



# Rotary Club Green Valley Newsletter

Winner of the 2016-2017 District 5300 Governor's Bell Award for Medium-Sized Clubs  
A 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

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Club Director

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Rotary Foundation Chair

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

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

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April 12, 2018

## Greeting and Pledge of Allegiance

**President Brad Marx** called the meeting of the Award Winning Rotary Club of Green Valley to order at 7:12 a.m. **Gerry Holinski** led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Introductions, Announcements and Presentations

### Visiting Rotarians and Guests

**Membership Chair Debbie Mitsch** welcomed all our visitors and guests. She thanked them for joining us.

#### **Visiting Rotarians**

Ajay Kumar Agrawal, GCE Civil Township Rourkela India  
Arno Buchholz, Berlin  
Awleen Chawl, GCE from District 3261, India  
Adrienne Cox, LV Southwest  
Montek Singh Hura, GCE from District 3261, India  
Carolyn Klein, LV Southwest  
Tom Krob, Las Vegas  
Tom Martin, LV Southwest  
Marilene Nevins, LV Downtown  
PDG Tom Novotny, LV West  
Neha Ramani, GCE from District 3261, India  
Anmol Shrivastava, GCE from District 3261, India  
Cliff Silverstein, LV Southwest  
Lena Weber, Lancaster

#### **Guests**

Tom Bush, guest of Lora Evans  
Jackie Carroll, guest of Debbie Mitsch  
Claire Lincoln, guest of Jan Tucker  
Jade Nies, Student-of-the-Month, GVHS  
Scott Nies, parent  
Teresa Nies, parent  
Kent Roberts, Principal, GVHS  
Matt Rutowski, guest of Gerry Holinski  
Rae Wilson, guest of Lora Evans

### Announcements

**President Brad** reminded the club that the Celebration of Life for **Steve Tucker** will take place on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at Palm Mortuary, 7600 South Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89123.

He also asked everyone to visit the Rotary Club of Green Valley Facebook page to get updates and stories about the Field of Honor. 'Like' and share the stories with your friends.

**Tom Martin**, of the LV Southwest Rotary Club, visited our club to tell us about their fundraiser on April 26. He sold tickets for the gold raffle after the meeting.

**Marilene Nevins**, of the Las Vegas Downtown Rotary Club, invited us to join the Downtown club at their annual Block Party on May 3rd at Binions, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. The theme is Denim and Diamonds and tickets are \$75.00 each.

**PDG Larry Skaggs** shared news about the upcoming Field of Honor. He promised our visitors that we would soon be visiting their clubs to share information on the event that will honor 800 heroes on Memorial Day weekend. PDG Larry yielded the floor to

April 2018



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## CELEBRATE

### Birthdays

April 1

Robert Kravitz

April 21

Brian Whitaker

### Milestone RCGV Membership Anniversaries

7 Years:

Michael Soden

5 Years:

Judy Lloyd

1 Year:

Julie Todd

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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)

**PP Susan Johnson** who announced that a program will be held on Monday, May 28, at 8:00 a.m. Wayne Newton has agreed to be our keynote speaker that day.

**Jim Paxton** reminded everyone that the Dan Stover finalist and runner-up will perform for us next week.

## Student-of-the-Month

**PP Mike Peterson** introduced Jade Nies, Student-of-the-Month from Green Valley High School. She has a 4.8 GPA and is ranked 1st in her class. Jade is a valedictorian candidate, a member of the National Honor Society, and won "Best in Show" for her drawing at the annual art show. She enjoys drawing realistic portraits of people.

Jade is active in her community and volunteers at Spread the Word Nevada, Three Square and with Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee. She loves cooking with her family, re-watching the Planet of the Apes trilogy and reading scientific novels. She plans to attend University of Michigan to study Neuroscience and then medical school to become a Neurologist or Neurosurgeon. Green Valley High School and RCGV are proud of you, Jade! We wish you the best in your future endeavors.



*Jade was presented a wooden plaque made by her peers at GVHS and an Amazon gift card for her achievements. (l. to r.: PP Mike P., Jade Nies and her parents, Teresa and Scott. Photo: Mark Roy)*

## Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

**PP and Nevada Rotary Foundation Chair Susan Johnson** proudly pointed out RCGV's status as a 100% Paul Harris Club and voiced her goal to have a 100% Paul Harris District under her tutelage as District Foundation Chair. She then presented **Dave McGovern** with a Paul Harris Fellow +2 pin.



*(Photo: Mark Roy)*

## Trivia, Fines, Happy Bucks and Dammit Dollars

**PP Mike Peterson** shared that it was Big Wind Day in remembrance of the record 231 mph winds clocked on April 12, 1934. Kent Roberts won immunity although he did not need it! PP Mike proceeded to quiz the group of "big winded" persons of note.

There were greetings for the Group Cultural Exchange Team from India and congratulations for our Student-of-the-Month, Jade Nies and for Dave McGovern's Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

**Art M.** chided Jade for only having a 4.8 GPA..

**Delinda C.** had happy bucks as the mom of 2 boys, she enjoyed prom dress shopping with exchange student, Pilar, and for her son's first touchdown!

**Mark R.** was excited about his granddaughter's second place showing in a swim meet.

**Debbie M.** reiterated her welcome to all of our guests.

**Darcy D.** hoarse from cheering at the LV Knights play-off game, counted her blessings for having enjoyed a visit by friends from Chicago.

**Christine S.** welcomed the GCE Team, praised Jade, and congratulated Dave M. on his Paul Harris Fellow +2.

**PDG Tom Novotny** welcomed the GCE Team and gave a 'WOW!' for the LV Knights.

**PDG Larry S.** congratulated **Dave M.** and gave us an update on his computer.

**Lena Weber** was happy to be a part of the GCE Team experience and the resulting friendship with **Adrienne Cox** from the LV Southwest Club.

**PP Susan J.** gave kudos to everyone and was happy to see all of her fellow Rotarians from other clubs, and shared that she would be participating in Rock the Parkway in Kansas City with hubby, Eric, and daughter, Emma.

**PP Jim F.** congratulated Jade and welcomed all visiting Rotarians!

**Marilene Nevins** was happy to put a face with the name upon finally meeting **PP Jim Frey**.

**Gerry H.** welcomed and congratulated everyone and then serenaded the group with the Michigan Alma Mater! He shared that daughter, Grace, was named Outstanding Teen and son, Daniel, is working on his Eagle Scout ranking.

**Jan Tucker** congratulated Jade and **Dave M.**, and was happy that she is 'still vertical'.

Jade's father, **Scott Nies** thanked RCGV for honoring Jade and then contributed his entire wallet to thank his daughter!

**Adrienne Cox** loves the GCE Team and RCGV!

**Terry P.** shared that he is feeling better and asked for good thoughts for his son as he takes a certification test for HR at ADP.

**Kent Roberts** proudly gave a dollar in honor of Jade, one for her parents for doing such a great job, and one for GVHS teacher Scott Gnger who is taking his Speech and Debate Team as they go to nationals. He announced that Mr. Ginger will be retiring.

**Jim P.** proclaimed Steve Tucker to have been an exemplary Rotarian. R.I.P., Steve.

**Jim A.** tipped his hat to GVHS gators and the student-of-the-month; he shared that his son was very cold in Texas with NASCAR, and, on a sad note, his sister passed away two weeks ago - her lasting gift that she brought the family together.

**Mike D.** congratulated Dave, Jade, her parents and the GCE Team.

**Cliff Silverstein** thanked RCGV for hosting the GCE Team and shared that when he transferred to Las Vegas, he considered our club but we meet too early for his liking!

## Program

### Group Cultural Exchange Team

**Adrienne Cox** presented the Group Cultural Exchange (GCE) Team from India. She thanked **DG Raghada Khoury** for making the trip possible and shared that the team has five more cities to visit in the next two weeks.

### Inbound Team from District 3261:

**Ajay Kumar Agrawal**, Rotarian Team Leader, works in petroleum transporting and operating a chain of petroleum outlets. He is currently Assistant Governor in District 3261. **Awleen Chawla**, 23, has a degree in economics and works in sales and marketing. She enjoys designing jewelry and travel, and spends her leisure playing badminton, board games and watching TV.

**Montek Singh Hura**, 28, works in his family business (retail and hospitality). He is the Charter Chairman for Round Table, which build infrastructure for underprivileged children.

**Neha Ramani**, 34, is a manager in chemical engineering; she is an avid dancer and oil painter, and loves to travel.

**Anmol Shrivastava**, 24, is a visual and graphic designer and has illustrated different genres of academic books. She studied in France as part of a student exchange program.



*A. Agrawal and A. Cox (Photo: Mark Roy)*

Each member of the team presented cultural information about their country, their state and about Rotary District 3261. Ajay Agrawal started by thanking District 3261 and 5300 Governors and GCE Chairs for making this exchange happen. He then presented Adrienne with a gift of a scarf and a flag pin from India. All in attendance rose as the team sang the beautiful India National Anthem.

The team explained the meaning of the greeting, Namaste (bowing to the divine in the other person). They shared that India was the birthplace of Mahatma Ghandi (taught non-violence and peace) and Swami Vivekanand ("we are one family"), and home to Mother Teresa (love, compassion and humanity). The national animal is the Bengal tiger and the national flower is the Lotus flower.

India is a 4,500-year-old culture and home to 1.4 billion people in 29 states and seven territories, has nine different religions, over 100 traditional dances, and 2000 mother tongues. It is a culture of "Unity in Diversity."

District 3261 has 2,430 members with 218 of them being female. A major project is the heart-shaped Satya Sai Hospital for Children. The district also conducts RAHAT Camp (Rotary Active Hands Are Touching) for 13 days, 25 doctors, 200 nursing staff, and 359 volunteers to care for thousands in need of medical treatment. Cyclothon is a fundraising cycling rally and over 200 bicycles were distributed to the needy.

Thank you to the team for sharing their stories with us.



*Group Cultural Exchange (GCE) Team from India with President Brad. (Photo: Mark Roy)*

## Adjournment

The raffle pot was \$69.00. **Mark Roy** drew an ace for **Don Havens**. He then led us in recitation of the 4-Way Test. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 a.m.



- April 18:** Four Way Test Speech Regional Competition
- April 19:** Dan Stover Winner and Runner-Up Perform
- April 21:** Dan Stover Regional Competition  
District Assembly
- May 18 - 20:** District Conference
- May 25 - 28:** Field of Honor

## Fundraising Corner



### May 25 - 28 Field of Honor at Cornerstone Park

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## District 5300 News

2018 - 19 District Directory Order Forms

<http://www.ismyrotaryclub.org/Calendar/Event.cfm?EventID=77369881>

## Rotary International News

### Forging a Rotary Family

After fleeing conflict in their own countries, a group of young Rotaractors is healing wounds and bringing cultures together in a Ugandan refugee settlement.

For the complete article <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotaract-club-opens-refugee-settlement>



Members of the Rotaract Club of Nakivale have become like family.

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