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## WHAT IS ROTARY?

*Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

### What We Have Accomplished.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

##### MARCH

- \$25,000 to Spread the Word Nevada.

##### APRIL

- Superbuild Grant and LVRC Foundation \$12,311.
- District 5300 CA Fire Victim Grants 4 clubs collaborate \$40,000.00. LVRC CA Fire Victims Donations Reach \$18,000.00.

##### MAY

- Sole Power Awards Distribute 300 Pairs of Shoes to 6 Elementary Schools with LVRC Donation of \$9,000.00.

##### JUNE

- Global Grant Number: GG2457942 has been fully funded and the project is more than halfway completed. 75 children will have life saving heart surgery. \$10,000 LVRC foundation donation = \$146,000.



## Dave Crete

### Supporting Veterans from the Invisible Enemy

Dave Crete served in the U.S. Air Force from 1983 to 1989 as a Security Policeman at a classified site within the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTR). There, he helped protect top-secret programs such as the F-117A Stealth Fighter and the Red Eagles, an elite unit that flew Russian MiG fighters. While stationed at NTR, Dave met his wife Aylin, and they soon began building their family.

After completing his military service, Dave and Aylin moved to Phoenix, where he earned both BA and BS degrees in Business. The couple launched their first business before relocating to Las Vegas in 2001, where they became licensed REALTORS® and later founded Aspire Realty Group, a boutique brokerage and property management company.

In 2014, Dave reconnected with members of his former unit. Many were experiencing unusual medical issues, prompting Dave to investigate the health effects of exposure to radiation and toxins at NTR. His research revealed that the Department of Defense had never acknowledged their presence there—denying them access to needed medical care and benefits.

In response, Dave founded The Invisible Enemy in 2023 to advocate for NTR veterans. Today, he and Aylin live in Las Vegas near their four children and six grandchildren, continuing their real estate work and veteran advocacy.

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Our time together for the 2024-2025 service year has come to a close, and I want to bid you all a heartfelt farewell. Despite facing unforeseen challenges, this year was a resounding success for the LVRC. We overcame every obstacle, creating truly spectacular moments, from our very first "Magic of Rotary" presentation to countless memorable events throughout the year.



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The milestones and achievements we reached as a club this year were some of the most remarkable I've experienced since becoming a member in 2013. To everyone who helped make the 2024-2025 service year so enjoyable and impactful, cheers!

Let's Build Something Together!



## SCRIBE – JUNE 12, 2025

**President Kirk** called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. **Tarby Bryant** gave the invocation. **Jerry Engel** orchestrated the Jerry Engel Combo – leading half the room in "America the Beautiful" and the other half of the room in "God Bless America" to culminate together at the end, assisted by "**Nancy**" (**Liz Rothwell**). **Debi Howard** was Sergeant-at-Arms and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In today's Rotary Moment, **Debi Howard** shared how intentioned she's been to participate in as many club programs and activities since joining, and how she was touched the most by her experience hosting our Rotary Youth Exchange student from New Zealand Anika Sinclair.

**President Kirk** thanked all who helped in today's meeting, and introduced at the Head Table our own **Jerry Engel** and **Michael Williams**. Recognizing visiting Rotarians, F gram and gave a special thanks to everyone for everything.

An international guest from District 3142, Mumbai, India was visiting to "express gratitude and thanks" to our club for the global grant and multi-club and district partnership that made 75 life-changing child heart surgeries possible, recognized **Dr. Rampur Viswanath**, and read a special message of thanks. **Larry Cohn** had a banner exchange with Danny from District 3142, and introduced a visiting President-Elect also from India, who he also had a banner exchange.

In announcements, **Debi Howard** recapped on the 25 Club graduation this past Tuesday and introduced our new 25 Club Officers **Mijung Lombardi**, **Hank Huang**, and **Elliotte Harris**. **Hank Huang** announced the Alpine Picnic on July 19, with thanks to **Tom Thomas** for hosting at his home on Mt Charleston. **Jim Hunt** announced we will be dark next week and invited all to sign up for the debunking at **Jerry Engle's** home and "celebrate in the Rotary spirit." **David Thorson** invited all to visit Nellis AFB post-Fourth of July for the Wetzel Award on July 10.

In a check presentation on behalf of Howard & Howard and LVRF, LVRF President **Jim Kohl** presented the Tyler Robinson Foundation with a \$5,000 check.

**Tom Thomas** gave an update on the new Green Our Planet facility, and in a dual check presentation, **Toni Kern** and **Tom Thomas** presented McHall ES with a \$4,000 check and Laura Dearing ES with a \$6,900 check to enhance their Green Our Planet program and curriculum.

In the raffle, **Randy Donald** drew the 5♣. **Hank Huang** won Lawry's Bucks.

Presenting in the Club Assembly was **Melanie Muldowney**, **John Palley**, **Tina Bishop**, **David Jones**, **Carey Grohs** in for **Susan Ziobro**, **Dr Niki Brunetti**, **Sarah Thornton**, **PE Janice Lencke**, and **PEE Greg Maguire**.

**President Kirk** adjourned the meeting at 1:34pm.



25 Club graduates; Eric Schimmoeller, Rita Burton, and Bob DiGangi celebrate with Debra Howard, Mijung Lombardi and Elliot Harris



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# CALENDAR

- June 26** Dave Crete Veterans (Susie Lee CD3)
- July 3** Dark
- July 10** Wetzel Awards at Nellis Air Force Base
- July 19** Alpine Picnic

## Debunking Party



**Current Raffle Amount \$1240.00**

### June Rotarian Birthdays

<b>Ginger Anderson</b>	June	15	<b>Benjamin Klink</b>	June	14
<b>Michael Ballard</b>	June	1	<b>Thomas J. Krob</b>	June	5
<b>Dr. Niki Brunetti</b>	June	6	<b>Janice Lencke</b>	June	5
<b>Thomas L. Brooker</b>	June	24	<b>Robert Peiser, Jr.</b>	June	16
<b>Howard Hopkinson</b>	June	18	<b>Dale Pelfrey</b>	June	15
<b>James E. Hunt</b>	June	3	<b>Gary Vause</b>	June	23

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Mike Meyer	1985-86	James E. Hunt	2001-02	Dr. Michael Gordon	2017-18
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