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Managing Director, Planning Division



Clark County Department of Aviation. Chris Fenton serves as the Managing Director of Aviation, Planning for the Clark County Department of Aviation (CCDOA). In this role, he is responsible for leading planning efforts for the Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport (SNSA), overseeing the LAS modernization efforts that includes improvements to Terminals 1 and 3 along with roadway and aircraft apron enhancements, and guiding long-term planning and upgrades across the department's four general aviation airports: North Las Vegas, Henderson Executive, Jean Sport Aviation Center, and Overton/Perkins Field.

Fenton holds a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering from the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston and a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He

is a licensed architect in Nevada and Arizona, a LEED Accredited professional in Building Design and Construction, and a longtime member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Las Vegas Chapter. Over his career, he has managed design and construction projects for higher education, local and federal government, and aviation – including more than 15 years working on projects at Harry Reid International Airport. His work included the D Gates northwest wing addition, the Airport Control Center relocation, the international gates expansion at T3, the pedestrian tunnel connecting T3 to the D Gates, and the airport-wide CCTV upgrade program.

Before assuming his current leadership role in 2025, Fenton served as the Airport Manager of Design for the CCDOA, overseeing a team responsible for planning and executing airport design and construction projects. During that timeframe, Chris's team oversaw the design phases of 107 different airport related projects with a total construction valuation exceeding \$1.3 billion.

Our Club's Accomplishments

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

- On May 2, 2026, Rotary Clubs throughout District 5300 came together for the annual SuperBuild, a remarkable service project in which volunteers build a home in Mexico for a family in need—all in a single day.
- Five enthusiastic Kideract students from Bracken Elementary School joined us last week, bringing great energy and curiosity as they participated in Las Vegas Rotary Club meeting activities.
- A successful quarterly Orientation Meeting welcomed 14 attendees and introduced four new members to the fellowship, service, and traditions of Las Vegas Rotary. Taco Thursday was a success with delicious Carnitas Tacos provided by Kathy Govoreau and Elliott Harris. And thank you to Elliott for sharing his home for this event.
- Continuing our commitment to community impact, two grants were awarded in April
 - o Silver State Education Foundation — \$5,000
 - o Iron Sharpens Iron Mentoring — \$1,075

Check It Out!

Save the Date! June 5 is our annual Aviators Night with the USO — a Club tradition honoring our military heroes with baseball and fun at Las Vegas Ballpark. Volunteers needed!

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.

Upcoming Speakers

Small Business Recognition

05/28 Vanessa Barreat La Vecindad Cantina

Hospitality Industry

06/04 Ryan Comstock COO Ainsworth Gaming Technology

06/11 Stephanie Glanzer Chief Sales Officer & Senior Vice President at MGM Resorts International

06/18 David Strow VP Corporate Gaming, Boyd Gaming

06/25 DARK President's Debunking

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President's Message



Supporting local businesses, whether it's neighborhood cafés, boutique shops, salons, or specialty service providers like plumbers and landscapers—helps create a stronger, more vibrant, and uniquely local community. When we choose to shop locally, leave positive reviews, and share businesses on social media, we help keep dollars circulating within our community and empower entrepreneurs to thrive.

As a Corporate Event Planner, supporting small businesses is a priority both personally and professionally. I intentionally source locally whenever possible—whether it's curated client gifts from With Love & Company, artisan chocolates from Jean Marie Auboine Chocolatier, or

attending festivals and community events to support vendors who create and sell their own handcrafted goods.

These choices not only elevate the experiences I create for my clients, but also directly invest back into the community I care about.

What are some ways you support small businesses—both personally and professionally?

Janice

Say Hello!



Congratulations to Carey Grohs who has been selected to begin a term as LV Foundation Trustee beginning July 1, in Rotary year 2026-2027 replacing PP Jim Kohl who is rotating off after seven years of service.

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Rotary Etiquette Essentials

The Art of Orientation

If induction is the welcome, orientation is what turns a new member into a Rotarian. Rotary International emphasizes that clubs are responsible for that journey. A good induction means providing a structured, welcoming orientation that connects members to Rotary's mission of service, integrity, and global impact. Cover the essentials—how the club works, expectations, service opportunities, and Rotary beyond the local level—but pace it thoughtfully to avoid overload. Pair new members with mentors, invite family involvement, and create opportunities to engage early. Orientation should be conversational, not a lecture. Done well, it builds confidence, deepens connection, and significantly improves retention—because informed members become involved members.

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Social and Special Events

May

05/23 10:00am-4:00pm District Assembly at Granite Hills HS, Apple Valley
 05/29-06/04 All Week Rotary Friendship Exchange

June

05/29-06/04 All Week Rotary Friendship Exchange
 06/05 5:15pm USO - Aviators Night at the Ballpark
 06/13-06/17 All Week Rotary International Convention in Taipei



Aviators Night Out

Friday, June 5th



5:15 Set up, 6:00 Meet & Greet, 7:05 Tear Down

Together the Las Vegas Ballpark, the USO and the Las Vegas Rotary join in giving our active duty service members and families a night out. Please sign up to help at the beginning, middle or end for set up, meet and greet, hand out F&B, or pack it all up by game time at 7:05. Volunteers are not expected to buy tickets and stay for the game.

DID YOU KNOW!

Rotary International still has two official mottoes today—
 “Service Above Self” and
 “One Profits Most Who Serves Best,” a tradition dating back more than a century.



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May Rotarian Birthdays

Gregory Maguire.....	5/1	Branton Blount.....	5/19
Randall Brody.....	5/5	Lawrence Cohn.....	5/22
Lia Roberts.....	5/7	David Squier.....	5/24
Taylor Neu.....	5/8	Lawrence Rouse.....	5/26
Randall Campanale.....	5/9	Eric Schimmoeller.....	5/26
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Carey Grohs.....	5/11	Norbert Reiner.....	5/30
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Rotary History

District Conference 1946-47

For the Las Vegas Rotary Club's 1946-47 District Conference, the most memorable "meeting room" may have been the most dramatic in the Southwest: the crest of Boulder Dam —



officially renamed Hoover Dam that very same year. Barely a decade after opening in 1936, the dam was still considered one of the greatest engineering achievements in the world and the very reason Southern Nevada was beginning to grow and prosper.

Under President Maxwell Kelch, the club welcomed nearly 1,200 participants to a Las Vegas that had only a handful of hotels. Visiting Rotarians stayed in

private homes, turning the conference into a true community effort. But the decision to hold part of the program atop the dam gave the event something unforgettable. Two governors attended the gathering, adding national attention and symbolism to a location that represented progress, innovation, and the future of the American West.

The opening address was delivered by bestselling author Dr. Lloyd C. Douglas, whose inspirational novels such as The Robe and Magnificent Obsession had made him one of the most widely read writers in America. His appearance brought an added sense of prestige and excitement to the conference, blending Rotary fellowship with national celebrity at a moment when Las Vegas itself was beginning to step onto the national stage. The conference became not only a milestone for Rotary — but a defining moment in the city's growing history.

Scribe Notes

May 7, 2026. At last week's meeting, the University of Nevada, the Las Vegas Rotary Club was proudly represented as Zachary Diaz became the 62nd recipient of the Nevada Centennial Medallion. This distinguished tradition began more than sixty years ago during the first commencement ceremony of what is now UNLV. We were honored to welcome Zachary's proud parents, and the award was presented by Interim President Chris Heavey, who also took time to share exciting updates about the university's continued expansion and growth.



In recognition of our Small Business Month theme, our featured speaker was Juanny Romero of Mothership Coffee Roasters, accompanied by Joseph Rubin. Juanny spoke about Mothership Coffee Roasters' impact and growing presence within the Las Vegas community.

We also celebrated new members of the Tiberti Fellows, recognizing **Bert Reiner**, **Larry Cohn**, and **Rene Gamero** for their support and commitment.

Four guests of **Past District Governor Rampur Viswanath** from Mumbai, India were honored as recipients of the Paul Harris Fellow Certificate and Pin, recognizing Rampur's support of The Rotary Foundation.

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Visitors from Mumbai exchange flags with President Janice and PDG Rampur Viswanath



President Janice with speaker, Juanny Romero



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Foundation President Rosalee Hedrick and Director Sarah Thornton



Nikki Junium and President Janice



Raffle winner donates back to the Club



PP James Kohl presents Centennial Medallion winner



President Janice, PP Jim Kohl, Zachary Diaz Medallion winner and his family with UNLV Interim President Heavey



UNLV Interim President Heavey and Zachary Diaz, Centennial Medallion winner

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Weekly Showcase

SuperBuild - Recap



On May 2, 2026, Rotary Clubs throughout District 5300 came together for the annual SuperBuild, a remarkable service project in which volunteers build a home in Mexico for a family in need—all in a single day. This signature project unites Rotarians from Southern California and Nevada in a hands-on effort to provide safe, secure housing for marginalized communities. Volunteers take part in every aspect of the construction process, including framing, painting, roofing, and transporting materials to the build site.

We are especially proud that our very own **Martha Garcia** participated in this meaningful project, helping make a lasting difference in the lives of a deserving family. Thank you, **Martha**, for representing our club and demonstrating Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self.

President's Debunking, June 25



President Janice may want to keep one eye on the program ...and the other on the nearest body of water. At a past Debunking, **PP Mike Ballard** learned the hard way that even the sweetest, most innocent-looking Rotarians can't always be trusted — especially near a pool. One well-timed shove from behind proved that at Debunking night, the soon to be Past President is not safe, no one escapes tradition.

Come join the mischief, laughter, and surprises as we celebrate President Janice Lencke and her extraordinary and dedicated service during the 2025–2026 Rotary year.

Member Spotlight

Small Business Owners

Rotary International District 5300 is made up of a diverse group of small business owners and community leaders who bring their entrepreneurial spirit and professional expertise to Rotary. Through networking and collaboration, these members strengthen their businesses while also sharing the mission and impact of Rotary with prospective members. Their leadership helps expand Rotary's reach, foster meaningful connections, and inspire others to join in service to their communities.

Lets celebrate all of our Small Business Owners as well as those in this spotlight: **Anil Melnick**, Curator Catering; **Sarah Thornton**, Connected Communications; **Larry Cohn**, Business Process Automation Company; **Branton Blount**, Beach Electric.



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Rotarians in Action



Walter Bracken S.T.E.A.M. Academy Rededication Ceremony: Attending was Dr. Kathy Mahon, President Janice Lencke, and Gwen Hall. Note the LVRC Centennial Book on display in the lobby.



Getting ready for Celebrate America 250 First Annual Fund Raiser at Springs Preserve: Rotarians working hard to set up tables and tents in anticipation of the crowds yet to come

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- Sponsors tickets and purchased tickets = 258
- 52 donated tickets, in addition to privately purchased tickets, helped provide free admission for about 20 Scouts, 21 participants from Big Brothers Big Sisters, an additional 20 guests from the park, and others.
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