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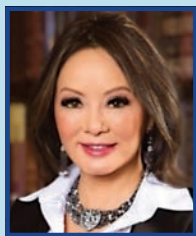


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October 30, 2025

## Kate Zhong, MD, MSc, FRCP(C) Jeffrey Cummings, MD, ScD

### Brain Health & Alzheimer's



**Dr. Kate Zhong** is a geriatric psychiatrist, pharmacologist, and trailblazer in Alzheimer's and brain health research. She is the Director of Innovation and a Research Professor in the Department of Brain Health at the Chambers-Grundy Center for Transformative Neuroscience, Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

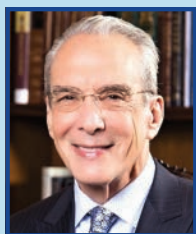
Dr. Zhong has held pivotal roles shaping the landscape of clinical research and brain health innovation. She served as **Senior Director of Clinical Research at the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health**, leading programs in Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, and traumatic brain injury. She later became **Chief Strategy Officer for the Global**

**Alzheimer's Platform (GAP)**, helping accelerate clinical trials and bring innovative treatments to patients worldwide.

At UNLV, she created the **"Brain Health and You"** community education series and established the Innovation Day Program. She has been recognized as an **Alzheimer's Ambassador** for her lasting contributions to the field.

Her leadership extends beyond science. As a founding member and Brain Health Champion of the **AARP Global Council on Brain Health**, she continues to shape the national dialogue on aging and brain health.

Dr. Zhong's achievements have been recognized with numerous honors, including the **Women of Distinction Award, the Minority Lifetime Achievement Award**, and recognition among the **Top 100 Women and Top 100 Doctors in Vegas** (2022–2024). She was also profiled in the PBS documentary *MAKERS: Women Who Make America* as one of Nevada's most influential women.



**Jeffrey Cummings, MD**, is the Joy Chambers-Grundy Professor of Brain Science, Director of the Chambers-Gundy Center for Transformative Neuroscience, and Co-Director of the Pam Quirk Brain Health and Biomarker Laboratory, Department of Brain Health, Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV).

Dr. Cummings is a Neurologist globally recognized for his contributions to Alzheimer's research, drug development, and clinical trials. He leads the UNLV Clinical Trials Observatory, which studies all drugs in current clinical trials for Alzheimer's disease to inform drug development decisions better. Dr. Cummings has been honored with the Henderson Award of the American Geriatrics Society, the Distinguished Scientist Award of the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry, the Leadership and Achievement Award by the International Society of CNS Drug Development, the Bengt Winblad Lifetime Achievement Award from the national Alzheimer's Association, International Psychogeriatric Association Distinguished Service Award, and the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation's Melvin R. Goodes Prize for Excellence in Drug Development.

Dr. Cummings is a Fellow of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Cummings was the founding director of the Mary S. Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research at UCLA and the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health. He has completed training in Neurology (Boston University) and Behavioral Neurology (Boston University), with additional training in Neuropsychiatry and Neuropathology (National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Queen Square, London).

Dr. Cummings has published 43 books and over 900 peer-reviewed papers on Alzheimer's disease, neuropsychiatry, and clinical trials.

## Upcoming Speakers

### Cornucopia

11/06	Frederick Hutchinson	Director of Operations/NV Greenlight Security, LLC
11/13	Tim Keener	President - Las Vegas Events
11/20	DARK	Due to: Formula 1
11/26	Jhone Ebert	Joint with Kiwanis Club - Superintendent Clark County Schools

## Our Club's Accomplishments

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

- **PP Jim Kohl presented a \$1,680 grant from Howard and Howard & the Las Vegas Rotary Club to the Xtreme Couture GI Foundation.**
- **The Tiberti Classic Putting Tournament raised \$5,006 for RYE and \$320 for the Salvation Army Canned Food Drive.**
- **As of October 25, the Canned Food Drive raised \$10,323 towards the \$12,500 goal**
- **Two Mini Grants, Quannah McCall and Walter Bracken Elementary Schools were approved by the Board, each for \$2,000.**

## Check It Out!

*We're creeping toward victory! At **82%** of our **Canned Food Drive** goal, our Halloween spirit paid off — just **four weeks left** to turn spooky generosity into a **full can-tastic win!***

## 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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Don Holland

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Antoinette Monroe

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## President's Message



Our city and the Las Vegas Rotary Club come alive during the fall season with cooler temperatures and exciting festivals and events such as the Las Vegas Food & Wine Festival and the new Universal Horror Unleashed, the newest attraction at Area 15.

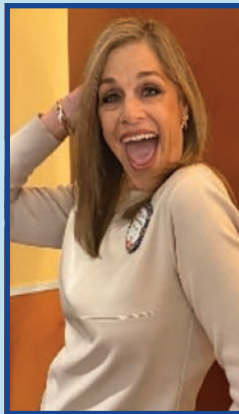
Halloween is a favorite time for many, enjoyed by both youth and adults, especially as we embrace the fun of decorating, celebrating together, and stepping outside our usual identities through costumes.

Meanwhile, we are hard at work planning to raise funds for our annual Salvation Army Canned Food Drive, a vital initiative supporting those in need within our community. We're also gearing up for our annual Santa Clothes program, bringing warmth and joy to local families during the holiday season.

Throughout the fall and winter seasons, the Las Vegas Rotary Club works tirelessly to bring cheer to our community through impactful initiatives and to celebrate our successes alongside our dedicated community partners.

*Janice*

## Say Hello!



Meet **Kathy Govoreau**—a true believer in the motto "*You Get What You Give.*" As part of the Govoreau & Junium Group at Berkshire Hathaway, she brings integrity, loyalty, and care to every client and every connection.

But Kathy's world isn't all real estate and listings—its family, laughter, and a little fine wine. Married with three children and five grandchildren, she treasures time spent together and finds joy in the simple things: a good glass of wine, a great song, a sunny patio, or a spontaneous trip.

Whether she's at a community event, happy hour, or hiking trail, Kathy's enthusiasm shines through. She reminds us that service—and life—are best enjoyed with a generous heart and a cheerful spirit. Please SAY HELLO! to Kathy.

## Rotary Etiquette Essentials

### **The Art of Engagement**

In Rotary, participation isn't optional—it's part of our DNA. Being a Rotarian means showing up, pitching in, and engaging with purpose. Fellowship over lunch is wonderful, but true Rotary spirit shines when we move from conversation to action.

**Good Rotary etiquette means saying yes** when service calls. Volunteer for a project, join a committee, or offer your talents to support an event. Whether you're reading to kids, serving meals, organizing fundraisers, or helping a fellow member, every act of service reflects our motto: *Service Above Self.*

Engaged Rotarians don't wait to be asked—they step forward, contribute ideas, and follow through. Participation builds trust, friendship, and the sense of belonging that makes our club so special. Remember: Rotary was built on action and connection—and there's always a place for you to jump in!

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# Volunteer and Event Highlights

## V - Volunteer Opportunity

### November

11/06	6:00pm–8:00pm	New member orientation and 25 Club Meeting at Elliott Harris's home
11/10	9:00am–12:00pm	V Hollingsworth Career Day
11/13	12:15pm	Guests of the Club: Bracken, Long & Hollingsworth
11/18	7:30am	V Beckley - Breakfast/Snack Time with Books
11/18	9:15am	V Hollingsworth Breakfast/Snack Time with Books
11/22	9:00am	V Backpack stuffing for Santa Clothes at the Boy Scout facility
11/26	12:00pm–1:30pm	Salvation Army Canned Food Drive Presentation at Lawry's

### December

12/04	7:30am–10:00am	V Santa Clothes
12/04	6:00pm–10:00pm	Holiday Party
12/5-12/7	All Week-end	V RYLA
12/10	6:00pm-8:00pm	25 Club Graduation, Randall Brody's home
12/11	12:15pm	Guests of the Club: Beckley, Dearing & McCall ES

### DID YOU KNOW!

Before RYLA campers arrived, Running Springs evolved from a timber camp to a Mountain escape, where Lucille Ball once mingled with the locals!

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### October Rotarian Birthdays

<b>Elliott Harris..... 10/3</b>	<b>Ricardo Barrera Jr. .... 10/24</b>
<b>Katherine Govoreau ..... 10/7</b>	<b>Jack Romano..... 10/28</b>
<b>Brock Fraser ..... 10/13</b>	<b>Lia Heavilin ..... 10/29</b>
<b>Shawn Noorda ..... 10/16</b>	



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## Rotary History

### From Comfort Stations to Global Sanitation



In 1907—just two years after Paul Harris founded the first Rotary Club in Chicago—members took on their very first community service project: building public “comfort stations,” or restrooms, in downtown Chicago. It may sound modest today, but at the time, the city had few public facilities, and Rotary’s effort dramatically improved sanitation, safety, and dignity for everyday citizens.

That single project did more than provide relief, transforming Rotary from a fellowship of professionals into the world’s first **Service Club**, setting the course for more than a century of action-driven compassion.

Today, that legacy continues on a global scale. Each year on **November 19**, the world observes **United Nations World Toilet Day**, spotlighting the 4.2 billion people who still live without safe sanitation and the 673 million who must defecate in the open.

Access to toilets remains one of the simplest, yet most powerful, ways to protect health, preserve dignity, and strengthen communities.

## Scribe Notes

Scribe Notes – October 23, 2025 - **President Janice Lencke** opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. **Jerry Engel** delivered a heartfelt invocation, sharing his favorite prayer and reminding members to “dwell in the moment.” **Jack Romano** led the singing of the National Anthem, and **Kathy Govoreau**, serving as Sergeant-at-Arms, led the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Janice** thanked all who helped make today’s meeting a success, including greeters, setup, ticket sales, and the AV team.

We welcomed visiting Rotarian **PP Jackie Thornhill**, along with guests of Rotarians: Katie French (guest of **Niki Junium**), Sandy Mullin (guest of **Jerry Engel**, and **Carey Grohs**), Guests of the club were also recognized. At the head table were **President Janice**, **Jason Frederico**, today’s speaker Jared Smith (City of Henderson Economic Development & Tourism), **Deb Howard**, **PP Steve Casey**, **Michael Cudiamat**, and **Antoinette Monroe**.

Announcements: • **Antoinette Monroe** invited members to the Haunted Halloween Party & Canned Food Drive at her home, featuring a costume and dish contest (judged by **Niki Brunetti** and **Kathy Govoreau**), registration support by **Susan Ziobro** and **Robert Salameh**, and silent-auction prizes including Raiders/Broncos box seats and a Ford Bronco off-road experience. • **Deb Howard** reported a successful Rotary Park Clean-Up, noting the park looks great despite a few no-shows • **Linda Peterson** announced that the Canned Food Drive is halfway to goal and reminded members of the New Member Orientation on November 6 (6–8 p.m. at Elliott Harris’s home) and 25 Club Graduation on December 10 • **Stu Lipoff** highlighted two volunteer events: Hollingsworth Career Day on November 10 (9 a.m.) and Breakfast with Books on November 18 (9:15 a.m.) **Gwen Hall** said Beckley ES had a banner day with 122 children and 70 adults — special thanks to **Deb Howard** and **Bob Peiser** • **Rosalee Hedrick** promoted the October 28 VIP Tour (2–4 p.m.) at Mabel Hoggard Elementary and a possible Animal Surgery Center tour in January • **PP Jim Kohl** and **Carey Grohs** provided a Santa Clothes update — the Engelstad Foundation matching challenge ended today, and 30th-anniversary ornaments are available for purchase. Backpack stuffing is November 22.

During “Surprise and Delight,” **PP Jim Hunt** shared his unforgettable Vegas Golden Knights Zamboni experience, while **President Janice** presented a framed photo of the moment to honor him.

**PP Russ Swain** led a lively live auction for the Raiders/Broncos luxury-box package - no bidders yet — \$1,900 face value per seat. This week’s Member Spotlight featured **Sarah Thornton**, whose work in communications and community service embodies Rotary’s spirit. A moving video celebrating Santa Clothes reminded everyone of Rotary’s impact on local children.

Raffle: **Robert Salameh** drew the winning ticket but did not find the joker; Lawry Bucks went to **Susan Ziobro**.

**Jason Frederico** introduced guest speaker Jared Smith, CECD, Director of Economic Development and Tourism for the City of Henderson, who presented insights into Henderson’s economic future and community growth initiatives. **President Janice** presented him with a Centennial Book and a certificate acknowledging a donation in his name to The Just One Project to fight hunger. **President Janice** adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m. following a group photo of the club.

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*PP Karen Whisenhunt & PP Caty Crockett*



*Jerry with his Guest Sandy Mullin*



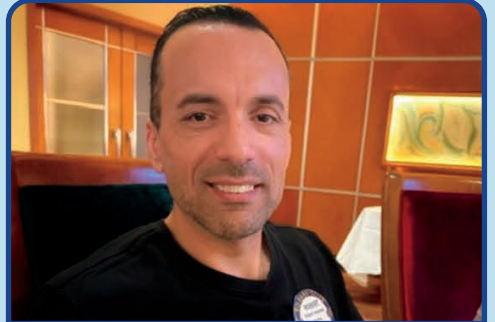
*PP's Steve Casey, Ginger Anderson & Russ Swain*



*Speaker Jared Smith with Antoinette Monroe*



*Guest Katie French & Nikki Junium*



*Robert Salameh did not pull the joker*



*Jason Frederico, President Janice & Speaker Jared Smith*



*Visiting Rotarian: PP Jackie Thornhill*



*Susan Ziobro won the Lawry Bucks*



*Kirk Holmes, Shawn Noorda, PP Kirk & DGD David (Thor) Thorson*



*PP Jim Kohl & Carey Grohs with Santa Clothes ornaments*

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**2025**

**Las Vegas Rotary Club  
Annual Canned Food Drive**

**\$10,323 raised of \$12,500 goal**

\*2024 Contribution - \$28,000

## Weekly Showcase

### Las Vegas Rotary Club Stands Strong to End Polio

To commemorate World Polio Day, our Rotary Club gathered on October 23rd for a vibrant group photo—united in our signature Rotary and Polio Plus shirts. The sea of red wasn't just for show; it's Rotary's symbol of courage, compassion, and commitment to ending polio forever. Red evokes the urgency of the cause and the hope that drives us forward—each shirt, each member, each photo telling the story of Rotary's promise to "Drop to Zero." Together, we honor the progress made and the work still ahead to ensure every child, everywhere, lives free from the threat of polio.

### Rotary vs. Kiwanis: Battle of the Cans!

On November 26, the Las Vegas Rotary Club will join longtime friends—and friendly rivals—the Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas for the annual Canned Food Drive luncheon benefiting the Salvation Army. For more than 70 years, the two clubs have turned this spirited competition into meaningful community impact, raising funds to help feed hungry families across our valley. Each year, hosting duties rotate between clubs, and this year the Kiwanis will welcome guests and feature Jhone Ebert, Superintendent of the Clark County School District, as keynote speaker. While one club will claim the coveted trophy, the true victory is feeding those who need it most.

Don't miss this exceptional annual meeting — where Rotary and Kiwanis come together for friendship, fun, and a shared purpose!

## Member Spotlight

**John Palley**

*Professional Attorney and Usher*



Meet John Palley — estate attorney by day, stadium usher by night, and proud Las Vegas by choice! After decades practicing probate and estate law in California and successfully guiding thousands of families through the process, John and his wife Kat made a "mid-life decision — not crisis" to start a new chapter under the Vegas lights.

When he's not helping clients plan for the future, you'll find him helping fans find their seats at Allegiant Stadium or cheering on the Golden Knights, Raiders, and Aces. A Rotarian since

2008 and member of the Las Vegas Rotary since 2021, John brings both professionalism and playfulness to everything he does.

Happily married to his best friend Kat, proud dad of two "grown" kids, and dog-dad to Elvis the mini-bernedoodle, John proves life's best plan is one filled with laughter, service, and a little Vegas sparkle.

**Fun Fact:** He is known to many as *Cabana John*, a storyteller and blogger. He blends travel tips, humor, and life lessons living in a 55+ HOA on his sites including: CabanaJohn.com and WanderingPalz.com. *Pop in and try to keep up — his mix of energy, humor, and heart keeps life anything but ordinary!*



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# Rotarians in Action



HALLOWEEN: Nikki Junium & Kathy Govoreau



HALLOWEEN: Rodney Tucker and Liz Rothwell



HALLOWEEN: Antoinette's Haunted House



HALLOWEEN: Costume Winners were Niki Brunetti and Rita Burton with PP Karen Whisehunt



HALLOWEEN: DJ Greg Maguire and Hostess Antoinette Monroe



HALLOWEEN: Tiffany & Rene Gamero



HALLOWEEN: Antoinette's Haunted House



HALLOWEEN: Kathy Govoreau, PP Karen Whisehunt and President Janice Lenke



HALLOWEEN: Deb Howard, Rodney Tucker, Dan Adamson, Michael Williams and Susan Ziobro



HALLOWEEN: Dan Adamson



ROTARY PARK CLEAN UP - PP Karen Whisehunt & Kathy Mahon



PE Greg Maguire is the winner for Amazon's TRUNK or TREAT decorating contest



HALLOWEEN: Antoinette's Haunted House



HALLOWEEN: Princess Deb Howard found a mini me!

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