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## 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?

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- \$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.

##### FEBRUARY

- District 5300 CA fire Victim Grants 4 clubs collaborate \$10,000.00.

##### MARCH

- \$25,000 to Spread the Word Nevada.

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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?

## Adam Bentley Clausen

*Visionary Entrepreneur, Impact-Driven Business Leader*



Adam Bentley Clausen is a visionary entrepreneur, impact-driven business leader, and innovative strategist dedicated to transforming lives and rebuilding communities. With a relentless focus on sustainable, high-impact ventures, Adam has built a reputation in social entrepreneurship, real estate investment, and systems innovation. His ability to identify opportunities in overlooked markets and forge strategic partnerships has delivered both financial returns and transformative social impact.

As a Managing Partner at Impact Growth Capital, Adam leads investment initiatives that revitalize distressed communities through scalable and sustainable real estate developments. His work focuses on repositioning multifamily properties, executing high-yield affordable housing projects, and integrating social impact programs that enhance residents' quality of life while maximizing investor returns. He is also the Founder and CEO of Legacy Impact Group, LLC, a firm specializing in strategic partnerships and mission-driven investments, where he navigates complex regulatory environments and structures high-value deals to drive economic revitalization.

Beyond real estate, Adam has led initiatives in cultural transformation, leadership development, and justice reform. His experience working with government agencies and policymakers has enabled him to design policies that create opportunities for system-impacted individuals and underserved communities. A sought-after speaker and advocate, he has testified before the United States Sentencing Commission and the House Judiciary Committee, shaping critical policy reforms. Additionally, as the Director of Innovation and Social Impact at Social Purpose Corrections, he is committed to reshaping U.S. corrections and advancing systemic change.

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Let's be mindful of each other. Joan Didion, a prominent American writer and journalist, exemplified New Journalism by blending subjective perspectives with factual reporting. In 'The Year of Magical Thinking,' she uses her personal experience of grief to explore broader themes, revealing the profound impact of loss on mental well-being. The book powerfully illustrates that grief is not a linear process, but rather a complex journey involving a range of intense emotions and behaviors.

Didion's use of 'magical thinking' bridges anthropological and psychiatric concepts. Anthropologically, it refers to belief systems where actions or rituals are thought to influence events beyond causal connections. Psychiatrically, it describes behaviors arising from mental distress. Didion's grief manifests as 'magical thinking' when she engages in seemingly irrational behaviors as a coping mechanism, humanizing her mental health struggles through shared vulnerability, empathy, and understanding.

Connecting Didion's experience to Rotary International's focus on mental health awareness is highly relevant. Her work fosters empathy and understanding, highlighting the prevalence of mental health issues and their potential to arise from common human experiences like grief. Organizations like RI can create safe environments for open discussions about grief and mental health, reducing stigma and promoting support.

Stay healthy my friends.

Let's Build Something Together!



## SCRIBE – MARCH 13, 2025

**President Kirk** called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. **Tarby Bryant** gave the invitation, and **Russ Swain** led us in singing America the Beautiful. **Brian Riley** was Sergeant-at-Arms and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Kirk** led in reciting the 4 Way Test, and expressed anticipation in RI President Nominee Sankoo Yun arriving soon with our own Steve Kwon.

In today's Rotary Moment, **Kimberly McMahon** shared how her true Rotary Moment of being a RYE student in Australia can be summed up to a single Rotarian named Roger who "shaped the trajectory" of her life, and would forever make Rotary "a way of life."

**President Kirk** thanked all who set up and helped in today's meeting, and introduced at the Head Table today's guest speaker our own **Elliott Harris**, UN Assistant Secretary General of Economic Development in Economic and Social Affairs, and our own **Tarby Bryant**.

We had a Visiting Rotarian from New Mexico, Summerlin Club PE Raquel Lohmann shared a few words, and the current President of the Prescott, AZ club in District 5495 and Vegas Verde Club President Geno Reyes were visiting today. **Andrew Thurlow** and **Liz Rothwell** had guests today. **Melanie Muldowney** introduced Chase, a guest of the club on his first visit.

**Karen Whisenhunt** introduced our special guest RI President Nominee Sankoo Yun, who is visiting with his uncle **Steve Kwon**, and shared a few words on "what Rotary is" and how we must find changes to attract future gens to join.

In announcements, **Jim Hunt** invited all to our 31st Cigar Social tomorrow, with raffle thanks to many including his daughter for a Bronx Wonderer package. **Michael Cudiamat** announced the next Superbuild on May 3, with more info at corazon.org. **Rosalee Hedrick** announced our annual suite drive May 3 to benefit WestCare, and recognized WestCare CEO **Leo Magrdichian** in attendance. **Janice Lencke** announced the next Wine to Water on April 16 at Wine on Waters Street in Henderson. **Mijung Lombardi** invited all to tonight's 25 Club Social at J Bar Golf Lounge. **Karen Whisenhunt** encouraged all to attend the District Assembly and Conference.

**Tina Bishop** presented the Education Table and thanked all who participated in Reading Week. **Bob Peiser** introduced the Principal at McCall ES. **Tina Bishop** introduced Beckley ES Principal Shannon Brown accompanied by an Instructional Coach, and then introduced new Dearing ES Principal Debbie Young accompanied by their Office Manager. **Kimberly McMahon** reported the RYE Las Vegas Tour was a "success" with special thanks to many. **David Jones** gave the latest on the Dan Stover Music Competition, and RYLA orientation and final student and adult counts. **Dan Adamson** "kicked off" a 50/50 raffle as our annual fundraiser.

**Janice Lencke** presented on our 14-year relationship with Spread the Word Nevada, and introduced **Tom Thomas** who presented Lisa Habighorst with a \$25k check.

In the raffle, **Brian Riley** pulled the 9<sup>th</sup>, and **Susan Ziobro** won Lawry's Bucks.

**Tarby Bryant** introduced our own **Elliott Harris** as our guest speaker, who talked economy and tariffs, with Q&A. **President Kirk** presented Elliott with a Sole Power Happy Feet award, closed with words from RI President Stephanie Urchick, and adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.



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## CALENDAR

- March 20 Adam Clausen - Legacy Impact Group & Impact Growth Capital
- March 21-23 Rotary District 5300 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- March 27 Alexis Bulloch – BOXABL Update
- March 28 BOXABL Plant Tour and Box Lunch - RSVPs required to Tarby
- 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 Henderson Mayor Michelle Romero
- 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 Valedictorian Luncheon
- April 26 Highway Cleanup at 8:00 am
- May 3 Superbuild Tecate



Speaker Elliott Harris receives the Sole Power award from Pres. Kirk



Kimberly McMahon signs a brick after sharing her Rotary Moment



Susan Ziobro won the Lawry's Bucks



RI President Nominee Sangkoo Yun, AZ President Joe Sweeney with Rampur Viswanath, Pres. Kirk & PP Karen Whisenhunt



PP Russ Swain and Lucie enjoy the annual Cigar Social



PP Karen and Tom Whisenhunt enjoy the Cigar Social



PP Jim Hunt and Leslie Mujica at the Cigar Social



Rotarians LOVE THE CIGAR SOCIAL!



Pres. Kirk and PP Tom Thomas with Lisa Habighorst & Claude Grubair from Spread the Word Nevada

**Current Raffle Amount \$1,075.00**

### 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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