

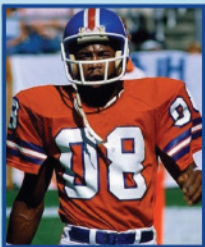


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August 14, 2025

Rick Upchurch

From Football to Philanthropy



Rick Upchurch was born May 20, 1952, in Toledo, Ohio. He was one of ten children born to George and Juanita Upchurch. Rick's grandparents, Louis and Beatrice Lindsey, took Rick home to live with them on their farm in Holland, Ohio. Rick's life was filled with daily chores that included feeding chickens, pigs, cleaning the house, cooking, and going to church on Sundays.

Rick loved watching the Chicago Bears running back Gale Sayers on TV and practiced his moves. Rick became a superstar at Springfield High School as a running back for the Blue Devils and in track and basketball. During his junior year, he helped lead the football program to its first league title. He also was the first track athlete to win a state title for the school in the long jump.

From there, Rick went to Indian Hills Community College where he helped lead the Falcons to its first and only conference title. Rick was a two-time conference player and the only two time All American for the school. After graduating from Indian Hills, Rick decided to finish his college career at the University of Minnesota where he was a two time All Big Ten Player, also in track in the long jump.

In 1975, Rick was drafted by the Denver Broncos in the 4th round, 95th player taken. His first year, Rick was named AFC Offensive Rookie of the Year and made the All-Rookie Team. Rick played 9 years for the Broncos, made 4 Pro Bowls, and 5 All Pro teams, is a member of the Broncos Ring of Fame, and made two NFL All Decade teams. After retiring, Rick became involved working with children, coaching and community work.



Upcoming Speakers

Growth – Vegas, The Future is Bright

Membership Impact

08/14	Rick Upchurch	NFL Retired, Denver Broncos	Former Wide Receiver
08/21	DG Gilda Moshir	District Governor's Visit	District 5300 Governor
08/28	Francesco Arezzo	Rotary Year 2025 - 2026	Dual Speakers: RI President & Video
08/28	Pam Lang	Rotary's Impact on Community	Pamela Lang Consulting

Innovation

09/04	Rafael Villanueva	Travel Nevada	CEO
09/11	Justin Hopkins	Department of Transportation	Public Involvement Specialist
09/18	Dori Koren	Homeland Security & Investigative Service	Assistant Sheriff
09/25	Emilisa Saunders	Ice Age State Park	Interpretive Ranger

Innovation

10/02	Raleigh Midura	Switch	Executive VP Enterprise Sales
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Our Club's Accomplishments

Good People, Doing Good Things, for People in Need.

- PP Jim Hunt presented \$1,058 on behalf of the Affiliate Adjuster Association to be used for Santa Clothes. August 2025.
- On August 2, a heartwarming effort came full circle when Patrick Ballinger of the Boy Scouts of America-Las Vegas Area Council, and member of our club, picked up a donation of 400 stuffed animals and 350 hand-crafted wooden toy trucks, to distribute to children throughout the community. August 2025.
- \$905 has been raised through 2 auctions for the 2025 Canned Food Drive before the event is even officially kicked off. July 2025.

Check It Out!

*You don't want to miss this!
At our meeting on August 21,
several District 5300 Leadership
Members will be in attendance.*

WHAT IS ROTARY?

2025 - 2026

Rotary International President
Francesco Arezzo

District 5300 Governor
Gilda Moshir

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders who work to address critical issues like promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting education, and growing local economies.

Rotary clubs around the world foster fellowship, encourage high ethical standards, and work to advance goodwill and peace.

THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB'S MISSION:

Teaching Youth to Succeed through Literacy, Education & Life Skills Development

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Janice Lencke

President Elect

Greg Maguire

Immediate Past President

Kirk Alexander

Secretary

Melanie Muldowney

Treasurer

Rita Burton

Elected Directors

Nancy Anderson

Niki Brunetti

Larry Cohn

Don Holland

David Jones

Antoinette Monroe

Melanie Muldowney

Brian Riley

Sarah Thornton

Susan Ziobro

Past

President Representative

Tom Krob

President's Message



Many famous Rotarians have shaped both Rotary and the world, leaving a legacy of service, leadership, and humanitarian impact. Their influence helped set the foundation for what Rotary is today: a global force for peace, health, education, and goodwill. Some of these famous Rotarians include Gene Autry and Fred Rogers. Thomas Edison, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Margaret Thatcher, and Nelson Mandela.

Rotarians are leaders, volunteers, and changemakers who work to create lasting positive impacts in our community. Through service projects, fundraising, and partnerships, our Las Vegas Rotary Club plays a crucial role in helping those in need and strengthening our city.

Rotary is more than just service—it is a powerful network of business leaders, professionals, and entrepreneurs who collaborate to be effective in their communities and beyond. Rotary provides valuable resources, connections, and opportunities to help you succeed.

Everything Rotarians do makes Las Vegas a better place to live, work, and thrive. Whether through small acts of kindness or large-scale projects, Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self" is shaping the future of our community.

Janice

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Volunteer Opportunities

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*Rotary Superhero's:
President Janice Lencke
& PE Greg Maguire*

09/20	1:00pm - 2:45pm	Serve Lunch at Salvation Army	Owens Campus
10/04	9:00am	Highway Clean-up & Brunch	Bonnie Springs, Hwy. 159, Marker 5
10/16	7:00am	Green Our Planet: Fall Giant Student's Farmers Market	Clark County Government Building
10/18	8:00am - 3:00pm	Rotary Park Clean-up	901 Hinson Street
10/18	8:30am	One Drop Walk for Water	Springs Preserve
11/26	12:00pm - 1:30pm	Canned Food Drive Presentation	Lawry's Lunch Meeting
12/04	7:30am - 10:00am	Santa Clothes	Local JC Penney Stores

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Social and Special Events

08/14	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Memorial Garden Dedication at PBS Vegas
08/26	2:00pm	Ability Center at Betty's Village - Opportunity Village
09/11	12:15pm	Guest of the Club: Elementary School Partners
09/15	8:30am	SOAR - Clark County Chambers at Government Center
09/25	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Cigar Social at Tom Krob's
10/03	5:30pm	Tiberti Classic Putting Tournament at Angel Park
10/09	12:15pm	Guests of the Club: Elementary School Partners
10/28	2:00pm - 4:00pm	VIP Tour - Mabel Hoggard Math & Science Magnet ES

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August Rotarian Birthdays

James Kohl.....August 18

Lin Ng.....August 30

Matthew Phillips.....August 19

Melanie Muldowney.....August 12

Al Wagner.....August 23

Rita BurtonAugust 02

Susan Ziobro.....August 06



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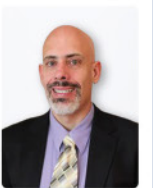
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Rotary History

*The 77th Annual Rotary Convention was held
in our city June 1 - June 4, 1986.*

Michael Meyer was the Club President during the Rotary year when the 77th annual Rotary International Convention was held in Las Vegas and hosted 20,000 Rotarians from 102 countries. President of RI, Edward F. Cadman coined the theme, "You are the key." It was a spectacular event opening with an address from Ronald Reagan and closing with the fabulous Tony Bennett.



*Host Club Executive Committee Meets
in the House of Friendship, From left:
James Cashman, III, Assistant Vice Chairman;
Irwin Kishner, Chairman;
Keith Bassett, Vice Chairman
and
Michael Meyer,
President of the Las Vegas Rotary Club.*



Nevada State Governor Richard Bryan noted that this convention "is the most prestigious to come to Nevada;" and Mayor William Biare, a member of the Club proclaimed the week to be "Rotary International Week."

Scribe Notes

August 7, 2025 - President Janice called the meeting to order at 12:15. **PP Tom Thomas** led us in prayer giving the invocation after a very funny story of invocation warnings from another club president 25 years ago. **Carey Grohs** led us in God Bless America, **Mike Cudiamat** in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Janice spoke about National Light House Day and **Stu Lipoff** reminded her that it was also National IPA Day. Visiting guests of Rotarians were introduced by **Rosalee Hedrick**, **PP Randy Donald**, **PP Mike Ballard**, **Susan Ziobro**, **Tarby Bryant**, and **Nikki Junium**. **President Janice** introduced the president's table: Speaker John Chase, his Daughter Meghan, **Pete Samuolis**, **Lia Healvilin**, and **PP Karen Whisenhunt**.

At the Birthday Table was **Susan Ziobro**, **Melany Muldowney**, and **PP Jim Kohl**; **Matthew Phillips**, **Rita Burton**, and **Al Wagner** were not in attendance but also celebrated August Birthdays. **Dr. Niki Brunetti** presented Paul Harris Awards to **PP Randy Donald's** Grandson Austin and Daughter in Law Laura, **Rosalee Hedrick's** Nephew Dennis, **Randall Brody**, and **Nancy Anderson** +5.

PP Jim Hunt spoke about the 32nd annual Cigar Social at Jane and **PP Tom Krob's** home on September 25. **Rosalee** spoke about the tour at Betty's Village in the Abilities Center on August 26th. **PP Karen Whisenhunt** reminded us of the golf putting tournament on October 3rd. **Mijung Lombardi** spoke about the August 20th 25 Club meeting as well at the donation cans. **Dr. Niki Brunetti** spoke about the upcoming Vegas PBS ceremony honoring Deanna and **Bob Werner** for their generous donations.

In the raffle **PP Randy Donald's** Grandson did not pull the Joker, and the Lawry Bucks winner was **Lia Healvilin**. Guest Mike Rollins won the Surprise and Delight treat.

PP Caty Crockett introduced speaker, COO John Chase. **President Janice** presented a donation in his name to the Just One Project as well as presenting a copy of our Clubs' centennial book to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30

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President Janice and Niki Brunetti honor Paul Harris Fellows



*President Janice Lencke honored PP
Karen Whisenhunt with the Rotary Proud Pin*



*Head Table with President Janice Lencke: PP Karen Whisenhunt,
Lia Healvilin, Pete Samoulis, Speaker John Chase and his daughter Meghan*



*Susan Ziobro, PP Jim Kohl
and Melanie Muldowney*



*Mike Cudiamat, 25 Club President
Mijung Lombardi and Elliott Harris*



*PP Mike Ballard's guest won the
Surprise and Delight gift*



Lawry's Bucks went to Lia Healvilin



No joker this week



PP Mike Ballard with his guest

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Nominations are open from August 1-31. Rotarians and Rotaractors can nominate one member in good standing, regardless of their gender or length of Rotary membership. Submit your nomination to:

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Member Spotlight

Andrew Thurlow

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Andrew is a private wealth Advisor for U.S. Bank and an active member of the community. Besides the Las Vegas Rotary Club, he is a member of the Board of Directors for Vegas PBS, volunteers at Junior Achievement and the Community Cat Coalition of Clark County (C5).

Fun facts: Andrew and Pintip recently welcomed a new puppy into their home. Somtum, which means Papaya salad in Thai, is only about 4 months old and super cute.



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Backpacks and clothing for SafeNest's back to school effort. Carey Grohs, PP Ginger Anderson and PP Jim Kohl



A room full of Back to School supplies for SafeNest



Stu Lipoff at Sphere Weekend at the Discovery Museum



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