



*Newsletter of Yerington Rotarians
August 15, 2015*



Meetings:
Tuesday Evening 7:00 PM
Dini's Lucky Club

President: Joe Giomi
463-3650

Secretary: Ann Rudolph
463-5803

Treasurer: Candy Lo Bue
463-2677

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Elect:

None Yet.

Board 2nd year:

James Schreiber 463-3377
Tim Dake 463-3510
John Diekmann 463-7162
Carolyn Strelo-Smith 463-4696
John Murray 463-5550

Board 1st Year:

Ken Bitler, 463-4239
Candy LoBue 463-2677
Mary Swirsky 463-4015
Steve Chiquete (775) 461-6315
Ted Rudolph, 463-5803

Program Schedule:

August 18 – Mel Formaster
August 25 – Park with Lions
September 1 - ?
September 8 - ?
September 15 - ?

Invocation Schedule:

August 18 - ?
August 25 - ?
September 1 - ?
September 8 - ?
September 15 - ?

Newsletter Update!

By Kathy Mann

This newsletter is dedicated to Manuel! He always asked me; "What is going on in Rotary? I haven't gotten my newsletter" It was his way of goading me a little to "GET ER DONE", because we all know he never missed a meeting.

Ted and I are hoping to get a regular schedule to get the newsletter out, now that we are working in collaboration.

2014-2015 Rotary Year

By Kathy Mann

Ted's final meeting went out with a BANG!!(Thunder and Lightning), and blustery winds. Ted did a fantastic job as president this past year. Adding to our ending fund balance and meeting all of his goals.

The end of the year party was a huge success with a good turnout. Eddie Snyder received the QUIET ROTARIAN award. (No one more deserving.) Peggy Bitler received a special award for all her work this past year, selling tickets, gathering prizes for

silent auctions, and most important, organizing meals for various Rotary functions. Including but not limited to the Super Bowl Party, Spring Fling, etc. etc. THANKS PEGGY!

Three PAUL HARRIS AWARDS were presented to Ted Rudolph, Skip Bolton, and Tim Dake!!

A note to new members the Paul Harris awards are a very prestigious award to honor outstanding Rotarians. They do not come easily and to receive one is a very humbling experience. It is a total feeling of awe to realize that your club, district and Rotary International recognize your contributions in many aspects to Rotary.

James Neely received the Rotarian of the Year award.

James does an outstanding job juggling Rotary, Mason Valley Fire Dept., running, and his strong faith, and friendships, and still have time to work and have a family! James is a “go to” guy when you need something done!!

PAST MEETINGS: **2015-2016**

By Kathy Mann

Joe Giomi took over his official duties as our new president for the 2015-16 year on July 7th.

Two young people presented the programs. Both exemplify the true Rotarian Values.

Jeffrey Vallardes a recent graduate of YHS gave his speech that won him Outstanding Youth of the Mason Valley Boys & Girls Club and Nevada Outstanding Youth in a statewide competition in Las Vegas earlier this summer.

Jeff's speech told how important the B&G Club has been to him, giving his shelter and support when he was going through some very hard times in his life.

At the time of the meeting, Jeffrey was preparing to go to the district speech program in California. Competing against speakers from six western states! Unfortunately he did not win, however it was a lifetime accomplishment he will never forget.

Jeffrey is an outstanding young man. He has been an Interact member for 3 years. It has been an honor and privilege to watch him grow and mature!!

Rebecca Singer who was our RYE student last year, spoke on her year in France. Rebecca really enjoyed her year in France and had beautiful pictures of her many experiences and families that she lived with.

Rebecca has been an outstanding example of a RYE student. She has applied and been accepted to participate in the RYE program one more year, and will spend 2015-2016 in Sweden.

Our in-bound RYE student this year is from Germany, and has arrived,

Guests at this meeting were Christopher Ross and his “brother” from Taiwan.

Christopher was our RYE student in 2012 and spent a year in Taiwan. Christopher's Taiwanese brother was homebound back to Taiwan after spending a year in Mexico.

**OUR YERINGTON ROTARY
REALLY DOES TOUCH
THE WORLD!!**

JULY 14th

Bunny Snyder presented the program.

Jim Christensen gave a very informative talk on the 18 month mission that his wife and he spent in Africa. I wish I could tell you the countries,

but I can't. With the help of his granddaughter he had a very interesting slide presentation.

Jim even mentioned Rotary, although at the time of his visit, I am sure that it didn't make a connection with our local Rotary.

Also present at this meeting (unofficially) was District Governor Gail (Virus) Ellingson, and her husband and Assistant District Governor Mel Foremaster and his wife.

At this meeting Ken and Peggy Bitler each received a Paul Harris plus award.
CONGRATULATIONS!!

JULY 21st

Steve Chiquete presented the program.

Representatives from Southwest Energy gave a very informative brief program on mine explosive and demolition as it is done today. It is quite interesting to hear the difference between a “cigar, fuse and dynamite” to a computer controlled chemical system. The pictures were beautiful in their own way. The precision that the charges are sent off was very interesting.

JULY 28th

Lucy and Dennis Rechel gave a beautiful presentation of their spring archery shoot to South Africa. It gave a totally different perspective of the “African Safari” as compared to movies and recent news

stories. Thank you for sharing your experience, it was GREAT!

NIGHT IN THE COUNTRY:

Rotarians served beer at the 2015 NIC again. Rotarians gathered crews to work on Friday and Saturday nights. Comments heard were sore muscles, sore feet, and tiredness, but a good time!!

Judy Price and Ann Rudolph were chosen as the most beautiful ladies of the weekend. WE ALREADY KNEW THAT!

KUDOS to Tom and Judy Price for the new scholarship display! If you are like me and come in the front door, and seldom down the back hall, or just don't pay attention you need to make it a point to go back and look at the electronic display of scholarship recipients. It also gives a brief description of the various scholarships we have. GREAT JOB!!

[AN EVENING TO REMEMBER](#)
K. R. "Ravi" Ravindruan

[ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT](#)

By Ted Rudolph

The evening of August 14, 2015 was a memorable night, attending the Roatry International President dinner at the Atlantis Resort. It was both enjoyable, entertaining and a great dinner of Petite Filet Mignon and Garlic Broiled Scampi. It was truly an evening to remember!

Our new International President K. R. "Ravi" Ravinduran message to Rotary is:

BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD.

"Our time on earth is finite, and it's always shorter than we think. How do we want to spend it? Will we give of ourselves to others, so that the world will be richer because we passed through it? Or will we spend our days, as the famous Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore wrote, in stringing and unstringing our instruments, while the song we came to sing remains unsung?"

The glory of Rotary is that it helps us find a way to sing that song. It guides us on a path to living richer, more meaningful lives, by encouraging us to focus our attention on things that matter – helping each of us find our own way to be a gift to the world.

If we ask ourselves what characteristics we value most in our friends, most of us would answer similarly: integrity, trustworthiness, caring, compatibility. Our friends are not necessarily the people who are most like us but the ones who complement us, who bring out the best in us. That, to me, is precisely what we find in Rotary.

Rotary is a way to bring out the best part of ourselves, and let it guide our lives. Too often, we spend our days in pursuit of the goals that should matter least. We focus our attention on our own achievements and our own gain; we devote endless energy to the accumulation of material things. Yet at the end of our lives, no one will remember us for the cars we drove, the clothes we wore, the titles we carried, or the offices we sat in. We will not be admired for the

efforts we poured into making our own lives richer or status higher. In the end, our worth will be measured not by how much we acquired, but by how much we gave away".

OUTGOING PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By Ted Rudolph

I want to acknowledge each and every Rotarian for their individual contribution and support of the club, members and community during my tenure as president. I went into the presidency with apprehension, always wondering if I could perform the task ahead. With the support of the members, I soon understood that each member has a special place in the club with individual strengths that made me feel comfortable, learning that Yerington Rotary is more than a just a "club".

I wish to thank each and every member for their hard work and a memorable year in my life that has made a significant difference. You are all special to me.

We accomplished many things during the year but if I had to choose a most memorable event, I would say it be handing out scholarships to our the next generation of children who will make a difference in the world.

It is difficult to explain the light in their eyes when they learn they are the recipient of one of our scholarships.

Thank you all. I am proud to be associated with the Yerington Rotary Club.