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Rotary Club of Las Vegas celebrates its founding

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA January 12, 2018) — The Rotary Club of Las Vegas will celebrate the club's 95th anniversary by hosting a gala dinner to help celebrate raising \$2 million in its local foundation. The gala event will be held at 6pm on Thursday April 5, 2018, at Lawry's The Prime Rib.

The Rotary Club of Las Vegas received its charter on April 5, 1923 when it met at the Chocolate Shop on Fremont Street (now part of the Golden Nugget). The first club project was to donate medical services and financial assistance to a boy from Overton who lost his legs in a mowing accident and needed artificial limbs. Another first by the club was to host the first long distance telephone call during a weekly luncheon meeting when Rotarian Ed Clark called the Mayor of Reno.

The club continues to provide winter clothing to 300+ needy children every December through the Santa Clothes program – and has done so for the past 21 years. Additionally, the oldest service rivalry in the Valley was started more than 60 years ago between the Las Vegas Rotary club and the Kiwanis club. Both clubs collect canned food which is donated to The Salvation Army during the Thanksgiving season.

Founded in Chicago, USA on February 23, 1905 - [Rotary](#) is a global network of volunteers who share a passion for enhancing communities and improving lives around the world. Rotary clubs continue to uplift their surroundings by participating in an array of service projects that address community needs at home and abroad – from fighting disease and providing clean water to supporting education, growing local economies and promoting peace.

Rotary's top priority is the global eradication of [polio](#) - a paralyzing yet vaccine-preventable disease that is now 99.9 percent eliminated from the world.

About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteers dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and regions.



Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit Rotary.org.

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