



March 13, 2025

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- \$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.



## Elliott Harris

*U.N. Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development  
in the Department of Economic & Social Affairs*

Mr. Harris was the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Chief Economist of the UN from April 2018 until December 2021. He served previously as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the UN Office in New York of the UN Environment Programme, and of the UN Environment Management group from 2013-2018.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Mr. Harris worked as an Economist in the International Monetary Fund from 1988 to 2013, gaining extensive policy and programmatic experience in African and Central Asian countries, as well as in the Fiscal Affairs Department on public expenditure policy issues. From July 2002 onward, Mr. Harris served as Advisor and Assistant Director in the IMF's Strategy, Policy and Review Department, including as Chief of the Development Issues Division. From September 2008 until May 2012, he was also the IMF's Special Representative to the United Nations, and was closely involved in interagency collaboration in the areas of social protection, the green economy, and fiscal space for social policy. From September 2009 until October 2013, he was the Vice Chair of the High-Level Committee on Programs (HLCP) of the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

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19th Century author Mary Ann Evans adopted the pen name (Nom de Plume) "George Eliot" to ensure her work was taken seriously in a male-dominated literary world. Her renowned novel, "Middlemarch" is a masterpiece of Victorian literature. It explores complex themes through richly developed characters and intricate plotlines. A political crisis is at the heart of Middlemarch. The novel's focus on social change, individual psychology, and moral dilemmas leavened with comic elements makes it relevant even today.

In Rotary we aim to prevent scandals and ethical breaches by promoting high ethical standards in our daily work lives, encouraging our members to apply the Four-Way Test daily.

Our projects often focus on building understanding and cooperation between different groups. The increasing emphasis on "conflict resolution" within Rotary suggests a recognition that even within an organization committed to ethical principles, disagreements and misunderstandings can arise. Awareness of potential ethical dilemmas, diverse perspectives and the impact of one's actions on others can create a culture of transparency and accountability, minimizing the risk of scandals.

In essence, George Eliot's work delves into the complexities of human nature, while Rotarians strive to uphold ethical principles and promote service to others. In contrast, both contribute to a greater understanding of the human condition and the importance of ethical conduct.

Service Above Self!

*Let's Build Something Together!*

*Kirk*

## SCRIBE – MARCH 6, 2025

**President Kirk** called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. **Lia Roberts** gave the invitation, and **Don Holland** led us in singing Frank Sinatra's The Impossible Dream. **Robert Salameh** was Sergeant@Arms and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Kirk** led in reciting the 4 Way Test.

In today's Rotary Moment, **Annee Nounna** shared moments experienced in Santa Clothes, hosting for the Mayor's Cup, funding African schools, and ski trips.

**President Kirk** thanked all who set up and helped in today's meeting, and introduced at the Head Table will be our guest speaker Yolanda Matong, Chief Development Officers at the Boys & Girls Club of Southern Nevada, Brittney Gutierrez, and our own **Brock Fraser**.

**John Palley** introduced a visiting Rotarian. **Mike Ballard** introduced four guests. **Don Holland** introduced a guest on her 3rd visit. **Jim Hunt** introduced a guest from Nevada Community Foundation. **Karen Whisenhunt** introduced RYE Hannah Roth who gave a special "thank you so much" to the club for helping raise all the funds for the RYE Train Tour. **Bob Werner** introduced Murrey from Calgary who gave an update on the RI Convention.

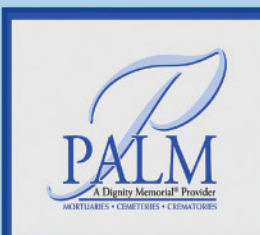
In announcements, **Antionette Monroe** called to save-the-date-change of the next Wine to Water on April 16 at Wine on Waters Street in Henderson. **David Jones** gave an update on completing RYLA applications and joint efforts with other clubs. **Mijung Lombardi** invited all to the next 25 Club social at J Bar Golf Lounge, 6pm Thursday, March 13. **Gwen Hall** announced the next Breakfasts with Books on April 8 and recognized those participating on the last day of Reading Week. **Jim Hunt** invited all to our 31st Cigar Social a week from tomorrow on Friday, March 14. **Karen Whisenhunt** thanked host families and drivers for the RYE Las Vegas Tour this weekend, and presented Hannah Roth to draw for her raffle; congrats to **Larry Cohn**! **President Kirk** announced volunteer opportunities at NASCAR on March 16, Superbuild on May 3, and the District Assembly and Conference, April 11 – 13.

**President Kirk** shared memorial service information for beloved, long-time Rotarian Patrick Carlton. **Brock Fraser** recalled Pat was Rotarian of the Year during his presidency.

At the Birthday Table was **Michael Williams**, **Don Holland**, **Karen Whisenhunt**, **Jim Tucker**, **Sarah Thornton**, and **Tucker Sappington** not at the table. **President Kirk** levied birthday seating fines, with "objection" from **Jim Kohl** and "rebuttal" from **Steve Casey** on grounds of seating availability and improper sign displayed, respectively. **Eric Schimmoeller** was fined for featuring in a 2-page spread in the UNLV paper. **Susan Ziobro** led us in singing Happy Birthday to all March birthdays.

In the raffle, **Steve Kwon** drew for the Joker. **President Kirk** segued to share that RI PE Sankoo Yun will be our guest speaker next week. **Dan Adamson** won Lawry's Bucks.

**Brock Fraser** introduced our guest speaker Yolanda Matong, who talked about the latest at the Boys & Girls Club and presented Brittney Gutierrez to share her award-winning speech, with Q&A. **President Kirk** presented Yolanda with a Sole Power Happy Feet award, closed with words from RI President Stephanie Urchick, and adjourned the meeting at 1:26pm.



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## CALENDAR

- March 13 Elliott Harris – Former UN Economist - Tariffs, Trump, DOGE and Inflation
- March 13 25 Club Meeting & Social at J Bar and Golf Lounge
- March 14 Cigar Social
- March 20 Lauri Perdue – Chair of Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance
- March 21-23 Rotary District 5300 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- March 27 Alexis Bulloch – BOXABL
- March 28 BOXABL Plant Tour 11:00 am – 1:00 pm with lunch
- April 3 Josh Curtis – StartUp Nevada
- April 5 Touch a Truck at Downtown Summerlin
- April 8 Beckley Elementary Breakfast with Books 7:30 am
- April 10 Las Vegas Rotary + WestCare Suit Drive begins
- April 16 Wine to Water
- April 22 Green Our Planet Giant Student Farmers Market at Downtown Summerlin
- April 24 Valedictorians
- April 26 Highway Cleanup at 8:00 am



Annee Nounna  
shares her Rotary Moment



Brock Fraser with  
Guest Speakers



Announcements by Jim Hunt, Gwen Hall  
Mijung Lombardi, Antoinette Monroe  
and David Jones



Larry Cohn, Exchange Student Hannah  
Roth and President Kirk Alexander



Happy March birthdays!



Steven Kwon did NOT  
pull the joker!



Dan Adamson won  
the Lawry's Bucks



Speaker Yolanda Mationg with  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada

## Current Raffle Amount \$845.00

### March Rotarian Birthdays

Nancy Anderson	March	15	Simran Saroop	March	5
Donald Holland	March	8	Brian Sorrentino	March	30
Matt Nelson	March	31	Sarah Thornton	March	22
Chris Rodenfels	March	21	Karen Whisenhunt	March	5
Tucker Sappington	March	14	Michael Williams	March	23





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