





# **Roger Tabor**

City of Las Vegas Mayors Cup International Soccer Tournament



Roger Tabor is a proud Las Vegas native. As an alumnus of Bishop Gorman High School and UNLV, he has many relationships in Las Vegas that span over six decades. For 35 years, he was a registered investment advisor specializing in fiduciary investing. He joined the North Las Vegas Rotary in 1988 and

switched to the Downtown Las Vegas Rotary Club a few years later. He has served as Club President of both clubs and in every board position. He has been recognized as "Rotarian of the Year" by the Downtown Club. Retiring in 2019 allowed him more time for his passion- providing soccer opportunities for local youth.

Soccer has always been a big part of his life. Playing on the first local youth soccer teams at 7 years old, his career culminated with being named Captain for UNLV Men's Soccer team. After several years of coaching, Roger founded the Downtown Las Vegas Soccer Club where he has volunteered as Board President since 2004. He formed the club to reduce costs, blend cultures, and provide more opportunities for kids. He had a vision to combine the world's most popular game with the world's most popular destination. Today, the Las Vegas Mayor's Cup attracts 1400+ teams, over three weekends, from 43 countries and 44 states. The event has a \$65 Million economic impact on the local economy.

Roger has been married to his wife, Amy, for 35 years. They have 3 adult sons: Trenton, Colin, and Griffin. All are Paul Harris fellows. Trenton is also an active member of the Lawrenceville (PA) Rotary Club.

January 25, 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?

- December Service: 13 members volunteered at the Opportunity Village Magical Forest, providing a total of 48 hrs of volunteer service.
- December NV Wheelchair "A" Team: 14 volunteers unloaded 180 'pediatric size' wheelchairs from trailer to warehouse, providing 40+ hrs of service; and delivered a wheelchair to a special 86 yr old gentleman for an additional 3 hrs of service.
- December Youth Program (TLC): The Club sponsored eleven 8th grade students at weekend leadership camp.
- 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: design created in 1963 & from 1964 graced stage of all meetings until 1998 & not seen again until the Centennial Celebration in 2023.
- 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

### CLUB OFFICERS 2023-2024



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the past few decades, youth soccer in the United States has experienced remarkable growth, transforming into a major force in the country's sports landscape. The surge in popularity can be attributed to various factors, contributing to the sport's widespread appeal among young athletes and families.

One key driver of the growth is the increased visibility of soccer at the professional level. Major League Soccer (MLS) has expanded its presence, attracting international talent and fostering a homegrown player development system. The success of American players abroad, coupled with the global appeal of European leagues, has inspired aspiring young athletes to pursue soccer as a serious career option.

Additionally, grassroots initiatives and community-based programs have played a pivotal role in nurturing young talent. Local clubs and academies provide structured training environments, emphasizing skill development and fostering a love for the game from an early age. The proliferation of youth leagues and tournaments across the nation has created a vibrant ecosystem for aspiring soccer players to showcase their abilities and compete at various levels.

Furthermore, the inclusivity of soccer has contributed to its growth. The sport welcomes participants from diverse backgrounds, making it accessible to a broad spectrum of communities. Initiatives promoting inclusivity and diversity in soccer have helped break down barriers, allowing more youngsters to engage with the sport and contribute to its expansion.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club has been a part of fostering the love of the game having hosted international youth teams in the Mayor's Cup since 2006-07 during PP Brock Fraser's year and the efforts in coordination from PP Karen Whisenhunt. As the popularity of soccer continues to soar, the future looks promising for the development of young talents and the overall advancement of the sport in the country.



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Spence Butterfield*	1955-56	Brock Fraser	2006-07
Walt Hunsaker*	1956-57	Randy Campanale	2007-08
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Angelo J. Manzi*	1972-73	* Deceased	
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Keith Ashworth\*

1973-74

### **CALENDAR**

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

01/27 **Event:** Discovery Museum's Community Resource Fair - 12:00 pm

01/30 **Event:** Junior Achievement, Hard Hat Tour - 3:00 pm

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

02/01 **Event:** New Member Orientation and 25 Club Meeting,

Niki Bates' Home - 6:00 pm

02/03 **Event:** Rotary Park Clean Up - 10:00 am

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

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

02/14 Event: Mayor's Cup, February 14 - 2002/15 Speaker: Dan Stover Music Competition

02/22 **Speaker:** Jessica Love, Daring Girls

02/29 **Speaker:** Saul Ramos, Small Business Administration

03/22 **Event:** (RYLA) Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 3/22 - 3/24



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### January Rotarian Birthdays

Andrew Thurlow	January 31	Kathleen M. Mahon, MD	January 2
Carolyn Sparks	January 7	Kirk Alexander	January 9
Gwen Hall	January 22	Krista Nicholas	January 16
Jerry Engel	January 20	Nikki Junium	January 12
John Peiser	January 1	Stuart Lipoff	January 29



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PP Karen Whisenhunt Shared Information About the Upcoming Mayor's Cup.





Larry Cohn Did Not Pull the Joker.

TOP to BOTTOM:

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance: Shawn Sennett, President Toni Kern and Tonya Wagle.
  2. PP Brock Fraser Exchanges LVRC Flag with Visitor Danny from India.
- 3. President's Table: Rosalee Hedrick, Eric Schimmoeler, President Toni Kern and Speaker Erick Harper, UNLV.



UNLV Athletic Director, Erick Harper, Shares the High Standards, Goals and Success of Athletes in the UNLV System.

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### **ROTARY CLUB**



Rene Gamero Talked About the Upcoming RYLA.



Debi Howard Reminds Us of Breakfast with Books.



President Toni Kern Presents Larry Cohn with \$10 Since He Did Not Win the Pot.



Larry Cohn Recapped the 25 Club Meeting.



President Toni Kern and Mike Cudiamat Present Carolyn Sparks with Paul Harris+8. Congratulations Carolyn!



Don Holland Recapped the Wetzel Awards



PP Jim Tucker Had the Winning Ticket for This Week's Lawrys Bucks.



Eric Schimmoeller Introduced the Speaker.



PP Brock Fraser Presented a LVRC Flag to Our Visitor from Ireland.



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# SCRIBE - January 18, 2024

President Toni Kern called us to order at 12:14. The invocation was given by Shawn Sennett. Tonya Wagle led us in the "Star Spangled Banner." President Toni Kern thanked those who helped with meeting: Dr. Kathleen Mahon, Liz Rothwell, Bob Peiser, Larry Goldstein and Greg Maguire.

#### Guests:

International visitors were welcomed from India and Ireland. **PEE Janice Lencke** introduced Michelle Sharples of Indigo Partners, provider of tickets for Wetzel Award honorees. The President's Table guests included speaker Erick Harper, director of athletics at UNLV, Eric Schimmoeller of UNLV and a Rotarian and **Rosalee Hedrick**.

#### Announcements:

Don Holland recapped the Wetzel Awards ceremony at Nellis. Awardees will attend the Jan. 25 meeting. Larry Cohn recapped the 25 Club meeting. Stu Lipoff noted that he now has enough Rotarians for the Discovery Museum event. Rosalee Hedrick promoted the Jan. 30 VIP tour of Junior Achievement. PP Karen Whisenhunt noted we are still two families short to host 22 boys from Germany for the Mayor's Cup soccer tournament. Dr. Niki Bates will host the next 25 Club meeting/new member orientation at her home. Mike Cudiamat encouraged members to take advantage of Paul Harris matching points. **Debi Howard** encouraged members to attend the Breakfast with Books literacy event at Beckley Elementary School, 7:15 am, Feb. 6. President Toni Kern encouraged members to attend the Feb. 3 Rotary Park cleanup. New plagues will be dedicated during the event. President Toni Kern also noted Lawry's will be serving prime rib in honor of Sweethearts Day Feb. 15. The Dan Stover Music Competition will be the program that day. Rene Gamero announced RYLA youth leadership camp openings and called for youth participants and volunteer camp counselors. RYLA is March 22-24. President Toni Kern announced UNLV alumni awards nominations are open and to see **Tucker Sappington**.

#### Presentations:

**Mike Cudiamat** presented **Carolyn Sparks** with a Paul Harris Fellowship +8. **Dr. Kathleen Mahon** made a donation to the Club to honor her friend, Anne Lynch, who did so much for the Community.

**Larry Cohn** had the winning ticket but didn't pull the joker. **PP Jim Tucker** won the Lawry's bucks.

**Eric Schimmoeller** introduced the guest speaker Erick Harper, director of athletics at UNLV. Mr. Harper highlighted UNLV's "Championship Culture" of leading with energy, caring and passion. He noted UNLV made it to its first Bowl game in 10 years and that UNLV has an 88 percent graduation rate among student athletes. The "Rebels Go Pro" program helps student athletes transition to success in life after sports. UNLV athletes built 100 beds for students who don't have a proper bed.

The Meeting Ended at 1:31



### **ROTARIANS IN ACTION**

Wetzel Awards



















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