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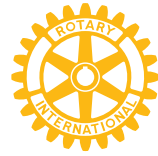
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Don't miss
The June Issue of
THE ROTARIAN



THE FOUR-WAY
TEST OF THE
THINGS
WE THINK, SAY OR
DO

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

MAKE-UP DAYS AND PLACES

Table with 4 columns: Day, Location, Venue, Time. Lists meeting days from Monday to Friday with various locations like Southwest, Las Vegas Summerlin, Downtown, Henderson, Mesquite, Las Vegas West, Red Rock Rotary, Pahrump Valley, Boulder City, Moapa, Las Vegas Central, LV Spring Mountains, Boulder City Sunrise, Green Valley, Las Vegas Rotary, Mesquite Sunrise, North Las Vegas.

Las Vegas "Won" club meets the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Friday of the month at 5:00pm at Fogo de Chao and the 2nd Friday at 12:00pm at 360 E. Flamingo.

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District5300.org - District 5300 Site
www.LasVegasRotary.com - Our Club Site



Rotary At A Glance

Rotarians Members - 1,207,102; Clubs - 34,823; Districts - 538; Countries - 200+;
Rotaractors Clubs - 7,868; Members - 180,964; Countries - 162
Interact Clubs - 18,005; Members - 414,115; Countries - 132



Club Assembly
2016-2017 Year in Review

Segment 1 - Membership Report

12:45 - 12:50pm Deb Granda
Membership Briefing

Segment 2 - Community Service

12:50 - 12:55pm Dave Lester
Local Community Service

12:50 - 12:55pm Kirk Alexander
Youth and Vocational Service

12:55 - 1:00pm Melanie Muldowney
International Service

1:00 - 1:05pm Carolyn Sparks
Rotary International Foundation Report

Segment 3 - How did we promote all of this?

1:05 - 1:10pm Rob Telles
Public Relations Report

Segment 4 - How did we fund raise?

1:10 - 1:15pm Janice Lencke
Car Show

1:15 - 1:20pm Larry Rouse
Las Vegas Rotary Foundation Report

Segment 5 - How did we celebrate success?

1:20 - 1:25pm Anil Melnick
Fellowship Activities

Segment 6 - President's Farewell

1:25 - 1:30pm David Thorson
Thank you!

Las Vegas Rotary Club Mission:
Teaching Youth to Succeed
through Literacy, Education & Life Skills Development

Las Vegas
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Club



JUNE 29, 2017

TODAY'S PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT

CALENDAR

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

SCRIBE NOTES

DEBUNKING PARTY PHOTOS



WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a leadership organization of local business, professional and civic leaders. We meet regularly to form friendships and work together to improve the local and international community



David Thorson
President 2016-2017

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President **David Thorson**
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Michael Gordon
Immediate Past President

Mary Ann Avnet
Secretary

Deb Granda
Treasurer

ELECTED DIRECTORS

- Kirk Alexander**
- Gina Gentleman**
- Deb Granda**
- Janice Lencke**
- Dave Lester**
- Anil Melnik**
- Melanie Muldowney**
- Carolyn Sparks**
- Robert Telles**
- Past President Representative**
- Russ Swain**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians,

For my final President's Message, I want to thank each and every one of you for making this last year such an incredibly memorable experience for me! It has truly been an honor to represent such an amazing collection of community leaders.

To highlight just how outstanding our Club really is, this week's Wheel is dedicated to providing an annual report of some of the highlights of this year.

I am looking forward to another great year in 2017-2018 under the leadership of Michael Gordon!

Today is National "That's All Folks" Day!

David Thorson
President 2016 -2017
Las Vegas Rotary Club

CALENDAR

ROTARY EVENTS ARE LISTED IN RED / GUEST SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS IN BLACK

- 6/29 Club Assembly
- 7/6 Paul Moradkhan - LV Metro Chamber
- 7/20 Robin Bernhard - The Syria Fund
- 7/22 **Alpine Picnic**
- 7/27 Josh Stavros - Utah Shakespeare Festival
- 8/5 **Highway Cleanup**
- 8/10 Tom Axtell - PBS Blind Center
- 8/10 **PBS Telethon Volunteer**
- 8/17 Tony Sanchez - UNLV Football
- 8/25 **Shakespeare Festival - Cedar City, UT**
- 9/30 **Tailgate Party**
- 12/14 **Magical Forest**

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LAS VEGAS ROTARY FOUNDATION \$2.0 MILLION GOAL

We announced the goal of achieving a \$2.0 million balance in our permanent fund by June 30, 2018.

We started this campaign on July 1, 2016 with a permanent fund balance of \$1,671,083. Through a combination of favorable financial market conditions, good investment management, expert oversight by our Board of Trustees and our member's generosity, the fund balance has grown to approximately \$1,913,388!

That leaves us only \$86,612 left to hit our goal!



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SOCIAL EVENTS

- Shakespeare Festival Trip to Cedar City, UT
- Tailgate Party at UNLV Football
- Night at The Smith Center with Wynton Marsallis
- Halloween Party at the Avengers S.T.A.T.I.O.N
- Holiday Party at the Four Seasons
- Two Family of Rotary Events
- Nevada Test Site Tour
- Five 25 Club Socials
- Five New Member Orientation events
- The Debunking Party

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

- Two Cigar Socials – Raised \$1,608 for the Foundation
- Santa Clothes Funding – Raised \$53,794
- Cars for a Cause Show – Raised \$15,004
- Barret Thomas Road Rally fund-raiser for the Canned Food Drive
- Erik Astremecki – Debut MMA Fight – Raised \$1,290
- Total Canned Food Drive Funds - Raised \$8,636
- Two Wine to Water events – Raised \$2,083 for One Drop
- District 5300 Matching Grant - \$7,115
- Thomas Family Literacy Grant - \$12,500

**OUR CLUB QUITS
 THE 2016 -2017
 CITATION
 FROM ROTARY**

2 hard-hitting talk shows - 1 no-nonsense host

VEGAS OBSERVATIONS **12 NOON & 6PM** **America's Diabetes Hour**

LIVE Every Sunday on AM 720 KDWN

SCRIBE JUNE 15, 2017

- **President David Thorson** called the meeting to order.
- **Jaime Goldsmith** gave the invocation. **Sidra Kain** led the club in singing the “God Bless America.” The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Sergeant-at-Arms was **Past President Russ Swain**.
- There were (0) International Rotarian, (3) Visiting Rotarians, and (8) Guests of Rotarians that were introduced.
- The drawing began at \$8,730.00 plus this week’s donations. The winner gets half the pot and half goes to the Las Vegas Rotary Foundation. Ticket Winner: **John Ingeme** who won \$10! Lawry Bucks Winner: **Pete Samoulis**.
- **President Elect-Elect Ed Lepare** announced that due to a change in his work requirements he needed to step down from the PEE Role. **President David Thorson** announced that **Jim Kohl** had been selected as the new President-Elect-Elect to serve as President in the 2018-2019 Rotary year.
- **Past President Karen Whisenhunt** gave an overview of the Cambodian infrastructure development program and the water and sanitation project in Uganda, both of which our club supported with grants several years ago.
- **Carolyn Sparks** presented the following members with their Paul Harris Fellow pins; **President Elect Michael Gordon, Sarah Brown, Deb Granda and Carolyn Sparks**.
- **Deb Granda** announced that former Beckley Principal **Jean Please** was recently inducted into the club over the phone and that she will join our meetings when she finishes with some treatments in a few months.
- **Deb Granda** inducted new members **Anna Karabachev and Toni Kern**.
- **Deb Granda** announced that a New Member Orientation will be held at **Deb’s** home on June 27, 2017 at 6pm.
- **Glenn Meier** presented the following service members with their Wetzel Award; **Sr. Airman Hector Garcia, Sr. Airman Leroy White, Staff Sgt. Craig Maxin, Sr. Airman Azaria Bryant, and Airman 1st Class Seagraves**.
- **Jim Kohl** announced that the Jr. Golf’s American Jr. Cup for Women will be July 30 – August 3, 2017 and they need people to volunteer to house players.
- **Past President Ginger Anderson** reminded the club that **President David Thorson’s** debunking party will be held in the Antilles Ballroom at Treasure Island on June 22, 2017.
- **Erik Astramecki** announced that the Alpine Picnic will be held at **Past President Tom Thomas’s** ranch on July 22, 2017.
- **Past President Ginger Anderson** announced that the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City is going to be on August 25, 2017.
- **President David Thorson** introduced the speaker, **James Garriss**. **James** is an Historical Climatologist who studies volcanic activity, solar flares, jet stream and oceanic patterns in order to predict weather that will impact agriculture and world economies.
- **President David Thorson** presented the speaker with the Sole Power Award and adjourned the meeting.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Les Saunders*	1923-24	Mark C. Mielke*	1970-71
Bill Ferron*	1924-25	Dr. Harold Boyer*	1971-72
A.A. Hinman*	1925-26	Angelo J. Manzi*	1972-73
Frosty Mildren*	1926-27	Keith Ashworth*	1973-74
Fred Hesse*	1927-28	Robert E. O’Connell*	1974-75
Dr. F.M. Ferguson*	1928-29	Don Ashworth	1975-76
Dr. William S. Park*	1929-30	David F. Welles	1976-77
Charlie Dimock*	1930-31	James J. Corey*	1977-78
Leo McNamee*	1931-32	Darrell Luce*	1978-79
A.E. Cahlan*	1932-33	Albert H. Purdue*	1979-80
Douglas Dasheil*	1933-34	Michael Hoover	1980-81
Marion Earl*	1934-35	Donald L. Aikin	1981-82
Dr. Roy Martin*	1935-36	Joseph J. Buckley*	1982-83
K.O. Knudson*	1936-37	Irwin Kishner	1983-84
Frank Gusewelle*	1937-38	James Cashman III*	1984-85
Tom Connolly*	1938-39	Mike Meyer	1985-86
Archie Grant*	1939-40	Doug L. Peterson	1986-87
Otto Underhill*	1940-41	M.J. Wiens, Jr.	1987-88
Bryan Bunker	1941-42	Keith W. Bassett*	1988-89
Cyril Wengert*	1942-43	Kenneth E. Miller*	1989-90
Fred O’Donnell*	1943-44	James M. Gamett	1990-91
Frank Case*	1944-45	Robert L. Moore	1991-92
Victor Shurtiff*	1945-46	Robert L. Forbuss*	1992-93
Max Kelch*	1946-47	Gary A. Martin	1993-94
Ed Ciliax*	1947-48	John A. Smith	1994-95
Lorin Ronnow*	1948-49	Caty Crockett	1995-96
Leonard Faye*	1949-50	Clifford R. Beadle	1996-97
Allye Lawson*	1950-51	Ralph J. Rohay	1997-98
Harry Allen*	1951-52	Dr. James M. Jones	1998-99
Les Edwards*	1952-53	Tom A. Thomas	1999-00
Wayne Kirch*	1953-54	Tom J. Krob	2000-01
George Boman*	1954-55	James E. Hunt	2001-02
Spence Butterfield*	1955-56	James R. Tucker	2002-03
Walt Hunsaker*	1956-57	Kathy Dalvey	2003-04
Ted Brandt*	1957-58	Steve Casey	2004-05
Julian Moore*	1958-59	Ned Phillips	2005-06
Ray F. Culley*	1959-60	Brock Fraser	2006-07
C.T. Harris*	1960-61	Randy Campanale	2007-08
Ollie Gardner	1961-62	Russ Swain	2008-09
Tom Underhill*	1962-63	Karen Whisenhunt	2009-10
Vern Willis*	1963-64	Tom Axtell	2010-11
Ward Wengert*	1964-65	Sharon McNair	2011-12
Bill Southard*	1965-66	Randy Donald	2012-13
Dr. Vince Sanner*	1966-67	Ginger Anderson	2013-14
Walter Wehner*	1967-68	Steve Linder	2014-15
Dr. Robert Robinson*	1968-69	Mary Ann Avnet	2015-16
Harold Wandesforde	1969-70		

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DISTRICT 5300 RECOGNITION

District Extraordinary Awards:

- Membership
- Club Service
- Community Service
- Public Image
- Youth Services

District Outstanding Awards:

- International Service
- Vocational

District Overall Awards for a Large Club:

- Best Newsletter
- Best Website

John Ingeme named D5300 Rotary Foundation Member of the Year

Larry Tomsic named D5300 Rotary Foundation Member of the Year

Don Aiken and **David Thorson** served on District Governor Selection Committee

Mary Ann Avnet Served as Assistant District Governor

MONTHLY FOUR WAY TEST COIN WINNERS FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO THE CLUB

July 2016 – **Jim Tucker**

August 2016 – **Deb Granda**

September 2016 – **Tom Thomas**

October 2016 – **Erik Astramecki**

November 2016 – **Larry Tomsic**

December 2016 – **Stu Lipoff**

January 2017 – **Marie Walsh**

February 2017 – **Arlene Sirois**

March 2017 – **Ted McAdam**

April 2017 – **Ryan Hamilton**

May 2017 – **Kirk Alexander**

June 2017 – **Jaime Goldsmith**

BROADWAY IN THE HOOD

SERVICE BEFORE SELF was displayed on Sunday Noon, June 18, 2017. Jimmelle Siarot donated her winning radio show raffle ticket (at this year's "CARS FOR A CAUSE" fundraiser) to one of her favorite non-profit organizations. Six members from BROADWAY IN THE HOOD participated on Bob Fisher's Vegas OBSERVATIONS.

Among the participants was Torrey Russell, founder and artistic director of BITH; and 11 year old Jordan Toure. Already a member of BITH for 3 years, he made his New York City Broadway debut last September playing "Young Simba" in The Lion King.

The theme of the live, one hour show aired on AM 720 KDWN (and streamed across the country and around the world) was "CHANGE THE HATE: CAN YOU FEEL A BRAND NEW DAY". In addition to the six representatives from BITH, other panelists included a twice nominated Grammy artist; a 36 year officer in the LVMPD; and the founding director of the Las Vegas Jewish Film Festival. Our club was represented by Erik Astramecki, who served as show producer.

At the close of the hour, we all had a better idea of the meaning of the word "HOOD": Helping Others Open Doors. With vision, support and hard work, there will be a brand new day.



LOCAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Salvation Army - grocery store painting and Grand Opening

SOAR Awards – 30 First Responders recognized

Rotarians at Work Day

Santa Clothes – 330 children served

Santa Clothes expands to Canada!

Wetzel Awards – 20 airmen recognized

Highway Clean Up – 4 expeditions

Magical Forest at Opportunity Village volunteering

Breakfast with Books – 1,767 people served

Spread the Word Nevada – 1,734 Books Distributed

Mentoring at Beckley

Reading Week at Beckley

Four Way Speech Contest – sponsored 4 contestants

Dan Stover Music Competition – sponsored 3 musicians

TLC - sponsored 12 x 8th Graders

RYLA - sponsored 20 x 11th Graders

RYLA - five Club members served as facilitators

RYLA - three Club members served in District roles

Valedictorian Luncheon – served 53 Valedictorians

51's Game - sponsored 100 Airmen

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Corazon Superbuild x 2

Mary Ann Avnet - Rotaplast Mission (South America)

Larry Tomsic – Rotaplast Mission (Africa)

Sponsored one inbound and one outbound exchange student

Grant to Project Hope (Mexico) - \$3,000

Grant for Dialysis Machines in Bangalore, India -

\$5,000 - RI/D5300 match of \$7,500

Grant for Low-Cost Sewage Treatment in rural Bangalore,

India - \$5,000 - RI/D5300 match of \$7,500

ORIENTATION PHOTOS



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Total TRF Contributions this year **\$23,648**

Total Polio Plus Contributions this year **\$7,885**

Total Lifetime TRF contributions by our Club **\$1,557,696**

New Paul Harris Fellows this year:

Chris Bennett	Indigo Krob
Justin Donald	Lyn Myers
Nate Donald	Deanna Patten
Kirk Holmes	Rob Telles
Jack Kohl	Chieko Thorson
Kyle Kohl	

Paul Harris Level Increases this year:

Ginger Anderson	John Ingeme
Bob Bernard	Jim Kohl
Sarah Brown	Paul Kruger
Randy Campanale	Janet Lee
Caty Crockett	Janice Lencke
Steve Dixon	Steve Linder
Randy Donald	Sharon McNair
Bob Fisher	Walt Rulffes
Francesca Gilbert	Lloyd Sauter
Michael Gordon	Carolyn Sparks
Deb Granda	David Thorson
Gwen Hall	Larry Tomsic
Rosalee Hedrick	Karen Wisenhunt

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 Corazon Superbuild - **\$5,000**
 Rotaplast - **\$3,000**
 Junior Achievement Finance Park - **\$3,500**

Shared Grants via Howard & Howard

Chiari & Syringomvelia Foundation - **\$5,000**
 Opera Las Vegas - **\$2,000**
 Toys for Smiles - **\$2,000**
 Southern Nevada Junior Golf Association - **\$5,000**
 Home Aid of Southern Nevada - **\$5,000**
 Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Group - **\$4,000**
 Children's Heart Foundation - **\$1,500**
 Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow - **\$5,500**
 Project 150 - **\$3,500**
 Sunrise Children's Foundation - **\$5,000**
 Bishop Gorman - **\$2,500**

DEBUNKING PHOTOS



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President David Thorson kicks off his penultimate meeting as president.



Past President Russ Swain reluctantly shares the mic with **Past President Ginger Anderson**.



John Ingeme misses the joker so the pot continues to grow!



Glenn Meier kicks off the Wetzels Award presentation.



President Elect-Elect Jim Kohl expresses his excitement for his new role.



Pete Samuolis scores the Lawry Bucks!



President Dave presents our speaker with the Sole Power Award.



Past President Karen Wisenhunt updates us on the progress of some of our past international grants.



We recognize this month's **Paul Harris** level increase **Awardees**.



Jaime Goldsmith leads us in an invocation about the power of smiling.



The melodious **Sidra Kain** leads us in song.



New members **Anna Karabachev** and **Toni Kern** are inducted into our club!



Our Q4 **Wetzels Award** winners.

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