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Report from the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar

Hanging with the big boys

Photograph by ROBIN NOVOTNY

ALL SMILES: Sure, you always can chat with Tom Novotny at a Las Vegas West club meeting when his district governor duties allow him to attend. But it's a big deal when he greets you as president-elect of the club at the annual PETS conference in Los Angeles. And when the district governor's charming wife takes the photograph, no less.

Dateline: Los Angeles

By President-Elect BERNARD HUNT

Dist. Gov. Tom Novotny calls the annual **Presidents-Elect Training Seminar** Rotary indoctrination by fire hose.

He's right.

I think I've dried off now. But at least some of the intense three-day multi-district session has stayed with me to help me be the best president of this club that I can be.

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THE DEER IN THE HEADLIGHTS LOOK is, perhaps, called for when one is greeted by Rotary International President-Elect Ray Klinginsmith.

It's Vegas, baby

Club births major new fund-raiser

Bright lights, big city gonna set our souls on fire.

Maybe not ***OUR*** souls. We live amid the bright lights and big city.

But we are hoping that the spirit of the Elvis movie *"Viva Las Vegas"* will help us raise enough cash to fund all our yearly activities.

The club has established a new fundraising effort that involves a global Internet-based raffle with a fabulous prize.

The fabulous prize? Nothing other than fabulous Las Vegas itself.

We call the thing **It's Vegas Baby.**

We're offering people around the globe the opportunity to make a $50 donation to the charities of the **Las Vegas West Rotary Club** and win a possible four-day top-shelf stay in Vegas, baby.

We'll fly a winning couple to

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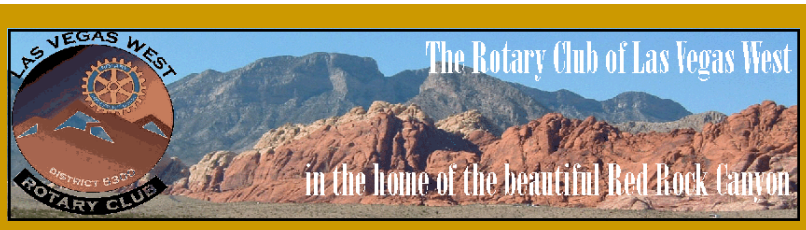

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Las Vegas; we'll host them for four days, three nights at a top-class hotel; treat them to a Vegas show; a wonderful dinner; a round of golf or spa treatment; and a $500 shopping spree.

If this all sounds ambitious, it is.

We have the ambition to make enough money to fund all of our activities for the entire year.

We hope the idea's success enables it to replace all the club's other fundraising efforts.

A committee of club members has been working on this for a month or two, since **Bill Pierce** brought the idea to the board.

He'd seen raffling off a trip a huge success at a Rotary club in the **US Virgin Islands**.

And where better to do such a thing than in Las Vegas, which attracts more than 35 million visitors a year.

Have a go. Go to www.lasvegaswestrotary.org/itsvegasbaby.html

The Internet-based venture went live Friday. Go to **www.lasvegaswestrotary.org/itsvegasbaby.html** to check it out.

Las Vegas West Rotarians are ineligible to win — we live in Vegas, after all, and think of the thoughts of impropriety if the prize went to one of us.

But, because this event is expected to replace **Golfamania,** members are required to buy at least four tickets — the cost of each of us supporting **Golfamania.**

If a Las Vegas West Rotarian's entry does win the prize, the rules require it must be given to a non-member.

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I have renewed respect for **President Steve Segal** and all the other good people who have served in the office. There's sympathy, too, for those who will experience the fire hose in future years.

One sits through two full days of lectures, discussions and programs with the finest trainers Rotary can muster about all the arcana, tricks, tips and guidance about being a Rotary club president.

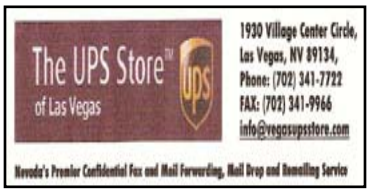
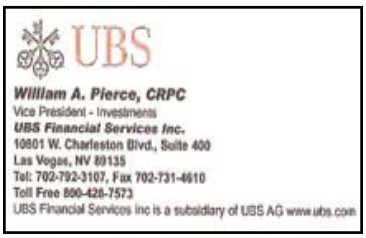
Then, too, there are the dinner, lunch and breakfast sessions with prominent speakers, including several former RI presidents.

It was a tough but rewarding weekend.

I made many new friends, presidents-elect of clubs in ours and other districts, and I enjoyed the social sessions in the hospitality suite of **DGE Roger Schulte**.

So now, the weekend over, I'm getting to grips with how I hope to lead the club.

I'm talking to people to get their ideas, I'm formulating my own ideas, I'm writing my goals, I'm doing the reams of apparently necessary paperwork.

And I'm staying dry.

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