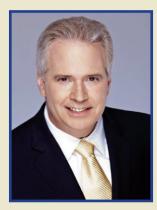






Bob Brown

President and CEO Opportunity Village



Robert M. (Bob) Brown is the President and CEO of Opportunity Village, Nevada's largest organization providing employment and other services for people with intellectual and related disabilities. Bob also operates Betty's Village, Nevada's largest housing community for people with disabilities. He is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley.

Bob is the former Publisher of the Las Vegas Review-Journal and has served as the Board Chairman for the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce. He served on the National Council on Disability and was appointed to the post by Congress. He is the President of Together for Choice, a national nonprofit working to preserve employment and residential choices for people with disabilities. He is also on the Emeritus Board of Directors of the Vegas Chamber and formerly served on the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada and The Public Education Foundation. Governor Sandoval appointed him to serve on the State of Nevada 150th anniversary committee. Bob is also proud to serve as the Vice President on the National Council of SourceAmerica Employers Executive Committee.

January 4, 2024

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?

- Rotary Park: Completed 1959-60, reclassified 2023 as a 'children's park' with improved City oversight. Wonder if 'the Paul Harris Friendship Tree' from 1982-83 or tree honoring PDG Joe Buckley is still there?
- Las Vegas Rotary Greets the World curtain: 1963 design created & from 1964 graced stage of all meetings until 1998 & not seen again until the Centennial Celebration in 2023.
- Demotion Parties: 1963-64 the tradition of the demotion party, held at the Crockett Ranch, was established.
- Rotary International Convention: 1986 LVRC was Host Club for 77th Annual International Convention.
- Cigar Social: 2009-10 Pres. Karen Whisenhunt asked PP Jim Hunt to create the social, with idea of PP Michael Gordon sending cigars to troops in wartime.
- Established: 1975-76 25 Club; 2002-03 Wetzel Award; 2010-11 100% PHF Club; 2014-15 Club Mission Statement approved.

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 the New Year unfolds, resolutions take center stage in conversations and reflections. It's a ritual deeply ingrained in the collective psyche—a symbolic fresh start that prompts individuals to set intentions for selfimprovement and growth.

For some, the resolutions revolve around health and wellness. Conversations echo with declarations of guitting harmful habits and embracing healthier alternatives, creating a communal commitment to fostering a better, more robust self. Others channel their focus toward professional goals. Resolutions to achieve a work-life balance or pursue passion projects gain momentum, reflecting a collective desire for fulfillment and purpose beyond the confines of a 9 to 5 routine.

The chatter is not limited to personal growth; societal and environmental resolutions also find their place in the dialogue. Discussions about sustainability, climate action, and community engagement permeate conversations, highlighting a growing awareness of global challenges and the role individuals play in effecting positive change.

Yet, amid the enthusiastic proclamations, there's a recognition of the challenges that lie ahead. The resolutions are not merely wishful thinking; they are deliberate commitments to personal transformation. People acknowledge the need for perseverance, adaptability, and a supportive community to turn these resolutions into tangible achievements.

In this flurry of New Year resolutions, there's a sense of shared purpose—a collective striving for a brighter, more fulfilling future. As the clock ticks away the old year, the collective resolve to embrace change and pursue personal and societal betterment permeates the air, weaving a tapestry of hope and determination for the journey ahead. As Rotarians we have a shared purpose, whether through community service and local impact, emphasis on youth development programs, or aiming to strengthen our membership base, by engaging current members and attracting new ones, which involves creating a vibrant and inclusive Rotary experience, fostering fellowship, and adapting to the changing needs of its members. Let us move forward in 2024, the 100+ members of our 100-year-old club, to turn our resolutions into tangible achievements, together as one, in effecting positive change in our community.



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CALENDAR

01/04 **Speaker: Bob Brown** – President and CEO of Opportunity Village

01/06 **Event:** Highway Clean Up - 9:00 am Brunch Following at Jerry Sennes' Home

01/11 Speaker: Dr. Priest, President/Provost and

Dr. Lorico, Chief Researcher/Professor at Touro University

01/11 **Event:** Wetzel Awards, Nellis Air Force Base - 2:30 pm

01/18 **Speaker:** Eric Harper – UNLV Athletic Director

01/25 **Speaker:** Roger Tabor, Mayor's Cup, International Soccer Tournament

02/01 **Speaker:** 4-WAY Speech Contest

02/06 **Event:** Breakfast with Books – 7:15 am, *Will Beckley Elementary*

02/08 **Speaker:** Daniel Heenan, Arson Inverstigator

02/15 **Speaker:** Dan Stover Music Competition



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December Rotarian Birthdays

Steve Dixon	December 2	Rob Pistone	December 11
Randy Donald	December 19	Brian Riley	December 2
Elliotte Fajardo	December 13	William Stieren	December 17
Jason Frederico	December 3	Jimmelle Trijo	December 24
David Jones	December 15	Austin Wyrick	December 14
Robert Marshall	December 26		



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The Lawry Bucks Went to a Representative From One of Our Schools.



President Toni with Barbara Castro Who Got the Opportunity to Win the Entire Pot, but She Did Not Pull the Joker, So the "Big Pot" Remains for Another Week.



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Jerry Engel, Dapper David Jones and Bob Werner.



PP Randy Donald, PEE Janice Lencke and PP Jim Hunt.



Jane Krob and PP Ginger Anderson



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PP Tom Krob and PP Jim Hunt.



PP Jim Kohl with Dan and Kami Adamson.



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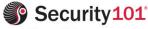
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SCRIBE – DECEMBER 14, 2023

Welcome and call to order at 12:15 pm. Jerry Engel gave a moving holiday invocation and memorable quote from Ben Stein. The Song Leader was Arleen Sirois who led us in "Let There be Peace on Earth" followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Toni Kern thanked those that make the meeting successful: Set up: Kathy Mahon and Bob Werner; Greeters: Liz Rothwell and Carolyn Sparks; Sign in Table Greeter: Shawn Sennett; Ticket sales: Bob Peiser; Photographer: PP Jim Tucker; Scribe: Jason Frederico; AV Team: David Jones and Stu Lipoff; Tear Down: Susan Ziobro; Sargent at Arms: Nancy Anderson.

We had 0 International Visitors; 0 Visiting Rotarians; Guests of Rotarians included Councilman Brian Knudsen and six others; Guests of the Club included representatives from Beckley, Deering, McCall elementary schools. Seated at the President's Table was Speaker Jeffrey Kutash; Annee Nounna; Councilman Brian Knudsen, and President Toni Kern. Sidra Kain led the Happy Birthday song for those at the December Birthday table: PP Randy Donald, Brian Riley, David Jones, and Jason Frederico.

Announcements:

We are DARK on 12/21 and 12/28; the next meeting is on 1/4/24. **Janice Lencke** has been selected as President Elect-Elect for the 2025 – 2026 year and **Rita Burton** was appointed Club Treasurer.

- PP Ginger Anderson recapped Santa Clothes and activities at the Boy Scout facility. We had 363 kids; 400 volunteers. A signed soccer ball was presented to Patrick Ballenger of the Boy Scouts as the Field Day MVP.
- TLC recap was presented by attendees Teagan, Alessandra & Jacob who are family members of LVRC Rotarians that attended the program.
- President Toni Kern announced the link for photos from the Holiday Party.
- President Toni Kern also announced that the 25 Club meeting will be at Debi Howard's home tonight.
- President Toni Kern and Brock Fraser requested more volunteers for the Magical Forest at 12/18 at 5 p.m.
- PP Steven Casey reminded that we need a volunteer host family for exchange student Mateo from Chile.
- President Toni Kern announced the Highway Clean Up 1/6 @ 9 am followed by brunch at Jerry Sennes' home.

Presentations:

- Mike Cudiamat gave an overview of the Paul Harris Fellowship then presented Rene Gamero a Paul Harris Fellow Plus One.
- PE Kirk Alexander presented a Community Grant to Sonia Andson for Andson.
- President Toni presented a check for \$566 to Principal Shannon Brown for Beckley Elementary School. John Ingeme requested upon his passing that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his name for this school.
- Councilman Brian Knudsen discussed the revitalization of Rotary Park.
- Dr. Chris Heavey, Executive Vice President and Provost of UNLV presented the Centennial Medallion to recipient Savanna Vacek.

Barbara Castro had the ticket to draw for the pot which was \$7,127 plus today's amount. She did not draw the joker but won \$10. A teacher from Laura Dearing Elementary School won the Lawry Bucks.

Speaker Jeffrey Kutash was introduced by **Annee Nounna**. Mr. Kutash kept us engaged with his stories as a Producer and Choreographer. **President Toni Kern** presented a copy of our legacy book and the Salute to Service award to Mr. Kutash. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.



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