



Rosemary Vassiliadis

Clark County Director of Aviation



Rosemary A. Vassiliadis was named Clark County Director of Aviation in March 2013. She had previously served as Deputy Director of Aviation since December 1997. She oversees all operations at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, as well as general aviation airports in North Las Vegas, Henderson, Jean and Overton, Nevada.

Vassiliadis is the eleventh person to lead Clark County's aviation system since McCarran was established. McCarran annually ranks among the world's busiest airports, serving more than 52 million passengers in 2022. Under Vassiliadis' leadership, the airport has developed an industry-leading security program while maintaining a strong commitment to world-class customer service managing the work of nearly 1,500 employees.

Vassiliadis works with several national organizations that are critical to the U.S. and global travel industries. Since February 2011, she has overseen McCarran's efforts as an Executive Board Member of the U.S. Travel Association.

In February 2014, Vassiliadis was elected by member vote to serve as the Association's Board Treasurer. Since 2009, Vassiliadis has been an advisory board member for the International Aviation Law Institute, a premier source for research, analysis, and study of international aviation law and policy.

In September 2011, Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval appointed Vassiliadis a member of the Nevada Homeland Security Commission, which is responsible for setting goals and programs to counteract or prevent potential acts of terrorism or related emergencies; also serving in this role from August 2004 through July 2007. Vassiliadis has been a member of the United Service Organizations' Las Vegas Advisory Council since McCarran on Veterans Day 2010.

Vassiliadis came from the Clark County Department of Finance, where she amassed 16 was responsible for a \$2.2 billion operating budget and a \$2.4 billion capital improvement plan. Before joining Clark County, she worked for the City of Las Vegas Finance budget. A native of Chicago, Vassiliadis earned a bachelor's degree in accountancy from DePaul University. She and her husband have two children and enjoy a variety of community activities.



J.K. Rowling is a renowned British author and philanthropist. Best known for the Harry Potter series, her seven-volume fantasy novels have achieved global phenomenon, selling over 600 million copies and being translated into numerous languages. This success has made her one of the wealthiest authors in the world.

Beyond her literary achievements, Rowling is a dedicated philanthropist. She founded Lumos, a global children's charity focused on ending the institutionalization of children and ensuring every child has the right to a loving family. Her Volant Charitable Trust supports various organizations addressing social deprivation, particularly affecting women and children.

Rowling's philanthropic endeavors align strongly with the values of organizations like Rotary International. Both share a commitment to:

- Humanitarianism: Improving the lives of others and addressing global challenges.
- Community Service: Serving their communities and making a positive impact on society.
- Ethical Conduct: Upholding high ethical standards in all their endeavors.

Rowling's support for organizations like Amnesty International, Doctors Without Borders, and Comic Relief demonstrates her dedication to social justice and improving the lives of others.

The LVRC's mission to empower youth through literacy, education, and life skills development perfectly complements Rowling's philanthropic work. By fostering these essential skills, the LVRC helps young people achieve success and lead fulfilling, purposeful lives – a core value shared by both Rowling and Rotary.

Let's Build Something Together!

Kil

January 23, 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 its 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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Greg Maguire did NOT pull the Joker!



PP Randy Donald, PP Karen Whisenhunt & PEE Greg Maguire raised \$10K in a weekend for fire victims



PE Janice Lencke presents a Community Grant to Champions of CASA



PP Randy Donald and President Kirk present an honorary membership to Jim Tucker



President Kirk introduces the head table



Don Holland shares his Rotary Moment



Al Carrera from SSSCU wins the Lawry's Bucks



David Jones, Debra Howard, PP Toni Kern and Karen Whisenhunt make announcements



Speaker Ray Wilson

SCRIBE – JANUARY 16, 2025

President Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:15pm and asked for a moment of silence for those affected by the LA fire. **Larry Cohn** gave the invocation and **Larry Goldstein** led us in singing The Stars Spangled Banner. **Jim Hunt** 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, **Don Holland** shared his experience with Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) as a youth when his parent would host students, and then his experience at Teen Leadership Camp (TLC) as a Rotarian.

President Kirk thanked all who set up and helped in today's meeting and introduced at the Head Table our guest speaker Ray Wilson, CFO at Silver State Schools Credit Union, accompanying Senior Bank Officer, and our own **Tarby Bryant**.

Don Holland introduced a retired law enforcement associate friend of his as a guest of the club. **Toni Kern** introduced a 2nd Grade teacher from Booker ES as her guest. Past DG 5030 Howard Cohen and Vegas Verde Rotary Club President Geno Reyes were visiting today.

In announcements, **Karen Whisenhunt** announced host family opportunities for the Mayor's Cup on Feb 11 – 18, more host family opportunities for the RYE Las Vegas tour March 6 – 9, and talked about our RYE student, Hannah, raising funds for their highlight 20-state train tour. **Toni Kern** recapped on how a friendly competition left the Highway Cleanup "very clean." **Debi Howard** announced the Superbowl Board is circulating, thanked **David Jones** for being guest speaker at the last 25 Club meeting, and more info to follow on the next 25 Club meeting. **David Jones** gave an update on the 4 Way Speech Contest, gave additional priority to members for Dan Stover contestant search, as well as priority for RYLA student interviews.

Randy Donald called up to the lectern long-time member **Jim Tucker** who, for his years of commitment and service to our Rotary club, was presented with Honorary Member status.

Dr. Niki, who restored her maiden name, **Brunetti**, talked about the Paul Harris Matching running to June, and how to transfer points. Contact Niki or Shawn for more info.

Janice Lencke presented CASA with a \$1500 community grant towards their Grab&Go store.

Greg Maguire gave a quick update on the LA fire relief efforts to transport \$11,500 in new supplies and goods to affected communities, special thanks to the work and donations of many including Karen Whisenhunt, Michael Williams, Randy Donald, Tom Thomas, Randy Campanale, and others. Brian Reiley told a story of incredible synchronicity how relief reached his son's community and shared a letter of experiential thanks to Rotary and our club.

Greg Maguire drew for the joker, and our guest speakers guest won Lawry's Bucks!

Tarby Bryant introduced our guest speaker Silver State Schools Credit Union CFO Ray Wilson, who dated his time in Rotary 32 years ago and talked about the vision of their POP Program being a "national model for credit union philanthropy", with Q&A. **President Kirk** presented Ray with a Happy Feet recognition and Centennial Book and adjourned the meeting at 1:28pm.

25 CLUB OFFICERS

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Debra Howard

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CALENDAR

- 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 \$3,982.00

PAST PRESIDENTS

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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
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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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1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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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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