





Vickie Wilson

Volunteer Coordinator, CASA Program



Vickie Wilson is a Volunteer Coordinator with the Eighth Judicial District Court's CASA program, Nevada's largest program serving children in foster care by recruiting, training, and supporting volunteer advocates. As a former board member of Foster Change*, Vickie now serves on the Foster Change Advisory Committee and Events Executive Committee. Vickie is also an active member of Directors in Volunteer Agencies (DOVIA) of Southern Nevada and well respected as being highly skilled volunteer management.

Vickie's previous volunteer management experience includes being the Senior Volunteer Recruitment Manager at American Red Cross, the world's largest humanitarian network. Vickie also accepted reassignment to the Clark County Fire Department's Multi Agency Coordination Center as their Volunteer Manager during the initial months of the COVID 19 outbreak.

During her time with the CASA program, the program boasts the largest volunteer numbers in program's 44-year history and has been voted Best of Las Vegas in 2022 & 2023 by the Las Vegas Review Journal. Vickie was also nominated for the 2023 Stars of Nevada - Governor's Points of Light Awards in the category of Outstanding Volunteer Manager. Vickie is a two-time graduate of the University of Nevada Las Vegas and is proud to have served Nevada's children in foster care for over 24 years.

*Foster Change, a 501c3, was founded in 2016 by directors of local 501c3 organizations who were already providing support to foster, kinship, and adoptive families to provide a unified voice in partnership with the Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) under DFS.

March 14, 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?

- February Program: 2 Rotarians participated in the 4-Way Speech Contest event providing a total of 2 hrs of volunteer service.
- February Program: 2 Rotarians participated in Dan Stover Music Contest event providing a total of 2 hrs of volunteer service.
- February Community Service: 18 members, including 5 Past Presidents, participated in two tree re-dedications and cleanup of Rotary Park with 36 volunteer hours.
- February Service: 10 Rotarians provided 10 hrs of volunteer service at the quarterly Breakfast With Books at Beckley ES.
- February Nevada Wheechair: The 'A' team delivered 3 adult wheelchairs for a total of 6 volunteer hours; a total of 249 'A' team deliveries to date; and for the month of February, 50 wheelchairs, including pediatric wheelchairs were delivered by our own John Williams for more hours than he can count.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club's Mission:

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March is Women's History Month, an annual celebration in the United States that celebrates the contributions of women all throughout the nation's history. Rotary has seen the remarkable contributions of countless women throughout its history. While the organization was initially male dominated, the inclusion of women has transformed and enriched Rotary in immeasurable ways.

The first impactful woman that comes to mind in Rotary is Sylvia Whitlock, who made history in 1987 by becoming the first female club president, later becoming District Governor for District 5300 in 2012-13. Despite facing resistance, Whitlock's determination and leadership paved the way for women to take on more prominent roles within Rotary clubs worldwide. Her groundbreaking presidency shattered barriers and inspired countless women to pursue leadership positions within the organization. If you don't know about Sylvia and her story, it's worth your time to research. Notable to District 5300 is Margaret Cooker, of the Victorville RC, who become our first female District Governor in 2001-02.

Another influential figure is Jennifer Jones, who made history as the first female Rotary International President in 2022-23. Her tenure focused on empowering women, engaging youth, and advancing Rotary's humanitarian efforts globally. Jones' presidency marked a significant milestone in Rotary's journey towards gender equality and inspired women to strive for leadership positions within the organization. If you haven't listened to one of her presentations, you should do so – articulate and inspiring.

Anne L. Matthews played a pivotal role in advocating for the inclusion of women in Rotary. As the first female member of the Rotary International Board of Directors, Matthews championed diversity and worked tirelessly to break down barriers preventing women from fully participating in Rotary's mission. Her efforts paved the way for greater gender parity within Rotary leadership and created opportunities for women to contribute their unique perspectives and talents to the organization. In 2005 Carolyn E. Jones began her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation. There were other women of 'firsts' including Elizabeth S. Demaray, RI treasurer, or as recent as 2019, Brenda Marie Cressey, became the first woman to serve as vice-chair of The Rotary Foundation.

These impactful women in Rotary have not only shattered glass ceilings but have also inspired future generations of Rotarians within the organization. Their leadership and dedication have transformed Rotary into a more inclusive and dynamic global community, united in its commitment to service above self. Hone your own leadership skills and be impactful too!



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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*	1938-39	Kenneth E. Miller*	1989-90
Archie Grant*	1939-40	James M. Gamett	1990-91
Otto Underhill*	1940-41	Robert L. Moore	1991-92
Bryan Bunker*	1941-42	Robert L. Forbuss*	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*	2002-03
Wayne Kirch*	1953-54	Steve Casey	2003-04
George Boman*	1954-55	Ned Phillips	2005-06
Spence Butterfield*	1955-56	Brock Fraser	2005-06
Walt Hunsaker*	1956-57	Randy Campanale	2007-08
Ted Brandt*	1957-58	Russ Swain	2007-08
Julian Moore*	1958-59	Karen Whisenhunt	2009-10
Ray F. Culley*	1959-60	Tom Axtell	2010-11
C.T. Harris*	1960-61	Sharon McNair	2010-11
Ollie Gardner*	1960-61	Randy Donald	2011-12
Tom Underhill*	1961-62	Ginger Anderson	2012-13
Vern Willis*	1962-63	Steve Linder	2013-14
Ward Wengert*	1964-65	Mary Ann Avnet	2015-16
Bill Southard*	1964-65	David Thorson	2016-17
Dr. Vince Sanner*		David Thorson Dr. Michael Gordon	2016-17
Walter Wehner*	1966-67	James Kohl	
Dr. Robert Robinson*	1967-68	James Korn Jacqueline Thornhill	2018-19
	1968-69	•	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	* Deceased	
Keith Ashworth*	1973-74		

CALENDAR

Speaker: Vickie Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator, CASA 03/14 03/16 **Event:** Cigar Social, Tom & Jane Krob's Home 6:00 pm 03/21

Speaker: Sean Scruggs, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer,

Fort Independence Indian Reservation

Event: (RYLA) Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 3/22 - 3/24 03/22 **Event:** Tour of Opportunity Village and Happy Hour 3:30 pm 03/26

Speaker: TBD 03/28

04/04 **Speaker:** Kim Spurgeon, Director, Nevada Film Office

04/04 **Event:** RYE Vegas Weekend 4/4 – 4/7

Event: Touch-A-Truck with "Family To Family" 6:00 am 04/06

04/06 **Event:** Highway Clean Up 9:00 am

04/09 **Event:** Breakfast with Books, Will Beckley Elementary 7:15 am

Speaker: Kim Weingartner, KT Grace 04/11

04/13 **Event:** Wine to Water, Antoinette Monroe's Home 6:00 pm

04/18 **Event:** Westcare Suit Drive, Bring Donations 04/18 **Speaker:** Michelle Romero, Mayor of Henderson

Event: Green Our Planet, Student Farmer's Market, DT Summerlin 04/19



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March Rotarian Birthdays

Nancy Anderson	March	15	Brian Sorrentino	March	30
Donald Holland	March	8	Sarah Thornton	March	22
Matthew J. Nelson	March	31	James R. Tucker	March	23
Chris Rodenfels	March	21	Karen Whisenhunt	March	5
Tucker Sappington	March	14	Michael Williams	March	23
Simran Saroon	March	5			



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THE LAS VEGAS



Jim Ludwig from Vegas PBS Presented President Toni with a Gift From PBS.



Dr. Niki Bates Announced an Opportunity to Attend the Big Party and a Private Screening for the New Show Bienvenidos Las Vegas.



Jim Ludwig from Vegas PBS Talked About the Importance of the New Programs They are Delivering to the Community.



President Toni Kern Thanks Both Speakers from PBS, Maria Silva and Jim Ludwig, with the Salute to Service Award and LVRC Centennial Book.



Induction of John Seibel, Our Newest Member. (I to r) President Toni Kern, Sponsor Dr. Kathy Mahon, John Seibel, Melanie Muldowney and Dr. Niki Bates, Membership.



The President's Table (1 to r): Dr. Niki Bates, Speaker Maria Silva (Vegas PBS), President Toni Kern and Jim Ludwig (Vegas PBS).

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ROTARY CLUB



Asked Tobi Kleff to Help with



Jerry Engel is Back and Shared a Good Joke with Us. You Were Missed Jerry!



March Birthday Table (I to r): Song Leader Sidra Kain, Michael Williams, Don Holland, PP Karen Whisenhunt, Nancy Anderson, Tucker Sappington and Sarah Thornton.



Antoinette Monroe Announced Wine to Water on April 13.



Vera Nolan Won the Draw, But Did Not Pick the Joker.



Steve Dixon Won the Lawrys Bucks.



Susan Ziobro Showed a OR Code for Information about the Annual Fundraiser.



Opening Ceremonies with Tanya Wagle's Song from Vegas PBS's Reading the Rainbow, Pledge of Allegiance by President Toni and Invocation by Bob Peiser.



Jim Hunt Reminded Us About the Cigar Social on March 16.



PP Karen Whisenhust Asked for Volunteers for RYE Vegas Week.



Rotarian Dr. Rampur Viswanath's Son Sharat Visited Today.



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SCRIBE – March 7, 2024

President Toni Kern called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. Bob Peiser led the invocation. Tanya Wagle delighted us with the theme song from the popular PBS show "Reading Rainbow." Everyone joined for the Pledge of Allegiance. Joining President Toni at the President's Table was the guest speaker Maria Silva, host of the brand-new Vegas PBS broadcast "Bienvenidos a Las Vegas", Jim Ludwig, Director of Development at Vegas PBS and our own Dr. Niki Bates, Executive Director at Vegas PBS.

Guests included: 1 Visiting Rotarian; 2 Guests of Rotarians and 2 guests of the Club. Sitting at the March Birthday Table: Sarah Thornton, Tucker Sappington, Nancy Anderson, PP Karen Whisenhunt, Don Holland & Dr. Michael Williams. Sidra Kain led us in singing Happy Birthday.

Announcements:

Larry Cohn: reminded us about the 25 Club Meeting this evening with a focus on the Mentorship program. PP Jim Hunt highlighted the upcoming 29th Cigar Social on March 16. Rosalee Hedrick hopes to see you on 3/26 for a VIP Tour of Opportunity Village and happy hour afterwards at Taps & Barrels Beerhouse. PP Karen Whisenhunt asked members to be host families for the RYE Vegas weekend on April 4-7. Antoinette Monroe reminded us of the Wine-to-Water event on April 13 at 6 pm. \$30 pp; www.charitywater.org. Debi Howard hopes to see you at Will Beckley Elementary on April 9 at 7:15 AM for the last Breakfast with Books of the school year. Brian Riley shared that exchange student Mateo learned to snowboard in one day at Big Bear. Susan Ziobro updated us on the Rotary Foundation fundraising campaign and reminded us how to use the QR codes to donate. President Toni Kern noted three important upcoming events: Touch-A-Truck on April 6 (looking for face painters), Highway Clean up on April 6 and Green Our Planet Farmer's Market on April 19.

Induction:

Dr. Kathy Mahon and Dr. Niki Bates inducted our newest member, retired endocrinologist, **Dr. John Seibel**.

Vera Dolan pulled the ticket but not the Joker, so the pot grows for next week! **Steve Dixon** won the Lawry's Bucks.

Niki Bates introduced our guest speaker Maria Silva. Maria shared that she received a scholarship from our Las Vegas Rotary Club in 1991 that enabled her to be the first in her family to go to college. Jim Ludwig of Vegas PBS followed up with an overview of the exciting new programming at Vegas PBS.

Andrew Thurlow, Scribe



ROTARIANS IN ACTION





RYE Students: Mateo, Anika and Amanda





Barbara Castro Read to a Class at Walter Long ES During Nevada Reading Week.



Stu Lipoff Read at Hollingswoth ES During Nevada Reading Week and Received 125 Thank You Notes.



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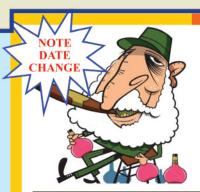
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