





## **Brenda Larsen-Mitchell**

Clark County School District Interim Superintendent



Dr. Larsen-Mitchell moved to Las Vegas in 1994 to start her career as a special education teacher. During her 30 years with the Clark County School District, she has served as a school-based administrator, principal, principal supervisor, central office administrator, and deputy superintendent. As the deputy superintendent she supervised the leaders of the Academic Unit; College, Career, and School Choice Unit; Health and Student Services Division; and four regional

superintendents. She now serves as the interim Superintendent.

Dr. Larsen-Mitchell exhibits a servant leadership approach with a focus on improving achievement for all students, while building positive relationships. She believes that supporting the growth and development of others is the most effective way to build capacity and promote organizational improvement to increase student achievement.

She leads with a selfless approach, knowing the needs of the students, employees, parents, and the community, come first. She is willing to collaborate with stakeholders to explore solutions to challenges while having a positive attitude and a problem-solving approach. She leads each day with the relentless sense of urgency that our students deserve.

She earned her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership in May 2001 from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; her Master of Education in Educational Leadership in December 1997 from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and her Bachelor of Science in Education in Elementary Education and Special Education in May 1994 from the University of South Dakota.

May 2, 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?

- April Service: (1) 9 Rotarians, 10 Wilderness Club members & their advisor from Palo Verde HS, participated in the last Highway Clean Up for 2023-24 RY with 38 total volunteer hrs; (2) 4 Rotarians participated in the Touch A Truck event, with 12 volunteer hrs; (3) 5 Rotarians volunteered at the Smith Center at the Student Matinee performance of Drum Tao with 5 volunteer hrs; (4) 10 Rotarians participated in Breakfast With Books with 15 volunteer hrs: (5) 5 Rotarians participated with Clark HS in the Mad City Money event with 10 volunteer hs; (6) 10 Rotarians attended RY Q4 Wetzel Awards with 10 volunteer hrs; (7) 10 Rotarians volunteered at Green Our Planet Student Farmers Market for the 4th year, with 25 volunteer hrs.
- April Community Grant: \$5,000 approved for Nevada Blind Children's Foundation; belated March grant approved to Chefs4Kids for \$3,000.
- April Fundraiser/Social: 33 Rotarians attended Wine To Water with 7 additional guests raising approximately \$4,000 for charitywater.org and 44 volunteer hours.
- April Nevada Wheelchair: the 'A' team delivered 21 adult wheelchairs for a total of 63 volunteer hrs.
- April Club Fundraiser: a total of \$19,901.50 was raised for 2024-25 Foundation APF.

# 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

Today we are joined by the youngest group of Rotarians, officers of the Kideract Club from Bracken ES. We are proud to support the Kideract club, although not 'officially recognized' by Rotary International, as it is never too early to learn about the power of Service Above Self. Starting early in the development of Rotarians is crucial for fostering a culture of service and leadership within communities. The pathway from Kideract to Interact, then Rotaract clubs provides a progressive journey where young individuals can cultivate their passion for service, hone their leadership skills, and eventually become active members of Rotary clubs.

Interact clubs serve as the starting point for many young people eager to make a difference in their communities, and the Kideract members are getting 'a leg up' in the process well before their peers. Interact clubs, typically comprised of high school students, offer opportunities for hands-on service projects, leadership development, and the chance to network with peers who share similar values. Our club sponsors the Interact Club at Clark High School, whose members and their advisor, are eager for collaboration with our club and its members.

As Interact members transition into college or young adulthood, Rotaract clubs (18 + years) become the next step in their Rotary journey. You may recall at last week's Valedictorian Recognition it was mentioned that Rotaract clubs provide a platform for young adults to continue their commitment to service while further developing their leadership skills. Engaging in largerscale projects, collaborating with other Rotaract clubs, and participating in professional development opportunities prepare members for greater responsibilities within their communities.

The transition from Interact to Rotaract to Rotary fosters a sense of belonging and continuity within the Rotary family. Members develop lifelong friendships, professional connections, and a deep understanding of Rotary's mission to advance goodwill and peace worldwide. As these individuals grow and assume leadership roles within Rotary clubs, they bring fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and a renewed commitment to service, enriching the organization and its impact on communities globally.

By nurturing the Kideract members, as well as Interact clubs, we are investing in the future of service leadership. Through mentorship programs, workshops, and collaborative projects with Rotary clubs, young individuals receive guidance and support as they navigate their journey towards becoming Rotarians. This seamless progression allows for continuity in values and objectives, ensuring that the spirit of Rotary remains vibrant and relevant across generations.

Let us reach out to our Kideractors and Interactors on their path.





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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*	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	2011-12
Ollie Gardner*	1961-62	Randy Donald	2012-13
Tom Underhill*	1962-63	Ginger Anderson	2013-14
Vern Willis*	1963-64	Steve Linder	2014-15
Ward Wengert*	1964-65	Mary Ann Avnet	2015-16
Bill Southard*	1965-66	David Thorson	2016-17
Dr. Vince Sanner*	1966-67	Dr. Michael Gordon	2017-18
Walter Wehner*	1967-68	James Kohl	2018-19
Dr. Robert Robinson*	1968-69	Jacqueline Thornhill	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**

05/02 **Speaker:** Brenda Larsen Mitchell, CCSD Interim Superintendent

**Event:** Westcare Suit Drive, Bring Donations 05/02 05/02 **Event:** 25 Club, Liz Rothwell's Home 6:00 pm

05/04 **Event:** SuperBuild

05/09 Speaker: Amy Mewborn, Ted Talk

Event: NV High School Musical Awards, Smith Center 3:00 pm 05/12

05/16 **Speaker:** Dean Nancy Usher, UNLV Fine Arts

05/23 Speaker: Memorial Day Gretchen Grierson, Honor Flights

05/30 **Speaker:** WestCare

06/01 **Event:** Multi-Club Rotary Park Clean Up and Picnic 8:00 am

**Club Assembly and RYE Student Mateo** 06/06

06/07 **Event:** VIP Tour, Advanced Engineering Building at UNLV 2:00 pm

06/08 **Event:** Beach Clean Up for World Ocean Day 7:30 am

Speaker: TBD 06/13

Speaker: Lisa Motley Splichal, Sports and Special Events, LVCVA 06/06



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May Rotarian Birthdays							
Inga Almquist	May	15	Michael Mewborn	May	29		
Randall Campanale, CFA	May	9	Norbert Reiner	May	30		
Lawrence Cohn	May	22	Lia Roberts	May	7		
Vera Dolan	May	1	Lawrence Rouse	May	26		
Christopher Emanuel	May	9	Eric Schimmoeller	May	26		
Rene Gamero, Jr.	May	29	David Squier	May	24		
Carey Grohs	May	11	Rodney Tucker	May	11		
Harold Laubach, Jr.	May	2	Suzette Wheeler	May	12		
Gregory Maguire	May	1					



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the Speaker.



The President's Table: Dr. Niki Bates, Jeff Geihs, Eric Schimmoeller, President Toni Kern, Speaker, UNLV President Keith Whitfield, PP Dave Thorson, Andrew Moran and Rosalee Hedrick.



Gwen Hall Kicked Off the Annual Valedictorian Program.



With a Packed Room at Lawry's, the Meeting Begins with an invocation and the Pledge.



Vera Dolan and PP Dave Thorson.



Chris Rodenfels and PE Kirk Alexander.

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## **ROTARY CLUB**



PP Caty Crockett Enjoyed Getting to Know Some of the Honored Valedictorians.



PP Randy Donald Enjoyed Some Fellowship with Rotarians & Guests.



President Toni Kern Presented Speaker UNLV President Keith Whitfield with the Salute to Service Award and the LVRC's Centennial Book.



Aaron Campillo, Pete Samoulis and Steve Kwon Read the Wheel Before the Meeting Starts.



Opening Song Led by Sidra Kain with Dr. Kathy Mahon and President Toni Kern.



Debi Howard Exchanged Club Flags with a Visiting Rotarian.



Past President Dave Thorson Exchanges Flags with a Visiting Rotarian from Staten Island.



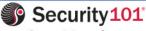
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## **SCRIBE – April 25, 2024**

President Toni Kern called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm. Dr. Kathy Mahon provided the invocation and Sidra Kain led us in song, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Joining President Toni at the head table was our speaker, Keith E. Whitfield, Ph.D., UNLV President, Eric Schimmoeller, Rosalee Hedrick, Jeff Geihs, Dr. Niki Bates, PP Dave Thorson, and Andrew Moran.

There was one international visitor, Olaf Jordal, father of Summerlin's exchange student, Amanda Jordal from Norway. There was one visiting Rotarian, **President Elect Rosemarie Sienecki** from the South Shore Rotary Club of Staten Island, and one guest of a Rotarian, Sam Lipoff, **Stu Lipoff's** son.

#### Announcements:

Melanie Muldowney reminded us of the combined 25-Club meeting and New Member Orientation on May 2nd at 6:00 pm at Liz Rothwell's home. Please bring your own drinks; food will be provided. Rosalee Hedrick and Andrew Moran announced the continuation of suit donations for Westcare's project, 'A Suit for Every Child's Story' with a thank you for the many donations provided to date. President Toni announced that the May 2nd meeting will be facilitated by Kideract students from Walter Bracken Elementary School and the NV High School Musical Theatre Awards, part of our Centennial Project at the Smith Center, are coming up on May 12th at 3:00 pm at the Smith Center. There is still time to sign up virtually or in the green book.

#### Presentations:

**Gwen Hall** provided a motivating introduction to the Valedictorian program honoring the achievements of students from our local High Schools. Each student shared a little about themselves and their future and received gifts from the Club, including a certificate, a Fisher Space Pen, a Club Centennial Coin and our Legacy Book, Las Vegas Rotary Club, 100 Years of Celebration.

The raffle and Lawry Bucks' Drawings were not held this week. The raffle will be back again May 2nd with the pot \$18,418.00!

Keith E Whitfield, Ph.D., UNLV President was the Speaker this week. His presentation was informative, with a touch of humor. It was clear to see he loves his job and excels at it. He shared with us the recent changes and accomplishments at UNLV. **President Toni** presented him with the Las Vegas Rotary Club's Legacy Book and the Salute to Service Award. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.

## **Congratulations Valedictorians 2024!**



## **ROTARIANS IN ACTION**

Congratulations to all of the 2024 Valedictorians
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Our 4-Way Speech competition Winner is off to the Finals



Susan Ziobro, Alaina Salsaa (the contestant), her father, and President Toni Kern.

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