



**GENERAL MEETING
Febr. 27 2013**

President Mark Brandon called the meeting to order at 7:05.
Frank Fopiano led the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes from last meeting were approved.
Dan Kruger introduced the evening's guest speaker,

County Commissioner Susan Brager

Before she became a County Commissioner Susan Brager served 12 years on the School Board and cares deeply about education. She talked about the challenges of representing a very diverse district. The seven Commissioners have to handle a variety of issues, one of which is UMC. This hospital is very important as a teaching- and learning center; it has a fantastic Trauma Center and Burn Center. Unfortunately, the hospital has been deep in the red but the debt has now been reduced from 100 million dollars to 50 million. How the Affordable Care Act will affect hospitals is hard to say.

Other issues that the Commissioners have to handle are roads and signs that never seem to keep up with demand. Water issues are also important; the third intake from Lake Mead is now built. The economy may present the biggest challenge: gaming revenue from the Strip cannot supply all the revenue the County needs; property taxes are down, and we are only slowly climbing out of the recession.

Susan Brager answered a lot of questions from the members, among others about the Constable's Office, the Rhodes landswap, road art, education, and diversification of the economy. The latest shooting on the Strip was mentioned but Susan Brager assured us that Las Vegas is a very safe and clean city. A lot of money is spent on removal of graffiti.

The Treasurer's report was approved. The club has a balance forward of \$ 4,302.00

Two candidates presented themselves: F. Raja, running for City Council, Ward 5; Roger Giuliani running for Family Court

The Pot of Gold raffle was won by Mark Brandon who donated it back to the Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kershaw

Lisa Kershaw, 2013 Recording Secretary