



Reno South Rotary

“Joel’s Journal”

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District 5190
Club #568

Meeting: July 15, 2010

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Future Programs

**July 15th – Dr. Larry
Williams will speak
about autism.**

Next Program

July 22, 2010 – ???

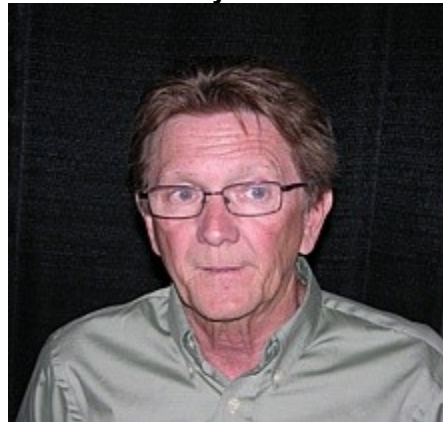
Meeting Highlights

Past President LaVonne introduced our speaker Dr. Larry Williams the Director of Behavioral Analysis in the Psychology Department at UNR. He spoke about Autism. Autism is a disorder of neural development characterized by impaired social interaction and communication, and by restricted and repetitive behavior. The cause of autism is unknown and is increasing by 10 to 17 percent annually. Dr. Williams attributed this to more doctors looking for symptoms and the need for the symptoms being labeled to provide access to health care dollars. Without the diagnosis there is no insurance coverage for patients.

Some attribute the cause to environmental causes such as heavy metals, pesticides or even vaccines. Dr. Williams felt strongly that there is no scientific evidence backing up the vaccine theories. The disease is diagnosed in boys have 3 to 4 times than girls.

Although there is no cure, progress has been made in treating the disorder and allowing the autistic child to develop more normal behaviors. It is done with intensive interaction with the child and focusing on changing the behavior and not trying to figure out what is going on in their minds. He stated that some of the repetitive behaviors will change with the therapy.

Dr. Larry Williams



The weekly Shot of Thanks went to Alex Lepe for his work on Youth Services. Alex was the lucky winner of a shot of Jagermeister. We won't tell the kids Alex.

Denny provided us with the weekly joke.

Membership Chairman Pete Sanborn provided the Board Minute. Our goal as a club is to

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gain 20 members this year. Pete feels that we to change from status quo to grow, grow, grow. We are forming 22 recruitment teams and each will team will be asked to find one new member.

Announcements

Phillip Brown of the New Generations club was here to remind us about their July 22nd fundraiser. A roast of local attorney and boxer Joey Gilbert.

August 5th is the date for the RSR picnic at Galena Creek Park. We will be dark that day as the picnic will take the place of the regular meeting. Jan DeAngeli says the menu will be steak, chicken, sausages and plenty of wine. He's looking for some helping hands.

Fines and Recognition

No fines this week.

Guests

Our guests were Philip Brown, Liz Malody, Patti Ireland, Linda Sanborn and Steve Solberg.

Joel's Bowls Challenge

The drawing was held, Bruce Krater was the lucky winner for an amount of \$10. He passed the challenge to Chuck Malley costing Chuck \$20 and Chuck passed to Ray Moberg who accepted the challenge. Ray's challenge was to make a putt for 25 Paul Harris points. Ray missed the putt and got to read several golf jokes in honor of the Reno Tahoe Open and Celebrity tournament.

Ray warms up for the money putt



The Four Wav Test

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it **BUILD GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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Club Activities

August 5th RSR Picnic

Sept. 2nd RSR tailgate
UNR vs. Eastern
Washington

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