





Gretchen Grierson

Honor Flight Southern Nevada



Honor Flight Southern Nevada is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to honor US veterans of World War II, Korea and the Vietnam War by flying them to Washington, D.C., completely free of charge. Once in D.C. the veterans can visit the memorials that stand in their honor and serve as a tribute to their sacrifice. Honor Flight Southern Nevada is an all-volunteer organization founded in 2013 as the Southern Nevada affiliate of the national Honor Flight Network, which began in 2005 in Dayton, Ohio. The Honor Flight Network has 130 hub cities around

the US from which veteran flights originate en route to activities in Washington, D.C.

Gretchen Grierson is a Las Vegas native and graduate of Valley High School and UNLV. She has been in private practice as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist for over 25 years and currently splits her time as a family therapist for the State of Nevada located at Mission Recovery High School.

In 2020, Gretchen joined Honor Flight Southern Nevada (HFSN) Operations team as Volunteer Veteran Coordinator and is now the Volunteer Fundraising Coordinator and a member of the social media Team. She has been privileged to serve as a guardian on two flights and is still an active member of the rallying team at the airport for each Welcome Home. Gretchen dedicates much of her spare time sharing the important stories of our veterans and flights through social media channels and is tireless in finding ways to create new and engaging ways to educate and heighten awareness about the importance of supporting the mission of HFSN.

Gretchen has benefited from and encourages others to develop ongoing relationships with WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veterans who will inspire a deeper respect and appreciation of our American history.

Also speaking today is Lieutenant Carl Wright, 81, Navy, 1964-1968, plus 4 years in the Reserves, Vietnam. A Naval Flight Officer/Radar Intercept officer/navigator. He flew F4s in Vietnam from 1965-1966. Received 11 Air Medals, Navy Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and National Defense Service Medal and Gold Star.

May 23, 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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Military Appreciation Month is observed in the United States each May to honor and show gratitude to the members of the military community. including active duty, reservists, National Guard, veterans, and their families, and those who died in service to their country. It was established by a Senate resolution in 1999, with several specific days recognizing different aspects of military service. Our Rotary Club recognizes our Military, not only in May, but through our quarterly Wetzel Awards, the Military/Aviator Ballpark Event and through our extraordinary Speaker Programs.

Key Days within Military Appreciation Month include:

Loyalty Day (May 1): Set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.

Public Service Recognition Week (First full week of May): Celebrates the contributions of public servants, including those in the military.

Victory in Europe (VE) Day (May 8): Commemorates the end of World War II in Europe in 1945.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day (Friday before Mother's Day): Recognizes the sacrifices and contributions of military spouses.

Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday in May): Honors those currently serving in the U.S. military across all branches.

Memorial Day (Last Monday in May): A federal holiday to remember and honor the men and women who have died in military service to the country.

Memorial Day is dedicated to honoring and remembering the men and women of the U.S. military who died in service to their country. It originated in the years following the Civil War and was officially recognized as a national holiday in 1971.

The roots of Memorial Day trace back to the post-Civil War era when various communities began holding springtime tributes to fallen soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. Over time, the day evolved to honor all American military personnel who had died in all wars. In addition to its commemorative purpose, Memorial Day has become associated with the unofficial start of summer in the United States. Many Americans celebrate by participating in outdoor activities, such as barbecues, sports events, and family gatherings, enjoying the freedoms secured by the sacrifices of the fallen soldiers.

A hallmark of Memorial Day is the National Moment of Remembrance, established by Congress in 2000, which asks Americans to pause for a moment of silence at 3:00 p.m. local time to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who died in service to the nation. This practice underscores the day's solemnity and the importance of honoring the memories of those who gave their lives for their country. We thank you!



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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*	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

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

05/25 **Event:** Rotary Convention, Singapore

05/30 Speaker: Leo Magrdichian, WestCare

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

06/06 Club Assembly and RYE Student Mateo

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

06/13 Speaker: TBD

06/13 **Event:** 25-Club Meeting at Las Vegas Golf Center 6:00 pm

06/20 Speaker: Lisa Motley Splichal, Sports and Special Events, LVCVA

06/27 **Event:** Debunking



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



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THE LAS VEGAS



Our Speaker.



Mike Cudiamat Introduces Paul Harris Fellows: Bert Reiner, PP Randy Campanale, Brian Reily and Rodney Tucker (Liz Rothwell Accepted on His Behalf).



Greg Maguire Reminded Us of the Upcoming Rotary Park Clean Up and Picnic.



Mike Cudiamat and Dan Adamson Honored First Time Paul Harris Fellows: Sidra Kain, John Williams, Captain Inga Almquist and Dr. Michael Williams.



President Toni is Astounded that with Only 4 Cards Left, PP Tom Thomas Did NOT pull One of the Two Jokers.



Three Cards Left for Next Week including Two Jokers.

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ROTARY CLUB



Debi Howard Announces the 25-Club June Meeting



Nareg Aghjayan Won The Lawry's Bucks.



President Toni Kern Presents Speaker Dean Nancy Uscher with Our 100th Anniversary Legacy Book and Salute to Service Award.



Drawn for a Harley Davidson Backpack



The President's Table: PP Caty Crockett, Shahab Zargar - UNLV, Jennifer Vaughn - UNLV, Diane Zapach - UNLV, President Toni Kern, and Speaker, Dean Nancy Uscher - UNLV School of Fine Arts.



Dr. Michael Williams Led Us in Song and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Opening Ceremonies with Arleen Sirois Providing Today's Invocation.



Are Mike Cudiamat, PP Russ Swain and PP Randy Campanale Discussing Strategy to Win the Raffle?



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SCRIBE - May 16, 2024

President Toni Kern called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. **Arleen Sirois** offered a heartfelt invocation. **Dr. Michael Williams** harkened back to his youth by singing The Ronnettes "Be My Baby". We all joined **President Kern** in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had no international visitors, visiting Rotarians or guests of the club. We had 3 quests of Rotarians.

Joining **President Kern** at the President's Table included our guest speaker and Dean of UNLV School of Fine Arts, Nancy Uscher; Diane Zapach, Senior Director of Development; Jennifer Vaughan, Communications Director; Shahab Zargari, Communications Specialist, all of UNLV School of Fine Arts; and **PP Caty Crockett**.

President Kern warned us: Lawry's Bucks expire! **Greg Maguire** asked for volunteers on 6/1 @ 8 a.m. for a multi-club Rotary Park clean up and Family Picnic to follow. **President Kern** hopes you can attend the Club Assembly luncheon on 6/6 to hear our Directors talk about the Club's incredible accomplishments this past year. Our exchange student **Mateo Succo** will also be presenting. **Rosalee Hedrick** reminded us that on 6/7 at 2 p.m. is your chance to tour the new Advanced Engineering Building at UNLV. **Mike Cudiamat** followed with an announcement on the Lake Mead Beach cleanup on 6/8 at 7:30 a.m. The plan is to finish by 10 a.m. with a Potluck lunch after. We will have a pass code to enter w/o paying park fee. **Debi Howard** hopes you can join her in celebrating the 25 Club Graduation at the Las Vegas Golf Center on 6/13. And **PP Caty Crockett** looks forward to **President Toni's** debunking on 6/27.

Melanie Muldowney led the Induction of our newest Corporate Member, Boy Scouts of America, and it was accepted by Caitlin Foley.

Mike Cudiamat announced our newest Paul Harris Fellows with their first award: Captain Inga Almquist, Dr. Mike Williams, John Williams, Antoinette Monroe, Sidra Kain, made possible by a generous donation of points from Dan Adamson and Mike Cudiamat. In addition, several more achieved their next level Paul Harris: Bert Reiner +4, Brian Riley +1, Rodney Tucker +2, and Randy Campanale +4.

Alas, the raffle came... **PP Tom Thomas** drew the correct number... but could not manage a joker with only 4 cards left! The Lawry Bucks were won by new/old member **Nareg Aghjayan**. **Rita Burton & Gwen Hall** each won a Harley Davidson backpack.

PP Caty Crockett introduced our speaker Dean Nancy Uscher. Dean Uscher spoke passionately about her hope for a new building for the School of Fine Art. **President Kern** presented Dean Uscher a copy of our LV Rotary legacy book and the Salute to Service Award which represents a donation made in her name to the USO Military Family Support Programs.



ROTARIANS IN ACTION



District Training Assembly. LVRC Represented by Tina Bishop, Rita Burton, President Toni Kern, PE Kirk Alexander, Melanie Muldowney and Susan Ziobro. Not Shown: PP Dave Thorson and Mike Cudiamat.



Melanie Muldowney and Susan Ziobro Learned to Use the New Rotary Tool – IGNITE



District Training Assembly. 4-Way Speech Finals.



District Training Assembly. Dan Stover Finals.



PE Kirk Alexander Attended
PP Dave Thorson's Presentation.



Recognition Accepted by President Toni Kern.



Accepted by President Toni Kern.



Greg Maguire Coordinated Military Appreciation Day at the Aviator Game Where Tickets, Food and Good Cheer were Shared.



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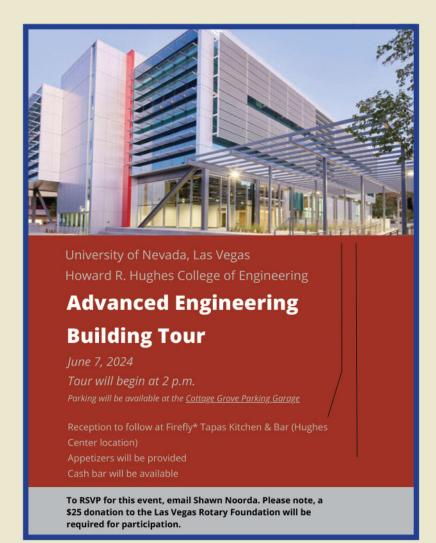
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