

Mike's Memos



Rotary Club of Reno Sunrise • Chartered – April 13, 1989 • Club No. 26317

Mike's Message

NOW IT'S "NINE"!

Greetings Reno Sunrise,

The year was 1999- 2000 and Sunrise's President #11 was Gary Foot.

Here is Gary's memory of his year as president:

"In reading the reminiscences of the other club presidents, I've been amazed at the detail they've been able to recall. There are really only two things that stand out in my mind – First, my demotion party - conducted by none other than Jack Meadows, in which **I was seated at the front of the room (Santa Fe, Basque) in a 'high chair' with tray.** Members were told that if they wanted me to have anything to eat, they'd need to bring it to me. So, someone brought me some salad, another some beans.... Then a fork, then a plate – the lamb chop before the knife and so on... Of course, bless all those who chose periodic introductions of Basque anesthesia – Pecan punches. If I didn't have ten I must've had **twenty.**

Jane, my wife, really put her foot (no pun intended) down (that was the first time in our marriage that I'd been drunk) and got the car keys from me. No problem, she discovered, I'm a happy drunk. Wow, what a great Reno Sunrise memory, huh?

More significant but less worthy of story, is my experience as president-elect and president... and the transition between the esteemed positions. At the time, the general line of succession to president was Secretary, President Elect, President; the job of putting on the sporting clays shoot fundraiser was the Pres Elect's, and the shoot was in April.

So, my experience was 1) start planning for the shoot in January, 2) go to 'PETS' (President Elect Training Seminar) in March, and 3) Put on the shoot fundraiser in April. Given that I was completely motivated after returning from PETS, I was ready to start the club on fire (like Harvey this year). However, I was hit square in the face with fact that only a month later was the fundraiser, and by the time that was over that fire had largely burned out.

So, in an effort to not have any future Presidents experience the same thing, I pushed to have the current system put in place – that the VP would run the shoot one year, progress to Pres Elect the **next** year (with PETS), then move onto President the following year. I hope that change has, however unwittingly, benefitted the club over the years. "

Thanks Gary for all you have done for **Sunrise Rotary** and the **impact** you have had on our club.

Remember the dinner with Rotary International President John Kenny, a must do event at the District Conference in May!

Important dates to remember:

1. Rotary Work Day (April 24th) at Virginia Palmer Elementary school.
2. Our Clay shoot is May 16th;
3. District Conference (District Conference (May 21-23);
4. Last meeting for Mike's term (June 25th).

Best of Rotary to you,

Mike

President Mike



The Pot
\$100.00
Buy a Ticket

Upcoming RSR Programs

April 30, 2010

Group Study Exchange
Inbound Team from India

May 7, 2010

Club Assembly

Mark your Calendar

April 24, 2010

Rotary Work Day 9AM Virginia Palmer

May 16, 2010

Reno Sunrise Sporting Clay Shoot
Sage Hill Gun Club

May 21 - 23, 2010

District 5190 Conference
Grand Sierra Resort

June 20 - 23, 2010

101st Rotary International Convention
Montreal, Canada
www.rotary2010.com

June 27, 2010

Mike's Demotion Party
Contact Thom to assist in the planning

April Birthdays

4/01	Craig Denney
4/14	Martha Greene
4/19	Thom Collins
4/21	Scott Tyler
4/23	Gary Foote
4/27	Steve Bamberger

April Wedding Anniversaries

4/04	Ed Basl
4/07	Cary Krites
4/10	Mike Kattelman
4/12	Craig Sande
4/13	Doug Hill
4/23	Jack Meadows
4/29	Dan Waters

CLUBS FOR MAKE-UP

Monday

Reno – Harrah's - 12:00 PM
Incline Village – Parasol Foundation - 12:15 PM
New Generations Club – www.renonewgenrotary.com

Tuesday

Truckee Sunrise – Donner Lake Kitchen – 7:00 AM
Carson City – Golden Nugget – 12:00 PM
Reno Central – Peppermill – 12:00 PM
Minden – Carson Valley Inn – 12:00 PM
Fallon – Fallon Convention Center – 12:15 PM
Reno Centennial Sunset – Tamarak – 6:00 PM
Tahoe City – Sawtooth Restaurant – 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Sparks – John Ascuaga's Nugget – 12:10 PM
So. Lake Tahoe – Harrah's – 7:00 PM
Reno Rotaract – 7:30 PM every other week
Visit www.renorotaract.org for location

Thursday

Sparks Centennial Sunrise – Davids @ Red Hawk - 7AM
Tahoe Incline – Hyatt – 7:00 AM
Fernley – Frontier Fun Center – 11:30 AM
Reno South – Atlantis – 12:00 PM
Truckee – Hampton Inn – 12:00 PM
Carson City Sunset – Eagle Valley GC – 6:30 PM

Friday

Reno Sunrise – Siena Hotel Spa Casino – 7:00 AM
Tahoe Douglas – MontBleu Resort – 12:00 PM

Online

e-club one - www.rotaryclubone.org

RSR Officers / Board Members

President – Mike Clifton
President-Elect – Harvey Miller
President-Nominee – John Hetz
Secretary – Mark Kattelman
Treasurer – Brian DeLisle
Immediate Past President – Thom Collins
Club Service – Helen Graham
Community Service – Virginia Haliwell
RYE – Jay Shaw
Vocational Service – Allan Sisia
International Service – Mark Anderson
Director at Large – Ron Rehn

Rotary District 5190

District Conference

District Conference will be held in Reno, Nevada at the Grand Sierra Resort on May 21st - 23rd, 2010. YOUR "Parade of Presidents" will take place on Saturday night of the Conference. Rotary International President, John Kenny will be the keynote speaker at the Friday night dinner. You won't want to miss this rare opportunity to hear our Rotary International President.



20th Annual Clay Shoot Fund Raiser Sunday, May 16th

REMINDERS:

- * Bring in your raffle prize (\$25 value) to a Friday meeting
- * Do a makeup at another Rotary club to promote our event & sell your raffle tickets
- * If you have a team of shooters complete a sign-up form
- * Sign-up for helping at the event if you have not

Contact John Hetz for event promotional flyers & sign-up sheets:

746-1434 or johnhetz@yahoo.com

Gates encourages Rotarians to keep up fight against polio

Rotary International News -- 15 April 2010

In a video message to Rotarians, Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, thanked Rotarians for their hard work in the effort to eradicate polio and congratulated Rotary for surpassing the halfway point in meeting Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.

"The work you're doing to raise funds for the program is critical, especially given the tight government budgets and increasing costs for a very aggressive polio program," Gates said. "Your work as advocates is also very important. We need to keep this fight high on the world's list of priorities."

Rotary has been a leader in the fight against polio since the launch of the PolioPlus program in 1985. Recently, the Gates Foundation awarded two grants totaling \$355 million to Rotary in support of its work in eradicating the disease. In response, Rotary pledged to raise \$200 million. To date, Rotary has raised \$117.5 million.

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Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

www.renosunrise.org

Rotarians make good use of social media

By Arnold R. Grahl
Rotary International News -- 16 April 2010

Worldwide, Rotarians are finding ways to use social media to build fellowship and get new ideas about running their clubs.

Some Rotarians have begun using Rotary International's official LinkedIn group to identify other Rotarians who are planning to attend the [RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June](#).

Keith Tsukishima, a member of the Rotary Club of Richmond, B.C., will be going to his fifth RI Convention this year. Tsukishima recently asked other members of the LinkedIn group whether they would be attending, and more than 50 people responded.

"Rotarians communicating -- whether on social networking sites, or face to face, or at their meetings -- is like glue," Tsukishima says. "Sharing Rotary with others fosters more interest and promotes the diversity of this amazing organization."

He says he is looking forward to the convention as a chance to meet new friends and discover opportunities in Rotary. He is encouraged by the effectiveness of social media.

"Perhaps we are all trying to find more commonalities and want to belong to something meaningful," he says. "Meeting all these folks online puts faces and personalities into the picture. No longer are we just 1 of 1.2 million Rotarians. These are real people, with real ideas, real and sometimes different thoughts. These discussion groups cross age barriers, geographic barriers, gender barriers, and cultural barriers."

Dave Getz, a member of the Rotary Club of Mechanicsburg-North, Pennsylvania, USA, will be attending his second convention. He also went to the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"One thing I have enjoyed about Rotary is the opportunity to meet other Rotarians," he says. "Meeting those with whom I share something in common, whether it be the fellowship of musicians or a LinkedIn group or someone who shares my classification, enhances my Rotary experience."

Getz says the LinkedIn group has helped him this year in his role as club membership chair. He received valuable insights from group members on induction ceremonies, including one idea from a Ukrainian Rotarian. "We are hosting an exchange student from Ukraine this year, which made that especially meaningful," he says.

John Fortney, of the Rotary Club of Toronto, will be going to his seventh convention in eight years. He says more than 80 members of his club, as well as Rotaractors, are planning to attend. He is most looking forward to the fellowship, and he has some advice for fellow Rotarians on what to do: "If any of you are going to the province of Québec for the first time, treat yourselves to a side trip to Québec City. It is the only walled city in North America and is over 400 years old. You will swear you are in Europe."

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The Palais des congrès de Montréal will be the site of breakout sessions and the House of Friendship during the 2010 RI Convention. LinkedIn members are using social media to locate other Rotarians planning on attending the convention.

Marc Cramer/Palais des congrès de Montréal

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