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December 18, 2025

# **David Cheikin and Andrew Lanzino**AREA15



**David Cheikin** serves as **Head of Real Estate for Fisher Brothers**, a fourthgeneration real estate company that owns, manages, and operates an 8 million square foot portfolio of office buildings, residential buildings and entertainment complexes across the United States.

Since joining the firm in 2023, David has overseen the company's asset management, leasing, property management, security, and engineering groups for Fisher Brothers commercial and residential portfolio. David's team also runs Ease Hospitality, Fisher Brothers' luxury amenity, meeting, and conferencing platform.

Cheikin has almost three decades of experience in strategic real estate initiatives, including ground-up development, large-format redevelopment, leasing, and investment management. Before Fisher Brothers, he was Executive Vice President at Columbia Property Trust and prior to CXP he spent 16 years at Brookfield Properties, serving most recently as Executive Vice President and Head of the New York and Boston regions. His prior asset management and leasing projects include the ground up development of the 7 million square foot Manhattan West NY, repositioning of the eight million square foot mixed use project Brookfield Place NY and the transformation / updating of the multi-sector Potsdamer Platz in Berlin, Germany.

Cheikin holds an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis (2003) and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Environmental Studies from the University of Rochester (1997).).



**Andrew E. Lanzino III** is the **Chief Growth Officer of AREA15**, where he architects the strategy, experiences, and revenue engines driving one of the most innovative entertainment campuses in the world. He leads the evolution of public programming, membership, guest experience, retail, partnerships, and immersive concept development, positioning AREA15 for its next era of expansion.

A strategist with a bias for action, Andrew has spent more than two decades transforming organizations across entertainment, hospitality, retail, healthcare, and education. Before joining AREA15, he served as SVP of Strategy and Citywide

Events at MGM Resorts International, directing enterprise strategy and overseeing Las Vegas' largest showcases, including the Formula 1 Las Vegas Grand Prix and Super Bowl LVIII.

Andrew's operational edge was forged in the U.S. Air Force during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he coordinated high-stakes logistics for Air Force One personnel and press. Clarity under pressure and execution without hesitation still drives how he leads.

In addition to his executive work, Andrew is the author of Apex Competitor, a strategy book published by Financial Times and releasing in early 2026. He teaches strategic management at UNLV, speaks on competitive advantage and organizational design, mentors emerging leaders, and advises nonprofits on long-range strategy.

He holds an MBA and a Bachelor's in Finance from UNLV and is currently pursuing his PhD with a focus on strategy, tourism, and governance.

# Our Club's Accomplishments

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

- The Club proudly presented \$3,000 to Jennifer Strobel of Families for Effective Autism (FEAT) to support their Family Break Program
- A loyal Santa Clothes Volunteer donated \$250 to kick off Santa Clothes 2026.
- 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!

### Check It Out!

Rotary rolls into the 2026 Rose Parade—service in full bloom! Grab coffee, claim the couch, and watch Rotary shine on New Year's Day.





#### **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>



Rotarians emphasize a strong sense of community, often referring to one another as "family" or part of a global family." This sentiment is especially highlighted during the holiday season and throughout December. It is expressed in club communications and events, underscoring the bonds of fellowship and shared purpose among members—year-round, and especially during times of celebration and giving.

Be sure to support our Las Vegas community by enjoying our dynamic annual events, including holiday-themed attractions such

as Glittering Lights at the Speedway, Ethel M Botanical Cactus Garden Lights, Magical Forest, and Enchant Christmas.

"As we gather for the last meeting of our Las Vegas Rotary Club this year, let us reflect on the many positive events and cherished memories of the past months, celebrate this joyous season, and look forward with excitement to a new calendar year."

Wishing every Rotarian, along with their friends and family, a joyous and prosperous New Year!

Janice

# Say Hello!

### Meet our new 25 Club President, Elliott Harris.



From island beginnings to the world's biggest economic stages, Elliott Harris brings a truly global story to our Rotary family. Born in the Bahamas and raised in Trinidad, Elliott studied German, Russian, and International Relations at the University of Miami and Georgetown University before wisely pivoting to economics in Germany. That decision launched a remarkable career: 25 years with the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C., followed by a move to the United Nations in New York, where he retired in 2021 as Chief Economist. Not a bad career "course correction."

Las Vegas has been part of Elliott's life since 2014, with a permanent move in 2023 after years of commuting from New York. He enjoys the city's culture, especially classical music and dance. A lifelong singer, he once performed for Pope John Paul II. We're delighted to have his global perspective in Las Vegas Rotary. **Say hello to Elliott!** 

**November Rotary Proud Award - Antoinette Monroe:** During our Canned Food Drive, Antoinette stepped in at a key moment and helped move the project forward in an extraordinary way. She hosted a festive Halloween fundraiser and secured donated game tickets that generated an additional \$4,000. Her efforts played a meaningful role in helping the club surpass its \$12,500 fundraising goal.

# **Rotary Etiquette Essentials**

#### The Art of Fellowship: Beyond the Weekly Meeting

Rotary fellowship doesn't end when the meeting bell rings. True Rotary connection means checking in on one another, sharing laughter, and lending a hand. As the year winds down, take a moment to reach out to a fellow Rotarian — someone you sit beside every week, or perhaps someone you haven't seen in a while. A quick call, a kind note, or a simple "thinking of you" can mean more than you realize.

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# **Social and Special Events**

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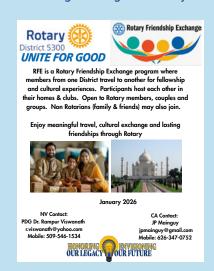
### January

01/06 1:00pm-3:00pm Viticus VIP Tour
01/08 3:00pm Wetzel Awards at Nellis
01/10 9:00am V Highway Clean-up & Brunch

#### **Surprise & Delight:**

I am a British restaurateur, tv personality and I'm famous for The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills. I love the color pink, and I have restaurants and lounges throughout the city! Who Am I?









### **December Rotarian Birthdays**

Steve Dixon12/2	David Jones12/15
Brian Riley12/2	William Stieren12/17
Jason Frederico12/3	Randy Donald12/19
Rob Pistone12/11	Jimmelle Trijo12/24
Elliotte Fajardo12/13	Robert Marshall12/26



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# **Rotary History**

#### **Dan Stover Music Competition-38 years**

The Dan Stover Music Competition was created to honor beloved **Rotarian Dan Stover**—a devoted educator, accomplished musician, and Past District Governor—who believed deeply in music's power to inspire connection. Often seated at the keyboard of his signature "Rotary" organ, Dan brought warmth and camaraderie to club gatherings across the District. His life blended service and song, and his presence left a lasting impression on everyone who heard him play.

In 1987, despite declining health, Past DG Dan Stover attended the District 5300 Conference to celebrate his friend Dr. Tim Keen Siu's installation as District Governor. When music was needed, Dan rose, walked to the organ, and delivered a heartfelt

performance—his final gift to Rotary. He passed away shortly thereafter. To honor his legacy, the Rotary Club of Alhambra established the Dan Stover Memorial Music Scholarship, which grew into a district-wide competition. The program awards cash prizes at the Club, Regional, and District levels, with District Champions typically earning \$4,500—\$5,000, depending on participation.

# **Scribe Notes**

**December 11, 2025 - President Elect Greg Maguire** called today's meeting to order at 12:13pm. **PP Tom Krob** led invocation in prayer, including a speedy recovery for **PP Jim Tucker**. **PP Jim Hunt** spread the Christmas spirit in leading us singing "Jingle Bells". **Jack Romano** was Sergeant-at-Arms and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **PE Greg** took a selfie of the meeting to send to **President Janice** and thanked all who helped in today's meeting.

Recognizing guests of Rotarians, Mijung Lombardi and Don Holland introduced their guests. Matt Nelson introduced son of PP Mike Meyers, John, as his guest. Larry Cohn introduced his neighbor, a former Rotarian from Orange County, as a guest of the club. PE Greg recognized the Education Table. Gwen Hall introduced Beckley ES Principal Shannon Brown and McCall ES Principal Amanda Lush. Gwen then presented Deering ES with a \$2k mini grant, and recognized Bob Peiser for his work with Deering ES. PE Greg recognized the Head Table, and shared fun facts on "this day in history." Celebrating at the Birthday Table today was Steve Dixon, Randy Donald, and David Jones. Shawn Sennett led us in singing "Happy Birthday!" to all Rotarians. PE Greg then levied fines to the birthday table, Matt Nelson for attendance, and Dan Adamson for sponsoring PE Greg.

PP Tom Krob recognized newly elected President Elect-Elect Michael Cudiamat. Rosalee Hedrick announced the Viticus corporate tour. Sarah Thornton highlighted Bert Reiner in Member Spotlight in the Wheel and asked all for profiles and pix be sent to Tina Bishop. David Jones announced the 4 Way Test Speech Contest and are still accepting contestants for the Dan Stover Music Contest. Larry Cohn announced our major fundraiser this year is a city-wide pickleball tournament April 18 called the Paul Revere Pickleball Tournament and is forming a pickleball committee for the event. Toni Kern gave a special thanks to Tom Thomas and recognized Clark HS for supporting One Drop Walk for Water. PP Brock Fraser announced the Magical Forest tonight at 5pm. PP Steve Linder announced the Salvation Army Toy Distribution event next Tue Dec 16. DGND David Thorson announced the combined Q3/Q4 Wetzel Awards on Jan 8. Mijung Lombardi recapped the 25 Club graduation hosted by Randall Brody.

**PE Greg** announced opportunities for international trips, thanked all who helped in the holiday party, and presented **Carey Grohs** and **Jim Kohl** with a \$250 check to kick-off Santa Clothes next year. **PE Greg** then presented Families For Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) with a \$3k community grant, and recognized **Antionette Monroe** as Member of the Month. In the raffle, Larry Goldstein did not find the Joker. Beckley ES Principal, Shannon Brown won Lawry's Bucks.

**PEE Mike Cudiamat** introduced our guest speakers from Red Rock Search and Rescue, Robbie Brown and Barrett McIntyre. **PE Greg** presented Robbie and Barrett with a club service award towards The Just One Project in their name and our club's centennial book and adjourned the meeting at 1:32pm.



#### Aris Lazarou

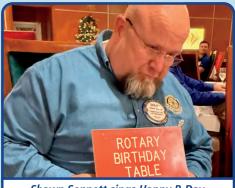


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# **Pictures**



Shawn Sennett sings Happy B-Day



Steve Dixon, David Jones & PP Randy Donald



PP Toni Kern with Rotarian guest



PE Greg Maguire with speakers from Red Rock Search and Rescue



Head Table: Toby Kleff, PEE Mike Cudiamat, Speakers from Red Rock Search and Rescue and PE Greg Maguire



Dan Adamson in cowboy gear. FINE!!!



Principal Shannon Brown won the Lawry Bucks



Larry Goldstein's number picked for raffle



Principal Deborah Young Yock and Gwen Hall



PE Greg Maguire awards \$3,000 grant to Jennifer Strobel, Families for Effective Autism (FEAT)







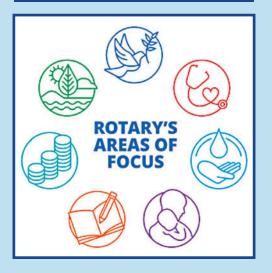
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# **Weekly Showcase**

### Three Programs. One Purpose. Inspiring the Next Generation.

From music to writing to public speaking, Rotary's youth competitions challenge students to express talent, values, and leadership through creativity and ethics.

- A Lasting Legacy: the Dan Stover Competition. For the 2025–26 program year, clublevel contests run from February through early March, with each club's winning performer advancing to the district competition. District-level judging concludes in late March, and finalists will perform at the District Learning Seminar in May, where the overall winner is announced.
- Words That Matter: the 2026 Rotary Ethics Essay Contest. The District is excited to launch a brand-new initiative for District 5300: the 2026 Rotary Ethics Essay Contest. This contest invites high school students to examine real-life ethical dilemmas using Rotary's Four-Way Test. The competition begins at the club level in late February and runs through early March, with winning essays advancing to District judging in March. Top essays will be recognized and shared at the District Learning Seminar in May, fostering thoughtful dialogue and ethical leadership.
- Shaping Ethics: The Four-Way Test Speech Series. The Four-Way Test Speech Contest is underway! Rotary International District 5300 invites high school students to explore Herb Taylor's timeless guestions of truth, fairness, goodwill, and benefit to all. This year's theme, Unite for Good, challenges students to consider how ethical leadership strengthens communities. The contest runs February 1 through May 23, 2026, advancing through Club, Area, and Regional levels, and culminating at the District Assembly. Our club competition is scheduled for January 29.

# **Member Spotlight**

#### **Anil Melnick - B With A Twist Catering**



If you've ever wondered what happens when an artist, a tech pioneer, and a business strategist all walk into a catering company... you get Anil Melnick. Since 2010—when B With A Twist Catering first fired up its ovens—Anil has poured two decades of business savvy into growing the family startup into a culinary powerhouse serving more than **900 events a year** across Las Vegas.

Before becoming the wizard behind the catering curtain, Anil earned a BA from Vassar and an MFA in Photography from the School of Visual Arts. His creative work has even been exhibited at the Philadelphia Museum of Art—yes, the one with those famous Rocky steps. In the early 1990s, he helped lead the shift from traditional to digital photography, rising from Retouching

Technician to General Manager of a printing plant. Las Vegas swept him up in 2003, where he later headed marketing teams for several homebuilders.

A world traveler, sports enthusiast, museum wanderer, music lover, and proud dad, Anil brings curiosity and heart to everything he does. And Rotary? "A wonderfully generous community," he says, "that challenges me every week to do the most good."

Fun Fact: Anil was a founding member of the band Royal Trux—appearing on their gloriously gritty 1987 debut album. Look it up and rock on!



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# **Rotarians in Action**



Santa Clothes: The team debriefing at a UFC fight. Dan Adamson, Jim Kohl, Rene Gamero and Howie Hopkinkson



Opportunity Village: Linda Peterson, Anil Melnick, & Michael Williams



Opportunity Village: Linda Peterson, Don Holland and Santa



Holiday Party: Kathy Govoreau, Nikki Junium and "Elvis"



25 Club Graduation: Stockton Ballantyne & Aaron Campillo



25 Club Graduation: President Janice Lencke



25 Club Graduation: Hosts Connie & Randall Brody



Opportunity Village: Don Holland, Linda Peterson & Randy Campanele



Holiday Party: Rodney Tucker & Liz Rothwell









25 Club Graduation: President Janice Lencke, 25 Club President Mijung Lombardi and Larry Cohn honor 25 Club graduates: Nikki Junium, Shawn Sennett, Linda Peterson, and Lin Ng



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