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Roger Thomas

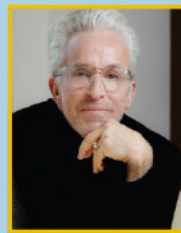
Interior Designer



Roger Thomas is celebrated for his ability to create immersive environments that transport guests into a world of elegance and luxury. His designs seamlessly blend classic and contemporary elements, resulting in timeless and visually stunning spaces. Roger transformed the interior designs of the modern-day casino resorts in Las Vegas. He is responsible for elevating the level of hospitality design by placing his mark on the development of Mirage, Bellagio, Wynn and Encore Las Vegas, as well as Wynn Macau. Thomas calls his style 'evocatechture'.

Throughout his career, Thomas has received numerous accolades for his contributions to the field of interior design. His work has been recognized with prestigious awards, including multiple honors from the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). He has been elected to the Architectural Digest AD100 five times and is a member of the Interior Design Hall of Fame.

Roger Thomas continues to be an influential figure in the realm of luxury resort design. His creativity and ability to create extraordinary spaces have left an indelible mark on the casino industry, helping to redefine the concept of luxury and elevate the guest experience in resorts worldwide.



Thomas still has a home in Las Vegas, but spends most of his time in his villa in Venice, together with his wonderful partner Arthur. Roger Thomas is still incredibly active, sitting on the board of many museums and preservatory institutions, as well as serving multiple clients in the field of design.

What We Have Accomplished.

DID YOU KNOW?

MARCH

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

APRIL

- Superbuild Grant and LVRC Foundation \$12,311.
- District 5300 CA Fire Victim Grants 4 clubs collaborate \$40,000.00. LVRC CA Fire Victims Donations Reach \$18,000.00.

MAY

- Sole Power Awards Distribute 300 Pairs of Shoes to 6 Elementary Schools with LVRC Donation of \$9,000.00.

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Reflecting on Grace Hopper's incredible work – simplifying computer programming and her passion for encouraging young people to be curious and take chances. It really struck me how much her “try it” philosophy resonates with the LVRC's mission to empower youth through literacy, education, and life skills development.

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Her belief in backing up young people and stirring them up to take chances feels so aligned with what we do every day. Thought it was a nice connection to share.

Keep curiosity and open mindedness alive and great things can happen.

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Let's Build Something Together!

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President Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:15pm and announced “something different” to segway into introducing Bracken Elementary School Kideract Club officers (i.e., President, Secretary, VP, Treasurer, and Historian) as part of today's program. Giving the invocation, **Melanie Muldowney** greeted all with “Aloha” in recognition of Lei Day in Hawaii on the 1st of May to celebrate love, friendship, and the spirit of aloha, and shared Hawaiian mantras. For today's song, Bracken ES Kideract officers sang Home Means Nevada. **President Kirk** recognized **Robert Salameh** as Sergeant-at-Arms and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Kirk** led us in reciting the 4 Way Test.

In today's Rotary Moment, **Jim Hunt** shared many moments started back 35 years ago with passed-member **Ken Sparks**, Santa Clothes experiences, the various organizations, events, and activities, and most meaningfully the “handshakes and hugs.”

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President Kirk thanked all who helped in today's meeting, and introduced at the Head Table our own **Tom Thomas**, guest speaker Governor Richard Bryan, and our own **Jerry Engel**.

DG from District 5320 in CA and a Rotarian from the Valle Verde Club in Green Valley, AZ, had banner exchanges, and recognized a visiting Rotarian for the Las Vegas Won Club.

Bert Reiner introduced his good friend Dave Harris as his guest, and **Carolyn Sparks** introduced her longtime friend Mike as her guest. Each Bracken ES Kideract Club officer introduced their accompanying parent. **Kathy Mahon** introduced Bracken ES Assistant Principal Michelle Wright and Kideract leadership in attendance.

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In announcements, **Rosalee Hedrick** talked about the Suit Drive to benefit WestCare, and introduced CEO **Leo Magrdichian** who shared real stories of benefiting families and lifting spirits. **Brian Sorrentino** gave an update on the 50/50 raffle and encourage all to “get the word out.” **Larry Cohn**, winner of the RYE Austrian Dinner raffle, enjoyed the dinner with **Susan Ziobro** and hubby, with “compliments to” our exchange student from Austria. **Bob Peiser** announced for **Don Holland** the Wetzel Award next week, May 8 at Nellis AFB. **Michael Cudiamat** talked about Superbuild coming up May 3, and the Beach Cleanup on May 17. **Karen Whisenhunt** gave an overview of disaster relief efforts, grants, and club partnerships, and shared a new grant approved to benefit a charter school. **President Kirk** recapped on the Highway Cleanup with awe of the brunch following at the [Jerry] “Sennes Café!”

At the Birthday Table was **Randy Campanale**, **Greg Maguire**, **Randall Brody**, **Suzette Wheeler**, **Larry Cohn**, **Bert Reigner**, **Rene Gamero**, **Eric Schimmoeller**, and **Larry Rouse**.

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In the raffle, visiting DG from 5230 drew the 8♦! **Randy Campanale** won Lawry's Bucks. Beckley ES Kideract President gave a Kideract presentation.

Tom Thomas was pleased to introduce one of our state's “finest statesmen” and our guest speaker, Richard Bryan, who recalled first presenting to our club in 1954. President Kirk presented Governor Bryan with a Sole Power award, closed quoting RI President Stephanie Urchick, and adjourned the meeting at 1:29pm.

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CALENDAR

- May 8 Roger Thomas – Design Inspirations
- May 8 Wetzel Awards at 3:00 pm
- May 15 Zach Conine – Nevada State Treasurer
- May 17 Beach Cleanup
- May 22 Hannah Roth – My Rotary Youth Exchange Journey
- May 29 Michelle Romero – Henderson Mayor
- June 5 Club Assembly
- June 12 Cisco Aguilar – Nevada Secretary of State
- June 19 LVRC Debunking Party
- June 5 Brian Riley – My Hawaii Adventure



Karen Whisenhunt exchanges flags with a guest from District 5230



Sergeant at Arms Robert Samaleh exchanges flags with a guest from the Valle Verde Club in Arizona



Our guest from District 5230 did NOT pull the Joker!



Randy Campanale won the Lawry's Bucks



Senator Richard Bryan was our guest speaker



"Every girl's crazy 'bout a sharp dressed man."



The LVRC Superbuilders



Completion of another Corazon home



How the day got started

Current Raffle Amount **\$1321.00**

May Rotarian Birthdays

<i>Randall Brody</i>	May 5	<i>Norbert Reiner</i>	May 30
<i>Randall Campanale, CFA</i>	May 9	<i>Lia Roberts</i>	May 7
<i>Lawrence Cohn</i>	May 22	<i>Lawrence Rouse</i>	May 26
<i>Christopher Emanuel</i>	May 9	<i>Eric Schimmoeiler</i>	May 26
<i>Rene Gamero, Jr.</i>	May 29	<i>David Squire</i>	May 24
<i>Carey Grohs</i>	May 11	<i>Rodney Tucker</i>	May 11
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<i>Gregory Maguire</i>	May 1		



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