





Linda Bertuzzi

Exemplary Rotarian and the 2024 Cebu City Rotoplast Mission Historian



Affectionately referred to as a Rotary cult leader, Linda Bertuzzi has been a shining ambassador for 31 years for the Rotary organization, exemplifying Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. Her passion for making a difference is unwavering and evidenced in her many trips to India to help eradicate polio, building homes in Mexico, or simply organizing book drives for kids to improve literacy in her own community.

Now she has added a Rotaplast mission to her achievements by serving as the Mission Historian on the recent Cebu City Rotaplast Mission sponsored by District 5300. It was a 2-week program, February 25th to March 9th, which focused on providing free reconstructive surgery and ancillary treatments for cleft lips, palates, burn scarring and other deformities. There were 8 non-medical volunteer positions open to Rotarians and Rotaractors; Linda was selected to serve as the Mission Historian.

She is a bit of a taskmaster and expects as much from herself as she does from others. Her commitment to service resulted in the co-founding of the Las Vegas After Hours Rotary Club in 2019 after serving 25 years in the LV Downtown Rotary Club. The new Club is comprised of members equally willing to serve with the same integrity and passion. With an evening Club format and a focus on hands-on service for children and families, this led to the Club's perfect motto of Service, Social & Fun! A special note of thanks to the Las Vegas Rotary Club for their generous sponsorship of the After Hours Club when it was chartering in 2019!

At the District level, Linda has served on several committees, with her favorite being the Chair of Presidents' Advance for the last 10 years. This is a midyear, multi-day retreat held annually for current Presidents and Presidents Elect to recharge. While Linda's passion is Rotary, her love is her 32-year-old daughter Sarah, who is an educator in the Las Vegas area.

March 28, 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

Rotoplast Missions, spearheaded by Rotary Clubs worldwide, epitomize the power of humanitarianism, collaboration, and innovation in addressing a crucial global health issue: cleft lip and palate deformities. These missions represent a beacon of hope for countless individuals in underserved communities, offering life-changing surgical interventions and comprehensive care. Today we hear, firsthand, from our speaker about the impact following her recent return from a Rotoplast Mission.

At the heart of Rotoplast Missions lies a profound commitment to transforming lives. Rotarians, alongside skilled medical professionals, volunteer their time, expertise, and resources to conduct surgical missions in regions where access to specialized healthcare is limited or nonexistent. These missions often take place in remote villages, urban slums, and marginalized communities across the globe, ensuring that those in need receive timely and quality medical care.

The impact of Rotoplast Missions extends far beyond the operating room. By providing free surgeries, post-operative care, and rehabilitation services, these missions empower individuals to lead healthier, more fulfilling lives. Children born with cleft lip and palate deformities face significant challenges, including difficulties in eating, speaking, and social integration. Through Rotoplast Missions, these obstacles are overcome, enabling patients to thrive and reach their full potential.

Moreover, Rotoplast Missions foster cross-cultural exchange and understanding. Volunteers from diverse backgrounds come together, transcending geographical and cultural barriers to serve a common humanitarian cause. In doing so, they not only bring healing to those in need but also cultivate enduring friendships and partnerships that transcend borders.

The sustainability of Rotoplast Missions lies in their capacity-building efforts. Local healthcare professionals are trained and equipped to address cleft lip and palate deformities within their communities, ensuring long-term impact and sustainability. Through education and training programs, Rotoplast Missions leave behind a legacy of empowerment, enabling communities to become self-sufficient in addressing healthcare challenges.

In essence, Rotoplast Missions exemplify the Rotary Club's motto of "Service Above Self." They embody the spirit of compassion, collaboration, and commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of the most vulnerable. As Rotarians continue to champion these missions, they sow the seeds of hope and healing, creating a brighter future for generations to come. As our speaker aptly stated, 'You are part of something that forever improves lives'.



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Walt Hunsaker*	1956-57	Randy Campanale	2007-08
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Julian Moore*	1958-59	Karen Whisenhunt	2009-10
Ray F. Culley*	1959-60	Tom Axtell	2010-11
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Ollie Gardner*	1961-62	Randy Donald	2012-13
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Dr. Harold Boyer*	1971-72	Caty Crockett	2022-23
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Keith Ashworth*

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CALENDAR

03/28 **Speaker:** Linda Bertuzzi, Rotoplast Mission to the Phillippines

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

04/04 **Event:** 25 Club Meeting/Potluck at Arleen Sirois' Home 6:00 pm

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

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

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

04/11 **Event:** Wetzell Awards, Nellis Air Force Base, Arrive at 2:30 pm

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

04/13 **Event:** 4-Way Speech, 7477 W. Lake Mead Blvd., Rm. 110 9:00 am

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

04/18 **Event:** Westcare Suit Drive, Bring Donations

04/18 **Speaker:** Michelle Romero, Mayor of Henderson

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



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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 Saroop	March	5			



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THE LAS VEGAS



PP Karen Whisenhunt Drew the Ace for a \$50 Prize, So the Jackpot is Still Available for Next Week.



PEE Janice Lencke Won the Lawry's Bucks.



Question of the Day: Is PP Russ Swain Taller or is President Toni Shorter?



Mike Cudiamat Presents Nancy Anderson and John Palley with their Paul Harris Award +4. Thank You and Congratulations.



Despite a Great Effort, PEE Janice Lencke Did Not Win the Jackpot, But Did Win the Lawry's Bucks.



A Brief Moment Captured After the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance with Vera Dolan and President Toni Kern.



President Toni's Friends Visited this Week During Their Preparation for Baker to Vegas. L to R: Doug & Bobbie Christ, President Toni Kern and Linda & George Troxcil.

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ROTARY CLUB



Susan Ziobro Talked About the 4/13 4-Way Speech Competition.



iting Educators from Bracken Long and Hollingsworth.



President Toni Kern Presented Speaker Sean Scruggs with the Sole Power Award and the LVRC's Centennial Book After a Presentation About the Culture and History of the Paiute Indians.



David Jones Reminds Us of the Regional Dan Stover Competition.



President's Table: Nancy Anderson, Susan Ziobro, President Toni Kern and Speaker Sean Scruggs.



Don Holland Talked Ab the Wetzel Awards.





ent Toni Kern, aka Vanna, Shares the Auction Item from Annee Nounna.



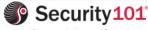
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SCRIBE – March 21, 2024

President Toni Kern called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. **Vera Dolan** offered a beautiful invocation and **Sidra Kain** led us in singing "America the Beautiful." We all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joining **President Toni Kern** at the President's Table included guest speaker Sean Scruggs, Tribal Historical Preservation Officer for the Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiutes and Rotarians **Nancy Anderson**, and **Susan Ziobro**.

We had 1 International Visitor, 3 Visiting Rotarians, 7 Guests of Rotarians and 0 Guests of the Club.

Announcements

PE Kirk Alexander reminded us of the ongoing Rotary Foundation fundraising campaign. PP Karen Whisenhunt shared details of another successful Cigar Social which included around 60 quests, raised over \$1,500 for the Rotary Foundation, and 60 cigars for the troops. Rosalee Hedrick provided the last reminder of the VIP Tour of Opportunity Village on Tuesday 3/26 at 3:30. Kimberly McMahon called for host families for approximately 17 students aged 15-18 for the fast-approaching RYE Vegas weekend April 4-7. **Stu Lipoff** hopes to see you at the Highway Clean Up on 4/6; meet at 9 am at the entrance to Bonnie Springs, followed by brunch at the home of Jerry Sennes. Debi Howard alerted us to the last Breakfast With Books for this year at Will Beckley Elementary on 4/9. **Don Holland** asked for attendees at the Wetzel Awards on 4/11 to honor 5 outstanding airmen. We will meet at 2:30 PM at main gate, ceremony at 3. Antoinette Monroe looks forward to you joining her at the Wine to Water fundraiser at her home on 4/13. Susan Ziobro noted that we have a contestant competing on 4/13 at the 4-Way Speech Area Competition. **David Jones** reminded us of the Regional Dan Stover Competition on 4/15 hosted by the Southwest Rotary Club. President Toni Kern mentioned that volunteers are still needed for the 4/6 Touch-A-Truck event and the 4/19 Green Our Planet Farmer's Market.

Presentations

Mike Cudiamat presented the Paul Harris Foundation award +4 (!!!) to both **Nancy Anderson** and **John Palley.**

Raffle Results

And the raffle pot continues to grow after **PP Karen Whisenhunt** drew the winning ticket but failed to pull the joker. **PEE Janice Lencke** won the Lawry Bucks. **PP Russ Swain** auctioned a gift basket, donated by **Annee Nounna**, raising \$200 for the Foundation.

Finally, **Susan Ziobro** introduced our guest speaker Sean Scruggs who talked to us about the history, culture and challenges for the Paiute Indians. **President Toni Kern** presented him with the Salute to Service Award and the LVRC's Centennial Book before adjourning the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Scribe: Andrew Thurlow



ROTARIANS IN ACTION



LVRC's International Project in Vapi, India is in the Final Stages of Implementation



Optical Biometer for Harla Rotary Hospital, Vapi.



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Presentation and Ceremony.



Boarding Time for RYLA. Rotarians Jimmelle Trijo, Barbara Castro +1, and Dr. Michael Williams. Exchange Students Mateo, Anika and Amanda. LVRC Students Sofia, Cassie, Valery, Austin & Geddy.



Thumbs Up and High Anticipation for a Great Weekend.



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