



## Club Leaders



Janet C. Pancoast  
President



Todd Cook  
Assistant Governor

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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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## CELEBRATE

### Birthdays

Gerry Holinski  
November 1st

## November 29, 2018

### Note: December 6th Breakfast Meeting Relocated:

We will meet at:  
Green Valley High School  
460 N Arroyo Grande Blvd.  
Henderson 89014.  
The meeting starts at 7 a.m. in the Library

## Greetings and Pledge of Allegiance

**President Janet Pancoast** rang the bell at 7:01 a.m. After a time for fellowship and breakfast, she called the meeting of the Rotary Club of Green Valley (RCGV) to order at 7:09 a.m.

**Mike Denley** led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Introductions, Announcements and Presentations

### Guests

**President Elect Julie Todd** welcomed our guests:

Jon Ponder, HOPE for Prisoners, Guest Speaker  
Angela Brookins, HOPE for Prisoners  
Jennifer Bartkowitz, Coronado HS Assistant Principal  
Jason Vott, Coronado HS Student of the Month, and his family  
Steve Hernandez, Guest of Jim Allanson  
Arthur Basa, Visiting Rotarian

### Announcements

**Soccer Tournament** – Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at UNLV Peter Johann Soccer Stadium. Please sign up for a shift. If you are working the first shift (4-6:30p.m.) please arrive a little early so we are ready on time.  
Contact: Mike Peterson, [mikepeterson.nv@gmail.com](mailto:mikepeterson.nv@gmail.com)

**Opportunity Village** – December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. Sign up for a shift and please dress accordingly. There is a new process for volunteers, register when you arrive. Use main entrance at 6300 West Oakey Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89146. Sign up and dress warmly.

For more information: Jim Frey [jhfrey99@hotmail.com](mailto:jhfrey99@hotmail.com) or visit  
<https://www.opportunityvillage.org/>.



Janet C. Pancoast  
November 2nd



Terry M. Perkins  
November 2nd



Lora Evans  
November 26th



Debbie Mitsch  
December 1st

**Holiday Party** – There is no more room. There are 53 people signed up. It should be a great time! There will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange, so every couple please bring a fun/gag gift worth up to \$15.

**Elections for Board of Director Positions for 2019/20** will be held December 13th. Please be at the meeting because every vote counts!

**Project 150** – There is an opportunity to volunteer on December 19<sup>th</sup>. To volunteer you have to register on their site as a volunteer and then set your schedule. <https://www.project150.org/>

**Rotary Round-Up** – The next Round-Up will be Friday, December 7th at 5 p.m. at the VFW Post 3848 at 401 W. Lake Mead Parkway east of the 215. It will be a Fish Fry. Please give Bob Hulshouser notice if you will be there, as they are setting up a table for the club.

### Student of the Month for October, Jason Vott

PP Mike Petersen introduced the student of the month.

Jason Vott is a senior at Coronado High School. He excels inside and outside of the classroom. He maintains a 4.8 weighted GPA, and is a Valedictorian Candidate. He will graduate with 10 AP classes and had the opportunity to take 6 credits of college at Stanford last summer. Jason is an award-winning violist that plays with the CCSD Honor Orchestra. He also competes in hurdles on the Track team, and has won awards in that as well. In addition to his school activities, Jason has volunteered in the community as well. He has helped host blood drives at school, as well as taught younger students how to play the viola with Club Arco. Jason plans to attend Dartmouth because he enjoys the community atmosphere. Jason told the club that he was thankful for getting this award, he was inspired by the work that Rotary does locally and abroad, and that he looks forward to continuing his volunteer work as he gets older.

### Wedding Anniversaries

- Christine L. Smith  
November 2nd
- Alex Grodzinsky  
November 19th
- Debbie Mitsch  
November 23rd

### Club Meeting

Green Valley  
Meets at The Wildhorse Golf Club  
2100 West Warm Springs Road  
Henderson, NV 89014  
Time: Thursday at 07:00 AM



### Trivia, Fines, Bucks and Dollars

PP Mike Petersen, our Trivia and Fine Master, tried to stump the crowd with Jewelry. The ladies of the club dominated, with Jackie Carroll winning immunity. The latecomers and pin-dodgers spun the wheel and Jim Paxton dinged us all with his spin.

## Happy Bucks/ Dammit Dollars

**Art Macarios** had happy bucks and dammit dollars for Buffalo and UNLV.

**Mike Denley** announced that he and Loretta got married! Congratulations!

**Mark Roy** was kind enough to give us an update on Rob Kravitz. We wish Rob well and hope he will be back soon!

**Dave McGovern** had a happy buck for cooking Thanksgiving dinner and waking up from a nap to find the house clean.

**George Baggins** gave the club an update on Jon Houlihan, and let us know where we could visit him.

**Judy Lloyd** had happy bucks for the student of the month and his family. She also had a fabulous weekend with family, and is happy for the holiday season.

**Shyloh Wehner** paid her fine for not having a pin and is having fun spreading the word about the Gala and getting to know people in other clubs.

**Julie Todd** is coordinating the Silent Auction at the Gala, and asked people to let her know if they had objects or experiences to donate. She had happy bucks for Thanksgiving with her family, and for her friend that's been very sick and is finally getting better.

**Jim Paxton** had happy bucks for the UNLV Rebels, the club, and for his ski trip.

**Linda Lundgren** had happy bucks for her visit to the Nellis AFB Thanksgiving dinner, the challenge coin she received there, and for the upcoming Christmas party at Aliante.

**Jim Frey** had happy bucks for the Rebel Football team and a trip to Reno. He also let the club know he has an extra ticket to the Library Tree Lane event at the Paseo Verde Library.

**Bob Hulshouser** had happy bucks for Student of the Month Jason and his family; and another to thank Assistant Principal Jennifer Bartkowitz and Coronado High School for their participation in the program.

**Arthur Basa** had a happy buck for being back at the club. He will be here until Christmas and plans on coming back to our meetings before returning home.

**Jay Larson** had a happy buck for Thanksgiving celebrations.

**Gerry Holinski** had happy bucks for Rotary and running into old Rotary friends at the gym and for our guests.

**Greg Bruce** blamed Jim Paxton for the Rebels losing. He also thanked people for coming out to his Improv show. He also had helpful advice for Mike Denley on purchasing diamond rings.

**Terry Perkins** had a happy buck for his visit to Seattle to see his son and his girlfriend.

**Janet Pancoast** had happy bucks Thanksgiving and the neighbors that brought Indian food to the gathering, and the Utah vs. BYU game.

## Program

## **Jon Ponder, CEO of Hope for Prisoners**

Guest **Angela Brookins** introduced our guest speaker, **Jon Ponder**, Founder and CEO of HOPE for Prisoners. Mr. Ponder started HOPE for Prisoners in 2009 after he was released from prison. He started the organization because he wanted to give back to the community and take all that he learned through his own personal journey through the prison system and help others. The organization works with prisoners through a pre-vocational leadership program. They give people tools, help create new and healthier reference points for living, and work to unify the family after serving time. Through training and mentorship, the goal is to create stand-up leaders in the community and stop recidivism. They have 350 local mentors that go through certification to support and encourage program attendees. They are funded through private donations and grants, and the program they provide is spreading across the country. Jon Ponder was incredibly inspiring and touched many members with his personal stories and passion for making the world a better place. For more information please go to their website at <https://hopeforprisoners.org/>



**President Janet Pancoast** thanked Jon Ponder for his presentation and presented him with a commemorative pen.

### **Adjournment**

The raffle is at \$230 and Greg Bruce's ticket was drawn. He did the right thing and pulled a 6. He then led the group in the 4-Way Test.

**President Janet Pancoast** adjourned the meeting at 8:11 a.m.

### **District 5300 News**

The Dan Stover Music Competition, 4-Way Speech Contest and RYLA are all coming up soon. Please check the District 5300 for



information: <https://district5300.org/>

## Rotary International News

Service Opportunity!

Sign up now for a wonderful weekend of service and fellowship in Mexicali! Arrive in Mexicali on Friday afternoon, January 4 and stay at the Hotel Colonial for \$50/night per room (sleeps 2), including breakfast. On Saturday we will go to a school for the deaf, CAM Eduardo Huet, and paint the exterior of the building.

Supplies will be provided, just bring old clothes that you won't care if a little paint gets splattered on them! We will have lunch at the school, with students and their parents, and then on Saturday night we will be guests at a dinner/dance, dress semi-dressy (sports coat, no tie ok for men), and then return to USA on Sunday.

Costs: \$50/night for hotel room; \$50/person for 2 meals on Saturday, including beverages

Sign up via DACdb, where you can also pay for the meals.

This is "first come/first served" so if you think you want to do this...SIGN UP QUICKLY! We are taking the first 50!

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