

### Keith E. Whitfield, Ph.D. UNLY PRESIDENT



Keith E. Whitfield is an experienced university administrator and prolific scholar in the fields of psychology, health, and aging. President Whitfield joined UNLV in August 2020 after serving as provost, senior vice president of academic affairs, and professor of psychology at Wayne State University in Michigan. He previously served as vice provost for academic affairs at Duke University, where he was also a professor in the department of psychology and neuroscience and co-director of the university's Center on Biobehavioral Health Disparities Research.

A student success-focused leader, Whitfield is proud to oversee the nation's most diverse university for undergraduates and one that holds the highest recognition

for both research and community engagement. In 2021 he introduced Top Tier 2.0, a strategic plan update that moves UNLV forward on its path to becoming a top public urban research university through focused growth in undergraduate and graduate student success, economic diversification, community engagement, and diversity, equity and inclusion. He has brought energy and innovation to a vibrant university through things like an interdisciplinary approach to faculty hiring and research and the first ever "digital president" to connect with and meet the needs of students.

An active administrator and researcher, Whitfield has authored or co-authored over 200 publications and has earned over \$20 million in funding from agencies including the National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging, and the National Science Foundation. A psychologist and expert on the social, psychological, and cultural factors of cognition and healthy aging, Whitfield's current research focuses on the relationship between stress and longevity in African American families.

He's a member of the National Institute on Aging's National Advisory Council on Aging, he sits on the board of directors for the American Foundation for Aging Research and the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities, and has served on committees for the National Academies of Sciences and Medicine and the National Institutes of Health.

Whitfield earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the College of Santa Fe, a Masters in psychology and a Ph.D. in lifespan developmental psychology from Texas Tech University, and completed postdoctoral training in quantitative genetics from the University of Colorado Boulder.

### The Las Vegas Rotary Club's Mission:

Teaching Youth to Succeed through Literacy, Education & Life Skills Development





### APRIL 27, 2023 TODAY'S PROGRAM

KEITH E. WHITFIELD, PH.D.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

**SCRIBE** 

CALENDAR



### IMAGINE ROTARY

### **WHAT IS ROTARY?**

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

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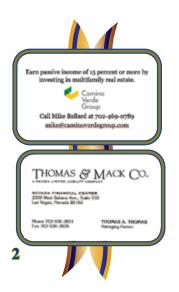
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### THE CENTENNIAL MEDALLION

The tradition of awarding the Centennial Medallion began in 1964 under President Vern Willis. 1964 was the centennial anniversary of Nevada's admission to the Union. It was also the year the first class graduated from the Southern Regional Division of the University of Nevada. Rotarian William D. Carlson, dean of the fledgling school suggested that Rotary purchase 101 Nevada Centennial Silver Medallions, minted in honor of the state's centennial. The first medallion was presented in 1964 to Dominic Daileda, the student with the highest scholastic record. One medallion was to be presented to an outstanding student each year for the following hundred years.

The following year the Southern Regional Division of the University of Nevada received its accreditation and became Nevada Southern University. Donald Moyer, also a Rotarian, became its chancellor and first president. In 1969 the school's name was changed to University of Nevada Las Vegas. Later presidents Donald Baepler and Pat Goodall also were Rotarians.

Bill Carlson was a pivotal character in UNLV's history. From his bio on the UNLV website:

William Carlson was the executive officer for the campus in the early years when the campus was known as Nevada Southern. He carried the title of dean and opened the Maryland Parkway campus' first building, Maud Frazier Hall, in fall 1957.

During his tenure, he pushed to build early buildings, including Grant Hall, the old gym (now the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Natural History), and today's Lilly Fong Geoscience Building.

He also increased the staff size and expanded the curriculum. Carlson convinced the regents to allow the Las Vegas campus to award four-year degrees, and in 1964 the first commencement was held.

In 1962, Carlson also helped start a fundraising operation, which ultimately helped fund the construction of the Judy Bayley Theatre in the early 1970s.



### 2024 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The 2023-24 District Conference will be held on the **Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship, the Navigator of the Sea.** We will be sailing on June 21, 2024, returning on June 24, 2024. While on board, you can attend the hosted reception on Friday. The traditional DC is on Saturday. On Sunday we will be docking in Ensenada. There, we will be doing a service project. Registration is open for you to indicate your intent to participate with a form and \$50 deposit.



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Dr. F.M. Ferguson*	1928-29	Darrell Luce*	1978-79
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C.T. Harris*	1960-61	Tom Axtell	2010-11
Ollie Gardner*	1961-62	Sharon McNair	2011-12
Tom Underhill*	1962-63	Randy Donald	2012-13
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Ward Wengert*	1964-65	Steve Linder	2014-15
Bill Southard*	1965-66	Mary Ann Avnet	2015-16
Dr. Vince Sanner*	1966-67	David Thorson	2016-17
Walter Wehner*	1967-68	Dr. Michael Gordon	2017-18
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Backstage at the Smith Center



Arlene Sirois with performer's view of the Smith Center



On stage at the Smith Center



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### THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB



Leah Grinvald, Dean of the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas



President Caty presents the Sole Power award to Dean Leah Grinvald



PP Tom Thomas introduces our speaker



Sidra Kain leads us in song



Each of the Valedictorians shared their future plans



### The Officers for the 25 Club

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### **SCRIBE - APRIL 20, 2023**

President Caty Crockett called the meeting to order.

**Stu Lipoff** gave the invocation. **Sidra Kain** led us in "The Star Spangle Banner." **President Caty** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Caty** introduced today's Sergeant of Arms, **PP Tom Thomas**, and she thanks all those who helped with today's meeting.

International Visitors – One. Guests of Rotarians – None. Visiting Rotarians – None. Guests of the Club – All valedictorians and their escorts. **President Caty** introduced the head table: **Dean Leah Grinvald**, **Past President Tom Thomas**, **Heather Rappaport**, **Past President Mike Ballard**, and **Greg Maguire**.

Announcements: **Toni Kern** discussed Green Our Planet, a farmer's market put on by elementary-age children that Rotary supports. It will take place on April 21st at 8AM. More volunteers are needed for set up. **Toni Kern** also discussed District Assembly, which takes place on Saturday, April 22 in Apple Valley, CA. This is FREE for Rotarians.

**Dr. Kathy Mahon** talked about Paul Fisher, and the revolutionary Fisher Space Pens that each Valedictorian will receive today. **Dr. Kathy** then called-up, by groups of 10, for a total of 52 Valedictorians from all High School in Southern Nevada—from Indian Springs High School to Laughlin High School—to introduce themselves and where they plan to go to university and the area in which they will study. What an outstanding group of students!

Today's guest speaker was **Professor Leah Grinvald**, Dean of the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Las Vegas, Nevada, Las Vegas. **Dean Grinvald** spoke to the graduating valedictorians about the various roads that will lead them success in life. Often, the first path they chose will take them into areas they had not planned. But with those choices, other doors will open, and their futures will be bright, productive, and beneficial to society.

**President Cady** presented **Dean Grinvald** with a "Sole Power" award to benefit a child in need of shoes and she also gave her a Las Vegas Rotary Club Centennial Coffee Table Book. The meeting was adjourned.

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### **ROTARIANS IN ACTION**



Rotarians volunteering at Green Our Planet event



PE Toni Kern interview with Channel 5 news



Rotarians Michael Williams, Aaron Campillo and Debi Howard preparing signs for the kids



Rotarians representing LV at District Assembly in Apple Valley, CA



Presenters at District Assembly including David Thorson as MC of the event



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- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### **CALENDAR**

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

04/27 President Whittfield - UNLV

05/04 Nancy Woolf - Neuro Scientist

05/04 Cigar Fellowship at Creech

05/05 District Conference 05/5 thru 05-7

05/06 District 4-Way Speech Competition and Dan Stover Music Competition

05/11 John Entsminger

-Nevada Water District

05/20 Beach Clean Up

06/11 US Vets Dinner

06/29 Debunking Party!



### **MAKE-UP DAYS AND PLACES**

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www.LasVegasRotary.com - Our Club Site www.dacdb.com



### 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