



Bert Reiner

The Cabbage Patch Kid Story



Bert was born in Germany, then emigrated to Shanghai after Kristallnacht, where as a young boy he and his parents lived for the next 10 years. He survived the Holocaust in the Shanghai Ghetto, under Japanese occupation, then the Chinese Communists, before immigrating to the U.S.

He has 30+ years of experience in the development, quality and manufacture of toys and juvenile products. Bert is a graduate engineer from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Bert has worked at several toy companies, including A.C. Gilbert, Ideal Toy, and Coleco Industries, where he was Sr. Vice President. It was there that Bert was responsible for the development and manufacture of the Cabbage Patch Kids.

Bert joined the Las Vegas Rotary Club almost two years ago, and was previously with the North Haven Rotary Club. Bert is now retired. He and his wife Sandy have 3 children and 8 grandchildren all living in Connecticut.



JUNE 3, 2021

TODAY'S PROGRAM

BERT REINER

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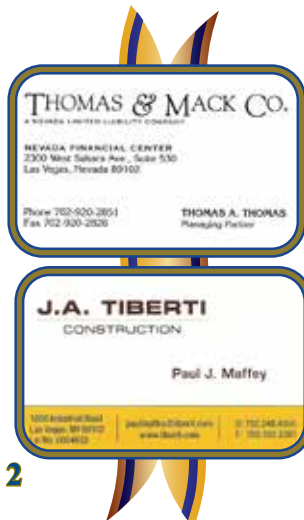
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lemonade

We have all heard people say, and seen cute posters and plaques which proclaim, “When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.” This year the growing conditions seemed to be especially good for lemon trees growing in Las Vegas, and the lemon crop was bountiful. Each week at our club meetings there were Meyer lemons being shared by club members who had been blessed with more fruit than one family could consume.

Whether you took home any of these lemons and made lemonade or not, it is very obvious that you took that saying to heart. As our club was preparing for the District 5300 Annual Conference this year and picking out the most noteworthy achievements of this past Rotary year to describe in our allotted four-minute presentation, it was clear that we had way more than four minutes worth of great highlights to cover. Our club clearly took the lemons that the virus restrictions presented and made lots of lemonade.

We packed and then delivered Halloween candy to young children in the parking lot of their temporarily closed elementary school, we delivered prepared meals to shut-ins, we partnered with other Rotary clubs around the globe to deliver PPE to hospitals in hard hit areas, and here in Las Vegas we partnered with Spread the word Nevada to support childhood literacy and with the Wheelchair Foundation to roll out wheelchairs to needy recipients at a pace that any big automaker would envy.

You have every reason to be proud of our club and what we have been able to do this past year. I am not sure what the record is for making lemonade, but I would bet the ranch that we broke that record this past Rotary year. Congratulations and thank you!


Richard Jost




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If any of our members knows of someone with a permanent disability, a Nevada Resident and requires a wheelchair, but cannot afford one, please reach out direct to **Jim Hunt** directly.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06/01 Michael Ballard	06/15 Ginger Anderson
06/03 Gina Gentleman	06/18 Howard Hopkinson
06/03 James E. Hunt	06/20 Adrick Akoopie
06/05 Thomas J. Krob	06/23 Robert F. Kaufmann, Ph.D.
06/06 Janice Lencke	06/23 Gary Vause
06/06 Dr. Niki Bates	06/24 Thomas L. Brooker
06/14 Barbara Billitzer	06/27 Jacqueline Thornhill
06/14 Benjamin Klink	

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Bill Ferron*	1924-25	Keith Ashworth*	1973-74
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Frosty Mildren*	1926-27	Don Ashworth*	1975-76
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Dr. William S. Park*	1929-30	Darrell Luce*	1978-79
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Douglas Dasheil*	1933-34	Joseph J. Buckley*	1982-83
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Dr. Roy Martin*	1935-36	James Cashman III*	1984-85
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Cyril Wengert*	1942-43	Robert L. Moore	1991-92
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Victor Shurtiff*	1945-46	John A. Smith	1994-95
Max Kelch*	1946-47	Caty Crockett	1995-96
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Spence Butterfield*	1955-56	Steve Casey	2004-05
Walt Hunsaker*	1956-57	Ned Phillips	2005-06
Ted Brandt*	1957-58	Brock Fraser	2006-07
Julian Moore*	1958-59	Randy Campanale	2007-08
Ray F. Culley*	1959-60	Russ Swain	2008-09
C.T. Harris*	1960-61	Karen Whisenhunt	2009-10
Ollie Gardner*	1961-62	Tom Axtell	2010-11
Tom Underhill*	1962-63	Sharon McNair	2011-12
Vern Willis*	1963-64	Randy Donald	2012-13
Ward Wengert*	1964-65	Ginger Anderson	2013-14
Bill Southard*	1965-66	Steve Linder	2014-15
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Capt. Anthony Barnes
delivers the invocation.



Head table **Tom Thomas**,
guest speaker **Terry Shirey**,
and **Ted McAdam**.



PE Mike Ballard and his guests.



Austin Wyrick is the successful
bidder for VIP Tickets.



Janice Lencke wins
the Lawry bucks.



Kim Nyoni presents awards of PH+1
to **Bert Reiner**, PH+4 to **Val Hatley**,
and PH+6 to **Kathy Dalvey**.

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PE Mike Ballard announces the Thomas family matching gift opportunity.



Marie Walsh is happy to update us on our club's literacy programs as **Club ED Shawn Noorda** looks on.



SAA Bhavan Singh is fined for going AWOL from the prior meeting.



Almost a Joker.



Ted McAdam describes the history of Memorial Day.



Guest speaker **Terry Shirey**, President of Nevada State Bank, receives a Share What You Can award.



The Officers for the 25 Club

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The 25 Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday
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- **President Richard Jost** called the meeting to order.
- **Captain Anthony Barnes** gave the invocation.
- **President Jost** played “Hymn to the Fallen” by John Williams, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Bhavan Singh** served as the Sergeant At Arms.
- **Jim Tucker** served as the paparazzi.
- We had three guests of Rotarians and one visiting Rotarian (virtually)
- **PP Jim Hunt** provided details for the upcoming Cigar Social which will be held at Creech Air Force Base on June 17. Admission is a \$10 donation and attendees are asked to bring a minimum of three cigars; one to give to a soldier, one to trade, and one to smoke.
- **PP Tom Thomas** announced that **PE Mike Ballard** will be the club’s 99th President and PP and now **PEE Caty Crockett** will be the club’s 100th President.
- **PP Tom Thomas** let the club know that when he first joined, the club was trying to raise \$1 million for the foundation, and now the club is approaching \$3 million. He and his wife Leslie have generously offered to match up to \$100,000 in donations for the foundation under **PE Mike Ballard’s** tenure.
- **PE Mike Ballard** let the club know that pledge forms were on the table, and then generously pledged the first \$2,500 to be matched.
- **Kathy Mahon** also donated \$1,000 to be matched.
- **Rose Falacco** announced that **President Jost’s** debunking party will be held on June 24 at **Bob Werner’s** house. RSVPs are needed.
- **Rose Falacco** announced that the final 25 Club meeting under **President Jost’s** tenure will be on June 3. The event will be held at Spanish Trails Country Club. RSVPs are required.
- **Erik Astramecki** donated and auctioned off two VIP suite tickets to the Black Belt MMA Tournament on June 12. **Austin Wyrick** was the highest bidder. Volunteers are needed to work the raffle ticket table. The funds will be split with the USO.
- **Marie Walsh** provided an annual report on Breakfast with Books. From September 2020 to May 2021, there were 5,166 participants.
- **Marie Walsh** also provided an update on the club’s valedictorian program. Due to Covid, the club was unable to host the students, but the club sent certificates and \$100 check to 54 students.
- **President Jost** fined **Bhavan Singh** \$100 for missing last week’s meeting and his duty as Sergeant At Arms so that he could partake in a “FarmersOnly.com” dating site photo shoot.
- **Kim Nyoni** recognized Paul Harris Fellows; **Bert Reiner**, **Val Hatley** +4, and **PP Kathy Dalvey** +6
- To be fiduciary responsible, all pledge forms that indicate a desire to pay by credit card need to include a credit card number. Club members can no longer say “on file.”
- The raffle ticket winner was a guest of **PE Mike Ballard**, who received a prize of \$10 and the Lawry’s Bucks winner was **Janice Lencke**.
- Former member **Ted McAdam** presented the history of Memorial Day.
- **Rosalee Hedrick** introduced our guest speaker **Terry Shirley**, President, CEO for Nevada State Bank. Mr. Shirley educated the club on the “Banking Industry and the Economy.” Topics included what happened in 2020 and how the banking sector responded, key metrics, banks role in stimulus, and what’s next.
- **President Richard Jost** then adjourned the meeting.

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COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

The AV Team

Over the past few years, the AV Team streamed tens of thousands of minutes of weekly meetings across the globe and fulfilled the 2020-2021 Rotary Theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities." Our weekly broadcasts give Rotarians around the globe the opportunity to witness what our club does to serve our community, giving the opportunity of homebound members to stay connected, and giving speakers the opportunity to address our club.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the hard work on those of the AV team allowed our club to continue to conduct its meetings, business, and keep all of us connected. As move forward into a new normal, we need your help to continue to keep us connected as our members travel or are stuck at home.

We are calling on all members of the club to help support our endeavors and fulfill the 2021-2022 theme of "Serve To Change Lives." Joining the AV team will honor the motto "Service Above Self." Please contact us so that we can add you to the AV team which allows us to show the world that we are, bar none, the Best Rotary Club in the World!

In Service,

Jim Kohl, *AV Chair*



2019-2020
6 Mentor Centers
225 Mentors
715 Children served
10,429 Books distributed

Notables

- A 1st grader lights up each time her mentor picks her up
- Comprehension increases from 50% to 88% for a 2nd grader
- A 3rd grader doubles his fluency from 45 words per minute to 94, with 98% accuracy
- "My student has developed confidence and positivity, his mentor has changed his life" - 4th grade teacher
- A shy 5th grader sneaks a handwritten thank you letter onto her mentor's desk
- A student stops our Facilitator in the hallway and begs to be chosen for the next open spot

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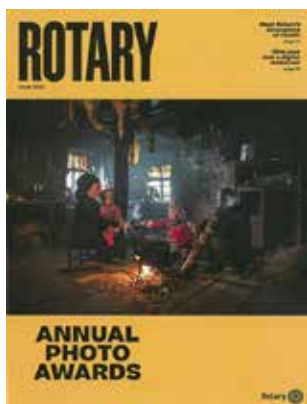
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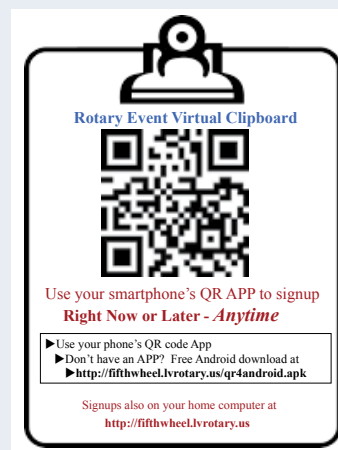


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6/10 Lisa Haborhorst
- Spread The Word Nevada
6/17 New Rotary Year Review
- Mike Ballard
6/24 President's Debunking
7/01 Kelly McCahill
- Metro Deputy Chief
7/08 Steven Albright
- VP Intermountain Healthcare
7/15 TBD
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