



# Rotary Club Green Valley Newsletter

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Rotary Foundation Chair

November 2, 2017

## Greeting and Pledge of Allegiance

President Brad Marx called the Green Valley Rotary Club's (RCGV) regular meeting to order, following the WildHorse Golf Club's delicious breakfast buffet and a period of social interaction among the members. Retired Marine David Jochman led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Introductions & Announcements

### Guests

Membership Chair Debbie Mitsch introduced the morning guests, Lora Evans from Palm Mortuaries and Paul Haber, an I.T. professional from XIT Solutions. Debbie also introduced our speaker, Jorge Hernandez and his guest photographer. Jochman explained that Jorge, a double amputee, was the winner of a rebuilt late model Toyota at the recent SEMA auto show for rebuilt cars in Henderson

### Announcements

Announcements followed with Past District Governor (PDG) Larry Skaggs announcing that he will be attending a Zone Institute meeting of 500 past governors next week, before heading on to Cabo for some vacation time.

Members who are willing to plan the posting of flags for the Field of Honors fund raising ceremony were reminded of a planning meeting at Greg Bruce's office.



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## 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?

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## Fundraising Corner



### Healing Fields: Field of Honor - PDG Larry Skaggs

Larry Skaggs presented latest information on the Field of Honor fundraiser planned for Memorial Day week-end 2018. Executive committee meeting held last week with progress being made on sponsorship levels. All members' help is needed. Our webpage can be accessed at <https://www.healingfield.org/henderson18/>.



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

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

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## Upcoming Events

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

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

PDG Larry Skaggs was called on to host the morning trivia and to lead the members in Happy and Dammit Dollars. Based on the calendar of little-known holidays, Larry told the Club that it was Epitaph Day. Larry asked, "Who said 'Let them Eat Cake'." It was Marie Antoinette. The Union General who was relieved of duty during the Civil War by Abraham Lincoln was John Fremont. The first and only flight of the Spruce Goose took place in Long Beach Harbor.

The "usual tardy suspects" were called forward to spin the fine wheel: Dave Jochman, Brian Whitaker, and Judy Lloyd all spun the wheel, paying for their tardiness.

Debbie M. was happy that she was leaving next week for a North Carolina trip to visit her family. Host of the Club's upcoming Christmas Party, Mark Roy, was happy that we will again have the same fine chef providing

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## CELEBRATE Birthdays

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

## Wedding Anniversaries

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)

Club's upcoming Christmas Party, Mark Roy, was happy that we will again have the same fine chef providing the delicious cuisine at the Club's holiday party. The cost is only a couple dollars more than last year, \$39.00.

Greg Bruce had a dammit dollar for the two recent losses by the hockey Golden Knights, after a 6-1 starting record. Judy Lloyd was happy that her cousin from Houston visited her during the World Series. Judy explained that while she is a Dodger Fan, hosting hometown Houston fans during the Series was fun. Dave Chase was happy to report that his wife was out of the hospital after recovering from an abdominal infection.

Gerry Hollinski had a dollar to celebrate his son's recent Boy Scout activities. Gerry also had a happy dollar celebrating George's, and his own, colorful socks. Jim Frey was happy that he took in a UNLV Hockey practice which included food, beer, and fun. President Brad announced that he recently took his daughter to a UNLV Hockey practice at the Golden Knights' practice rink in Santa Fe Station. Brad urged the members to check out the practice rink, and he told the members that his daughter is now a dedicated hockey fan.

## Program

D. Jochman introduced the morning's speaker Jorge Hernandez and his photographer George. "I met Jorge at the SEMA recycled auto show, where the 25-year old veteran won a restored late model Toyota. Hernandez lost both of his legs above the knee, and his inspirational outlook made an excellent program. Born in Mexico, Hernandez was a 6'3" rugby enthusiast before losing his legs in a car fire. "Now I'm adjusting to being only three feet tall," he quipped. Jorge is in process of building a website, and he "works daily on the Battlefield of Life."

Hernandez compared his life to life in the jungle. "First let's look at the lion, king of the jungle, whose powerful jaws can crush bones. Then there is the cheetah, the fastest animal, who can outrun the lion. Next he said, "Consider the huge elephant, and next the eagle who can soar above all dangers."

"These are powerful animals, but all are beneath man when it comes to power, because man's mind has enabled him to develop the car which can outrun the cheetah, a plane that can soar above the eagle, and firearms against which the lion and the huge elephant are no match.

Hernandez recounted some life events before his accident. "I had been in real estate, but I lost my licenses due to marijuana involvement. I was a chronic user between the ages of 17-19, but then I got on track and found love. "Two and a half weeks before my accident, my girlfriend split from me, and broken hearted, I returned to the nightclub scene and the marijuana."

"The last day of my vacation I was at an all-day pool party on a 118 degree day. My friend agreed to give me a ride. I was asleep in his car, and he passed out behind the wheel with his foot on the accelerator. The car exploded into flames."

Hernandez said that he was in a coma for 90 days. Both of his legs were amputated, he couldn't move his arms, and his hand was deformed. Hernandez said that he found God, and he accepted his new life. "I was motivated by love," he said, even though he had no health insurance. A doctor from Chicago heard about Hernandez's accident, and he provided him with two prosthetic legs at no cost.

Hernandez is in process of writing a book and building a website to show that, "with God, all things are possible." Jorge added that "I have had to accept a new life that is faith-driven and motivated by love."





## Adjournment

Following a group photograph at the close of the dramatic program, Jorge drew a raffle ticket belonging to Jerry Gardberg. Jerry did the right thing, drawing an ace and leaving to big prize money, \$1,120 for future weeks.

## Rotary International News

November is foundation Month. People who make a positive difference in their communities will be honored at Rotary day at the United Natipons on November 11, 2017. For more information: [Rotary.org/en](http://Rotary.org/en)

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