven Seroka, aka "The Colonel," is a 30-year Active Duty USAF Fighter Pilot, Strategist & Leader and recently the Chief of Staff for Nevada's largest business organization. He is a USAF Academy graduate with a new depth and breadth of experience that includes the Pentagon, combat operations and a Washington DC think tank. He has over 2400 flight hours that include instructor, evaluator and combat time. He was responsible for the strategic plan for the 4th Fighter of North America that was put to the test on 9/11. He drafted the strategy for reconstruction and post hostilities of the after 9/11. He led the execution of over 30,000 tactical and operational combat sorties over Afghanistan in support of over 100,000 ground troops and was the advisor to a Prince and Commander of the Saudi Arabian Air Force while managing \$2B in contracts. The Colonel is well versed in a myriad of topics including leadership, veterans, energy independence, national security & international development, education of at-risk youth and more. He attracts audiences on the radio, in the courtroom, the classroom and in convention halls. Additionally, The Colonel served as the State of Nevada's Vice-Chairman for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and is currently a Nevada leader for The US Global Leadership Coalition, a National Security Expert for Operation Free, Commissioner for the North Las Vegas Veterans Community Commission and acts as Public Outreach for the Nevada Veterans Council. He is a volunteer with Nevada's Communities in Schools engaging at-risk high school youth.

The Colonel is a graduate of the Air Force Academy." Bob explained. "I looked through his list of accomplishments and his training, and his name was preceded by 'number one' with every accomplishment within his bio. The Colonel has done extensive work to better opportunities for at-risk youth. He has had extensive

record promoting veterans affairs on radio

Seroka opened with the fact that he has been a colonel for so long that even his wife calls him "colonel". The power-point showed an honoring from President Ronald Reagan. The Colonel has sought to overcome society's ignorance about veterans. "There is no crisis of youth in the military," he explained. "The United States military is the most respected organization in the United States today. Gallup polls have shown the military to be the most dominate organization in the world."

"Our military has been scaling down, and thousands have been coming into our communities. I work to encourage businesses to hire more vets. " A veteran's rich background makes him or her a potentially valuable hire. Unfortunately, Las Vegas is ranked as one of the three poorest American cities for veteran success."

Vets are not welcomed warmly, even though their training and their past record as "engaged followers" gives them terrific work credentials. The "unwelcomeness" by society has resulted in 20 veterans per day committing suicide. A positive result is that many create their own businesses. " Vets are amazing people." the Colonel concluded "Have them as part of your work force."

The Colonel pulled Darcy's raffle ticket, and the lucky lady pulled the joker from the few remaining cards, leaving the meeting \$1,160 richer.



Pasadena Holiday Party Will Provide Holiday Cheer, Raise Float Funding

The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee invites you to join in the holiday cheer with Rotary International President John Germ and First Lady Judy on **December 30, 2016**. We will be celebrating the holiday season and helping raise money for the Rotary Rose Parade Float.

The 2017 float promotes and celebrates 100 years of The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation empowers Rotarians to travel throughout the world and create and complete projects which serve people in the areas of peace, health and sanitation, clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies. The float's spectacular animated and colorful dragon is clearly a world traveler carrying luggage decorated with the six symbols of the areas of focus. Our Dragon will also proudly wear a necklace with a medallion marked "100" for the 100 years of The Rotary Foundation.

Place: University Club in Pasadena
Address: 175 N. Oakland Ave, Pasadena CA 91101
Time: **6:00 pm - 10:00 pm**
Ticket Cost: \$100.00 per person

The evening will only be complete with your attendance.

Reservations: Larry Skaggs
Phone: [703-336-7089](tel:703-336-7089)
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For more information: www.rotaryfloat.org

Guests:

Colonel Steven Seroka - Speaker	Ben Bohman	
Emma Letourneau - Student of the Month	Walt Watson	
Larry Letourneau	Allison Bredlow	
Bob Mitsch	Robert Fehring	Tricia Deley

Visiting Rotarians: No Visiting Rotarians

