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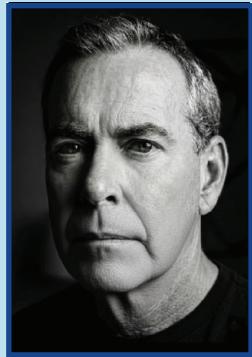


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Before joining Sphere, Walshe spent more than a decade as CEO of Viceroy Hotels & Resorts, where he led the company through significant global expansion and brand evolution. His career spans over 25 years in luxury hospitality and entertainment, holding senior roles with internationally recognized brands across Europe, the Middle East, and the United States.

A leader known for operational excellence, guest-experience innovation, and high-performance culture building, Walshe delivers a global perspective and a passion for creating transformative customer experiences.

Upcoming Speakers

Vegas The Fast Track

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 - Club Level

International Project Update



PEE Mike Cudiamat returns with an exciting update on our club's participation in Project C.U.R.E. Through this innovative program, life-saving medical supplies are packed into suitcases and hand-delivered to clinics in need—reaching communities traditional aid often cannot. Each kit includes essential items such as wound care supplies, gloves, sutures, and diagnostic equipment.

Mike will share both the impact and the journey.

Our Club's Accomplishments

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

- Sarah Thornton, Director was recognized by District 5300 for her leadership in the Rotary Public Image Roundtable and her outstanding work strengthening club social media and promoting our End Polio Now event.
- Twenty-five members signed up for our first 25 Club meeting and social of the New Year—an energetic start to 2026.
- On behalf of our Club, PP James Kohl presented a Centennial Medallion to UNLV's top graduating student and Valedictorian for 2025, Allister Dias.

Check It Out!

Next week we reset the room for romance at our annual Sweethearts Luncheon—memories on screen, an engaging speaker, and prime rib done the Lawry's way. RSVP for you and your guest.

WHAT IS ROTARY?

2025 - 2026
Rotary International President
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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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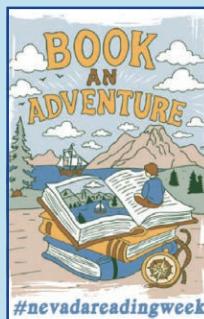


Las Vegas is firmly on a development fast track for 2026 and beyond, fueled by major investments in hospitality, infrastructure, sports, and entertainment. From landmark projects like The Venetian renovation and the Vanderpump Hotel to transformative infrastructure such as Brightline and the Vegas Loop, along with the A's Stadium and new attractions like the Museum of Ice Cream, the city is redefining itself. Supported by a robust convention schedule and a strategic push to diversify beyond gaming into technology, warehousing, and broader economic growth, Las Vegas is positioning itself as a true 21st-century powerhouse.

This month's theme, **"Vegas: The Fast Track,"** perfectly aligns with that momentum. *"The Fast Track Rotarians are always on the move"* resonates with the rapid evolution of Las Vegas, as both embody a high-energy commitment to growth and impact. Just as the city continually advances through innovation and investment, local Rotarians proactively drive community development and meaningful service initiatives—ensuring that progress benefits everyone.

Janice

"Book an Adventure" with Nevada Reading Week – March 2-6



Nevada Reading Week celebrates the joy and importance of reading. Our club is invited to participate at our six supported schools: Beckley, Bracken, Long, McCall, Hollingsworth, and Dearing. Although not required, volunteers may also attend the kickoff **webinar** on February 28 at 8:30 a.m. (3.5 hours), which includes a mailed children's book and a four-hour professional learning certificate from the Nevada Department of Education. Sign up instructions for each school is in the green book.

Webinar Registration:

<https://sites.google.com/doe.nv.gov/nevada-reading-week>

Rotary Etiquette Essentials



The Art of Consideration. Each week, Lawry's graciously welcomes Las Vegas Rotarians, supported by a dedicated team of servers, kitchen staff, and management. Please extend the same kindness and respect to the Lawry's team that we show one another. When possible, **take a moment to learn and use their names — just as we do with fellow Rotarians** — because being acknowledged by name reflects Rotary values in action.

Equally important is your RSVP. Accurate reservations allow Lawry's to prepare meals, staff appropriately, and ensure everyone has a seat. Late arrivals or unregistered guests create unnecessary stress for the dining room and kitchen. By confirming attendance and being mindful during service, we help ensure a smooth meeting and show appreciation for those who make our Rotary fellowship possible.

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Social and Special Events

February

02/07	1:00pm-4:00pm	Pickleball. Polio. Play - District 5300 Southern Nevada End Polio Now Fundraiser
02/12	12:15pm	Guests of the Club: Beckley Dearing & McCall ES
02/12-02/17	Varies	Mayors Cup
02/17	7:30am	Beckley - Breakfast/Snack Time with Books
02/24	8:30am	Hollingsworth Breakfast/Snack Time with Books

March

03/02-03/06	Varies	Nevada Reading Week: Beckley & Hollingsworth
03/12	12:15pm	Guests of the Club: Bracken, Long & Hollingsworth
03/17	7:30am	Beckley - Breakfast/Snack Time with Books
03/20	6:00pm	Cigar Social
03/20-03/22	All Weekend	TLC - Teen Leadership Camp, 8th graders, Camp Cedar Crest
03/24	8:30am	Hollingsworth Breakfast/Snack Time with Books

April

04/01	6:00pm	Wine to Water
04/09	12:15pm	Guests of the Club: Beckley Dearing & McCall ES
04/11	7:00am-7:30pm	Touch a Truck, Downtown Summerlin
04/11	9:00am	Highway Clean-up & Brunch
04/18	12:00pm-3:00pm	Annual Fundraiser – Open Invitational Pickleball Tournament, Chicken N Pickle
04/21	7:30am	Beckley - Breakfast/Snack Time with Books
04/21	8:30am	Hollingsworth Breakfast/Snack Time with Books
04/22	7:00am-8:30am	Green Our Planet Spring Giant Student farmers Market, DT Summerlin

DID YOU KNOW!

Rotary International designates February as **Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month**, recognizing that lasting peace grows from strengthening communities and addressing poverty, inequity, lack of education, and social division.



February Rotarian Birthdays

Rao Puvvada.....	2/1	Steve Casey	2/8
Steve Stern	2/2	Ryan Hamilton.....	2/23
Pete Samuolis.....	2/2	Bill Stephan	2/24
Bob Werner	2/5	Stockton Ballantyne.....	2/29



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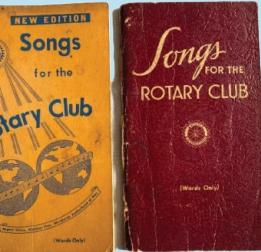
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Rotary History

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In Rotary's early days, fellowship often started with a song. Weekly meetings in the 1910s and 1920s regularly opened with group singing, led by a designated song leader and a trusty piano. The tradition dates back to 1905, when Chicago **Rotarian Harry L. Ruggles** — the fifth Rotarian

— introduced singing as a simple way to build camaraderie. It caught on quickly and soon became part of Rotary's DNA.

To support the tradition, Ruggles' company published an early book of songs filled with patriotic tunes, familiar melodies, and original Rotary lyrics written by anonymous Rotarians. The first official songbook, *Songs for the Rotary Club*, appeared in 1918 with lyrics only; musical notation followed in 1925.

Original songbooks are preserved today in the Rotary International Archives in Evanston, Illinois.

Scribe Notes

January 29, 2026 - President **Janice Lencke** opened the meeting at 12:13pm. **Anil Melnick** gave the invocation. **Dr. Michael Williams** led the song. **Debra Howard** as Sergeant-at-Arms led the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Janice** thanked everyone for performing the day's duties.

The club welcomed 1 Visiting Rotarian from San Antonio, 0 International Guest Rotarians, and 1 guest of the Club. **President Janice** introduced the head table. All PP in attendance joined **President Janice** in honoring **Jerry Engel** as an Honorary Member of the Club. **Jerry Engel** gave an acceptance speech. **President Janice** introduced **PP David Thorson** and **Larry Cohn** who inducted and welcomed **Steve Stern** as the newest member of our Rotary Club. President Janice welcomed back **Laura Perkins** and **Jack Romano**.

In announcements: **Larry Cohn** reminded and invited all to new member orientation on February 5th, 6pm at **Antoinette Monroe's**. President of the 25 Club **Elliott Harris** invited all members to attend the next 25 Club event. Surprise and Delight was won by **Laura Perkins**. Raffle winner **Elliott Harris** who DID NOT pull the joker. Lawry Bucks was won by **Kathy Mahon**.

President Janice welcomed **Larry Goldstein** to the podium who welcomed Rotarians and friends to the Las Vegas Rotary Four Way Speech competition. **Larry Cohen** escorted the four guests into the lobby. **Larry Goldstein** asked that Rotarians and guests remain quiet, turn off phones, and to refrain from applause after each speaker. Spoiler Alert: this request was respectfully denied. Polite claps proceeded each speaker. **Larry Goldstein** explained how the contestants were chosen, how their speaking order was chosen, and time regulations. Each contestant entered and gave their speech.

Larry Goldstein asked the four contestant up to the front where they introduced themselves, current school, grade, their guests, and a bit about themselves. **Larry Goldstein** welcomed and thanked Toast Masters International for their support. Each of the Toast Masters attending were introduced. The winning order was announced by **Larry Goldstein**. 4th place Victoria. 3rd place Angelina. 2nd place Makayla. 1st place Nora.

President Janice congratulated and instructed the contestants on who to see for their winnings. **President Janice** thanked **Larry Goldstein**. **President Janice** adjourned the meeting at 1:38pm.



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Past Presidents honor Jerry Engel while inducting him as an Honorary Member



Nancy Anderson



Honorary Member Jerry Engel & his daughter



Laura Perkins is back and won
Surprise & Delight



Aaron Campillo



Kathy Mahon wins the Lawry Bucks



Elliott Harris did not pull the Joker



Master of Ceremonies - Larry Goldstein



Larry Goldstein with the 4 High School participants of the Four Way Test Speech Competition



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Member Spotlight

Randy Campanale



Born in Chicago and raised on stories far too colorful to print, Randy Campanale arrived in Las Vegas at age 12 when his family—like many others—came west for a fresh start and an honest living. By 14, Randy was already working at the legendary Alpine Village restaurant, a hotspot of the era that gained unexpected fame when it was bombed twice with plastic explosives while he was working. Yes... really.

At Valley High School, Randy helped lead the varsity soccer team to two undefeated seasons, earning All-Conference Fullback honors by unanimous decision. He later graduated from UNLV's College of Business and Economics (now the Lee School of Business), where he would go on to be named a Distinguished Alumnus and receive the UNLV Alumni Association's Achievement in Service Award.

A Past President of the Las Vegas Rotary Club, Randy currently serves as a Senior Member of the Rotary Club Foundation Board and volunteers with LVMPD. Married to Karen, father of four sons, and grandfather to two granddaughters, Randy is deeply guided by family and community. A prolific reader, he starts every day with the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, and the Review-Journal. He spends his "off hours" exploring history, geopolitics, and foreign policy—because even retirement apparently requires homework.

Fun Fact: Randy has flown—and partially piloted—both an F-16 and an F-15, breaking the sound barrier twice. His inner 12-year-old refuses to retire the dream



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PEE Michael Cudiamat diving in the Philippines



Project C.U.R.E. presentation with PEE Michael Cudiamat



President Janice at Preview Las Vegas



President Janice and Lea Heavilin at Preview Las Vegas Event



New Member Induction: President Janice, PP David Thorson, new member Steve Stern, his wife, and Larry Cohn



President Janice Lencke with Jerry Engel



PEE Michael Cudiamat returns with club flag and a Certificate of Appreciation from the RC of Nagcarlan, Philippines



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