



September, 2022 Newsletter Service, Social & Fun!

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Tuesday, October 11, 2022



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SOAR, Agassi, Lunt & Spread the Word

Friday, September 30, 2022

We had a busy Service, Social & Fun schedule in September.

SOAR - The Southern Nevada Rotary Clubs held their 22nd *Annual Safety Officer Award Recognition (SOAR)* Ceremony on September 12th, honoring the First Responders who exemplify the *Rotary International* value of "Service above Self". These distinguished officers, service members and agency employees went above and beyond in saving lives in our community and within their own ranks. Their stories of heroic feats are truly awe-inspiring, and sometimes tear-jerking. There were also two K-9 Units honored today. These are the true, often unsung, heroes in our society, and is no surprise to us. A special thanks to **Julie Stemple** and **Andrew Prodigalidad** volunteering their early morning time to greet all the attendees.



Lunt Family Literacy – Past Pres **Terry Zakanycz**, **Barbara Dempsey** and **Cat Brame** were on hand for Lunt's Literacy program, which was recently changed to an afterschool format, which Spread the Word & Lunt hope will encourage more families to attend. The attendance was higher, and the families enjoyed selecting their gently used books alongside their students. The usual story time and snacks were also part of the program. These gently used books may have been cleaned by our very own members as one of our Charter charity projects, and it's a wonderful feeling to see the books go full circle due to our service. *Click "Read More" below for more tidbits.*

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Club Meeting with Frank Pizarro

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Co-Founder and Charter Pres **Linda Bertuzzi** led our meeting and **Julie Stemple** graciously stepped up as meeting Captain. Captain's assignments included **Andrew Prodigalidad** who led the Pledge and reminded us of the history of our Club's flag. It was donated by the Green Valley Rotary Club after being flown in their Field of Honor in 2018. **Barbara Dempsey** not only led the 4-Way Test (plus 1) but prefaced it with its history. The author of the 4-Way Test is **Herbert J. Taylor**. He was a member of the *Chicago Rotary Club* and a prosperous businessman. Interestingly, Herb originally wrote the test, not for Rotary, but for a troubled business that he had taken over. It was adopted by Rotary International in 1943. And Mr. Taylor went on to become RI President from 1954-55. Julie shared one of her Rotary Moments from the annual *Southern Nevada Santa Clothes* event at *JCPenney's* and the heartwarming moment when a little girl grabbed Julie's leg at the beginning and exclaimed "I want to go with her!" A special thanks to **Renato Ritter** for always making sure we are well fed and completing BBQ themed month with burgers and fries. By popular request, we will be returning to catering from Leone's in October.

We recapped a few of our recent Service, Social & Fun projects – *Lunt Family Literacy*, *Agassi Birthday Hour*, *Spread the Word Nevada* book cleaning and *SOAR*. You can get the details in the SS&F article in the September Newsletter. Announcements for upcoming events include *Baby's Bounty* Diaper Distribution on Wednesday, Oct 19th, 9:00 am; *Assistance League* Operation School Bell shopping on Saturday, October 22, 9 am – 1 pm. *Lunt Elementary* has requested help with sprucing up the school grounds due to a shortage of school maintenance folks, and your busy Cruise Directors will get that organized. Additionally, the yet-to-be-named "holiday" pajama party is going to be held on January 6th – details to follow.

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Club Meeting September 14

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

How do you reward the immediate Past President for all her travels and missing meetings after the end of her year? Have her fill in to run the meeting on her first Wednesday back! Past Pres **Terry Zakanycz** was happy to step up and lead. We enjoyed the high energy, breaking bread together with a glass of wine and catching up with our two busy travelers – **Louise Faure and Terry**. Breaking with speaker tradition due to calendar snafu, we held discussions about recent service programs, including *SOAR* and upcoming *Lunt Elementary* Family Literacy on 9/15, and had a lively discussion on options for our annual Pajama Holiday Party. Some great ideas were thrown out that included an evening at a local hotel with movie or bowling night, the train, Springs Preserve, etc. We did confirm the Holiday party will be January 6th – after all our group is always thinking outside the box. Once a few members research some of the options thrown out, then we will begin organizing it and send out details, with cost and location kept close in mind to accommodate everyone.



September 7 Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

We kicked off this week's meeting of the *Rotary Club with the Biggest Heart* with **Barbara Dempsey** as Captain. After our usual meeting rituals, including a thoughtful inspirational moment, by **Cat Brame & Renato Ritter**, Barb gave us a few tidbits about herself. She sells promotional advertising on social media and loves the opportunity to meet so many new people. Loves "hiking off the grid" and most favorite place ever visited to date is Yosemite. She has three children and four grand babies.

Pres Giles Zollar welcomed **Kelly Camacho**, *Urban Nest Realty* and guest of Co-Founder **Linda Bertuzzi**. We recapped the Social at Spring Mountain Ranch, which according to Barb was cool and beautiful. Upcoming

events at Lunt and Agassi announced.

Pres Giles debunking gift from **Past Pres Terry Zakanycz** was taken and held for \$20 ransom to be paid to the Polio Plus fund. He indicated he needed help to pay the \$20 and a few other members stepped up to cover. **Past Pres Rob Beck** announced **Renato** will be the Club's new Polio Plus Chair. Birthday greetings were extended to **Sarah Tavernetti**.

Cross fines were plentiful! They included a phone going off during the meeting, getting lost at the airport, just for being happy, unofficially promoted, moms' and aunt's clean bill of health, and a tough hiking experience.

Minus our usual community-based speaker, our President stepped up with a craft talk about his business. He is a Senior Manager of Consulting for an accounting software company, dealing with very complex systems in 25 states. The teams provide software assessments for any company outgrowing their Quick Books systems. Additionally, the company sponsors a day of volunteering for all its employees in each community where they have a presence.

Shown below are Barbara, Cat & Renato and Giles.

