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Raymond Wilson, a senior banking executive, has served for nearly nine years, as the Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer for Silver State Schools Credit Union, a \$1.2 billion asset-size, full service financial institution, headquartered in Las Vegas, NV. He leads the company's Financial and Accounting Operations, Treasury, and Risk Management. He also serves as President of the Silver State Schools CU People Over Profit (POP) Foundation, a charitable, 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation's primary focus is elevating education and financial literacy to support initiatives that prepare Southern Nevada students for long-term success and fulfilling lives.

Mr. Wilson serves as the Board Secretary for Voices In Voting, a non-partisan, nonprofit organization working with schools and communities to enhance civic education and provide youth with an authentic voting experience. In addition, Mr. Wilson has participated in many philanthropic activities in Southern Nevada,

Mr. Wilson holds a Master's degree in Accounting and Financial Information Systems, and a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Business Economics; all from Cleveland State University in Cleveland, OH.

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Louisa May Alcott's Novel, *Little Women* (1868) and its sequels *Good Wives*, *Little Men* and *Jo's Boys* have been the resource for the film, *Little Women* with Katherine Hepburn in 1933, remade in 1949, and again in 1994. Her life and work exemplify the kind of civic engagement that inspired organizations like Rotary.

Louisa was a precursor to social and community awareness. Long before formal service organizations like Rotary, Alcott demonstrated a deep commitment to social change through her actions. This is similar to RI's "People of Action" today.

Her nursing during the Civil War, her advocacy for women's rights, and her support for abolitionism all predated the establishment of Rotary by many decades, yet she shared similar values.

Her core values of talent and resources championed issues like women's rights, human rights, and the eradication of poverty and disease – key focuses of modern-day Rotary. With emphasis on inspiring future generations, Alcott sought to make an influential change in a way much like Rotary seeks to make a positive difference in their communities and the world at large.

Alcott's life and work serve as an inspiration for individuals and organizations like Rotary to continue the fight for social justice and a more equitable world.

Let's Build Something Together!

*Kil*

January 16, 2025

## 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?

#### NOVEMBER

- **\$3,000.00 Grant to Public Education Foundation for it's Book Bus.**
- **\$5,000.00 Grant to Sunshine Nevada to support summer camps for children with autism.**

#### DECEMBER

- **\$3,500.00 Grant to New Horizon Academy for band equipment and professional outfitting.**

# THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB'S MISSION:

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



# THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB

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### Past President Representative

Randy Donald



25 Club Meeting.



President Kirk Alexander and Don Holland drawing the 10 of hearts.



Melanie Muldowney, John Palley, Elliot Harris being inducted as a new Rotarian, and President Kirk Alexander.



Jerry Engle stealing the show:)



Bob Werner with international guest Damjan Stanek.



President Kirk and District Governor Nominee Dennis Franklin.



Dr. Kathy Mahon and President Kirk Alexander sharing her Rotary Moment.



President Kirk Alexander and Lt. Governor Stavros.

## SCRIBE – JANUARY 9, 2025

**President Kirk** called the meeting to order at 12:15pm and greeted all in the new year. **Jim Kohl** had a moment of silence for those impacted by the L.A. fires and led us in prayer. **Don Holland** disclosed **President Kirk's** birthday today and charged all to "give Rotary your best shot" this new year as he led us in singing Pat Benatar's Hit Me with Your Best Shot. **Brian Reily** was Sergeant-at-Arms and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Kirk** led us in the reciting the 4 Way Test.

In today's Rotary Moment, **Dr. Kathy Mahon** shared how her experience with Beckley ES in her first year set the stage for her next 30 years in Rotary, knowing "education can lift everyone."

**President Kirk** thanked all who set up and helped in today's meeting, and introduced at the Head Table will be our guest speaker Nevada Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony and District Governor Nominee Dennis Franklin.

**President Kirk** recognized Beckley ES, McCall ES, and Deering ES at the Education Table, and **Gwen Hall** and **Tina Bishop** introduced the principals and accompanying staff in attendance.

**Bob Werner** welcomed Billy Mahon and had a banner exchange with a Slovenian Rotarian.

**Mijung Lombardi** and **Mike Ballard** had guests. **Melanie Muldowney** introduced a market influencer as a Guest of the Club, and **John Palley** introduced Elliot Harris on his third visit.

In announcements, **Debi Howard** announced the Superbowl Board is now circulating and invited all to the 25 Club meeting she is hosting tonight at her home. **Jerry Sennes** invited all to breakfast at his home after the Highway Cleanup this Saturday. **Don Holland** talked about the Wetzel Award coming up Feb 13. **Karen Whisenhunt** announced the Mayor's Cup on Feb 11 - 18, the RYE Las Vegas tour March 6 - 9, and talked about "hiring" our RYE student Hannah Roth for assistance. **David Jones** "piggy backed" on Debi's announcement and opened interviews for the Dan Stover Music Competition and RYLA.

At the Birthday Table was **Stu Lipoff**, **Kathy Mahon**, **Andrew Thurlow**, **Carolyn Sparks**, **Gwen Hall**, and **John "Mike" Seibel**. Not at the table was **President Kirk** and **Nikki Junium**.

**Jerry Engel**, our oldest active member at 95, shared a few "laugh loudly" stories.

**Melanie Muldowney** led in inducting our newest member Elliot Harris and presented his sponsor **John Palley** to introduce Elliot who shared a few words.

**Janice Lencke** showed a Community Grants Committee PowerPoint presentation.

In the raffle, **Don Holland** drew for the joker, didn't find it, AND won Lawry's Bucks!

**Jim Hunt** introduced our guest speaker Nevada Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, who predicted a Lions Superbowl victory and talked about the many hats of the Lt Gov., with Q&A.

**President Kirk** presented Lieutenant Governor Stavros with a Happy Feet recognition and Centennial Book and adjourned the meeting at 1:33pm.

## 25 CLUB OFFICERS

### President:

Debra Howard

### Vice President:

Mijung Lombardi

### Secretary:

Hank Huang

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Steve Casey

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Kirk Alexander

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## CALENDAR

- January 16** Financial Literacy for our Children and Young Adults, Ray Wilson, Silver State Schools Credit Union
- January 23** Reid Int'l. Airport and Ivanpah Airport Plans, Rosemary Vassiliadis, Clark County Dept. of Aviation
- January 25** Booker ES Hydro-CONNECT Unit Assembly 8:00 am - noon
- January 30** Four-Way Speech Contest
- February 6** Judith Pinkerton, Music for Life
- February 13** Wetzel Awards 3:00 pm
- February 13** Len Jussup, Black Fire Venture Capital Fund & Former UNLV President
- February 15-17** Mayor's Cup – Host families Needed February 11-21
- February 20** Dan Stover Music Competition
- February 27** Las Vegas Mayor Shelley Berkley
- March 6-9** Rotary Youth Exchange Las Vegas visit – Host families & drivers needed

**Current Raffle Amount \$3,812.00**

### PAST PRESIDENTS

Michael Hoover	1980-81	James R. Tucker	2002-03
Donald L. Aikin*	1981-82	Kathy Dalvey*	2003-04
Joseph J. Buckley*	1982-83	Steve Casey	2004-05
Irwin Kishner*	1983-84	Ned Phillips	2005-06
James Cashman III*	1984-85	Brock Fraser	2006-07
Mike Meyer	1985-86	Randy Campanale	2007-08
Doug L. Peterson*	1986-87	Russ Swain	2008-09
M.J. Wiens, Jr.	1987-88	Karen Whisenhunt	2009-10
Keith W. Bassett*	1988-89	Tom Axtell	2010-11
Kenneth E. Miller*	1989-90	Sharon McNair	2011-12
James M. Gamett	1990-91	Randy Donald	2012-13
Robert L. Moore	1991-92	Ginger Anderson	2013-14
Robert L. Forbuss*	1992-93	Steve Linder	2014-15
Gary A. Martin	1993-94	Mary Ann Avnet	2015-16
John A. Smith	1994-95	David Thorson	2016-17
Caty Crockett	1995-96	Dr. Michael Gordon	2017-18
Clifford R. Beadle	1996-97	James Kohl	2018-19
Ralph J. Rohay	1997-98	Jacqueline Thornhill	2019-20
Dr. James M. Jones*	1998-99	Richard Jost	2020-21
Tom A. Thomas	1999-00	Mike Ballard	2021-22
Tom J. Krob	2000-01	Caty Crockett	2022-23
James E. Hunt	2001-02	Toni Kern	2023-24

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### January Rotarian Birthdays

<i>Kirk Alexander</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Kathleen M. Mahon, MD</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Jerry Engel</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>John Seibel</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Gwen Hall</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Carolyn Sparks</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Nikki Junium</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Andrew Thurlow</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>31</i>
<i>Stuart Lipoff</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>29</i>			

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