



## GENERAL MEETING February 26 2014

President Dan Kruger called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Michelle Shafe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Treasurer's Report was approved with a balance forward of \$ 3804.00

The President reminded us of the Club's packing of lunches at Three Square on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Jefferson Jackson Dinner will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Tropicana.

The State Convention will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Reno.

Frank Fopiano introduced the guest speaker, Dan Williams, chief operating officer of Three Square Foodbank. This foodbank was started in 2007 and has in short time become the largest foodbank in Nevada; Brian Burton is the present leader. 344,000 people are food-insecure in the Valley; they don't know where their next meal is coming from. 153,000 kids are food-insecure in Clark County. Backpacks from Three Square give them six meals over the week-end; 60 people can pack 40,000 meals in an hour. Three Square has a staff of 97, the rest is volunteers. The aim of Three Square is to end hunger in the Las Vegas Valley and to that end they need to bring in 68 million pounds of food a year; that goal may actually be reached in two years. The Three Square Foodbank works as a distribution hub; the food goes out to 178 food pantries. Thanks to two major Foundations they are able to buy food as well as rescue it from major grocery stores. They are on track to rescue 12 million pounds of food a year. Food with "Sell by this date" is still good and can easily be frozen and later brought out to the food pantries. Thanks to the Foundations, Three Square owns their buildings and their trucks free and clear. 18 trucks pick up food from grocery stores every day. This is to the advantage of the grocery stores as well since they can write off what they give; which they cannot do if the food goes into a landfill.

Several candidates presented themselves:

Jim Crockett running for District Court Department 24

Nihcolas Perino running for District Court Department 20

Hon. Doug Smith running fro District Court Department 8

Cliff Marcek running for District Court Department 19

Michelle Shafe running for re-election as County Assessor

Gary Fisher running for State Assembly

Gareth LeDuff running for State Senate

Steve Yeager running for Assembly District 9

Bruce Gale running for District Court Department 22

Jeffrey Rugg running for District Court Department 30

Jennifer Taylor spoke for Steven Horsford  
Brenda Rose spoke for judge Cheryl Moss

The Pot of Gold was won by Bernard Mesco

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

**Lisa Kershaw**

Recording Secretary 2014