





Rob Lauer

Director of Las Vegas Spaceport



Rob grew up in Southern California, where he learned to fly at 17 years old and got his pilot's license at 18 years old. He graduated from USC with a degree in political science. He has been self-employed since he was 21 years old, mostly in the real estate investment industry.

In 2005, in the middle of the Iraq War, he enlisted in the Army and graduated from the U.S. Army Military Police Academy in 2006. In 2008, Rob was injured and made his way back to real estate investing in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Inspired by Elon Musk and Virgin Galactic launches, Rob started his latest project, the Las Vegas Spaceport, last year. He acquired the land, some 10 million square feet, and recruited local military leaders like retired Brig. Gen. Rob Novody, Col. Dadgar, the recent commander of the Nevada Test Range, NASA astronaut Jose Hernadez, and SpaceFund Venture Capital Manager Meagan Crawford.

As part of his efforts to promote the Las Vegas Spaceport, Rob recently announced the Las Vegas Air Races and NAR.

November 2, 2023

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.

What We Have Accomplished.

DID YOU KNOW?

- October Event: Q2 Wetzel Awards with 8 Rotarians and a Room Full of Airmen Recognizing 5 Worthy Recipients; Returning Wine to Water Fundraiser Social Raised \$2740.65 Benefiting charitywater.org.
- October Community Grants: A Total of \$6,000 Presented to Two Non-profits: Positively Arts and Assistance League.
- October Volunteer Service: 8 Rotarians helped Green Our Planet at the Giant Fall Student Farmers Market with 20 volunteer hours; 2 Rotarians Helped the Smith Center at the Student Matinee Performance of Sugar Skull with 4 Volunteer Hours.
- October Inductions: We Inducted Two New Members.
- October NV Wheelchair Foundation's Rotary "A" Team: 4 Wheelchairs Delivered to Appreciative Recipients.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club's Mission:

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

CLUB OFFICERS 2023-2024



President Toni Kern President Elect Kirk Alexander **Immediate Past President** Caty Crockett

Secretary Stu Lipoff

Treasurer Bruce Frazev **Elected Directors** Dan Adamson Kirk Alexander Niki Bates Tina Bishop Mike Cudiamat Carev Grohs Stuart Lipoff

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter the holiday time of year, we can't help but look around at the world and our community, and perhaps engage in self-reflection. RI President Gordon McInally's International theme, "Create Hope in the World," encapsulates Rotary's commitment to fostering positive change, global unity, and resilience in the face of challenges. This theme serves as a guiding principle for Rotarians worldwide, reinforcing their dedication to making a lasting impact in their communities and beyond.

Creating hope in the world speaks to Rotary's core values of service, community, and humanitarianism. It signifies a collective aspiration to build a better future for all, transcending geographical boundaries and cultural differences. Rotarians aim to inspire hope through their actions, projects, and partnerships.

One of the central tenets of this theme is addressing the world's most pressing issues, such as poverty, disease, access to clean water, education, and peace. By actively engaging in local and international initiatives, Rotarians work to alleviate suffering, empower underserved populations, and create opportunities for growth and development.

The concept of hope is not merely an abstract notion. It represents tangible, practical steps that Rotary members take to effect change. It's about mobilizing resources, expertise, and compassion to transform lives, one project at a time. Whether it's supporting vaccination campaigns, building homes in Tecate, Mexico, promoting conflict resolution, collecting canned food or the funds to purchase food, or helping to clothe over 350 at-risk youth through the Santa Claus Program, Rotarians strive to be agents of positive change.

Rotary's "Create Hope in the World" theme also underscores the importance of collaboration. By forging partnerships with like-minded organizations. governments, and individuals, Rotarians amplify their impact and reach. They recognize that hope is a shared endeavor, and together, they can achieve greater outcomes than working in isolation.

In 2023, Rotary International encourages its members to remain resolute in their commitment to create hope in the world. This theme serves as a beacon of inspiration, guiding Rotarians to persist in their mission of service above self. By embodying this ethos, Rotarians contribute to a more compassionate, equitable, and hopeful world for all, leaving a legacy of positive change that endures for generations to come. 'When we nurture peace, opportunities, and one another, we help heal the world and create lasting change.'



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PAST	PRE	SIDENTS	
Les Saunders*	1923-24	Robert E. O'Connell*	1974-75
Bill Ferron*	1924-25	Don Ashworth*	1975-76
A.A. Hinman*	1925-26	David F. Welles*	1976-77
Frosty Mildren*	1926-27	James J. Corey*	1977-78
Fred Hesse*	1927-28	Darrell Luce*	1978-79
Dr. F.M. Ferguson*	1928-29	Albert H. Purdue*	1979-80
Dr. William S. Park*	1929-30	Michael Hoover	1980-81
Charlie Dimock*	1930-31	Donald L. Aikin*	1981-82
Leo McNamee*	1931-32	Joseph J. Buckley*	1982-83
A.E. Cahlan*	1932-33	Irwin Kishner*	1983-84
Douglas Dasheil*	1933-34	James Cashman III*	1984-85
Marion Earl*	1934-35	Mike Meyer	1985-86
Dr. Roy Martin*	1935-36	Doug L. Peterson*	1986-87
K.O. Knudson*	1936-37	M.J. Wiens, Jr.	1987-88
Frank Gusewelle*	1937-38	Keith W. Bassett*	1988-89
Tom Connolly*	1937-36	Kenneth E. Miller*	1989-90
Archie Grant*	1939-40	James M. Gamett	1990-91
Otto Underhill*		Robert L. Moore	1990-91
Bryan Bunker*	1940-41	Robert L. Forbuss*	
1 1	1941-42		1992-93
Cyril Wengert*	1942-43	Gary A. Martin	1993-94
Fred O'Donnell*	1943-44	John A. Smith	1994-95
Frank Case*	1944-45	Caty Crockett	1995-96
Victor Shurtiff*	1945-46	Clifford R. Beadle	1996-97
Max Kelch*	1946-47	Ralph J. Rohay	1997-98
Ed Ciliax*	1947-48	Dr. James M. Jones*	1998-99
Lorin Ronnow*	1948-49	Tom A. Thomas	1999-00
Leonard Fayle*	1949-50	Tom J. Krob	2000-01
Allye Lawson*	1950-51	James E. Hunt	2001-02
Harry Allen*	1951-52	James R. Tucker	2002-03
Les Edwards*	1952-53	Kathy Dalvey*	2003-04
Wayne Kirch*	1953-54	Steve Casey	2004-05
George Boman*	1954-55	Ned Phillips	2005-06
Spence Butterfield*	1955-56	Brock Fraser	2006-07
Walt Hunsaker*	1956-57	Randy Campanale	2007-08
Ted Brandt*	1957-58	Russ Swain	2008-09
Julian Moore*	1958-59	Karen Whisenhunt	2009-10
Ray F. Culley*	1959-60	Tom Axtell	2010-11
C.T. Harris*	1960-61	Sharon McNair	2011-12
Ollie Gardner*	1961-62	Randy Donald	2012-13
Tom Underhill*	1962-63	Ginger Anderson	2013-14
Vern Willis*	1963-64	Steve Linder	2014-15
Ward Wengert*	1964-65	Mary Ann Avnet	2015-16
Bill Southard*	1965-66	David Thorson	2016-17
Dr. Vince Sanner*	1966-67	Dr. Michael Gordon	2017-18
Walter Wehner*	1967-68	James Kohl	2018-19
Dr. Robert Robinson*	1968-69	Jacqueline Thornhill	2019-20
Harold Wandesforde*	1969-70	Richard Jost	2020-21
Mark C. Mielke*	1970-71	Mike Ballard	2021-22
Dr. Harold Boyer*	1971-72	Caty Crockett	2022-23
Angelo J. Manzi*	1972-73		
Keith Ashworth*	1973-74	* Deceased	
Kelul AshWolul	13/3-/4		

CALENDAR

- 11/02 **Speaker:** Rob Lauer, Director of Las Vegas Spaceport
 - Las Vegas Spaceport and STEM Program
- 11/02 **Event:** New Member Orientation and 25 Club at Rita Burton's Home 6:00pm
- 11/09 **Speaker:** Robby Robinson, Veteran WWII & Battle of the Bulge and Palo Verde High School Color Guard
- 11/09 **Event:** Tour of Black Fire Innovation, UNLV Robotics VIP Tour 3:00pm
- 11/09 **Social:** Cigar Social at Dan & Kami Anderson's Home 6:30pm
- 11/10 **Social:** UNLV Tailgate, Against Wyoming
- 11/16 **DARK**
- 11/22 **Speaker:** Benjamin Edwards, UNLV Law Professor Changing Financial Markets and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. JOINT MEETING WITH THE KIWANIS CLUB.
- 11/23 **DARK**
- 11/30 Speaker: TBD
- 12/01 **Event:** Teen Leadership Camp (TLC) 12/1 12/3



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



November Rotarian Birthdays

Jytte Bailey	November 6	Antoinette Monroe	November 18
Christina Bishop	November 18	Ana Orellana	November 8
Edward Domanico	November 12	Richard Robledo	November 13
Larry Goldstein	November 15	Russell A. Swain	November 12
Toni Kern	November 30	Shawn Sennett	November 19
Anil Melnick	November 28	Thomas A. Thomas	November 13



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Rodney Tucker Reminded Us of the Canned Food Drive.



Steve Kwon Won Arleen Sirois Halloween Book.



George from the Boy Scouts Won the Lawry's Bucks.



President Elect Kirk Alexander Presented a \$3,500 Check to the Assistance League with President Toni Kern.



Speaker Table: Guest JC Willette, Stu Lipoff, President Toni Kern and Speaker Eric Hobson.



PP Tom Krob Announces the Cigar Sodal.



Mike Mewborn Gave the Recap of Wine to Water.

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ROTARY CLUB



Dr. Kathy Mahon AGAIN Drew for the Almost \$6,000 Pot.



President Toni with Some of the Early Arriving Attendees for Today's Meeting.



Liz Rothwell Gave Us an Overview of UNLV Rotaract and Displays a Rotary Flag from Her Recent Trip Home for a High School Reunion.



Aaron Campillo Recaps The Smith Center Student Performance.



Dr. Niki Bates Introduces a Potential New Member.



PP Brock Fraser Exchanged Flags with Visiting Rotarian.



President Toni Presents the Salute to Service Award and a Copy of Our Las Vegas Rotary Club Centennial Book to Speaker Eric Hobson.



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SCRIBE – OCTOBER 26, 2023

President Toni Kern called us to order at a very punctual 12:15. **Suzette Wheeler** presented our invocation while our song was presented by **PP Brock Fraser** who led us in America the Beautiful. After the Pledge of Allegiance **President Toni** thanked the meeting helpers without whom our meeting could not run so smoothly including our Sergeant at Arms, **Nancy Anderson**.

Our lone international guest was Murray from Canada, we had 1 visiting Rotarian, 3 guests of Rotarians and 2 guests of the club. **President Toni** introduced the head table, which included **Stu Lipoff**, guest JC Willette, and Eric Hobson, our guest speaker for the day.

Announcements:

President Toni started us off by giving a recap of the giant student Farmer's Market which included 8 Rotarians. She then told us about the great Nevada Business article about our community giving - thanks to Sarah Thornton, Kelli Karlsen and Connected Communications. Aaron Campillo gave a recap of the Smith Center Student Matinee Performance. Mike "a Voice for Radio" Mewborn gave a recap on the Wine to Water event, at **Debi Howard's** home which raised over \$2,700 for CharityWater.org and \$500 to help our **RYE student Mateo** as well! About this time the first of two cell phones ringing, LOUDLY, interrupted our meeting. I wish we had a Fine Master to fine you but, even though we don't, you could turn your volume off... jus' sayin'. **PP Jim Kohl** gave a guick Santa Clothes report including backpack stuffing on 12/2 and the big event on 12/7. We need shoppers and volunteers to help with the field day! Rodney "Mr. GQ" Tucker reminded us about the canned food drive and the 25 Club meeting/New Member Orientation on 11/2 at Rita Burton's house. PP Russ Swain will be the auctioneer at the 11/2 event for the incredible Knights and Raiders tickets so come ready to bid big! **Rosalee Hedrick** gave a guick report on our VIP business tour coming up on 11/9. **PP Tom Krob** reminded us of the upcoming cigar social on 11/9. Greg Maguire told us about the big UNLV tailgate on 11/10. Memo: The Rebs are bowl eligible! This is a historic year for the team so come on out and support your local university! Janice Lencke told us that there will be fun activities at the big Holiday Party on 12/7. Liz Rothwell told us about the re-birth of Rotaract at UNLV - students needed! President Elect Kirk Alexander presented a check for \$3,500 to Assistance League. **Stu Lipoff** told us about the new virtual green book - show The Wheel to your grandkids to help you figure out what a QR code is and how it works. You'll be amazed! It's like the lightbulb!

Dr. Kathy Mahon's lucky number was drawn AGAIN but she did not pull the joker AGAIN and thus did not get the almost \$6,000 pot. **George** from the Boy Scouts got the Lawry's Bucks. Then, **Arleen Sirois'** amazing children's book was won by **Steve Kwon. Stu Lipoff** introduced our guest speaker **Eric Hobson** who is the Emergency Coordinator for the Clark County ARES/RACES (aka: Amateur Radio Operators). Mr. Hobson shared interesting information about Ham Radio operators who function as a backup emergency communication system that plays a crucial part in society even if seen by no one and heard by few. After the presentation Mr. Hobson was presented with the Salute to Service Award and a copy of our amazing Las Vegas Rotary Centennial book. We were then adjourned at a less than punctual 1:32 which is really close enough. Fun was had by all!



ROTARIANS IN ACTION

Below are pictures from recent Wheelchair deliveries, the Student Performance at the Smith Center, and Green Our Planet's Fall Giant Student Farmers Market with nearly 300 crops/crafts.





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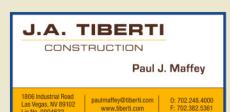




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