





Sean Scruggs

Tribal Historical Preservation Officer

Today's presentation is hosted by Sean Scruggs, the Tribal Historical Preservation Officer for the Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiutes at Fort Independence, California. He lived on his reservation for 10 years, yet learned little about his culture until 2018. Sean's tribal family survived contact with settlers, just a few generations ago, in Payahuundaü, The Land of Flowing Water, also known as the Owens Valley in Eastern California.



On 4 July 1862 the U.S. Calvary established Camp Independence to protect settlers. On 11 July 1863 over 1,000 Paiute and Shoshone people were forcibly marched 156 miles over 11 days to Fort Tejon near Bakersfield, California. Tragic events like these led to "assimilation" of the surviving families. By the 1920's young children were forced into boarding schools to create a cheap servant workforce. Assimilation, necessary to protect children from this fate, led to the loss of language, stories, and culture.

A medical retirement from Nellis AFB at 20 years of service in the United States Air Force left Sean with an identity crisis. He remained in Las Vegas to raise one of his two daughters. He joined Las Vegas Toastmasters in April of 2013 to sharpen his public speaking skills and returned to running. He completed the 2014 Boston Marathon with a time of 3 hours and 4 minutes and placed in the top 10 percent of the field and became a Distinguished Toastmaster by 2019.

These steps helped Sean to reshape his identity and reconnect with his culture beginning in 2014. He works tirelessly to dissolve the barriers of assimilation and serves to protect and preserve his ancestral past by developing relationships with local, state and federal agencies. Sean states that "... each day offers new opportunities to preserve the past, protect the future and heal his community..."

March 21, 2024

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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

This week was a little difficult to find a subject for the President's Message, information to impart to you, or information that will either make you think or learn something new. upon simple reflection of how all the opportunities Rotary and in particular, our Club, have presented, providing additional paths and doors opening, I was truly amazed and thought maybe you have thought about this as well.

Take, for example in the area of literacy, Spread The Word Nevada, for more than two decades, has been supporting the idea of putting a book in the hands of every child. From that relationship, and through Community Grants, we have added to the literacy part of our Mission Statement, organizations like Storybook Treasures and Family To Family. Another example in the area of education is Green Our Planet, a non-profit that uses school gardens and hydroponic laboratories to teach students STEM, conservation, nutrition and entrepreneurship in a hands-on engaging way, that led us to Chefs For Kids and Serving Our Kids Foundation. Just think, we contribute in a small way, teaching children how to grow and prepare fresh, nutritious foods, and empowering them with the tools they need to develop healthy eating habits that last a lifetime. In the area of life skills development, we have been enlightened by the Assistance League, Andson, Inc., Nevada School of the Arts, Positively Arts, and Zion's Youth Symphony. In a broader scope concerning the youth in our community, we support, Project 150, a non-profit for homeless teens, and being introduced to Foster Kinship, Junior Achievement, and the Salvation Army.

The opportunities available in the area of service are yours for the taking, you need only reach out with an open mind and an open heart to serve and to learn. Participation and engagement then naturally follow. Each of us can be inspired by different things, all with the same intention, and what an amazing thing that is. Think about it.



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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*	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	2010-11
Ollie Gardner*	1961-62	Randy Donald	2011-12
Tom Underhill*	1961-62	Ginger Anderson	2012-13
Vern Willis*	1962-63	Steve Linder	2013-14
Ward Wengert*	1963-64	Mary Ann Avnet	2014-15
Bill Southard*	1964-65	David Thorson	2016-17
Dr. Vince Sanner*		David Thorson Dr. Michael Gordon	
Walter Wehner*	1966-67	James Kohl	2017-18
Dr. Robert Robinson*	1967-68		2018-19
Harold Wandesforde*	1968-69	Jacqueline Thornhill Richard Jost	2019-20
	1969-70		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: Sean Scruggs, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, 03/21 03/22 **Event:** (RYLA) Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 3/22 - 3/24 03/26 **Event:** Tour of Opportunity Village and Happy Hour 3:30 pm **Speaker:** Linda Bertuzzi, Rotoplast Mission to the Phillippines 03/28 03/28 **Event:** Donate Eyeglasses for Medical Mission to Guatemala

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

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

04/06 **Event:** Touch-A-Truck with "Family To Family" 6:00 am Event: Highway Clean Up, Bonnie Springs Ranch 9:00 am 04/06

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

04/11 **Speaker:** Kim Weingartner, KT Grace

04/11 **Event:** Wetzell Awards, Nellis Air Force Base 3:00 pm **Event:** Wine to Water, Antoinette Monroe's Home 6:00 pm 04/13

Event: Regional Dan Stover Awards, Lawry's, SW Rotary 12:00 pm 04/15

Event: Westcare Suit Drive, Bring Donations 04/18 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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PP Karen Whisenhunt Announced the Upcoming Cigar Social.



Rosalee Hedrick Announced the Next VIP Tour at Opportunity Village.



John Palley's Guest was His Wife, Kat, a CASA Volunteer. She Added Impact to the Speaker's Presentation with Her Personal Experiences.



Tonya Wagle Started the Meeting with a Lively Version of Dolly Parton's 9 to 5. Irish Invocation was Presented by PP Richard Jost and President Toni Kern Led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Rotarian Todd Walter, Scout Executive - Las Vegas Area Council Presented Tom Krob with the Cliff Dochterman Award in Honor of His Distinguished and Dedicated Service to Scouting.



A Community Grant of \$25,000 was Presented to Lisa Habighorst for Spread the Word Nevada. Shown: PE Kirk Alexander, Lisa Habighorst - STWN, Tom Thomas and Leslie Thomas.

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ROTARY CLUB



It Was Wonderful to See Honoran mber Bill Stephan, MD at Today's Meeting.



PP Caty Crockett Won the Auction for the Autographed Book About Jimmy Velvet.



President Toni Kem Presented Speaker Vickie Wilson with the Salute to Service Award and the Las Vegas Rotary Club's Centennial Book After an Enlightening Talk About the CASA Program.



Auctioned by PP Russ Swain; PP Steve Casey Won the raffle for Two Plates of Dr. Kathy Mahon's Legendary Lemon Bars.



President's Table: Speaker Vickie Wison - CASA, Vircie Wilson, Guest, President Toni Kern and Tina Bishop.







Dr. Kathy Mahon Won the Lawry's Bucks.



Rotarian Dr. Rampur Viswanath's Guests Today Were His Daughter and Granddaughter.



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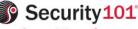
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SCRIBE – March 14, 2024

President Toni Kern called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. **PP Richard Jost** kept up the March tradition and offered a traditional Irish invocation. **Tonya Wagle** led us in a lively performance of Dolly Parton's "9 to 5". Everyone joined for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joining **President Kern** at the Presidents Table: **Tina Bishop**, Guest of the Speaker, Vercie Wilson, and Speaker Vickie Wilson, Volunteer Coordinator for Eighth Judicial District Court's "CASA" program — "Court Appointed Special Advocate"— serving children in foster care. Guests included 1 International Visitor, 1 Visiting Rotarian, 6 Guests of Rotarians, 0 Guests of the Club.

Announcements:

Larry Cohn announced another successful 25 Club Meeting where they discussed our mentorship program. **PP Karen Whisenhunt** reminded us of our club's 29th Cigar Social this Saturday 3/16 at **PP Tom Krob's** home. **Rosalee Hedrick** hopes to see you on the 3/26 VIP Tour of Opportunity Village followed by happy hour at Taps & Barrels Beerhouse. **President Toni Kern** noted that volunteers (face painters/ other talent) still needed for the Touch-A-Truck event on 4/6, and volunteers needed for the Green Our Planet Farmers Market on 4/19. On **Kimberly McMahon's** behalf, **President Toni** called for host families for the RYE Vegas weekend: 4/4 – 4/7. **Stu Lipoff** looks forward to seeing you at 9 am on 4/6 for the Red Rock Highway Clean Up followed by brunch at **Jerry Sennes'** home. **Debi Howard** said the last Breakfast with Books of the year will be on 4/9 at 7:15 am at Will Beckley Elementary. **Debi Howard** hopes you will join her at **Antoinette Monroe's** home on 4/13 at 6 pm for the Wine-to-Water event. \$30 pp; www.charitywater.org.

Special Presentations:

PE Kirk Alexander and **PP Tom Thomas** presented a Community Grant check for \$25,000 to Spread the Word Nevada for Will Beckley ES and it was accepted by Lisa Habighorst, Co-Founder and CEO. Scout Executive — Las Vegas Area Council Todd Walter presented **PP Tom Krob** the Cliff Dochterman Award in honor of his distinguished and dedicated service to Scouting.

Raffle Results:

PP Tom Krob's ticket was pulled but we can all look forward to a larger pot next week as he did not pull the Joker. **Dr. Kathy Mahon** won the Lawry's Bucks. **Russ Swain** led a lively auction for 2 items benefiting the Rotary Foundation: **John Williams** donated a signed book about Jimmy Velvet (singer 50's/60's Teen Angel/Blue Velvet) and **Dr. Kathy Mahon** donated her delicious lemon bars. Over \$400 was raised!

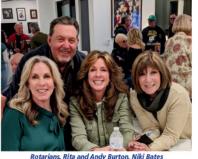
Tina Bishop introduced our guest speaker Vickie Wilson. Vickie shared her background and how she came to be a Volunteer Coordinator. One of those volunteers, **John Palley's** wife, Kathleen Palley, joined Vickie to provide us with details of her experiences as a CASA volunteer for foster children. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

- Scribe Andrew Thurlow



ROTARIANS IN ACTION

St. Patrick's Day Cigar Social





Rotarian Melanie Krob with Friends and Rotarians.







PP Karen Whisenhunt, Jane Krob - Our Hostess and Pam Samoulis



and Vera Dolan





Sharing a Cigar at the Cigar Social



Our Host, PP Tom Krob



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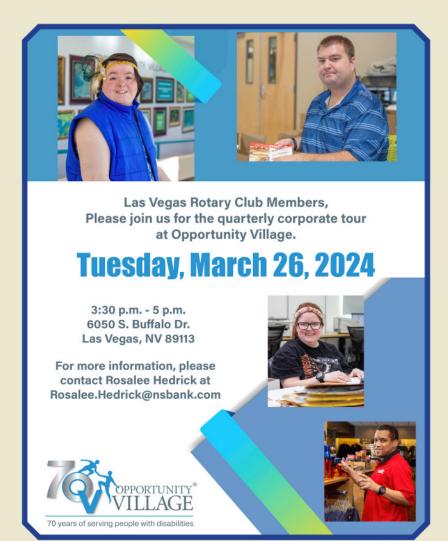
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