



## UNITE FOR GOOD

December 11, 2025

# **Robbie Brown and Barrett McIntyre**

Red Rock Search and Rescue



**Robbie Brown** joined Red Rock Search and Rescue in October 2021 and is the Deputy Commander of Community Outreach. She is a field searcher who holds all 3 levels of certification as a Search and Rescue Technician from the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR). Robbie is an active member both as a searcher and with her role in expanding community outreach for the team. This year, thousands of children and adults in the Las Vegas area have learned about RRSAR and how to stay safe while exploring.

Robbie earned a BS in Elementary Education and taught in Alabama and North Carolina. She stepped away from teaching when her twins were born and is currently the mom of 3 teenage daughters. Robbie and her family moved to Las Vegas in October 2017

**Barrett McIntyre** joined Red Rock Search and Rescue in March 2023 and is the Deputy Commander of Training. He is a field searcher, a wilderness tracker, holds all 3 levels of certification as Search and Rescue Technician from the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR), and is a nationally accredited instructor and evaluator for NASAR. He is an active member spending countless hours searching, training, and working with community outreach.

Barrett is a graduate of Clark University, Worcester, MA with a degree in Environmental Studies. He retired from Intel Corporation as a Senior Engineer. Barrett served in the United States Air Force where he specialized in Cryptographic System Repair, and he also served in the United States Army as a Tank Commander. He and his wife relocated to Las Vegas 9 years ago.

# **Upcoming Speakers**

## **Las Vegas Community**

12/18 David Cheiken Fisher Bros., Head of Real Estate - Area 15
12/25 DARK Due to: Holiday Break

## The Future of Learning

01/01 DARK Due to: Holiday Break
01/08 Diana Bennett Rebels-EmpowHer - Founder

01/15 Sherry Morrow Alliance with Nevada State Medical Association, Past President

01/22 Ciara Byrne GoP Financial Literacy 01/29 Contestants 4 Way Speech - Club level

## Vegas The Fast Track

02/05 Sphere Executive The Sphere, Sales & Service

02/12 Shawn McCoy, PhD UNLV Lied Center Real Estate, Director Associate Professor

02/19 Steve Hill LVCVA, CEO & President, The Boring Company

02/26 Contestants Dan Stover Music Competition

# Our Club's Accomplishments

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

- The Las Vegas Rotary Club is proud to announce our \$1,000 contribution toward the decoration of the Rotary International float in the Rose Parade. We're honored to help highlight Rotary on a global stage.
- Our Holiday Party's Chinese auction added extra sparkle this year—raising \$1,500 to strengthen the Club's financials. Festive fundraising to help our bottom line!
- Guest speaker Timothy Keener generously donated NFR memorabilia, inspiring a competition that raised \$1,550 for Santa Clothes—thanks to the generous bids of Bob Werner, Nikki Junium, Dan Adamson, and PE Greg Maguire.

## Check It Out!

The 36th Annual Peace Conference will convene on January 24, 2026, from 8 a.m.—12 p.m. at the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda, offering distinguished speakers and forward-focused dialogue on global peacebuilding

#### **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:

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# **President's Message**



This month, our Club's theme is Vegas, Your Community. We should all take great pride in recognizing the ways we are present and making a meaningful impact in our community.

For Rotary International, this month highlights Family Month, with a focus on disease prevention and treatment. Globally, Rotary is also recognized for its signature project: the eradication of polio worldwide.

The holiday season brings immense joy to our Rotary Club and the communities we serve. Guided by our core value of Service Above Self, we continue to support the children in our community throughout the holidays—working hand in hand to create a lasting impact.

"Santa Clothes" was once again a spirited event, highlighting what truly matters in our community and the world—our youth. I also hope everyone enjoyed the Legacy Youth Orchestra at our annual holiday party and cherished the opportunity to socialize while reflecting on the memories of our own youth.

Janice

# **Say Hello!**

## **Clear the runway—Stockton Ballantyne has landed!**



Once a professional pilot, he's now navigating a different kind of turbulence: the wild world of Property & Casualty insurance with Alera Group. Spoiler: far fewer emergency checklists, but just as much problem-solving. Born and raised in Ogden, Utah, Stockton is also a Leap Year baby—meaning he's technically younger than most of us.

Off-duty, he's a high-energy mix of concerts, sports, golf swings, pickleball smashes, and hikes. At home, Stockton is a devoted husband, a proud dad, and the human to Bruce, the lovable pitbull.

He's bringing his humor, heart, and service mindset to the club, so let's give Stockton a warm LVRC welcome!

# **Rotary Etiquette Essentials**

### The Art of the Four Way Test

The Four-Way Test isn't just something we recite — it's a quiet reminder to pause and consider how we show up for one another. When conversations get spirited or perspectives differ, it invites us to ask: Am I being truthful? Fair? Am I speaking with goodwill?

It nudges us to listen a little better, choose words that build rather than bruise, and make space for every voice. Each meeting and project gives us a chance to practice these values in real time — to notice how our choices shape our culture, our friendships, and the way we lead together.

It also inspires the Rotary District's annual Four-Way Test Speech Competition, where high school students explore these same questions in their own lives and the future they will help create.



# **Volunteer and Event Highlights**

V - Volunteer Opportunity

12/11

## December

12/11	12:15pm	Guests of the Club: Beckley, Dearing & McCall ES
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5:00pm-9:00pm V Opportunity Village Magical Forest

12/16 2:30pm-4:30pm V Christmas Toy Distribution with the Salvation Army

## January

01/06 1:00pm-3:00pm Viticus VIP Tour

01/08 3:00pm Wetzel Awards at Nellis

01/10 9:00am Highway Clean-up & Brunch









## **December Rotarian Birthdays**

Steve Dixon12/2	David Jones
Brian Riley12/2	William Stie
Jason Frederico12/3	Randy Dona
Rob Pistone12/11	Jimmelle Tr
Elliotte Fajardo12/13	Robert Mar

David Jones	12/15
William Stieren	12/17
Randy Donald	12/19
Jimmelle Trijo	12/24
Robert Marshall	12/26



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# **Rotary History**

### **Rotary Banners, Vegas Style**

One of Rotary's most cherished traditions is the exchange of club banners — a custom that began rising in popularity in the 1950s, when traveling Rotarians carried small pennants from their home clubs to exchange during make-up meetings.

By 1959, Rotary International encouraged clubs to design banners that reflected their city's character, turning these little flags into stories in cloth and symbols of Rotary friendship around the world.

In true Vegas fashion, we took it even further. During the 1994–1995 Rotary year, after years of



planning, the club unveiled a dramatic curtain of banners featuring a bold Rotary Wheel and more than 500 banners worldwide. Preserved at UNLV and revived for our 2023 Centennial, it remains a vibrant reminder of Rotary's global connections.

# **Scribe Notes**

**November 26, 2025** –Kiwanis President Phil Colosimo opened this Annual Joint Meeting at 12:15, and Kiwanis members led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and in song and gave the Invocation. President Colosimo thanked those carrying out Club duties; introduced the President's Table; welcomed the nine Kiwanis Lt. Governors in attendance; and observed that their Club had celebrated its 100th Anniversary on October 4, 2025.

President Janice Lencke then called on PP Tom Krob to announce the election of four new board members — Andrew Thurlow, Sarah Thornton, Eric Schimmoeller, and Deb Howard. PP David Thorson presented President Janice with a Rotary flag from his visit to the Hiroshima Rotary Club in Japan. PP Russ Swain introduced his mentee, Stockton Valentine, who was then inducted into membership by PP David Thorson.

In the announcements: **PP Jim Kohl** noted the successful Backpack Stuffing event last week, and the approaching Santa Clothes next Thursday. The Santa Clothes Drive raised \$10K on behalf of PROJECT 150. **Liz Rothwell** gave the last update on the Holiday Party next week — there would be a Chinese Auction of vintage items, and she encouraged partygoers to try the Photo Booth that can produce "20-year regression" photos. She called again for attending members to submit youth photos for the "Guess the Rotarian" contest. **Susan Ziobro** reminded of the Christmas Toy Distribution on Dec 16 with the Salvation Army; **PP Brock Frasier** encouraged participation in the Opportunity Village Magical Forest on Dec 11; **Tina Bishop** reported that several Rotaract students from Clark HS had participated in a walk sponsored by **PP Tom Thomas'** generous donation to One Drop; and reported on the successful double-header Breakfast With Books at Beckley and Hollingsworth ES last week. **Mijung Lombardi** reminded everyone of the 25 Club Graduation Ceremony on December 10, hosted by **Randall Brody**. **President Janice** announced the next Highway Cleanup on Jan 10, 2026; and **Rosalee Hedrick** invited to the next Corporate VIP Tour at the Viticus Group on Jan 6, 2026. Finally, **Melanie Muldowney** correctly guessed the Thanksgiving-themed Surprise and Delight. There was no raffle this week.

Kiwanis **President Colosimo** introduced this week's speaker, the Superintendent of the Clark County School District (CCSD), Ms. Jhone Ebert, who gave a detailed overview of the successes in securing funding streams from the CCSD, despite the negative shock of COVID, and in sharply reducing teacher vacancies over the past five years.

**Major Kyle Smith** announced the results of the Canned Food Drive Fundraising competition between the Las Vegas Rotary Club and the Kiwanis. The Kiwanians outstripped the Rotarian, by the equivalent of 166K to 149K food cans. The Kiwanis get to take home the trophy, the for the first time in the last seven years. Kiwanis **President Colosimo** closed the meeting at 1:30pm.







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# **Pictures**



Kiwanis President Colosimo, Speaker Jhone Ebert, & Rotary President Janice Lencke



Kiwanis President Colosimo & Rotary President Janice Lencke



**PP-DGND David Thorson &** President Janice Lencke



New member induction of Stockton Valentine with Antoinette Monroe, PP Russ Swain, PP Dave Thorson, Larry Cohn, & President Janice



Head Table: Jhone Ebert, Jhone's guest, Bert Reiner, President Janice, PP Karen Whisenhunt, Kiwanian and Kwainis President Colosimo



Melanie Muldowney wins the Surprise and Delight





PP Russ Swain & PP Jim Hunt



**Bert Reiner &** PP Karen Whisenhunt



Eric Schimmoeller, Antoinette Monroe & Aaron Campillo



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# **Weekly Showcase**

#### **Interact Students Take On Walk for Water**



A generous gift from Past President Tom Thomas enabled 12 Clark High School Interact students to participate in One Drop's Walk for Water on October 18th at the Springs Preserve. The morning mixed advocacy and Vegas flair, featuring booths, activities, entertainment, and an energetic kickoff from Mayor Shelley Berkley and Cirque du Soleil performers. Students tackled the event's Bucket Challenge, carrying water-filled buckets along the

two-mile route—a powerful reminder of the millions who walk long distances daily for clean water. Advisor Luanne Wagner shared that the students loved the experience and hope to return next year. Thank you, Tom, for making this possible.

## **Angel Tree Family Shopping with The Salvation Army**

On December 16 from 2:30–4:30 p.m., Las Vegas Rotary Club will lend helping hands at The Salvation Army's Angel Tree Family Shopping event—one of the most heartwarming holiday programs in our community. Instead of pre-packed gifts, the Angel Tree model creates a cheerful "toy shop" where approved parents and guardians can personally select presents for their children. This simple act of choice brings dignity, empowerment, and joy to families who may be facing a difficult season. Rotarians will assist with greeting families, guiding them through the shopping area, organizing toys, and clothing, and helping ensure each child receives thoughtful gifts.

## **Shaping Ethics: The Four-Way Test Speech Series**

The Four-Way Test Speech Contest is officially underway! Each year, Rotary International District 5300 invites high school students across the region to explore Herb Taylor's timeless questions on truth, fairness, goodwill, and benefit to all. This year's theme—Unite for Good—encourages students to reflect on how ethical leadership can strengthen communities. Beginning February 1 and continuing through May 23, 2026, contestants advance through Club, Area, and Regional levels, culminating in the District finals at the District Assembly. Along the way, students deliver thoughtful, often inspiring perspectives that reimagine the Four-Way Test for today's world. Our club competition is scheduled for January 29th.

# **Member Spotlight**

## **Bert Reiner - Witness to History and Builder of Joy**



Bert Reiner is the kind of person whose life makes you lean-in a little closer the moment he starts talking. Born in Germany, Bert survived the Holocaust by emigrating to China, where he then proceeded to live through World War II, the Shanghai Ghetto, the Japanese occupation, and the Communist invasion. By the time he arrived in the U.S. in 1948, he had already navigated more history than most textbooks could fit. He later chronicled his extraordinary journey in his memoir, *My Journey from Shanghai to Las Vegas*—a title that hints at the adventure but hardly captures the resilience behind it.

Bert earned his engineering degree from RPI and then spent 50+ years shaping the toy industry. If you ever hugged a Cabbage Patch Kid, mastered ColecoVision, or owned a toy durable enough to endure a sibling rivalry, you've enjoyed Bert's handiwork. He held key roles at A.C. Gilbert, Ideal Toy, and ultimately became Senior Vice President at Coleco, leaving his mark on some of the most iconic toys ever made. Today, Bert enjoys genealogy, stamp collecting, bonsai, koi, golf, and traveling the world. His late wife, Sandy, remains a beloved part of his story, as do their three children and eight grandchildren.

**Fun Fact:** Bert just returned from Iceland—his 52nd country!



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## **Rotarians in Action**



Holiday Party: Past Presidents 2025 portrait



Santa Clothes: PP Toni Kern, Henderson Mayor Michelle Romero, & Rene Gamero



Santa Clothes: Deborah Young Yock, principal Laura Dearing ES & Gwen Hall



Santa Clothes: Rodney Tucker, PP Tom Krob, Gino Reyes, & PEE Mike Cudiamat



Santa Clothes: PP Jim Hunt, President Janice Lencke. & Howie Hopkinson



Santa Clothes: DG Gilda Moshir



Santa Clothes: Shawn Noorda



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Santa Clothes: Karen & Tom Whisenhunt



PP Tom Thomas, & Carey Grohs



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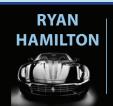
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