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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.

Shelley Berkley

Las Vegas Mayor



Shelley Berkley is an American businesswoman, attorney, and politician who has served as Mayor of Las Vegas since December 2024. A longtime public servant, she previously represented Nevada's 1st Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1999 to 2013. Before her time in Congress, Berkley served one term in the Nevada Assembly (1983–1985) and spent eight years as a member of the Nevada University and Community College System Board of Regents (1990–1998), advocating for higher education access and expansion.

Following her congressional tenure, Berkley transitioned into higher education leadership. In 2014, she was appointed CEO and Senior Provost of Touro University's Nevada and California campuses, later becoming Senior Vice President. During her tenure, she played a key role in advancing healthcare education and workforce development in the region. She retired in 2023 to launch her successful campaign for mayor.

Berkley's roots in Las Vegas run deep—she moved to the city as a child, attended local schools, and graduated from UNLV before earning her law degree. As mayor, she is committed to strengthening the city's economy, enhancing public safety, and investing in infrastructure to support sustainable growth. With a lifelong dedication to public service, she continues to champion policies that promote innovation, economic opportunity, and a vibrant future for all Las Vegas.

What We Have Accomplished.

DID YOU KNOW?

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

- \$33,333.33 donation made to Santa Clothes by a longtime member, Chris Rodenfels.
- \$20,000.00 donated by members to support CA fire victims.
- \$1,500.00 Grant made to CASA Foundation, Children's Foundation of Las Vegas for Tutoring of Foster Youth.

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4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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The ease of a smartphone at one's hand ready to provide a world of curious minds so much information yet troubles itself with fake results. Could Agatha Christie have solved this mystery?

Christie's novels primarily focus on themes of justice, morality, and the exposure of wrongdoing. Her stories often depict the consequences of unethical behavior, such as greed, deceit, and murder.

She frequently portrays characters who uphold a strong sense of right and wrong. So while her stories ultimately reinforce good moral values, she does depict the opposite of those values in her villains. Her detective novels are fundamentally about uncovering the truth. This aligns with the emphasis on truthfulness. She would build her characters with a strong moral compass. While her characters are diverse, those who commit immoral acts are typically brought to justice. This reflects a sense of fairness and benefit to all concerned.

In essence, Christie would treat the smartphone as a new stage for the age-old drama of human deception. Her focus would be on the human element, the motives behind the actions, and the moral implications of the choices made.

Make it a great week everybody!

Let's Build Something Together!



SCRIBE – FEBRUARY 20, 2025

President Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. **Tarby Bryant** gave the invocation. **Steve Casey**, Club President at the start of the Wetzel Award in 2003, led us in singing "God Bless America" in honor of the recent passing of Mrs. Wetzel. **Larry Cohn** was Sergeant-at-Arms and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Kirk** led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

President Kirk thanked all who set up and helped in today's meeting and introduced at the Head Table our own **David Jones**, **Susan Ziobro**, and **Eric Schimmoller**.

Liz Rothwell introduced her and Rodney Tucker's guest from New York.

In announcements, **Jim Hunt** announced a St Patty's Cigar Social with the Friend and Family of Rotary hosted at the home of **Tom** (and Jane) **Krob** on March 14. **Rosalee Hedrick** announced the CAE tour on Feb 25 and additional info to follow those attending. PE **Janice Lencke** talked about the District Assembly and Joint District Conference with District 5180, and more info to come on the next Wine to Water in April with **Antionette Monroe**. **Gwen Hall** asked for participation at each of our sponsored elementary schools for NV Reading Week March 3 – 7. **Toni Kern** talked about Chefs 4 Kids at Vegas Verda E.S. on Feb 27, and Mad City Money (financial literacy program) at Clark HS. **Debi Howard** announced that 25 Club VP **Mijung Lombardi** has planned the next 25 Club social at J Bar & Golf Lounge, with more info to come. **Karen Whisenhunt** talked about the Mayor's Cup this last weekend, called for host families and drivers for the RYE Las Vegas Tour March 6 – 9, reminded of RYE Hannah Roth's raffle to win an authentic Austrian dinner made by her, and shared that in recent partnership with 4 other Clubs has raised an 20k in disaster relief in addition to the previous 20k raised. **David Jones** thanked all for helping fill 14 applications for 13 students to attend RYLA.

In the raffle, **Brian Riley** pulled the Joker! An awarded airman won Lawry's Bucks.

Don Holland led The Wetzel Award presentation, giving an overview of Nellis AFB, recognized the Wetzel daughters Carol and Merry in attendance, and presented awards to 5 awardees; a Staff Sergeant on the Thunderbird team, a Senior Airman from Creech AFB, a Senior Airman that also chaired a Toys-4-Tots initiative, a Senior Airman who also narrated the recent Air Force Ball for the 1k+ attendees, and a Senior Airman in paralegal also leading fundraisers. A representing Staff Sergeant gave a special thank on behalf of all for the continued support of Nellis Airman.

David Jones led today's Dan Stover Music Competition, and recognized **Dr. Michael Williams** to usher in today's three contestants. Judges "adjudicating" today's contest is our own **Brock Fraser** and two representing the Las Vegas Philharmonics including our own **Kimberley Kistler**. Special thanks to **Larry Cohn** and **Tina Bishop**. Announcing the winners in order, Kevin from Del Sol HS playing the cello took 3rd, Ellain from Del Sol playing the Bass took 2nd, and Kelly Jo from Shadow Ridge playing the violin was the winner and will be advancing.

President Kirk reiterated next week's meeting with guest speaker Mayor Shelley Berkley, closed with words from RI President Stephanie Urchick and adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.



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CALENDAR

February 27
March 6
March 6-9
March 13
March 13
March 14
March 14
March 20
March 21-23
March 27
April 3
April 8
April 23
April 24

Las Vegas Mayor Shelley Berkley
Boys & Girls Club
Rotary Youth Exchange Las Vegas Visit Host Families & Drivers Needed
BOXABI, Martin Costas, COO
25 Club Meeting & Social
BOXABI Plant Tour & Box Lunch – 11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Cigar Social
Elliott Harris – Former United Nations Economist, The U.S. Economy & Tariffs
Rotary District 5300 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
Tarby Bryant – Leadership - Defined, Dissected, Traits and 7 Styles
Josh Curtis – StartUp Nevada
Beckley Elementary Breakfast with Books 7:30 am
Wine to Water
Valedictorians



Don Holland and the Airmen



PP Steve Casey, Don Holland and the Wetzel sisters



Eric Schimmoller, Susan Ziobro, David Jones and President Kirk at the head table



Brian Riley drew the lucky joker!!



President Kirk Alexander and Airman Duran for the Lawry's Bucks!



Our Dan Stover Music Competition Competitors



First Place Winner

Current Raffle Amount \$500.00

February Rotarian Birthdays

Steven S. Casey	February 8	William K. Stephan, MD	February 24
Ryan Hamilton	February 23	Robert G. Werner	February 5
John Palley	February 15	John Williams	February 23
Peter R. Samoullis	February 2		



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Joseph J. Buckley*	1982-83	Dr. James M. Jones*	1998-99	Steve Linder	2014-15
Irwin Kishner*	1983-84	Tom A. Thomas	1999-00	Mary Ann Avnet	2015-16
James Cashman III*	1984-85	Tom J. Krob	2000-01	David Thorson	2016-17
Mike Meyer	1985-86	James E. Hunt	2001-02	Dr. Michael Gordon	2017-18
Doug L. Peterson*	1986-87	James R. Tucker	2002-03	James Kohl	2018-19
M.J. Wiens, Jr.	1987-88	Kathy Dalvey*	2003-04	Jacqueline Thornhill	2019-20
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Kenneth E. Miller*	1989-90	Ned Phillips	2005-06	Mike Ballard	2021-22
James M. Gamett	1990-91	Brock Fraser	2006-07	Caty Crockett	2022-23
Robert L. Moore	1991-92	Randy Campanale	2007-08	Toni Kern	2023-24
Robert L. Forbuss*	1992-93	Russ Swain	2008-09		
Gary A. Martin	1993-94	Karen Whisenhunt	2009-10		
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Caty Crockett	1995-96	Sharon McNair	2011-12		

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