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Richard H. Bryan

Former Governor of Nevada



Richard H. Bryan, born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Las Vegas, began his political journey early, winning school elections at a young age while aspiring to one day be Governor of Nevada. He graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1959, served in the U.S. Army, and earned his law degree from UC Hastings.

Admitted to the Nevada Bar in 1963, he became Clark County's first public defender. Bryan served in the Nevada Senate and as Attorney General before being elected the 25th Governor of Nevada, focusing on economic diversification.

He later represented Nevada in the U.S. Senate from 1989 to 2001, serving on key committees including Finance, Banking, Intelligence, and Commerce.

Known for his tireless advocacy and personal connection with constituents, Bryan traveled the state with his wife, Bonnie, forming deep ties with Nevadans. He recently published his memoir, *My Life in Politics*, reflecting on a life dedicated to public service.

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Been thinking about Marie Curie's work with radioactivity – how she coined the term and how her relentless pursuit, despite the risks, revolutionized medicine by allowing us to "see" what's happening inside. It's like a form of "reverse photography," revealing the truth by looking at things differently.

It reminds me of Rotary projects too. Sometimes the desired outcome isn't immediately clear, but with dedication and a good heart, the truth emerges through the very act of pursuing it. It's so important to stay focused and not let distractions derail worthwhile endeavors. Like Imagine Dragons' "Radioactive" – a powerful, unseen force leading to something significant.

Let's keep that spirit of curiosity and perseverance alive in all we do. Stay hungry and find the potential in everything good!

Let's Build Something Together!

Kirk

SCRIBE – APRIL 24, 2025

President Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:15pm and welcomed everyone to today's 2025 Valedictorian Luncheon. In today's invocation, **Dr. Kathy Mahon** read the poem "Success" by Ralph Waldo Emerson in recognition of the 55 Valedictorians in attendance today, with prayer.

David Jones' daughter Johanna Zavoral led us in singing the national anthem. **Suzette Wheeler** was Sergeant-at-Arms and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On club business announcements, **David Squier** invited all to the Highway Cleanup this Saturday at 8am and the "killer brunch" after at **Jerry Sennes'** home.

President Kirk thanked all who helped in today's meeting.

We recognized visiting Rotarians from Commerce City, CO and the Las Vegas WON Club. Recognizing guests of Rotarians, **Andrew Thurlow** introduced his daughter, **Bert Reiner** introduced his close friend David Harris, and **David Jones** introduced his daughter Johanna Zavoral, as their guests today.

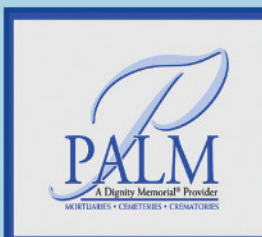
President Kirk "cue[d] the program" and introduced **Gwen Hall** to present today's program. Opening to the tune of "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey, **Gwen Hall** welcomed all to today's Valedictorian Luncheon, with special words of congratulations to our "very special guests," and gave an overview of today's program.

Calling the 55 schools in alphabetical order, each Valedictorian introduced their accompanying administrator and shared a few words of themselves, extra curriculars, future plans, colleges and majors, and maybe adding influential figures and "if you could change one thing in the world?"

Robert Mars introduced his long-time friend and our first guest speaker, new Clark County School District Superintendent Jhone Ebert, delivering the message that "our future is bright."

Tucker Sappington regretfully informed that our second guest speaker, Officer in Charge, Executive Vice President & Provost at UNLV Chris Heavey has been delayed at UNLV, but glad to break the news that Chris was just named Interim President and introduced his Chief of Staff Tondra De, who was herself a Valedictorian at Green Valley HS in 2000, as our guest speaker.

President Kirk presented Jhone and Tondra with a Sole Power Happy Feet award and centennial book, and adjourned the meeting at 1:26pm.



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- May 3 Superbuild Tecate
- May 8 Roger Thomas
- May 8 Wetzel Awards at 3:00 pm
- May 15 Zach Conine – Nevada State Treasurer
- May 17 Beach Cleanup
- May 22 Brian Riley
- May 29 Michelle Romero – Henderson Mayor
- June 12 Cisco Aguilar – Nevada Secretary of State



PP Russ Swain, Melanie Muldowney, Susan Ziobro, Rita Burton and others at our Annual Highway Cleanup



PP Russ Swain is cleaning up the desert at the Highway Cleanup!



Tina Bishop, Pab Peiser and Gwen Hall were members of the Valedictorian luncheon committee



Andrew Thurlow and his daughter Luxsiga



Meadows School Head of School Dr. Jason Berkley and Valedictorian Matthew Cacus



Patrick Ballinger and Todd Walter



David Jones and his daughter Johanna Zavoral



Gwen Hall and President Kirk recognizing Southern Nevada Valedictorians



Valedictorians received a copy of the club's Centennial Book

Current Raffle Amount \$1155.00

May Rotarian Birthdays

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|------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Randall Brody | May 5 | Norbert Reiner | May 30 |
| Randall Campanale, CFA | May 9 | Lia Roberts | May 7 |
| Lawrence Cohn | May 22 | Lawrence Rouse | May 26 |
| Christopher Emanuel | May 9 | Eric Schimmoeller | May 26 |
| Rene Gamero, Jr. | May 29 | David Squire | May 24 |
| Carey Grohs | May 11 | Rodney Tucker | May 11 |
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