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Lisa has over 40+ years in operational management as General Manager, CEO, and COO with several companies. Her background has a significant emphasis on software system implementation for manufacturing in various industries; including the brewing industry, with Premier Stainless Systems, White Labs, Fall Brewing, and currently, as Co-Founder of HUDL Brewing Company. Her primary focus at HUDL is on finance and HR, the administrative side of the business. In her words, "I make sure the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed to keep us legal!" However, on occasion you will see her behind the bar pouring your special brew. When Lisa is not working, she is in Montana visiting her kids and grandkids who are the love of her life!

Scott Norfolk

CO-FOUNDER



In the 1990's when Craft Beer was just coming on the scene, Skip was a Crew Chief in the sports of Supercross and Motocross. Supercross is dirt bike racing in major stadiums around the country. Motocross is closed course off-road motorcycle racing. Skip was an integral part of 5 national titles, 1 world title, American Honda Racing, and 2 regional Peak Pro Circuit Racing titles. According to Skip, "I was fortunate to be around some amazing individuals and teams."

When the Craft Beer scene in Southern California was taking off in the 2000's, he was all in for Craft Beer, and started home brewing with his buddies. He spent the next two decades in the action sport industry, where he developed technical competition racing products for Motocross, Supercross, and auto racing. Most recently Skip was Race Director for the Traders Racing Club MX Racing Team, where he was able to play in the dirt with kids every day.



MAY 18, 2023
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE


Last week Ginger Anderson and I had the opportunity to attend the Nevada High School Musical Awards at the Smith Center. High schools across the state competed. The finalists selected performed in Reynolds Hall last week. The top male and female lead received a scholarship to go to New York for 10 days. They will stay in the dorms at Juilliard School and will be mentored by top Broadway talent. They will perform in a Broadway theater and compete with their peers from across the country for the top male and female performer. These kids are amazingly talented. And Reynolds Hall was packed with loudly enthusiastic families and dedicated teachers.

This scholarship award is part of our Centennial Project with the Smith Center. It was a great surprise when, just before he announced the winners on stage, Myron Martin acknowledged the contribution of the Las Vegas Rotary Club. It was not just a quick "and a thank you to our sponsors." He talked about our Centennial Project, what it meant to them, our mission statement and how it aligns with their own. A couple days later I was told by someone else that he had talked about our gift at their board meeting and shown the television segment that Nate Tannenbaum had done. Before our backstage tour a couple weeks ago, I had been interviewed for their newsletter. They did a great article in their May edition.

This is meaningful for two reasons. Our most successful projects happen when we build partnerships in the community. For years we have tried to gain a greater visibility in the community in order to attract a wider donor base. Connecting with the Smith Center audience gives us exposure in a segment of the community that otherwise may not be aware of who we are and what we are doing.

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LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT FOR THE SMITH CENTER



100 YEARS OF IMPACT

The Rotary Club's legacy harkens back to Las Vegas' very beginnings, Crockett says.

When Las Vegas got its start as a water stop on the railroad, the same individuals who founded the city also created the Rotary Club in 1923. "Las Vegas was a tiny, dusty town," says Crockett, herself a lifelong Las Vegas resident. "Seventeen businessmen got together and established the club when they saw needs in the community, and they set out to fix what needed to be fixed." This included building the city's initial infrastructure, she adds.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club knew the best way to ring in its centennial anniversary this year, says group President Caty Crockett: by taking on a meaningful community project. And in making a generous \$100,000 donation to The Smith Center this spring, the Rotary Club definitely made a significant impact.

"The Rotary Club and The Smith Center are both institutions in the city, and our missions are similar," Crockett says. "I hope that we can continue serving the community in many ways, and together."

The club's contribution directly supports the education and outreach programs at The Smith Center — a nonprofit organization — including the student matinees it presents in its theaters to over 70,000 students each year.

The center's outreach programs also help at-risk schools create their own musical-theater programs; provide master classes and workshops for students with acclaimed artists; and train teachers on incorporating the arts in their classrooms. These efforts closely align with the Rotary Club's mission to support success "through literacy, education and life-skills development," Crockett explains.

Deeming The Smith Center's educational initiatives an "important" aspect of the student experience in Southern Nevada, Crockett says, "we were happy to make that our signature project for our centennial year."

The Rotary Club has continued to support essential needs in Las Vegas throughout the ensuing decades. The organization places strong focus on literacy programs and outreach initiatives, including purchasing clothes and toys for hundreds of at-risk kids during the holidays. The club further presents the quarterly Wetzel Awards, honoring Air Force servicemen and women stationed in Southern Nevada. As the Rotary Club has played such an instrumental role in growing the city of Las Vegas, Crockett adds, supporting The Smith Center seems a natural fit.

A WIDE RANGE OF SUPPORT

The Rotary Club doesn't just support The Smith Center with funds.

Club members also volunteered as ushers during one of the center's recent mainstage matinee performances, which involved seating 1,500 students in the center's Reynolds Hall.

"I think it's good for the Rotary Club members to see what our (centennial) project is doing," Crockett says.

Members highly enjoyed volunteering, she adds, especially in witnessing how The Smith Center's student matinees provide many youths with their first introduction to live theater.

"The people who were there were really impressed, and enjoyed it — just the excitement, to see (students') faces when they walk in the building," Crockett says. "I hope it opens up a whole new world of opportunity."

"The Smith Center has had a huge impact. It's given (Las Vegas) a visibility around the world from a different perspective, and you have artists who come here and say this is the finest venue they've ever performed in," she says. "I'm really proud of what we're doing with The Smith Center, and it's my hope it will continue."

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THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB



The invocation was delivered by Steve Casey



Tonya Wagle impressed with her great voice and rousing version of "It's a Grand Old Flag"



Niki Bates and her sister Rita Burton enjoyed the meeting



Brian Sorrentino reported the Fund Drive is now at \$31,000!



Gary Vause announced new Tiberti Fellows, Anil Melnick & Dr. Rampur Viswanath



President Caty with guest speaker, John Entsminger

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Carrie Nelson's luncheon guest was her sister



Carey Grohs and her husband celebrated her birthday at Rotary



Welcome to our newest members, Jimmy Navarro and Liz Rothwell



Tree planting at Hollingsworth honoring the Thomas Family. Pictured: Stu Lipoff, Tom Thomas, Kathy Mahon, school Principal, and Barbara Castro



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President Caty Crockett called the meeting to order at 12:15 on the dot'ish. Steve Casey led us in an uplifting invocation. Next, we had Tonya 'Was she on the Voice Last Week' Wagle lead us in You're a Grand Old Flag which definitely pumped the crowd up - good song choice, Tonya! After some technical difficulties we weren't able to have the words on the screen, and had some dead airtime, but no making fun of Austin "The AV Geek" Wyrick unless you want to do that job. **President Caty** followed that with the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan "Cop Stache" Adamson served as Sergeant at Arms. **Guests of Rotarians:** We had six guests. Bruce Frazee gets the award for sweetest introduction of his wife. Good job Bruce! Head Table: At the head table today with **President Caty** we had Speaker John Entsminger of Southern Nevada Water District, Guest Rick Easter, Las Vegas Valley Water Authority, and Rotarians, **Greg Maguire, Paul Maffey, and Sidra Kain.**

Announcements:

Tom Krob reported on our 27th Cigar Social attended by 27 Rotarians last week at Creech AFB.

Carey Grohs was really eager to give her announcement which was a follow up on our District Conference held at the newly re-branded Horseshoe Hotel and Casino. We won a Gold Award for both Membership & Engagement and Public Image; Bronze Award for Foundation and Young Leaders; Other Recognition for Foundation Giving and Service. Oh yes, and the Governors Bell too I might add! That's not a bad haul for one weekend! We certainly came away richer than most of the tourists staying there!

Barbara Castro gave us a quick tree planting report. Thanks to Tom and Leslie Thomas for their generosity.

David Jones gave us a report on the May 20th beach cleanup. It sounds like it will be more picnic/fun and less actual clean up, as the lake is in good shape. David also mentioned that **Mike Cudiamat** is bringing out a jet ski so fast that it would make Super **Dave Osborne** say no!

The Amazing **John Palley** updated us on our major fundraiser. He essentially guilted everybody in the club to aim for \$1,000. You still have time! The last day is May 18th. **Brian Sorrentino** gave us the exact numbers which put us at just over \$31,000 raised so far. Also, there will be a celebration on May 18th at 6:00 at a place to be determined. Ask Brian! The Wonderful **John Palley** next gave us a report on **President Caty's** Debunking. It is June 29th at 6:00 at the home of **Mike and Robin Ballard**. Our next planning meeting is May 18th so reach out to Mike if you have some great, and hopefully borderline mean (but funny), ideas for this!

Gary Vause next updated us on two Rotarians who recently gave over \$1,000 to the Las Vegas Rotary Club Foundation to become Tiberti Fellows. They were **Anil Melnick and Dr. Rampur Viswanath**. Thank you to both of you for your generosity. Oh yes, and Gary told us the foundation is providing over \$80,000 to the club to fund our good work in the coming year. **Dr. Kathy Mahon** introduced two school principals who were in attendance and gave brief reports and, most importantly, thanked our club for all we do for their schools. One said, "when I first got involved with Rotary, I had no idea how much you would do for our school. Thank you."

New Member Induction: New members are the life blood of a Rotary club and new member chairs, **Melanie Muldowney and Niki Bates** led us in inducting TWO new members on this day. First, Rodney Tucker introduced us to Liz Rothwell and then **Rene Gamero** re-introduced us to Jimmy Navarro who, it turns out, was a member of our club in the past. Welcome Jimmy and Liz!

Raffle: The pot was over \$1,700 but **Paul Maffey** did not pull the joker, but he got ten bucks. Michael Williams won the Lawry's bucks. Guest Speaker: Greg "Maverick or is it Goose" Maguire introduced our guest speaker John Entsminger who oversees the operations of the Southern Nevada Water Authority. Greg mentioned that it was funny that he (a Navy man) was introducing a water guy [insert rim shot sound effect here]. John gave us a lot of information about the state of water in Southern Nevada and, I think, made us all feel a little better about where things stand. According to John we already use less water than we are allocated and due to our geographic position, up-stream from Hoover Dam, have a lot of strategic advantages over our water sharing partners. For example, we recycle 99% of our wastewater and are able to run that through the Hoover Dam and thus get credit for all of our contributions. He pointed out that California, for instance, flows their extra water into the ocean rather than recycling it. Yea us!

We were adjourned at 1:30ish (1:31).

- John Palley, Scribe for the Day

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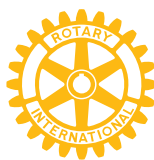
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