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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.

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.



Hannah Roth

Foreign Exchange Student

My name is Hannah Roth. I am the foreign exchange student from the Las Vegas Rotary Club for the year 2024/25.

My home country is Salzburg, Austria. I am currently a Junior in High school and will finish my school education in Austria. Over this year I got to enjoy running track and performing in one of the school plays.

I love spending time with my friends and listening to all kinds of music. I am already looking forward to the Rotary Train Tour which will start in three weeks.

This year was the best year of my entire life.

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Our "Sole Power Awards" (you know it as the Happy Feet community service program) just delivered a truly magical experience!

Handing out 316 pairs of shoes to kids across six different schools was more than just a distribution; it was an immensely emotional journey. Seeing the pure joy on those little faces made every participating Rotarian stop and realize the incredible impact we have – it deeply reaffirmed why we are Rotarians.

It truly hit home that our performance, like Indra Nooyi's "Performance with a Purpose" at PepsiCo, was unequivocally done with a purpose. This whole experience solidifies that leading a purposeful life is the only way to go. Let's keep finding our purpose and never let it go!

Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns,

Let's Build Something Together!

SCRIBE – MAY 15, 2025

President Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. **Patrick Ballinger** gave the invocation. **Larry Cohn**, who used Google to suggest a song, led us in singing My Country 'Tis of Thee. **President Kirk** recognized incoming 25 Club President **Mijung Lombardi** 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, **Linda Peterson** shared her "Rotary Superbuild experience" giving "dignity and generational hope" to a deserving family, with **Brian Riley**, **Michael Cudiamat**, and others earlier this month, alongside a slideshow of the build.

President Kirk thanked all who helped in today's meeting, and introduced at the Head Table our own PDG **Dr. Rampur Viswanath**, **Larry Goldstein**, and guest speaker **Brian Riley**.

President Kirk poked at **Howie Hopkinson** as a "visiting Rotarian." **Dan Adamson** introduced a revisiting guest. **Bert Reiner** introduced his good friend **David Harris** as his guest. **Eric Schimmoeller** introduced a guest from UNLV Boyd School of Law.

PP Russ Swain auctioned off the two remaining copies of Roger Thomas' Resort Style: Spaces of Celebration. **Bob Werner** and **Nancy Anderson** via **Toni Kern** won, raising \$600 for LVRF.

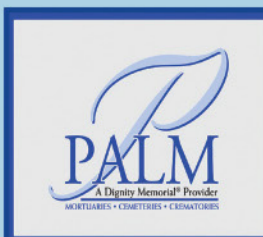
In announcements, **Karen Whisenhunt** gave an update on the 20 k grant to benefit the Odyssey Charter School in CA, and asked for any volunteers to help **Greg Maguire** and others deliver 13k in goods next Tuesday. **Debi Howard** announced the Beach Cleanup at Lake Mead Marina area will be a potluck with burgers and hotdogs. Contact Debi for more info. **Toni Kern** announced the Debunking Party on June 19, 6pm at **Jerry Engel's** home at Queens Ridge. **Bob Werner** presented a UNLV mechanical engineering student with a JA Tiberti Scholarship.

In a Wetzel Awards presentation, **Bob Peiser** presented awards to three Staff Sergeants and two Senior Airmen, and recognized in attendance the Wetzel daughters Carol and Merry. In a check a presentation, **Dan Adamson** presented 50/50 raffle winner **Tom Thomas** with a \$7,500 check which Tom presented to LVRF President **Jim Kohl** and Santa Clothes Co-Chair **Howie Hopkinson** to put towards Santa Clothes.

In the raffle, **Elliotte Harris** did not find the Joker. **Howie Hopkinson** won Lawry's Bucks.

President Kirk introduced our guest speaker, our own **Brian Riley**, a "proud Rotarian" that credits much of the "guiding principles" in his life to his experience as a Rotary Youth Exchange student, who presented on the "monumental journey" of developing a unique resort destination in Hawaii projected to open later this year, with Q&A.

President Kirk reminded all to RSVP to the lunch meeting to give Lawry's a more accurate count, and closed quoting RI President **Stephanie Urchick**, adjourning the meeting at 1:30pm.



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CALENDAR

- May 22 **Hannah Roth – My Rotary Youth Exchange Journey**
- May 29 **Michelle Romero – Henderson Mayor**
- June 5 **Club Assembly**
- June 10 **25 Club Social/Graduation**
- June 12 **Cisco Aguilar – Nevada Secretary of State**
- June 19 **LVRC Debunking Party**



Club members and their families brave the wind to clean up Lake Mead



Celebrating Larry Cohn's 70th birthday



Michael Williams at Walter Long ES



Guest Kirk Lipson with Dan Adamson



Bob Werner recognizing the club's Tiberti Scholarship award winners



Bob Peiser recognizing Wetzel award winners



PP Tom Thomas donated his 50/50 raffle win to the Foundation!



Brian Riley shared his Hawaiian business adventures



Linda Peterson shared her Rotary Moment

Current Raffle Amount \$620.00

May Rotarian Birthdays

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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