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Ryan Comstock is the Chief Executive Officer of Ainsworth Game Technology, bringing over 20 years of experience across the gaming and professional services industries. Since joining Ainsworth 14 years ago, he has held a range of global leadership roles spanning finance, operations, production, game development, and regulatory compliance.

Prior to Ainsworth, Ryan spent nearly a decade with Deloitte's Audit and Assurance practice, where he advised gaming, manufacturing, and technology companies.

Ryan holds degrees in Accounting and Computer Information Systems from the University of Nevada, Reno and is a Certified Public Accountant. He serves as a member of the Nevada State Board of Accountancy and

the American Institute of CPAs, is an Allied Director for the American Gaming Association (AGA) and currently serves as Chair of the Board for the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers (AGEM)

## Our Club's Accomplishments

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

- Las Vegas Rotary Club and Howard and Howard presented the Tyler Robinson Foundation with \$5,000 to help support families dealing with childhood cancer.
- The Wine to Water Auction and event raised \$3,478.45 for One Drop.
- The May 16th Celebrate America 250 fundraiser celebrated 258 tickets sold and \$21,000 net profit that will be used in the future on projects primarily for children, military outreach, and assisting those less fortunate in the community.
- 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.

## Upcoming Speakers

### Hospitality Industry

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

## Check It Out!

If you are working toward your next Paul Harris Fellow level, now through June 30 the Club will match up to \$500 — See Niki Brunetti for the details.

## WHAT IS ROTARY?

**2025 - 2026**

Rotary International President  
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District 5300 Governor  
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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:

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**President's Message**



This month's theme at the Las Vegas Rotary Club is a spotlight on the hospitality industry — an industry near and dear to my heart.

Hospitality continues to be the heartbeat of our economy and the driving force behind the excitement, energy, and experiences our city provides. While the world often recognizes our iconic mega resorts and the Las Vegas Strip, what truly makes our destination special is everything beyond it — our local businesses, restaurants, attractions, entertainment, and retail.

Las Vegas is consistently ranked among the top 10 meeting destinations in the world, reinforcing its position as a premier hub for conventions, trade shows, and global business gatherings.

Hospitality goes beyond hosting world-renowned conventions; it also drives millions of visitors to our city each year who come to experience everything our destination has to offer.

From iconic entertainment and culinary excellence to outdoor adventure, culture, and family-friendly attractions, hospitality is the heartbeat that continues to welcome the world to Las Vegas.

*Janice*

**Say Hello!**

**Soléa Rae**

Soléa will officially be inducted into Rotary at our June 4th meeting, although she already feels like someone who belongs here — warm, engaging, community-minded, and genuinely curious about people.



Born in Brazil and now proudly calling Las Vegas home, Soléa is the publisher of *Red Rock City Lifestyle* and *South Vegas City Lifestyle*, boutique magazines serving Summerlin and the Southwest Valley. She is also a PhD-level mental health counselor, author, and founder of Shift with 108, a personal development brand encouraging women to live life on their own terms and beyond expectations placed upon them.

Outside of work, Soléa's interests are every bit as interesting and varied as her résumé. She appreciates a good glass of wine, enjoys exploring books on quantum physics and spirituality, and is perfectly happy underwater on a scuba dive somewhere beautiful. If that is not enough: she crochets, she meditates, and she is usually planning her next adventure before the current one is even over.

So, if you see Soléa at a meeting, don't hesitate to introduce yourself. Chances are a simple hello could quickly turn into a conversation about travel, life, spirituality, scuba diving, or who knows what else. One thing is certain — after meeting Soléa, you will probably leave entertained, inspired, and wondering if you should be planning a new adventure yourself.

**Rotary Etiquette Essentials**

**The Art of Doing What You Can** - Every Rotary club has "those members." The one who always arrives early. The one who remembers everyone's birthday. The member who volunteers before being asked, tells the same stories every year, or quietly handles jobs nobody else notices. Some keep meetings organized, some bring energy and humor, and others provide steady wisdom from years of experience. Not every Rotarian serves in the same way, and that's exactly the point. Strong clubs are built from many different personalities and talents working together toward a common purpose. Rotary thrives because every member contributes something unique — and often the people we take for granted are the ones holding the club together.

**Rosalee Hedrick**

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# Social and Special Events

## May

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

06/17 6:00pm 25 Club Graduation & Social Event

06/25 6:00pm Debunking Party



### 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!

Rob Moore (1991-92) became the Las Vegas Rotary Club's first third-generation president, following his Father-Julian Moore (1958-59) and Grandfather-Leo McNamee (1931-32).



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## June Rotarian Birthdays

Michael Ballard..... 6/1

James E. Hunt..... 6/3

Kyle Smith ..... 6/3

Thomas J. Krob..... 6/5

Janice Lencke..... 6/5

Dr Niki Brunetti ..... 6/6

Ginger Anderson..... 6/15

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# Rotary History

## 50 Plus years - Scouts and Rotary



Represented in this historic photograph is a partnership with the Boy Scouts that was already changing lives in January 1975.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club and the Boy Scouts joined forces to expand opportunities for youth with disabilities, highlighted by the acquisition of a bus for a special children's scouting program.

Led by **Rotarian Dr. Gordon Tobin**, the effort helped create scouting opportunities

for children who, at the time, often had limited access to traditional youth programs. While programs today focus far more on full inclusion and integration, the project reflected a genuine commitment for the time, to ensuring these children had opportunities to participate, belong, and thrive.

## Scribe Notes

**May 28, 2026.** President **Janice Lencke** opened the meeting at 12:15 pm. The members were reminded to pick up a pledge form today and check their emails for the committee signups document for **PE Greg Maguire's** Rotary year. The invocation was by **Past President Tom Thomas**, the Song was led by **Shawn Sennett**, and the Pledge of Allegiance by Sergeant at Arms **Nancy Anderson**. Many thanks to all Rotarians who helped with weekly duties of greeter, ticket sales, set up, and tear down.



Visitors: (2) visiting International Rotarians, (2) Visiting Rotarians, (2) guests of Rotarians, (0) Guests of the club and (1) guest of the speaker. Surprise and Delight was won by **Fabiola**, guest of **Rosalee Hedrick** and helpful in securing today's speaker for the Club.

Announcements: Aviators Night Out - Friday, June 5th, Las Vegas Ball Park. Rotary and the USO meet and greet with active-duty service members. **Director Niki Brunetti** announced a PHF points match. Members can match up to 500 points with dollars toward their next Paul Harris. **PE Greg Maguire** recapped the District Assembly in Apple Valley this past week. **PE Greg** also updated the members about the Rotary Friendship Exchange, beginning this week. 25 Club - the next social is June 17 @ 6 pm. The agenda will include a celebration for three graduates. **PE Greg Maguire** announced Ad revenue will include space on the Club Website next year

New Member Induction: **PP Karen Whisenhunt** introduced transferring member, **George Kychakoff**, a distinguished Rotarian with International Rotary experience, who is currently finishing up a clean water project in Uganda. **DGND David Thorson** performed the ceremony with pinning by **Antoinette Monroe**. **DGND David** shared it was our good fortune to gain a member with a much-needed area of expertise.

Grant presentation: **PP Jim Kohl** check presentation for \$5000 from a match by the LVRF and the law firm Howard and Howard to the Tyler Robinson Foundation. Raffle winner was **PP Jim Kohl**, who left with \$10, the Lawry's bucks went to **PP Tom Krob**, the Member Spotlight of **Susan Ziobro** and Z Ziobro in the Florida Keys and **Larry Cohn** and Mary Cohn somewhere in the Aegean.

Speaker **Vanessa Barreat** of La Vecindad Restaurants was introduced by **Hector Risola** from Senator **Catherine Cortez Masto's** office. Ms. Barreat was selected by US Small Business Administration (SBA) as leader of the year in 2025. **President Janice** adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.

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# Pictures



*New Member Induction: President Janice, George Kychakoff, Antoinette Monroe, PP/DGND David Thorson and PP Karen Whisenhunt*



*Surprise & Delight: Guest, Fabiola*



*Speaker Vanessa Barreat and President Janice Lencke*



*Speaker: Vanessa Barreat, owner La Vecindad Restaurant and SBA Leader of the Year*



*Head Table: Juan (with Speaker), PP Tom Krob, PP Tom Thomas, Guest of Speaker, Speaker Vanessa Barreat and PP Randy Campanale*



*Bob Werner with guest from Israel*



*Patrick Ballinger & Suzette Wheeler*



*Nikki Junium & Martha Garcia*



*Raffle: PP Jim Kohl*



*Lawry Bucks: PP Tom Krob*



*Grant Presentation: Tyler Robinson Foundation, PP Jim Kohl & President Janice*

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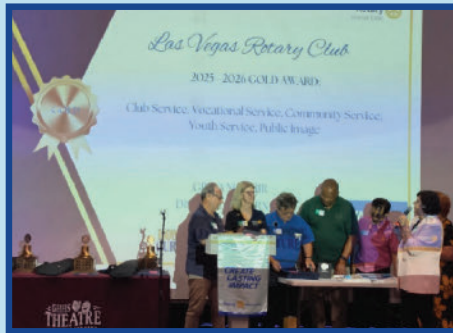
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## DISTRICT AWARDS

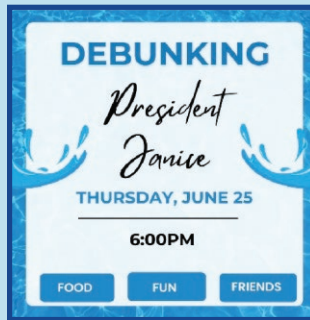


Congratulations to **President Janice Lencke**, this year's Board of Directors, and all club members whose efforts helped the Las Vegas Rotary Club achieve outstanding recognition at the recent District Assembly.

Accepting the honors on behalf of the club, **President Janice** celebrated an exceptional year that earned Gold Awards in Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, Youth Service, and Public Image, along with Silver Awards for Membership and Bonus achievement.

These honors reflect a true club-wide effort, but special recognition also goes to **Director Nancy Anderson** for carefully tracking and compiling the club's accomplishments throughout the year to help secure this outstanding recognition.

## PRESIDENTIAL DEBUNKING



The countdown is on! On June 25, the Surprise and Delight tables officially turn as **President Janice** becomes the one getting surprised.

One thing is almost certain — she's probably going to get wet. The only mystery is how. Should she arrive prepared with a wetsuit, a towel, or perhaps an inflatable flamingo?

Join us at **Jerry Engel's** home for an evening of laughter, skits, fellowship, and a well-deserved sendoff as we celebrate **President Janice** and another unforgettable Rotary year.

## Member Spotlight

### PP David Thorson, District Governor Nominee, (DGN), 2026-27



**It's Official!!** At the recent District Assembly, Las Vegas Rotary Club member **PP David Thorson** was officially pinned as District Governor Nominee for the 2026–27 Rotary year — a tremendous honor both for **David** personally and for our club.

The journey to District Governor is a significant multi-year leadership commitment that begins with service as District Governor Nominee Delegate, progresses to District Governor Nominee, and ultimately culminates in serving as District Governor

for the district. Few Rotarians are called to this level of leadership, and even fewer undertake the responsibility with the dedication, professionalism, and heart for service that David consistently demonstrates.

Having a future District Governor emerge from our club is a point of tremendous pride for the Las Vegas Rotary Club and reflects the strength of leadership within our membership. **PP David Thorson** has long represented the values of Rotary. Congratulations, **David!** Our club is proud of you, grateful for your leadership, and behind you 100% as you begin this exciting journey.



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**A Community Day In The Park**  
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**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

**What a Fun and Successful Event!**

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- Vendors and LVRC craft tables = **12**
- Volunteers, approximately **51** including Rotarians, family and Scouts
- 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.
- In-Kind Donations = **\$9,500** (approximate)
- Gross Income = **\$35,700** (approximately)
- **Net Income = \$21,000 (approximately)**



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