



# Reno South Rotary

“Joel’s Journal”

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District 5190  
Club #568

**Meeting: August 19, 2010**

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## Future Programs

**Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dark for  
UNR tailgate**

**Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – Bud  
James, Business  
Applications of  
Enneagram**

## Next Program

August 26, 2010 – Jamie Zimron, founder of the Palestinian/Israeli Peace Foundation.

## Meeting Highlights

Jonathan King introduced our speaker the Honorable Judge David Hardy. Judge Hardy was under strict instruction from Mike Fronk to “Not be boring.” He wasn’t.

Judge Hardy spoke about two upcoming state initiatives regarding the selection process of justices and creating a state court of appeals. He did not try to sway thinking but presented valid points on both sides of the issues. Both of the ballot questions were passed by a 2/3 majority vote by the legislature in two consecutive sessions.

### Question 1

Shall the *Nevada Constitution* be amended to provide for the appointment of Supreme Court justices and District Court judges by the Governor for their initial terms from lists of candidates nominated by the Commission on Judicial Selection, with subsequent retention of those justices and judges after independent performance evaluations and voter approval?

As explained by Judge Hardy, judges would be appointed for two year terms. They would then face a retention election needing 55% of the vote to gain retention. The retained judges would serve a six year term and face an election at the end of each term. Currently 50% of judges gain their postings from appointments as did Judge Hardy. Once on the bench, 70% of sitting judges run unopposed.

### Question 2

Shall the *Nevada Constitution* be amended to allow for the establishment of an intermediate appellate court, that would have jurisdiction over appeals of certain civil and criminal cases arising from the district courts?

Judge Hardy stated that as currently structured the State Supreme Court is the only court that can hear appeals from the District courts. The cases can run the gamut from the legality of the death penalty to a prisoner’s complaint about the quality of food in the prisons. There are currently 1667 cases pending and it is one of the busiest courts in the country. He stated that it is estimated to cost around \$1.6 million and the Supreme Court has given that amount back to the general fund in the last two years.

The full questions and arguments for and against can be seen at [www.nvsos.gov](http://www.nvsos.gov)

It was obvious that Judge Hardy loves the law as two of his statements demonstrated. “Judges should honor their positions.” and “Judges must be impartial guardians of the law.”

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**Judge Hardy**



## **Announcements**

Balloon Race Parking is scheduled for Sept. 10, 11, and 12. Babysitting help will be available for the members who need it.

We will be dark September 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Tailgate Party, UNR vs. Eastern Washington. Game time is pending. Time is 4:00 for the party. 2:00 for the early birds.

The next Last Wednesday meeting will be held at Don Richter’s house on August 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30. The theme is Mudslides & Margaritas. 2130 Richter Dr.

Heidi Howe agreed to run for the open Vice President position. It was so moved seconded and passed during the meeting. Thanks Heidi.

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> the Yerington Club will be coming for a return visit. There will be a vocational tour at the National Guard in the afternoon.

Board Minute by Dave Galloway. The budget is completed. \$6800 for Project Amigo will be matched by the District and International twice bringing the total to \$27,200. \$4760 pledged to Anderson School.

Darrell Armuth will head a Grants Committee to gain funds for MIS.

Bodie Monroe is the new Sgt. At Arms.

## **Fines and Recognition**

Bruce Krater - \$10 for his 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He had dinner at the Washoe Grill.

Tom Hegge - \$10 for his 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Steven Jackson - \$150 to the bell for the birth of his 4<sup>th</sup> child, Emerson Anne. Congratulations Steve.



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### 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?

### Guests

Our guests were Richard Wood, Tiger & Susie Michaels – Redding Club, Burt Hartman & Ross Mitchell – Sparks Club, Adam Huer, Eve King and Johannes ??? our Rotary Exchange student.

### Joel’s Bowls Challenge

The \$3 ball was drawn and Dave Ouren was the winner. He accepted the challenge and was promptly dress in toga and laurels with a short sword completing the uniform. He was then required to stand and recite a “Roman” quote every time a member or guest said Rome or for that matter roam. Dave, you make a fine Roman.

**Emperor Ouren**

