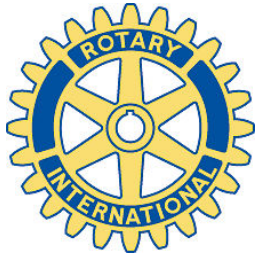


July 3, 2009

# Mike's Memos



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

## Mike's Message

### "Fifty-one to go"

Greetings My Fellow Rotarians,

I would like to begin this journey by saying thanks to each of you who have answered my pleas for help. Don't get comfortable the journey is just beginning! Thanks to the board for approving replacements for Jowel's and John's terms. Thanks for Mark Anderson and Jay Shaw for agreeing to serve on our board. I look forward to serving as Reno Sunrise's president and will do my best to confirm your confidence in me.

Best regards in rotary,  
Mike

## This Week's Program

**Ralph Levenberg**  
**POW Consultant**  
**VA Medical Center Reno**

Ralph Levenberg, Major USAF (Retired), survivor of the Bataan Death March and Japanese "hell ships" to speak of his POW experience.

Since World War I, more than 142,000 Americans, including 85 women, have been captured and interned as Prisoners of War (POW). Not included in this figure are nearly 93,000 Americans who were lost or never recovered. Only one fifth of America's former POWs since World War I are still living (about 22,641). More than 90% of living former POWs were captured and interned during World War II.

On April 9, 1942, as the final stage of the Battle of Bataan, approximately 76,000 Filipino and American troops, commanded by Major General Edward King, Jr., were formally surrendered to a Japanese army of 54,000 men under Lt. General Masaharu Homma. This was the single largest surrender of a military force in American history. The captured troops were "marched" from the Bataan Peninsula to prison camps. On the 60-mile Bataan Death March, approximately 54,000 of the 75,000 prisoners reached their destination. All told, approximately 5,000-10,000 Filipino and 600-650 American POWs died before they could reach Camp O'Donnell



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## Mark your Calendar

### July 11, 2009

#### Thom's Demotion

Mystery Bus Trip

Meet at GSR Bus Terminal

3:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Transportation Food Drink Entertainment \$75

Sign up at meeting or contact Brian

### July 12, 2009

Taste of Reno Tahoe

Reno Centennial Sunset Rotary

National Automobile Museum

5:00 – 8:00 PM

Main Tasting \$75

[www.tasteofrenotahoe.com](http://www.tasteofrenotahoe.com)

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## Upcoming RSR Programs

### July 10, 2009

Michael Stearns

Legends Reno-Tahoe Open

### July 17, 2009

Scott Kellermann

Uganda Hospital

### July 24, 2009

Andy Flock

Sparks Fire Department

### July 31, 2009

Genoveve Stowell

Washoe County Library System

### August 7, 2009

Lisa Wallace

Truckee River Wartshed Council

### August 14, 2009

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### August 21, 2009

Noreen Leary

Veterans Guest House

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## July Birthdays

July 1	Chuck Fulkerson
July 3	Dan Webb
July 5	Jay Shaw
July 10	Ron Rehn
July 14	Noreen Leary
July 15	Helen Graham
July 22	Jon Greene
July 25	Virginia Haliwell
July 26	Dan St. John

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## July Wedding Anniversaries

July 1	Jon & Martha Greene
July 12	Jowel Laguerre
July 17	Brian Delisle
July 28	Craig Denney

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## CLUBS FOR MAKE-UP

### Monday

Reno – Harrah's - 12:00 PM

Incline Village – Parasol Foundation - 12:15 PM

### Tuesday

Truckee Sunrise – Tahoe Berry – 7:00 AM

Carson City – CC Nugget – 12:00 PM

Reno Central – Peppermill – 12:00 PM

Minden – Carson Valley Inn – 12:00 PM

Fallon – Fallon Golf Course – 12:15 PM

Reno Centennial Sunset – Tamarak – 6:00 PM

Tahoe City – Tahoe Yacht Club – 6:30 PM

### Wednesday

Sparks – John Ascuaga's Nugget – 12:10 PM

So. Lake Tahoe – Harrah's – 7:00 PM

Reno Rotoract – 7:30 PM every other week

Visit [www.renorotoract.com](http://www.renorotoract.com) 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

Carson City Sunset – Station Grill – 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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

e-club D-7890 - [www.rotaryclub7890.org](http://www.rotaryclub7890.org)

e-club of Tampa Bay - [www.rotarycluboftampabay.org](http://www.rotarycluboftampabay.org)

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## THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

By

Jon S Greene, Executive Secretary,  
Rotary Youth Exchange

Over the past several months I have attended Rotary functions and club meetings where the person leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States started by saying “Everyone please join me in the Pledge...” or “Rotarians and guests, the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag”. And as proud citizens of the United States of America, we show our respect for our flag, and our support for our elected government by reciting the Pledge.

However, we must remember that we are Rotary **International**. And because we are an **International** organization, we may have visitors present (or even club members) who are not citizens of the United States of America, but are proud citizens of another country. At some of the Rotary meetings and functions that I have attended there have been Rotarians visiting from Belgium, Brazil, and India, and Rotary Youth Exchange inbound students.

When we introduce the Pledge with a statement as in the examples above, we are forgetting that our foreign guests should not be asked to join us in the Pledge. (After all, when we are visiting a foreign nation, we are not expected to express loyalty to their government/nation.) Therefore, when we introduce the Pledge, we need to use words that invite citizens of the United States of America to Pledge. Examples of such introductions are: “My fellow Americans, please join me in the Pledge to our flag...” or “Will all citizens of this great nation join me in the Pledge...”

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## 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

Director at Large – Mark Anderson

Director at Large – Ron Rehn

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## Rotary History Library

### Rotary’s Wheel Emblem



A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate “Civilization and Movement.” Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterhead. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem, of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the “Rotary International Association.” A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a ‘keyway’ in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

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## Tidbits about the Rotary International Convention (Part I)

Birmingham, England

June 21 – 24

By Martha Greene

One of the reasons I enjoy attending the Rotary International Convention is visiting a city, which probably wasn't on my list otherwise. Birmingham, England fits this situation to a T. Birmingham, Alabama is named after this Birmingham because both were industrial powerhouses. Birmingham, England is now a commercial and industrial city and the second largest city in England. There is a famous market area called the Bull Run with an open air produce market as well as a large market building filled with small stalls selling clothes, cosmetics, food and all manner of meat, poultry, lamb and fish. This modest market area is now adjacent to an up-scale shopping mall with a few names familiar to Americans but mainly British firms selling what every mall sells. Because Jon is a Youth Exchange Officer he always attends the pre-conference and so I have a day or two to walk around the convention city. This time was no exception. Friday morning I went alone to the two (down-scale) markets and checked out every stall. What fun to listen to the egg seller singing "12 eggs, who wants a dozen eggs?" while others touted their cheap cell phones and clothes and food.

Saturday the House of Friendship opened. This is always a collection of different types of stalls. Most of the Rotary Fellowship groups have a booth, usually RYE has a booth, some districts have booths and then there are the vendors. The vendors sell Rotary jewelry, ties, shirts, blouses and scarves. Other vendors sell clothing with no connection to Rotary. This year there was a vendor selling easy-on-the-hands wood clippers. And, there are always lunch and snack food vendors and at least one entertainment stage. Another requirement is some lounging areas so Rotarians can rest their feet (and take a nap). These areas are great places to meet friends from around the world and make new friends.

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Another way to make new friends is to say "yes" when someone asks you to take their photo. Two young men asked Jon for that favor. One was a Rotarian from the district Jon will lead the Group Study Team to next year and the other was a young German man who will be studying architecture at the Illinois-Urbana University beginning in September. We offered out standard invitation to come stay in our Rotary guest room any time. Go to the Rotary web site ([www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)) to see photos of the convention. Next week I'll tell you more about my favorite parts of the convention.

Martha Greene

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### Last Week's Meeting



Pres Thom at his last meeting!



2004 Ms. Nevada Liz Muto motivated us with a brief talk about the Ms. Nevada Pageant and her life.

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