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March 8, 2018

Greeting and Pledge of Allegiance

President Brad Marx called the meeting of the Rotary Club of Green Valley to order at 7:10 a.m. **George Baggott** led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions, Announcements and Presentations

Guests

Membership Chair **Debbie Mitsch** introduced the following visitors:

Paul Brenner, Visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Mountain Top, Mountain Top, PA

Tom Bush, Visitor

Bob Dougherty, Guest of Darcy Dougherty

Leiandra Gaskill, Community Relations Manager for LVCVA

Carter Gehlken, Student-of-the-Month

Corey Gehlken, Carter's father

Kurt Gehlken, Carter's grandfather

Oscar Goodman, Speaker

Kent Roberts, Principal, Green Valley High School (GVHS)

Christine Zach, Visitor

Announcements

President Brad thanked **Russ Bowler**, **Jim Frey**, **Gerry Holinski** and everyone involved in the Four Way Test Speech Contest Event.

He also thanked **Christine Smith** for spearheading the Gene Ward School Book Project and thanked those involved in delivering over 800 books to the schoolchildren on Monday.

Jim Paxton gave a recap of the Dan Stover Music Competition. The GVHS winner was a viola player named Raja Patel. Jim thanked **Dave McGovern** for making the certificates for the winners. **Mike Denley** and **Delinda Crampton** were thanked for judging. Raja will compete in the final competition at the District Assembly on April 21, 2018.

Julie Todd and **Ted Durant** spoke about the Field of Honor. Sponsorship forms have been updated to include two flag kits for the Honor level and one flag kit for the Guardian level. New forms were made available and will be available every week. Ted will check in with chairs to request an update every other Sunday as to where we are with the event and sponsorships. He would like replies by the following Tuesday. **Delinda Crampton** explained that the Sponsorship committee will be compiling lists of companies and people that may be interested in sponsorships, so that we can coordinate efforts within the club and people can get those sponsorships through personal connections.

Debbie Mitsch gave an update on the Bike Rodeo that takes place on Friday, March 16 at Robert Taylor Elementary School. We need volunteers!! Debbie circulated the sign-up sheet in hopes to acquire at least 22 volunteers.

Paul Brenner, our visitor from the Mountain Top Club, told us about a program he developed called Drop the Drugs. He coordinated with local police to get people to turn in their old/unused pharmaceuticals and sharps in bags so that they could be incinerated instead of ending up in the hands of children or in the water system. He left his contact information and details about the project and is willing to help our club set up a similar program in our area.

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.**

CELEBRATE

Birthdays

Judy Lloyd

March 14

Greg Bruce

March 22

Mike Soden

March 23

Larry Bettis

March 23

Susan Johnson

March 30

Jim Paxton

March 30

Milestone Membership Anniversaries

5 Years:

Jim Paxton

2 Years

Ted Durant

Terry Perkins

*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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Student-of-the-Month

PP Mike Petersen introduced our Student-of-the-Month, Carter Gehlken. Carter exemplifies the characteristics of a model student at Green Valley High School. He is a senior, with a GPA of 4.8 and is ranked first in his class. He is a valedictorian candidate and was named Green Valley High School Athlete of the Month. In addition, he won all-conference, all-region, and all-state awards for baseball.

Carter is a member of the National Honor Society and captain of the Varsity baseball team. He volunteers for Miracle League of Las Vegas and Blessing Bags for Homeless, Southern Nevada. Even with a busy schedule, he found time to perform in Green Valley High School's rendition of Mamma Mia. When he is not on a baseball field or at a school activity, Carter enjoys listening to music and playing sports during his free time. Carter is a wonderful student who demonstrates focus, drive and ambition. He is extremely committed to academics. His teachers say Carter is kind, caring, and a pleasure to have in class. Ms. Coleman, Carter's English teacher adds, "Carter is one of those students who teachers wish they could clone." In the future, Carter wants to pursue a career in dentistry and eventually become an oral surgeon.



We are extremely proud of Carter in his commitment to excellence and wish him much success in his future endeavors!

Fundraising Corner



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May 25 - 28 Field of Honor at Cornerstone Park.

We are in full gear now! Please do everything you can to make this a success. Contact **PDG Lar** **PDG Larry Skaggs** at bookmlar@cox.net, **Mark Roy** at mroy.rotary@gmail.com, **Ted Durant** at teddurant@centurylink.net, or **Terry Perkins** at tmperkins50@gmail.com with questions.

Program

The Honorable Oscar Goodman

Brian Whitaker introduced former Las Vegas Mayor, Oscar Goodman (and his Bombay Sapphire Martini with a jalapeño). He was flanked by his “showgirls”, the lovely **Julie Todd** and **Judy Lloyd**. Oscar Goodman is an American attorney and politician. He was the Mayor of Las Vegas from 1990-2011. He is now the Host Committee Chairman for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

Oscar talked about his early start in Las Vegas as a lawyer, and how he got to be where he is now. From coming to town with \$87 in his pocket, to having the opportunity to defend some of the most impossible cases to win, to deciding on running for Mayor while on a cruise with his family, his story was inspiring and funny. He shared a story about knocking on doors to get votes when running for Mayor. He knew he was going to win when a lovely lady served “the mob lawyer” freshly baked cookies. He recounted how, when he became mayor, he demanded to be cast in every movie filmed in the city. He claimed that ‘a fraud was being perpetrated on the people of Las Vegas’ every time he got left on the cutting room floor.



Oscar Goodman now works to help sell Las Vegas as a destination, to promote the town, and to keep our local economy going through conventions and tourism.

Fine Master, Trivia, Happy Bucks and Dammit Dollars

Trivia Master and PP Mike Petersen quizzed the group on International Women’s Day trivia. Delinda Crampton won fine immunity. Latecomers were summoned to the wheel. Among others, Dave Jochman spun for \$2 and then got fined an additional \$2 for no Rotary pin!

There were many congratulations for our student-of-the-month.

Art M. had a Happy Buck for the University of Buffalo being in the NCAA Tourney. And a Dammit Dollar for all the schools not going.

Alex G. was happy for getting caught in a storm in Tahoe so he could snowboard, and just happy to be present.

Ralph K. was happy for the success of his Edutainment program and that USA Today would be coming to his school.

Delinda C. was happy for her oldest son participating in a STEM competition on building bridges at UNLV. She also had fun dressing up as a flapper at a 1920’s-themed Philharmonic Gala, featuring Pink Martini.

Paul Brenner is happy to be a grandfather for the first time, and happy to be visiting.

Jim F. was not happy that Reno defeated the Rebels.

Brian W. was not late and that he didn’t have to spin, and he is happy to be going to Italy with his wife.

Judy L. was happy for the Student-of-the-Month.

Julie T. had a happy buck for the Book Project delivery being such an amazing event.

Ted D. also had fun at the Philharmonic Gala/Martini shindig, and had a great time seeing Roger Daltry. Roger still has pipes.

Darcy D. had \$5 for Bob being here, and for her friend that won an Oscar for Best Animated film, and for the Spread the Word fundraiser at the Bellagio.

Dave J. had \$5 or his fines, for being vertical and still in the game, and for his daughter moving up to Sergeant and enlisting for 3 more years.

GVHS Principal Roberts had \$25 Happy Bucks, one for Carter, and, \$24 for Mr. Ginger's Speech Program, honoring their 24th consecutive County Speech and Debate championship!

Duane F. had a happy buck for the upcoming Bike Rodeo.

Terry P. was happy his son is doing well in his new job and has been promoted. He is happy he got a new lathe. (Laughter ensued because people misunderstood him.)

Dave C. happy he is still walking, and for the Yukon Ladies Basketball Team.

Mike D. had a dollar for the Student-of-the-Month.

Debbie M. was happy that her son was home for a longer visit than expected.

Adjournment

The raffle pot was a record \$2210. **Ralph Krauss** had the winning ticket and drew an 8. There are two cards and a Joker left in the deck! The intrigue! Who will win!?! Ralph then led us in the 4-Way test.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.



March 15: Mayor John Lee, North Las Vegas

March 16: Bike Rodeo

March 16 - 18: RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp

April 12: Club Assembly

District 5300

Offers Chance To Eradicate Polio

District 5300's second **Pars vs. Polio** Golf Marathon will give all Rotary clubs and Rotarians in the District an opportunity to raise money for the worldwide polio eradication campaign and to tell our friends, neighbors and communities about the role Rotary and Rotarians have played in this massive effort.

Every club is urged to sign up from 2 to 4 golfers to play as many holes of golf as they can play in a single day and all club members are encouraged/challenged to raise as much money as possible by asking for pledges for the number of holes of golf to be played by a particular golfer. If fellow Rotarians obtain pledges totaling \$50 per hole in support of a golfer, that golfer could raise \$2,500 by playing just 50 holes on Golf Marathon Day.

The committee is asking 20 or so Rotarians around our District to be "Golf Champions" and promote competitions between teams within their club and between clubs in the geographic areas. The Golf Champions will help select golf courses in their areas where teams and individuals can play. In addition to these Golf Champions, they have urged all clubs to select a Club Golf Champion to promote participation in all clubs.

Golfers should be signed up and team competitions should be organized in March. In April, members should begin soliciting pledges in the community, and the golfers will play their "longest day of golf" at a local golf course in September. Then, members can collect their pledges and turn the money in to the clubs in May and celebrate the results at the District Conference.

For further information, please contact:

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Rotary International

RI President Passionate about Sustainable Service

Last week they were in Coventry, England, meeting Rotarians and this week Rotary International President (RI) Ian Riseley and his Kiwi wife, Juliet, are meeting influential leaders.

Ever since Mr Riseley took on the mantle of president RI, a humanitarian service organization that represents 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide, they have criss-crossed the globe meeting members of Rotary Clubs in Romania, Cyprus, Israel, Santa Barbara, Vancouver, Lebanon, Sidney, Italy and India.

His wife, Juliet, also past district governor, and he are both enthused about addressing 253 Rotary President-elects on a two-day training program organized by the local Rotary District.

They passionately talk about the environmental initiatives that Rotary Clubs the world over have taken up with a vengeance. "Protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service," they say.

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