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September 11, 2025

### Mario Gomez, P.E.

### **Nevada Department of Transportation**



Miles Dickson

09/18

Mario Gomez is the Deputy Director for Operations and Maintenance at the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). In this role, he provides executive leadership and oversight for construction and maintenance across the state, helping guide more than \$1 billion in annual investments that support Nevada's transportation system. His work ensures that the state's highways remain safe, reliable, and efficient for the traveling public.

Mario's career at NDOT spans more than 25 years. He has held several key leadership positions, including District I Engineer in southern Nevada and Assistant District Engineer for Construction. In these roles, he managed a broad range of responsibilities covering maintenance, operations, construction, and planning. This experience gave him an in-depth understanding of both the strategic and day-to-day challenges of delivering transportation projects in one of the fastest-growing states in the country.

Mario is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He is a registered professional engineer in both Texas and Nevada. In addition, he is a statecertified public manager.

His expertise and commitment continue to play a vital role in advancing NDOT's mission to provide a safe and connected transportation system for all Nevadans.

# **Upcoming Speakers**

#### Innovation

Nevada GrantLab

09/25	Garrett Fehner	Ice Age State Park	Park Supervisor			
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Las Vegas Economic Future						
10/02	Raleigh Midura	Switch	<b>Executive VP Enterprise Sales</b>			
10/09	Dori Koren	Homeland Security & Investigative Service	Assistant Sheriff LVMPD			
10/16	Peter Zierhut	HAAS Automation	<b>VP Outside Operations</b>			
10/23	Jared Smith	City of Henderson	<b>Economic Dev &amp; Tourism Director</b>			
10/30	Dr. Jeffrey Cummings/ Kate Zhong	Brain Health and Alzheimer Disease	Alzheimer Ambassadors			
Conucopia						
11/06	Daniel Ibach	US Navy Special Op/Delta Force	<b>CEO Griz Global Solution</b>			
11/13	Tim Keener	National Finals Rodeo (NFR)	President			

# Our Club's Accomplishments

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

- President Janice is engaging MGM Hotels again to bring volunteers for this year's Santa Clothes and we're thrilled the Fontainebleau Hotel team will be joining us for the first time! August 2025.
- President Janice presented The Just One Project with a check for \$2,500.00 in the name of each of our speakers this year. August 2025.
- As of September 4, the Canned Food Drive raised \$1,675 towards the \$12,500 goal. September 2025.

### **Check It Out!**

Through Amazon's Together We Give program, PE Greg Maguire secured a donation for Project 150 of backpacks and school supplies for high school students.

**CEO** 

#### **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:

# LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS 2025-2026

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# <u>President's Message</u>



This month, the Rotary Club of Las Vegas is proud to embrace the theme of innovation.

Whether it's exploring new approaches to advance our club's mission or celebrating the spirit of innovation that defines our vibrant city, we are committed to thinking creatively, acting boldly, and driving positive changes in our community.

Innovation doesn't always mean groundbreaking inventions—it

often starts with a mindset. What are ways we can support innovation in Rotary?

Embracing innovation as Rotarians means staying true to Rotary's core values, service, fellowship, integrity, leadership, and diversity—while being open to new ideas, technologies, and ways of thinking that can better serve our communities and strengthen our connections.

It's about asking better questions, listening deeply, and being willing to try new approaches to service, leadership, and fellowship. When we do that, we create Rotary experiences that are as dynamic, diverse, and engaging as the city we live in.

Janice

# **Volunteer Opportunities**

Community Service is the Heartbeat of the Las Vegas Rotary Club.



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

09/16	7:30am	Beckley - Breakfast/Snack Time with Books	Beckley Elementary
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	8:00am	One Drop Walk for Water	Springs Preserve
10/21	7:30am	Beckley - Breakfast/Snack Time with Books	Beckley Elementary

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# **Social and Special Events**

09/11	12:15pm	Guests of the Club: Bracken, Long & Hollingsworth
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	4:30pm	25 Club Meeting at Tiberti Classic.
10/03	5:30pm	Tiberti Classic Putting Tournament at Angel Park
10/09	12:15pm	Guests of the Club: Beckley Dearing & McCall ES
10/28	2:00pm - 4:00pm	VIP Tour - Mabel Hoggard Math & Science Magnet ES
11/13	12:15pm	Guests of the Club: Bracken, Long & Hollingsworth
12/04	6:00pm - 10:00pm	Holiday Party
12/5-12/7	All Week-end	RYLA
12/11	12:15pm	Guests of the Club: Beckley Dearing & McCall ES

### BREAKFAST/SNACK TIME WITH BOOKS

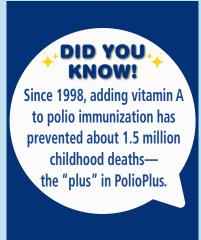
Will Beckley Elementary School
7:30am - 8:30am

#### First one this year!

Join us to set up and to help the kids pick out the perfect book to take home.

Let's make this special for the kids and parents that attend.







### September Rotarian Birthdays

Kimberly McMahon ... September 3
Janet Ravin ...... September 9
Caty Crockett..... September 12
Debra Howard..... September 22
Jerry Sennes ..... September 12

Jasmine Brown....... September 16
Rampur Viswanath .. September 16
Todd Walter..... September 19
Richard Jost ...... September 25



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# **Rotary History**

#### **COMMITMENT TO LITERACY CAME EARLY**

The Las Vegas Rotary Club's mission—**Teaching youth to succeed through literacy, education, and life skills development**—reflects its members' early initiatives as much as it does today.

In 1948, the primary service project of the Las Vegas Rotary Club focused on fundraising to supporting a citizens' committee to build a new library.

While awaiting municipal support, a temporary library was established in 1949 with financial contributions from the community including a \$8,300 donation from our Club. That is equal to \$110,712—or \$1,334 per person in current value.

It was a year later that the City Commission approved the land donation and allocated funds for construction, equipment, and books in the next year's budget. The historic library officially opened in 1952 at the intersection of Stewart and 4th

**Pictured:** Members of our club involved in that project including **Will Beckley (bottom left)** and **Walter Bracken (top right)**. We support both men's namesake elementary schools with volunteer work and mini-grants.

# **Scribe Notes**

**September 04, 2025** – **President Janice** called the meeting to order at 12:15pm, noting that September is Innovation Month. **Michael Williams** gave the Invocation, and **Shawn Sennett** led us in singing "God Bless America." **Kimberly McMahon** served as Sergeant-at-Arms and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Janice** thanked all who helped in today's meeting and welcomed back several Rotarians who had been traveling or absent for other reasons.

Three Rotarians introduced guests – Lin Ng, Rampur Viswanath, and Dr. Michael Williams. President Janice then noted today's guests at the President's Table; and the Club honored this month's birthday celebrants – PP Richard Jost and Rampur Viswanath; Deb Howard; and Kimberly McMahon.

There were several announcements: **25 Club President Mijung Lombardi** reminded of this evening's 25 Club Social/New Member Orientation; a dedicated 25 Club Social; and a Winery Tasting. **PP Steve Linder** reminded the Club of the opportunity to participate in the Salvation Army's Lunch service on September 20. **PP Karen Whisenhunt** reminded us of the Golf Putting Tournament on October 3, calling for golfers and sponsors to sign up. **PP Jim Hunt** reminded of the Cigar Social at the Krob residence on September 25. **PP Toni Kern** reminded of the SOAR Honors event on September 15 at 8:30am; and **Tina Bishop** pointed to the Volunteer Opportunity listed in The Wheel to join the first Breakfast with Books event of the year at Beckley Elementary. **President Janice** drew attention to this week's Member Spotlight on **Jerry Engel**; and **Dale Pelfrey** won this week's "Surprise and Delight," a Cirque du Soleil gift basket.

**PP David Thorson** inducted two new Las Vegas Rotary Club members: *Kathy Govereau* (introduced by **Nikki Junium**) and *Jack Romano* (introduced by **Larry Cohn**). **Larry** won the main raffle without drawing the Joker, and **PP Randy Campanale** won the Lawry Bucks.

**David Jones** introduced this week's speaker, his high school classmate **Rafael Villaneuva**, the CEO of Travel Nevada. **President Janice** presented him with a copy of the Club's Centennial Book and announced a donation in his name to the Just One Project. She adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.



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# **Pictures**



President Janice Lencke and Speaker Rafael Villanueva



Debi Howard received a Unite for Good Pin



Dr. Niki Brunetti and President Janice presented LIsa Motley with a Paul Harris Fellow Award



Head Table: Lin Ng, Larry Cohn, Kimberly McMahon, President Janice, David Jones, and Speaker Rafael Villanueva





Randy Campanale won the Lawry Bucks



PP Steve Linder, Pete Samuolis, Steve Kwon, Bob Peiser, Aaron Campillo and Melanie Muldowney







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# **Weekly Showcase**

#### We're Turning Up the Excitement at the Tiberti Golf Classic!

New this year: The Indoor Putting Green Challenge. Besides testing your skills on the beautiful course at Angel Park, the fun doesn't stop! Step inside and take your shot in our brand-new Indoor **Putting Green Challenge** — a fun way to give back and compete for great prizes.

**Just \$20 per person, per shot** – and it's all for a great cause!

Sink a hole-in-one and you'll be entered into a drawing to win your choice of:

- \$250 credit at ai Pazzi Italian Restaurant
- \$250 credit at Spa Aquae at the JW Marriott Hotel & Spa

All proceeds benefit our Annual Canned Food Drive, supporting families in need throughout the community.

#### **Welcoming Guests with Purpose**

At the Las Vegas Rotary Club, hospitality reflects our values. We welcome two types of guests 1) Prospective Members: vetted by a current member and genuinely interested in joining and 2) Personal Guests: Friends, family, or colleagues invited for fellowship, not membership.

To support growth, the club covers the costs of two meetings for prospective members who have been vetted by a member for potential membership. For personal guests, members kindly cover the cost. This thoughtful approach ensures strategic use of club resources, clarity and confidence when inviting quests, and a culture of generosity and intentionality.

If you are not sure how to classify your quest, reach out to the Membership Committee for quidance. Let's keep growing—together

# **Member Spotlight**

### **Stuart Lipoff**

President IP Action Partners, Inc. **Professional Electronics Engineer** 



Each week, **Stu Lipoff** diligently prepares the equipment required for our speaker presentations and live streaming of our meetings on Facebook. For many years, Stu has consistently provided this essential service and generously offers training to any member interested in learning.

We are fortunate to have such a capable individual as our weekly IT volunteer. Stu is a distinguished professional in the fields of electrical engineering, technology, and consumer electronics. His academic background includes undergraduate degrees in both Electrical Engineering and Engineering Physics, a master's degree in electrical engineering, and an MBA.

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Stu holds seven patents, is recognized with numerous awards in his profession, and is an accomplished author within his area of expertise. He divides his time between Las Vegas and Boston with his wife, Harriet.

He is recognized for sharing knowledge and supporting the community. As an FCC-licensed amateur radio operator, he volunteers in emergency communications. He also mentors' students at partner schools, supports Discovery Museum initiatives, and serves as a licensed substitute teacher in CCSD for K-12.

Fun Fact: It is not a surprise that Stu had a pilot's license before he had a driver's license!



# **More Meeting Pictures**





Welcome to these newly inducted Rotarians: Kathy Govereau and Jack Rogers



PP Richard Jost, Kimberly McMahon, Debi Howard and Rampur Viswanath





Michael Williams with his Brother Ted

Dale Pelfrey won the "Suprise and Delight"

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