



Henry "Robby" Robinson

Private First Class – World War II Veteran

Private First Class Henry "Robby" Robinson was born on June 24, 1925, and is a native of California. Pfc. Robinson is a veteran of World War II, where he served as a Reconnaissance Scout for the 11th Armored Division, 22nd Tank Battalion, Headquarters Company. He was drafted in the 11th grade of high school and was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky for armored training. He then went onto further training at Camp Phillips, Kansas for armored unit tank training. At Age 18, he was sent off to Europe, battle-ready and soon-to-fight for his country against the Axis Powers. His first stop in Europe was in Liverpool, England, where he spent 28 days as he and his fellow soldiers were assigned to put together a convoy. He was then relocated to Southampton, England, as his convoy would strategically decide where to deploy tank units.



From Southampton, Pfc. Robinson was set to be sent to Bastogne, Belgium, where he was about to take part in what would become the largest and bloodiest battle in all of WWII, Nazi Germany's last major offensive in the war, and what would become a major turning point for the Allied Powers. This battle, commonly known as The Battle of the Bulge, or the Ardennes Offensive, took place over five weeks between December and January of 1945, in freezing temperatures of an average of 20 degrees Fahrenheit and eight inches of snow. After the Allied counteroffensive forced German troops to withdraw, Pfc. Robinson was sent to Luxembourg, then to Germany (where he fought in the Siegfried Line campaign and the crossing of the Rhine River, known as the Battle of the Remagen Bridgehead), and finally to Austria on the Danube River, which is where he was located when Germany unconditionally surrendered. What is known in the United States as V-E Day (Victory in Europe) occurred shortly thereafter on May 8th, 1945.

Pfc. Robinson and his fellow surviving soldiers would liberate Europe and essentially, help to preserve democracy and freedom for generations to come. Of the 22 original soldiers in Pfc. Robinson's 22nd Tank Battalion, only 4 soldiers would return from war. Before being sent back home to the United States, Robby was required to stay abroad in Europe for a longer period than most soldiers because of his ability to communicate in so many foreign languages. He assisted the Allies in helping foreign soldiers either go back to their native country or to be relocated as necessary. Finally, and prior to coming back to the United States, he served as a guard at the Nuremberg Trials, which were held by Allies against representatives of the defeated Nazi Germany for plotting and carrying out invasions of other countries and the atrocities against their citizens in WWII.

After Robby was finally able to come home to his normal life in California, he found great joy in utilizing his skill as a musician as he formed a band and also started doing stand-up comedy. Professionally, he was a master electrician. He was fortunate to have five children and he's still driving at 98 years young! His zest for life is evident in every conversation, he loves to entertain, and he is an absolute joy to be around.

Two weeks ago, during an interview, Robby was asked, "What would've happened if we hadn't won the war?" He replied with, "It wasn't an option. That never crossed my mind. We kicked Germany's butt."

November 9, 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.**

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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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* Deceased

CALENDAR

- 11/09 **Speaker:** Robby Robinson, Veteran WWII & Battle of the Bulge and Palo Verde High School AFJROTC 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
Meet Russ Swain in Lot G – 6:00 pm
- 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
- 12/02 **Event:** Santa Clothes Backpack Stuffing
Boy Scouts Area Council – 8:30 am
- 12/05 **Event:** Breakfast with Books, 8:00 am
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<i>Christina Bishop</i>	<i>November 18</i>	<i>Ana Orellana</i>	<i>November 8</i>
<i>Edward Domanico</i>	<i>November 12</i>	<i>Richard Robledo</i>	<i>November 13</i>
<i>Larry Goldstein</i>	<i>November 15</i>	<i>Russell A. Swain</i>	<i>November 12</i>
<i>Toni Kern</i>	<i>November 30</i>	<i>Shawn Sennett</i>	<i>November 9</i>
<i>Anil Melnick</i>	<i>November 28</i>	<i>Thomas A. Thomas</i>	<i>November 13</i>



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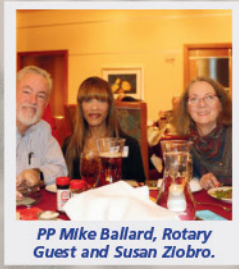
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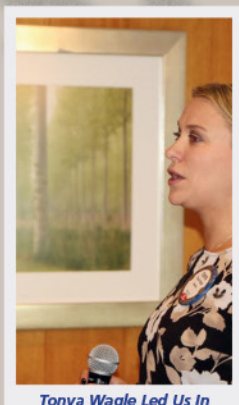
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PP Mike Ballard, Rotary Guest and Susan Ziobro.



Tonya Wagle Led Us In God Bless America.



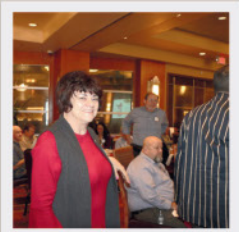
A Moving Invocation Delivered by Shawn Sennett.



President Toni Kern Welcomes Us to a Packed Meeting Agenda and Happily Located the Green Book.



Speaker Table: Tina Bishop, Larry Goldstein, President Toni Kern and Speaker Rob Lauer from LV Spaceport.



Nancy Anderson Enjoys a Moment of Fellowship Before the Meeting Begins.



Aaron Campillo and Tonya Wagle.

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John Palley Did Not Pull the Joker, But Won \$10.



President Toni Kern Presents the Salute to Service Award, Centennial Coin and Book to Speaker Rob Lauer from the Las Vegas Spaceport.



Barbara Castro Won the Lawrys' Bucks.



Murray from Canada with Rita Burton.



Bruce Frazey Gets Settled with His Guest Before the Meeting Begins.



November Birthday Table

- PP Russell Swain
- President Toni Kern
- Anil Melnick
- Shwn Sennett
- Larry Goldstein
- Tina Bishop

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SCRIBE – NOVEMBER 2, 2023

President Toni Kern called us to order on Toni-Time at 12:13. **Shawn Sennett** presented our invocation while our song was presented by **Tonya Wagle** who led us in God Bless America. 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, 2 guests of Rotarians and 1 guest of the club. We were also pleased to have a visit from a member we have not seen in a long time in person, **Alison Wechsler**. **President Toni** introduced the head table, which included **Larry Goldstein, Tina Bishop, and Rob Lauer**, our guest speaker for the day.

Announcements:

Before getting to announcements, we had the Rotarians sitting at the Birthday Table introduce themselves. This was followed by **Sidra Kain** leading us in Happy Birthday. **President Toni** started us off with a few quick reminders: 1) We are dark 11/16 due to F1; 2) Don't forget to sign up for activities and events in the new Virtual Green Book; 3) on 11/9 we will have our special Veterans Day program; 4) Wednesday 11/22 is our special Rotarian/Kiwanian canned food competition luncheon. **PP Ginger Anderson** gave a quick Santa Clothes report including backpack stuffing on 12/2 and the big event on 12/7. We still need a lot of 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. **President Toni** then told us about a 20% discount for the ballet at the Smith Center. **Rosalee Hedrick** gave a quick report on our VIP business tour coming up on 11/9. **PP Jim Hunt** reminded us of the upcoming cigar social on 11/9. **President Toni** told us about the big UNLV tailgate on 11/10. **Susan Ziobro** gave a quick TLC announcement. **President Toni** reminded us about volunteer opportunities through the Clark High Academy of Finance and Junior Achievement. **Janice Lencke** told us that the big Holiday Party on 12/7 will be "a magical experience."

Before getting to the weekly raffle, we had the special canned food drive auction conducted by **PP Russ Swain**. If you looked closely the more he talked the more **President Toni** looked at her watch! In any event it was a great success with **Murray** from Canada spending \$3,000 for the Raiders' tickets and **Bob Werner** spending \$500 on the Golden Knights' tickets! Thank you to all the bidders, the donors and **PP Russ Swain** the Auctioneer Extraordinaire!

The Amazing Scribe's lucky number was drawn but he did not pull the joker and thus did not get the OVER \$6,000 pot. **Barbara Castro** got the Lawry's Bucks. **Tina Bishop** introduced our guest speaker **Rob Lauer** who is the CEO of the Las Vegas Spaceport. Mr. Lauer shared interesting information about his plans for an actual Spaceport currently being built west of Las Vegas. He told us that visitors will literally be able to travel in extremely high speed aircraft as early as 2024 so be on the lookout for that! After the presentation Mr. Lauer 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 more than punctual 1:28. Fun was had by all! – **John Palley**



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Palo Verde High School Air Force Junior ROTC

The Presentation of Colors originated in Ancient Egypt around 5,000 years ago, with the practice also being used in the Roman Empire and the Roman army. It was made more significant in the Middle Ages, when military colors were formalized with the coat of arms of the country. It is a way of showing respect and patriotism for the nation and its symbols.

Today we welcome back the United States Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Unit from Palo Verde High School who will Present the Colors, Parade the Colors and Retire the Colors in honor of our Veterans.

For seventeen of the last twenty-two years, Palo Verde High School Air Force Junior ROTC has been selected by Headquarters, United States Air Force Air University, as a Distinguished Unit (with Merit for the 2006-2007, 2009-2010, 2015-2016 and 2018-2019 School-Years). This selection was made based on their unit's "outstanding performance and positive impact on school and community."

The Distinguished Unit Award indicates this unit ranked in the top 25% of the AFJROTC units worldwide.

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Santa Clothes is coming to town!

When: December 7, 2023

Volunteer Arrival between 7 & 7:15am

*Where: JC Penney stores at Galleria and Meadows
Malls and Grand Canyon location*

*Followed by playtime, lunch & inspirational speaker
at Boy Scouts/Engelstad Field
7220 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas*

*Volunteer shoppers needed – bring your family, business
associates & trusted friends*

*May the spirit of the Holiday Season touch you and
those around you!*

**To Participate In This Event, You Must be 18 Years Old.
No Children Allowed.**

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