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Before joining the UNLV Boyd School of Law in 2017, he taught at Barry University's Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law and at Michigan State University College of Law. Prior to teaching, Edwards practiced as a securities litigator in the New York office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. At Skadden, he represented clients in complex civil litigation, including securities class actions arising out of the Madoff Ponzi scheme and litigation arising out of the 2008 financial crisis.

His writing has appeared in top law reviews and journals and news outlets including The Wall Street Journal, The Hill, and The Washington Post.

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On October 26, 2023, Professor Edwards was elected to a three-year term as a director for the Public Advocate Bar Association, an international bar association focused on investor protection.

November 22, 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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we gather around the table on this Thanksgiving Day, let us take a moment to reflect on the abundance of blessings that surround us. In a world filled with challenges and uncertainties, the spirit of gratitude becomes a guiding light, illuminating our hearts with warmth and appreciation.

This day is a poignant reminder to be thankful for the simple yet profound joys that enrich our lives. Let us express gratitude for the love of family and friends, the laughter that resonates in our homes, and the shared moments that create lasting memories. In the tapestry of life, each thread represents a unique blessing, weaving together a story of interconnectedness and shared experiences.

As we savor the delectable flavors of this feast, let us also savor the sweetness of gratitude. Gratitude is not just a fleeting emotion but a transformative force that enriches our souls. It opens our eyes to the beauty that surrounds us, even in the midst of life's challenges. In expressing gratitude, we acknowledge the contributions of others and cultivate a spirit of generosity that ripples through our communities.

This Thanksgiving, let us extend our gratitude beyond the boundaries of our immediate circles. In a world that often feels divided, the practice of gratitude becomes a unifying force. It reminds us of our shared humanity and the interconnectedness that binds us together.

May this day be a celebration of thankfulness, a day to count our blessings and appreciate the journey we've traveled. Let us carry the spirit of gratitude beyond this day, allowing it to shape our interactions, decisions, and perspectives. In being thankful, we not only enrich our own lives but contribute to the creation of a more compassionate and harmonious world for all.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family, our Rotarian and Kiwanian families!



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Bill Ferron*	1924-25	Don Ashworth*	1975-76
A.A. Hinman*	1925-26	David F. Welles*	1976-77
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Fred Hesse*	1927-28	Darrell Luce*	1978-79
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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*	1938-39	Kenneth E. Miller*	1989-90
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Lorin Ronnow*	1948-49	Tom A. Thomas	1999-00
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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	2020-21
Dr. Harold Boyer*	1971-72	Caty Crockett	2021-22
Angelo J. Manzi*	1972-73		2424-23
Keith Ashworth*	1973-74	* Deceased	
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CALENDAR

- **Speaker:** Benjamin Edwards, UNLV Law Professor 11/22 Changing Financial Markets and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, JOINT MEETING WITH THE KIWANIS CLUB.
- 11/23 DARK
- **Social:** Tree Trimming and Potluck Antoinette Monroe's Home 6:00 pm 11/28
- 11/30 **Speaker:** Rhoda Hassad, Supplier Diversity Manager for MGM Resorts
- The MGM Resorts Supplier Diversity Mentorship Program Event: Teen Leadership Camp (TLC) - 12/1 - 12/3 12/01
- 12/02 **Event:** Santa Clothes Backpack Stuffing
 - Boy Scouts Area Council Facility 8:30 am
- Event: Breakfast with Books, 8:00 am 12/05
 - Will Becker Elementary
- 12/07 DARK
- 12/07 Event: Santa Clothes, JCP at Galleria, Meadows and
 - Grand Canyon Malls 7:00 am
- 12/07 Social: Holiday Party - Canyon Gate Country Club, 6:00 - 10:00 pm
- **Speaker:** Jeffrey Kutash, Las Vegas Show Producer 12/14
- 12/21 DARK
- 12/28 DARK



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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 9
Anil Melnick	November 28	Thomas A. Thomas	November 13



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Dr. Kathv's Number was Drawn But, She Did Not Draw the Joker.



President Toni & Mike Cudiamat Present Debi Howard with Her First Paul Harris Award.



Tonya Wagle Leads Us in the National Anthem.



President Toni Presents Speaker Robby Robinson with the Las Vegas Rotary Centennial Book, Coin, Salute to Service Award and Jason Frederico Presented a Patriotic Quilt as Special Memories of the Day.



Our Newest Rotarian, Lin Ng; Welcomed by President Toni, Niki Bates, Sponsor John Williams and Melanie Jo Muldowney Krob.



Lin Ng, LVRC Newest Rotarian is Looking Forward to Membership.



Speaker Table: President Toni, Suzette Wheeler, Speaker Robby Robinson and Jason Frederico.

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ROTARY CLUB



Palo Verde High School Posting the Colors at the Beginning of the Meeting.



Junior ROTC Color Guard form Palo Verde High School Retiring the Colors at the End of the Meeting.



Speaker Robby Robinson Sharing Stories From His Time at War During Battle of the Bulge.



Opening Ceremonies: Bob Peiser - Invocation Tonya Wagle - Song President Toni with a Warm Welcome



Membership including Jerry Engel Listening Intently to the Speaker's Stories.



Honoring All of the Veterans Attending Today's Meeting.

Thank You For Your Service!



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SCRIBE - NOVEMBER 9, 2023

President Toni Kern called us to order on Toni-Time at 12:12. As a special Veterans Day treat, we began with the Parade of Colors presented by the Palo Verde High JROTC. **Tonya Wagle** led us in Our National Anthem which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. **Bob Peiser,** a Veteran of the War in Vietnam, presented our invocation. **President Toni** reminded us of the meaning of Veterans Day, had all our Rotary Veterans come forward, and then thanked the meeting helpers without whom our meeting could not run so smoothly.

We had one international visitor, zero visiting Rotarians, eight guests of Rotarians and three guests of the club including our RYE student Mateo. President Toni introduced the head table, which included Suzette Wheeler, Jason Frederico, and Henry "Robby" Robinson, our guest speaker for the day.

Announcements:

Due to a tight schedule **President Toni** handled most of the announcements. She ran through them quickly: 1) We are dark 11/16 due to F1; 2) <u>Wednesday</u> 11/22 is our special Rotarian/ Kiwanian canned food competition luncheon; 3) be sure to look for the weekly event/activity email from **Shawn**; 4) Our VIP tour and cigar social were both on 11/9; 5) UNLV tailgate on 11/10; 6) our last 25 Club meeting was a big success; 7) we still need one host family for Mateo and 3 families for Aneka from New Zealand who arrives in January; and 8) we still need volunteers for Santa Clothes on 12/7. **PP Karen Whisenhunt** gave a special Past Presidents announcement telling us of the slate of members who are running to be our newest board members. Be on the lookout for the email to vote soon!

We had two presentations this week. **Debi Howard** was presented her first Paul Harris Award by **Mike Cudiamat**. Thank you and Congratulations, **Debi**. We also welcomed our newest LVRC Rotarian, **Lin Ng** during a wonderful ceremony conducted with the Membership team of **Melanie Jo Muldowney and Niki Bates**, **President Toni**, and her Sponsor **John Williams**.

Before getting to the weekly raffle, we had the special canned food drive auction conducted by PP Russ Swain. We were told he had one minute, and it was definitely a "Russ Swain Minute" if you know what I mean! If you looked closely the more Russ talked the more President Toni looked at her watch... and even made hand gestures to speed Russ up! Russ was too focused on raising more money for the canned food drive to stop! In any event it was a great success with Bob Werner spending \$850 on an amazing purse donated by Dr. Kathy Mahon! Thank you to all the bidders, Dr. Kathy Mahon, and PP Russ Swain the Auctioneer Extraordinaire!

Dr. Kathy Mahon's lucky number was rightfully drawn for our weekly drawing, but she did not pull the joker and thus did not get the OVER \$6,500 pot. **Deb Howard** got the Lawry's Bucks. **Jason Frederico** then gave a heartfelt introduction of our guest speaker **Robby Robinson** who is a World War II Veteran. PFC Robinson, at 98 years young, shared amazing stories from his time in the Army which started when he was drafted in the 11th grade. He quickly found himself moved from his hometown of Compton, CA (one of the real OGs from Compton) to Ft. Knox, KY, and then to Europe where he was involved with the Battle of the Bulge and the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp. It was truly an honor for all of us to have PFC Robinson share his time and stories with us. After the presentation PFC Robinson was presented with the Salute to Service Award, a copy of our amazing Las Vegas Rotary Centennial book and a special homemade quilt. We were then adjourned at a more than punctual 1:27. Fun was had by all!

- John Palley



ROTARIANS IN ACTION

Pictures from the 11/10 UNLV Tailgate and the 11/09 Cigar Social

















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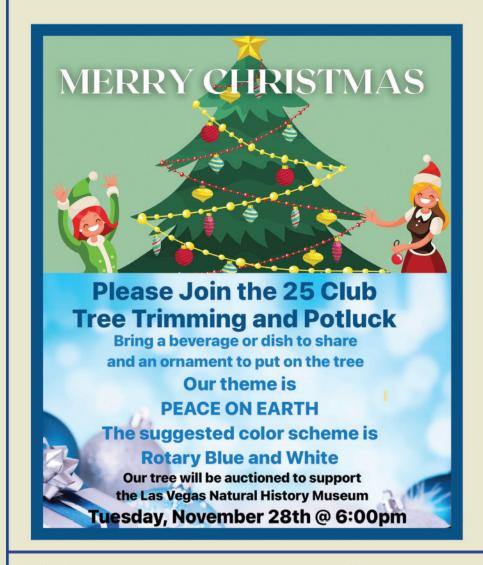
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