



# Rotary Club Green Valley Newsletter

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October 12, 2017

## Greeting and Pledge of Allegiance

Rotary Club Green Valley (RCGV) **President Brad Marx** called the award-winning Club's regular meeting to order Thursday, at 7:15 a.m. following the Wild Horse's buffet breakfast and a period allotted to socialization. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alex Grodzinsky**.

## Introductions & Announcements

### Guests

Membership Chair **Debbie Mitsch** introduced the guests, who included Green Valley H.S. Student of the Month **Alexander Balasky** and **Principal Kent Roberts**. The day's program, The Improv, featured three performers who were introduced as a group, and specifics followed, leading into the day's program.

### Announcements

- **Past District Governor (PDG) Larry Skaggs:** announced that government officials have officially approved our proposed Field OF Honor Fund Raising Event. Those willing to help organize the event will meet Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., at **Mark Roy's** home, 276 Plaza Napoli Ct., Las Vegas.
- **PDG Larry** next announced that volunteers are being offered a chance to decorate the Rotary International float from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., in Pasadena on December 29th. Rotarians with family and Interactors from throughout the world will come together to decorate. There is a \$5 charge to participants.
- **Jim Frey**, Club Coordinator for the Opportunity Village Holiday Festival, announced that 5-6 volunteers are needed to work during the Club's two nights of Sponsorship, 4:30 - 10:00, on November 21 for the Halloween festival, or on the December 11th, at the Christmas Carnival.
- **Program Chair Jerry Holinski** announced last Sunday's Club Fund Raiser at Kits Kitchen. A portion of the breakfast or lunch charges will be retained by the Club. Jerry then ran through the outstanding Club programs that are upcoming. Next week's program will feature **Congresswoman Shelly Berkley** and Touro University.
- **Delinda Crampton**- former host f or last year's foreign Exchange Student, is requesting that a RCGV family share with Delinda the hosting of next year's exchange student. Delinda explained that this is an opportunity to participate for two to three months of the exchange student's visit while Delinda and her family will host for the remainder of the year.
- **Past President Bob Hulshouser** announced that 40 students participated in last weekend's Interactors Interaction Conference, hosted at GVHS. Eight GVHS students attended. The Interactors and participating RCGV Members **Larry Skaggs, Christine Smith and Brad Marx** all enjoyed themselves at this outstanding event.

## THE FOUR WAY TEST of Things We Think, Say and Do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL**

and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



**Don't forget  
to feed the pig!**

**Every dollar you place in the "Polio Pig" goes to polio eradication.**

## Upcoming Events

<http://www.greenvalleyrotary.org/?p=calendar>



**Gerry Holinski** shared an exuberant program and event preview:

- Oct. 19 Congresswoman Shelley Berkley and Touro University
- Oct. 21 District 5300 Peace Conference
- Nov. 4 Light the Night Walk (LLS) @ UNLV
- Nov. 9 Kerry Bubolz, President, Golden Knights and GVHS Student of the Month
- Nov. 30 Mark Stark, Berkshire Hathaway, Lessons from a CEO
- Dec. 7 Annual Breakfast @ GVHS
- Dec. 21 A Morning with the Mayor
- Dec. 28 RCGV Quarterly Club Assembly
- Jan. 11 Oscar Goodman and GVHS Student-of-the-Month

## Student of the Month

## CELEBRATE Birthdays

Gerry Holinski	Nov. 01
Terry Perkins	Nov. 02
Janet Pancoast	Nov. 02

### Wedding Anniversaries

Darcy Dougherty	40 yrs.	Oct. 01
Jim Paxton	39 yrs.	Oct. 12
Delinda Crampton	15 yrs.	Oct. 13
Christine Smith	27 yrs.	Nov. 02
Alex Grodzinsky	1 yr.	Nov. 19
Debbie Mitsch	32 yrs.	Nov. 23

### Membership Anniversaries

David McGovern	10 yrs.	Nov. 08
Janet Pancoast	3 yrs.	Nov. 13
Brian Whitaker	8 yrs.	Nov. 19
Jay Larsen	8 yrs.	Nov. 19
Robert Hulshouser	4 yrs.	Nov. 21

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**Our meetings are held every Thursday morning at 7:00 am at Wildhorse Golf Club 2100 W Warm Springs Rd. Henderson, NV 89014**

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[www.greenvalleyrotary.org](http://www.greenvalleyrotary.org)

Fine Master and Past President **Mike Peterson** introduced October's GVHS Student of the Month, **Alexander Balasky**. Alexander currently has a 4.7 weighted GPA and is ranked 10th in his class. He is an active member on the speech and debate team. Last year Alexander won the county and state championships, and he went on to compete at the National Tournament of Champions in Kentucky, where he successfully ended the debate season ranked 18th in the nation.

Alexander works as part-time as a math instructor at Mathnasium of Green Valley, and he tutors one-on-one for SAT and ACT national achievement tests. When he is not debating, Alexander likes cooking, trail running, and kayaking.

Alexander's government teacher **Mr. Akbari** described him as a student that demonstrates maturity, intrinsic motivation, and he is knowledgeable about a variety of subjects. **Mrs. Eldredge**, his Spanish teacher adds, "He is a great student. It is obvious that he is a hardworking individual. He is well liked by his peers and teachers."

**Ms. Venable** expressed, "I have had Alex as a student in both English and philosophy, and what I find most compelling about Alex is that he is both confident and teachable. He is willing to enrich his understanding of a concept he already knows well, to apply previously acquired skills in new ways, and to explore new intellectual territory in his pursuit of true learning."

Alexander hopes to attend a university in Boston or New York, pursuing a degree in finance and mathematics. Ultimately, his goals include law school. He hopes to attend a university that has a rowing team, to fulfill a lifelong dream of competing in the sport.

## Fundraising Corner



**Healing Fields: Field of Honor - PDG Larry Skaggs** reported that the final licensing agreement has been received for the Healing Field: Field of Honor Fundraiser that will take place over Memorial Day Weekend, 2018. A committee meeting will be held on October 18th at 5:30 P.M., at **Mark Roy's** home, 276 Plaza Napoli Court. Our webpage can be accessed at <https://www.healingfield.org/henderson18/>.

## Fine Master, Trivia, Happy Bucks and Dammit Dollars

Mike's trivia focused on Pizza, as it was National Pizza Day. Every second 350 pizza slices are consumed in America, and enough is eaten daily to cover 100 acres. Pepperoni is America's favorite topping, Pizza Hut is the number one pizza supplier in the world, and \$45 billion is spent on pizzas annually.

Next, those who were late for the meeting were called forward to spin the fine wheel. **Delinda's** spin came up on "fine master" **Mike**. **Brian Whitaker's** spin was for his neighbor to the left, and **Dave Jochman** coughed up a dollar.

- **Jon Hoolihan** had a dammit dollar for the poor performance of his Buffalo Bills, and he added that, "I'm done with football for this kneeling during the National Anthem."
- **Greg Bruce** and **Rob Kravitz** each contributed happy dollars in honor of the strong opening of the Las Vegas Golden Knights Hockey team.
- **Larry Skaggs** was happy about rolling out Rotary to high school Interactors the previous Saturday,
- **Dave Jochman** is still happy and still in the game. He had other dollars for the Knights' three goals during the first five minutes of their home opener.
- **GVHS Principal Kent Roberts** joined **Jim Frey** with a happy dollar for the student of the month. Principal Kent had additional dollars for his school's new business curriculum. Student reps went to a recent national conference, and they scored a first at the **gathering**, remarkable for a first year program.
- **Bob Hulshouser** saluted young Alexander with a happy dollar.
- **Jay Larsen** had a happy dollar about taking his family to hike Zion National Park.

## Program



Club member **Greg Bruce**, a member of the Las Vegas Improv, was called forward to introduce the day's program. He introduced three Improv colleagues **Paul Lirette**, **S. Stringham**, and **Jody Reynolds**. Greg described the Improv as "a group with people doing theater at night and accounting by day."

Las Vegas Improv entrained the Club with musical comedy. The audience was asked to select a type of music, and the trio responded with original funny songs representative of: top 40, country and polka. **President Brad** called the Improv

"The funniest program that we've ever had."

## Adjournment

**Jim Frey's** ticket was pulled, he drew a "8". The pot is \$1,057! **Jim** then led the club in The Four Way Test of Things We Think, Say and Do. **President Brad** adjourned the meeting at 8:20 A.M.

## District 5300 News

Saturday, October 21st, will mark the 28th annual District 5300 Rotary Peace Conference held at the Huntington Library, Art Gallery and Botanical Gardens. This year's theme is Traditional and Social Media, Their Impact on Peace Building. The speakers all have backgrounds related to the topic, and all will address this timely theme in light of building world peace.

Pre-register on line at <http://district5300.org/peace/conference/>. Please contact Roger Schulte with questions, 909-532-0673 or [Rogerschulte@gmail.com](mailto:Rogerschulte@gmail.com).

## Rotary International News

Rotary International - Gates Foundation to host 2017 World Polio Day - October 24



At the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Bill Gates renewed and increased his foundation's pledge to match, 2-to-1, all contributions to The Rotary Foundation that are designated for polio eradication efforts. Rotary's commitments and pledges from world governments and corporate donors, counted along with the Gates Foundation's pledge, have made the campaign to eliminate polio worldwide **\$1.3 billion stronger**. Last year, Rotarians in more than 90 countries registered over 1,400 events and fundraisers to mark World Polio Day in their communities and draw attention to Rotary's leadership in the fight against polio. With your contributions and advocacy, as well as the Gates Foundation match, we're aiming to raise \$250,000 during this year's celebration.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/gates-foundation-host-2017-world-polio-day>

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