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September 18, 2025

Miles Dickson

Nevada GrantLab, CEO and Founder



Miles Dickson is CEO of Nevada GrantLab, a nonprofit he founded in 2020 with a mission to support nonprofits and their government partners to successfully access and administer federal grants that benefit Nevadans and strengthen their organizations.

Prior to GrantLab, Miles worked as a consultant supporting local governments and nonprofit organizations for more than a decade and briefly served as Chief of Staff in the Nevada State Treasurer's Office. His career started in the region's world-class

hospitality and tourism sector.

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Miles has a Juris Doctorate from the Boyd School of Law and bachelor's degree in journalism from the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, both at UNLV, and is a graduate of UCLA Anderson School of Management's Executive Program.

A third-generation Las Vegan, Miles is deeply involved in the community, including serving on the Boards of Directors of Opportunity 180 and Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance, the Community Board of Jeremiah Program Las Vegas, and previously on the advisory boards of Guinn Center for Policy Priorities, Teach for America Las Vegas Valley, and William S. Boyd School of Law. He is also a proud tribal member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Upcoming Speakers

Innovation

Ice Age State Park

Due to: Formula 1

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Las Vegas Economic Future						
	10/02	Raleigh Midura	Switch	Executive VP Enterprise Sales		
	10/09	Dori Koren	Homeland Security & Investigative Service	Assistant Sheriff LVMPD		
	10/16	Peter Zierhut	HAAS Automation	VP Outside Operations		
	10/23	Jared Smith	City of Henderson	Economic Dev & Tourism Director		
	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	CEO Griz Global Solution		
	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 11, the Canned Food Drive raised \$1,880 towards the \$12,500 goal. September 2025

Check It Out!

PP Jim Kohl and the Santa Clothes program were recognized in Nevada Business Magazine highlighting the Club's \$20,000 contribution to Project 150.

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>



We've taken a hard look at the way things have always been done within our club, and asked the tough but necessary question: *Is there a better way to do this?*

This question isn't just about changing for the sake of change. It's about being intentional. It's about evolving so we can serve more effectively, engage more meaningfully, and adapt to a world that's constantly shifting.

Innovation doesn't always have to mean sweeping reform. Sometimes, it starts with small, personal shifts, how we communicate, how we plan meetings, how we welcome new members, or even how we think about service. These small steps create a ripple effect that can lead to broader, more impactful changes in our club culture.

We're not just keeping up—we're choosing to lead. And that begins with each of us being willing to reflect, to adapt, and to act.

Just like Las Vegas is known for its reinvention and energy, we too can lead with that same spirit, embracing bold ideas while staying grounded in our core values. That's how we stay relevant. That's how we grow. That's how we truly make a difference.

Janice

Volunteer Opportunities

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



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

09/20	1:00pm - 2:45pm	Serve Lunch at Salvation Army	Owens Campus
09/23	9:15am	Hollingsworth Breakfast/ Snack Time with Books	Hollingsworth
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
10/28	9:15am	Hollingsworth - Breakfast/ Snack Time with Books	Hollingsworth
11/18	7:30am	Beckley - Breakfast/ Snack Time with Books	Beckley Elementary

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Social and Special Events

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
10/15	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Wine on Water for Canned Food Drive
10/24	6:00pm - 10:00pm	Halloween Party at Antoinette's
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



12:15pm

12/11

SUPPORT THE LAS VEGAS
ROTARY CLUB'S CANNED FOOD
DRIVE

Guests of the Club: Beckley Dearing & McCall ES

DONATE TODAY

Let's come together to stock the shelves
— every can counts!





September Rotarian Birthdays

Kimberly McMahor	n 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

The little town that could...

Pictured below: 1920's Las Vegas. The Union Pacific Station is the back building on the left.

In 1923, Las Vegas wasn't much more than a hot and dusty whistlestop. The Union Pacific depot functioned as the main gathering location, where residents observed the evening train to Los Angeles as it stopped to take



on water. With the construction of the Dam looming, the Chamber of Commerce hired **Les Saunders** to promote Las Vegas to the world.

Les recounted an afternoon when he hurried to the depot to meet potential investors from the East during their brief stopover. These individuals had expressed *mild* interest in the **possible** development of desert land. Unfortunately, due to strong winds, they remained on the platform and refused to take a tour of the area, and the investment opportunity was lost.

One of the investors, intending to be humorous, asked Les if there was a place he could make up a Rotary meeting. It was a ridiculous question because Las Vegas was considered too remote and to small with only 2,300 people to be granted a Rotary Club charter. But sensing there might be an opportunity in that idea, Les reached out to the community leaders, produced some creative statistics, and eventually convinced Rotary International to experiment and give this little town in the desert a shot. Las Vegas Rotary Club became chartered April 5, 1923, and Les Saunders served a partial term as Las Vegas Rotary Club's first President.

Scribe Notes

September 11, 2025 – **President Janice** opened the meeting at 12:15pm. **Anil Melnick** delivered the Invocation honoring a 9/11 First Responder, followed by Larry Cohn leading the national anthem. **Kimberly McMahon** led the Pledge of Allegiance as Sergeant-at-Arms, and **President Janice** acknowledged meeting contributors.

PP Russ Swain introduced guest Deidre Wolownick, and **Mijung Lombardi** welcomed Mr. Alex Kim and Mr. Tum from the Las Vegas Korean American Association. **Stu Lipoff** and **Gwen Hall** introduced guests from local elementary schools, who thanked the LVRC for their support. **President Janice** highlighted quests at the President's Table.

Announcements included: a recap of the New Member Orientation, upcoming service project with Salvation Army (Sept 20), Cigar Social (Sept 25), Friends of the Rotary special project- hygiene drive, Tiberti Classic Putting Tournament in support of Youth Exchange (Oct 3), Halloween Party (Oct 25), Rotary Park Cleanup (Oct 18), Highway Cleanup followed by brunch (Oct 4), International Friendship Exchange to India (Jan 2026), and Beckley 'Breakfast/Snack Time with Books' (Sept 16). **Mijung Lombardi** also previewed fundraising events for the Canned Food Drive.

President Janice recognized **Stu Lipoff** who was featured in the Member Spotlight, recognized **PP Karen Whisenhunt** and **Sarah Thornton** for ongoing contributions, and conveyed District Governor Gilda Moshir's appreciation of our hospitality during her visit. A hospice patient's donation was used as a prize for the "Surprise and Delight" competition, won by **Rita Burton**.

Carolyn Sparks won and donated her winnings from the raffle jackpot back to the Club; **Bill Stieren** received the Lawry Bucks. **Peter Samuolis** introduced speaker Justin Hopkins of the Nevada Department of Transportation, who spoke on safety and innovations. **President Janice** presented him with a Centennial Book and announced a donation to the Just One Project. The meeting ended at 1:30pm.



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President Janice presents speaker Justin Hopkins a Centennial Book and a donation to the Just One Project



Head Table: Branton Blount, Pete Samuolis, Tarby Bryant, President Janice, our speaker Justin and his guest



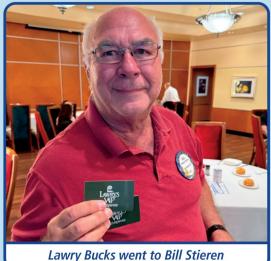
Rita Burton won the Surprise and Delight Moment



Mijung Lombardi with her two guests



President Janice with Carolyn Sparks who won the jackpot and donated her winnings back to the Club





PP David Thorson, Dierdre Wolownick and PP Russ Swain







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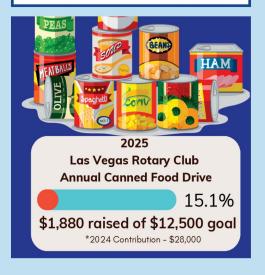




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Weekly Showcase

Green Our Planet's - Giant Student Farmers Market

Date: October 15 at 7:00am. Clark County Government Center. Market shopping: open to the public from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. At the Giant Student Farmers Market, students sell produce they have harvested, display their craft products, and develop business plans as part of a practical learning experience. The Club provides support with table set-up, delivering signs, covers, and tools required to operate each booth. **Please sign up in the Green Book. For additional information or inquiries, contact PP Toni Kern.**

Ghouls and Goblins for the Canned Food Drive

LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB HALLOWEEN PARTY- Friday, October 24 | 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Join your Rotary Family at Antoinette Monroe's haunted house. Please provide a potluck dish or a devilish brew. There will be great prizes for the Best Costume and Most Creative Ghoulish dish. Cast your bids at our Silent Auction if you dare. RSVP in the Green book or with Shawn Noorda. Members & Guests \$20.00 per person. All proceeds benefit our Salvation Army Canned Food Drive.

Essentials Training Class

PP Jim Kohl presented our Santa Clothes Community Service project at the September District 5300 Essentials Training Class. These zoom sessions are open to all Club Officers within District 5300 and cover a variety of topics including Membership, Inclusive leadership, Public image and marketing, Foundation, Youth programs, International Service and more! Upcoming dates for 2025 include: October 11, November 8, and December 12 with more scheduled in 2026.

Member Spotlight

Russ Swain

Managing Partner – Alera Group



This story is typical of Russ Swain-always looking for a way to be of service. In 2013, PP Russ went to Calgary to volunteer for an event with the Calgary Rotary Club (Murray's Club) and arrived a few days early. After learning that a severe flood in the region had displaced 100,000 individuals and caused significant destruction, PP Russ traveled to a nearby town "without a plan", where he found and assisted a family with the cleaning of their extensively damaged home.

He is an enthusiastic outdoorsman who participates in activities such as motorcycling, hiking, skiing, ATV riding, boating, and bird hunting. He

generously offers both his skills and equipment to support Club initiatives, including beach cleanups and alpine hikes.

Professionally Russ is in the Insurance and Surety business which he learned from his father, and he officially joined the firm in 1979. Russ contributed to its growth through several mergers and integration with Alera Group Las Vegas, where he is now Managing Partner. He also serves on the WestCare Foundation Board and has volunteered with the Wheelchair Foundation of Nevada.

Fun Fact: Russ is an avid hiker and has completed the Grand Canyon Rim to Rim multiple times!



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More Meeting Pictures



Gwen Hall with our guests from Laura Dearing Elementary School



Susan Ziobro exchanges flags with President Fabiano Furlan while visiting the Rotary Club Galashiels



Michael Williams with our Guests from Walter Long Elementary School



Stu Lipoff with our Guests from Hollingsworth Elementary School



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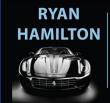
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