



Reno South Rotary

“Joel’s Journal”

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District 5190
Club #568

Meeting: July 22, 2010

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Future Programs

Aug 12th
Carlo Luci, CEO
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Aug 19th
Judge David Hardy,
Upcoming Congress-
ional Initiatives

Next Program

July 29, 2010 – John Dunn from NV4CFE, Nevadans for Carbon Free Energy.

Meeting Highlights

Mike “the Man-child” Fronk introduced our speaker Red Kittel. Red is the Chairman of the Reno Historical Resources Commission. Red, a Carson City native, advised us that there are a number of organizations in Reno, Sparks and Carson City providing local historical information. The Nevada Historical Society, currently encamped at UNR and closed due to budget cuts, and the Historical Reno Preservation Society are two he mentioned. The HRPS along with other groups engage in, often unsuccessfully, preserving various landmark buildings like the Mapes Hotel and now the Virginia Street Bridge.

The bridge when built in 1906 was planned to permit 60,000 cubic feet of water to pass. Some now call it the Virginia Street Dam since the 2001 flood which recorded 200,000 cubic feet flows. The bridges need to be raised about 8 feet. Estimated cost will be around \$690 million but the damage from the 2001 flood was over a billion. Maybe Harry Reid can help?

Reno is part of the National Model Cities Program and there is considerable information on plaques on buildings downtown and posted elsewhere. There are free hosted walking tours which allow local people to learn about the Biggest Little City.

Red also gave us some Carson City history. It was once part of Ormsby County and the smallest American capitol in size. The population in 1880 was 4500 but by 1940 it was only 2000. All dirt roads, no hospital, a volunteer fire department and the Chief of Police and the Sherriff shared a car. All phone lines were party lines and if there was an emergency, Stella the operator, would turn a light on outside the phone company. The chief would know there was trouble when he cruised by or concerned citizens might go looking for him give him the alert.

Reno and Carson City both had county poor farms for the indigent and Carson City had a Chinatown until it burned down. Red was funny, informative and his talk was enjoyed by all.

President Joel with Red Kittel



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Mic: Tori Jauron Greeter: Jane Gruner Pledge: Jackie Sorter
Thought for the Day: Tom Hegge Scribe: Chuck Malley 4 Way Test: Denny Williams

Club Activities

August 5th RSR Picnic

Sept. 2nd RSR tailgate
UNR vs. Eastern
Washington

The Four Way 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?

Announcements

August 5th is the date for the RSR picnic at Galena Creek Park. Great food, wine and fun for all RSR members. **No regular meeting.**

Balloon Race Parking is still up in the air?

Tailgate Party is September 2nd, UNR vs. Eastern Washington. Game time is pending. Kent Wood promises great food and the UNR Women's basketball team has been invited.

The Yerington Rotary will do a return visit on September 28th. We will be having a BBQ at the National Guard.

The entire Anderson School wish list has been approved. We are seeking a matching community grant from the District.

Fines and Recognition

President Joel paid \$40 for a family Disneyland Trip.

Don "America" Richter - \$10 for his birthday.

Lawson Fox took a trip to Tennessee to visit his family. He saw his two sons and took a 240 mile boat trip. One son is playing in a band and living out of a van. He paid \$50 if they would stop playing music. Maybe he learned from Lawson and his "Bad Neighbors Band." The other son is a pilot who happened to captain Lawson's flight from Memphis to Denver.

Denny Williams - \$100 for a birthday an anniversary and general life style.

Dave Ouren - \$40 for a trip to Panama and a failed attempt to bribe the Panamanian Customs officials.

Jackie Sorter - \$10 for her birthday.

Guests

Our guests were Stuart Sorter, Patti Ireland and John Mertha

Joel's Bowls Challenge

Jackie Sorter won the prize and was serenaded by the losing table's choir, "The Reno Lounge Lizards." The Atlantis and RSR will neither seek nor permit an encore performance by the Lizards.

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