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Club



**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**

August 27, 2026

CRESON OAKLEY AND JOSEPH HERBERT CREATE CREDIT UNION



Fraud in an AI & Voice Cloning World

- Rotary welcomes two experts from Create Credit Union (formerly Clark County Credit Union) to discuss one of the fastest-growing threats facing our community: fraud in the age of artificial intelligence and voice cloning.

Creson Oakley, Business Development & Education Specialist, has been part of the Create Credit Union team since 1992, back when it was still Clark County Credit Union. Starting as a Teller, she's held nearly every role in the branch, including Loan Officer,



Loan Underwriter, Consumer Lending Manager, and Branch Manager, giving her a rare, well-rounded view of members' financial journeys. Today she carries the credit union's founding "people helping people" philosophy into the community through financial education, helping members with everything from balancing checkbooks to building credit and reaching lasting financial stability. Raised on the Golden Rule, Creson's passion for service began early with Junior Mesquite and continues to guide her work today.

Joseph Herbert serves as Security Officer at Create Credit Union, where he protects employees, members, and assets while teaching fraud prevention and online banking safety. He brings nearly 24 and a half years of law enforcement experience to the role, including time with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the New York Police Department, and a financial crime task force with the United States Secret Service. His top piece of advice for staying safe: protecting your personal information is one of the best defenses you have.

Together, Creson and Joseph will unpack how scammers are using AI and voice cloning to impersonate loved ones and institutions, and what practical steps we can all take to protect ourselves and our families. Join us for what promises to be an eye-opening and timely presentation.

Upcoming Speakers

09/03	Karen Ambrose, COO, Sunrise Children's Hospital
09/10	TBD
09/17	Josef Diaz, Nevada State Museum
09/24	Josh Pastner, UNLV Men's Basketball
10/01	Dina Babsky, Las Vegas Economic & Urban Development
10/08	Mauricia Baca, NV State Director, Nature Conservancy
10/15	Ken Winana, Winans Investment, Las Vegas Western Wall street
10/22	TBD
10/29	Art Zargaryan, Pegasus Development, Mayor's Fund, Community Schools

Our Club's Accomplishments *Good People, Doing Good Things, for People in Need.*

- *The Wetzel Awards were presented to five outstanding Airmen of the Quarter from Creech and Nellis Airforce Bases on 8/20.*
- *Backpack Distribution: Rotarians and Amazon drivers delivered backpacks filled with school supplies to our six club-sponsored schools: Laura Dearing Elementary, Will Beckley Elementary, Walter Long Elementary, Walter Bracken Elementary, Hollingsworth STEAM Academy, and Quannah McCall Elementary.*
- *Teacher Mini-Grants: Each of the six schools also received a \$1,500 mini-grant from our club to help teachers purchase essential classroom supplies and support their students.*

Check It Out!

Good news? Big announcement? Birthday? Anniversary? Or just happy it's Thursday? Share it with Happy Buck! And remember, it doesn't have to be just FIVE bucks. The happier you are, the deeper you dig! **Every dollar helps us CAN hunger with our Canned Food Drive!**

WHAT IS ROTARY? **2026 - 2027**

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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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President's Message



Supporting Students, Empowering Schools

This past week, the Las Vegas Rotary Club put our commitment to "Teaching Youth to Succeed" into action across six local elementary schools.

Through Amazon's generous donation, our Rotarians helped pack backpacks with school supplies and then personally delivered them to Laura Dearing Elementary, Will Beckley Elementary, Walter V. Long Elementary, Walter Bracken Elementary, Hollingsworth STEAM Academy, and Quannah McCall Elementary.

Along with the backpacks, our club presented each principal with a \$1,500 mini grant, a total investment of \$9,000. These funds were placed directly into the hands of school leaders, giving them the flexibility to address the immediate needs of their teachers and students.

These mini grants are a direct result of the generosity and charitable work of our members, sponsors, and supporters. Every fundraiser, contribution, and volunteer hour strengthens our ability to respond where help is needed most.

Thank you to everyone who packed, organized, delivered, donated, and supported this effort. This is what it means to be a Rotarian: working together, serving our community, and creating lasting impact, one student, one teacher, and one school at a time.

Greg Maguire

Greg Maguire

President, Las Vegas Rotary Club
2026-2027

Member Spotlight

Eric Schimmoeller



Eric Schimmoeller is a natural fit for Rotary, a career philanthropy professional who this year helps guide the club's public image on the Board of Directors.

Since 2009, Eric has built his career helping people create meaningful opportunities for students through philanthropy at major public research universities across the country. Since 2022 he has served as Senior Director of Gift Planning at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he works with alumni and friends to build lasting legacies that support students, faculty, and programs at one of the nation's most diverse and fastest growing universities. His specialty is charitable gift planning, helping donors make

a lasting impact through their estates, trusts, retirement plans, and gifts of assets ranging from real estate to securities and even artwork. Before UNLV, he held similar roles at Clemson, the University of Tennessee, Ashland University, and Purdue.

Rotary has followed Eric from town to town. A longtime Rotarian, he was a member of clubs in Ottawa and Oxford, Ohio before bringing his commitment to Service Above Self to Las Vegas.

Away from work, Eric keeps it easy and social. He enjoys golf, collecting bourbon, traveling, and spending time with his nephews and niece.

Next time you see Eric at Lawry's, pull up a chair. Ask him about the art of a good legacy gift, his favorite bourbon, or which course he is playing next. You will find a member whose whole career is built on helping others give.

August Rotarian Birthdays

Victoria Mistretta.....8/1	Melanie Muldowney.....8/12	Al Wagner.....8/23
Rita Burton.....8/2	Jim Kohl.....8/18	Lin Ng.....8/30
Susan Ziobro.....8/6	Matt Phillips.....8/19	

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Social and Special Events

August

Membership and New Club Development Month

Thursdays	12:15 pm	Weekly meeting, Lawry's the Prime Rib Unless stated below, weekly meetings will be on Thursdays
08/29	08:00 am	Alpine Hike (non-rotary covered event)
08/29	10:30 am	Alpine Picnic (Rotary covered event) at Lee Canyon Hosted by Tom and Leslie Thomas

September

Basic Education and Literacy Month

Thursdays	12:15 pm	Weekly meeting, Lawry's the Prime Rib Unless stated below, weekly meetings will be on Thursdays
09/03	11:00 am	25-Club meeting before the general meeting
09/12	01:00 pm	Hands-on at Salvation Army Owens Campus "One Meal at a Time-Create Lasting Impact"
09/17	01:35 pm	Board of Directors meeting
09/21	08:00 am	S.O.A. R. - Safety Officer Awards Recognition
09/22	09:30 am	Breakfast/Snack Time with Books at Hollingsworth ES

Weekly Showcase

A Las Vegas Rotary Tradition: Charity Golf Putting Tournament & BBQ

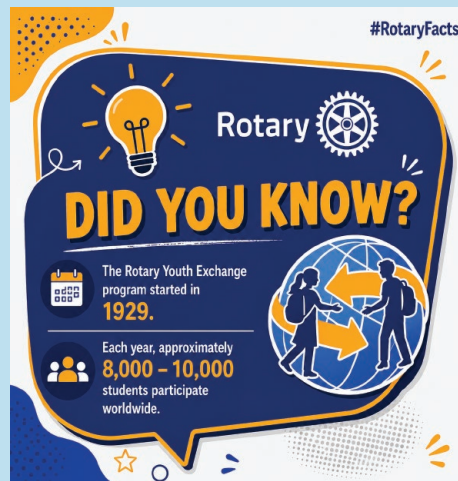
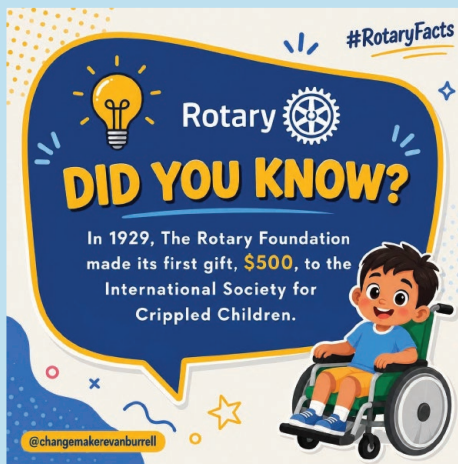
For many years, the Las Vegas Rotary Club's **Charity Golf Putting Tournament & BBQ** has been a favorite yearly tradition, bringing Rotarians, families, friends, and community members together for an evening of fun, fellowship, and service.

Held at Angel Park Golf Club, the event is about much more than Putting. It is an important fundraiser for the club's **Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Program** and reflects Rotary's belief that international friendships build understanding across cultures. Over the years, proceeds have helped our club welcome groups of RYE students for special weekend experiences in Las Vegas, giving them an opportunity to explore our community. We have also assisted club exchange students to participation in the **25-day "Friendship Forever"** train tour across the United States, where students from around the world travel together, experiencing American cities, landmarks, and culture. As a former RYE student reflected, **"The train tour was amazing and the best thing that has ever happened to me."**

These experiences are at the heart of Rotary Youth Exchange, giving young people the opportunity to experience another culture, discover America, and form friendships that last a lifetime.

This year, we welcome **Justus from Germany and Sophie from the Netherlands** as our two RYE students. We are proud to welcome them to our Rotary family.

As we continue to Celebrate America 250, our next Charity Golf Putting Tournament & BBQ will be Thursday, October 8, at 5:30 p.m. at Angel Park Golf Club. Players, Sponsors, and Raffle items wanted! Details to follow next week.



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Rotarians in Action



Ichnia Receives furniture for the school, part of our Global Grant



Rotarians and staff of Force 10 Logistics deliver backpacks with supplies and \$1,500 mini-grant to each of our six schools; Beckley, Dearing, Long, Hollingsworth, Bracken and McCall.



Ichnia teachers receive furniture for the children. Part of our Global Grant with Rotary Sweden and Kyiv

Scribe Notes

August 20, 2026 – President Greg opened the meeting at 12:15pm. **PP Jim Kohl** gave the Invocation; **PP Russ Swain** led us in song; and **Nancy Anderson** led the Pledge of Allegiance as Sergeant-at-Arms. **President Greg** thanked those covering luncheon duties and introduced the President's Table.

The club welcomed visiting International Rotarian **Michael from Scotland**. Three club members welcomed personal guests—**Solea Rea** introduced our second RYE Student, **Sophie de Jong** from the Netherlands; **Stu Lipoff** welcomed his son, **Sam**, visiting from Singapore; and **PP David Thorson** welcomed the daughters of Lt. Colonel Scotty Wetzel for this quarter's Wetzel Awards ceremony. We also welcomed the Wetzel Award honorees and Liaison Officers.

President Greg highlighted information in this week's *Wheel*: the Member Spotlight on **Antoinette Monroe** and the Rotary Across the Nation and Across the World spotlights on the Clubs of Essex, CT and Singapore.

In the **Announcements**: **Sarah Thornton** noted that our club has been nominated for the "Best of Las Vegas Award" this year, with voting through September 10. **Andrew Thurlow** recapped the New Member Orientation, graciously hosted by **PP Caty Crockett**. **Gwen Hall** mentioned tomorrow's delivery of donated school backpacks and \$1,500 grant checks to our six partner schools. **Jorina King** encouraged everyone to register for the Alpine Picnic on August 29. **Erika Brandeberry** previewed the Fall Membership Drive, including a "Discover Rotary" Membership Lunch on September 29. **President Greg** informed us of the District 5300 Leadership Summit held August 15; the Green Our Planet Event in October; the Salvation Army Event on September 12; and an event at the Ronald McDonald House next week. He also announced that our Club received the *Rotary Club Excellence Award* from Rotary International for 2025-26, honoring the club's achievements under **PP Janice Lencke's** leadership.

The quarterly **Wetzel Awards** were presented by **Stockton Ballantine**, head of the Wetzel Committee, to five servicemen and women recognized for outstanding achievements. As in the past, the late Lt. Col. Scotty Wetzel's daughters attended the ceremony.

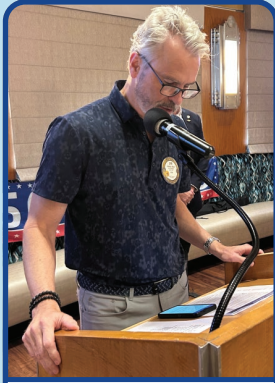
In this week's **"Happy Bucks Stories,"** **PP Karen Whisenhunt** shared that an exchange student she hosted 25 years ago is visiting with his 18-year-old son, who finally received the birthday card she sent for his first birthday that had been returned as undeliverable. **Carey Grohs** welcomes another youth exchange student tomorrow, and her son just moved into the UNLV dorms for his first semester. **President-elect Mike Cudiament's** son will soon begin studies at the Boston Conservatory at Berklee. **Patrick Ballinger** shared news of his son's recent successes in professional baseball. **Sam Lipoff** congratulated his parents on their pending 57th anniversary; **Michael Williams** described visiting a small Rotary Club in Iowa; and **Jorina King** spoke of recent wedding and family reunion celebrations.

Brian Sorentino won the raffle but did not find the Joker; **Carolyn Sparks** took home the Lawry Bucks.

Our speaker was **Randy Sutton**, a retired Las Vegas Police Lieutenant and Founder of **The Wounded Blue**, a support organization for injured and disabled Law Enforcement Officers. He described the organization's efforts to ensure these officers do not fall through the cracks.

President Greg closed the meeting at 1:30pm.

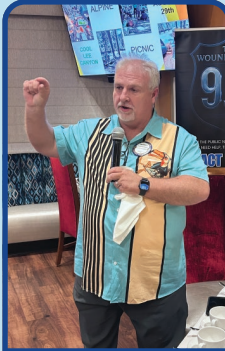
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PP Jim leads us in invocation



PP Russ leads us in song



Proud daddy reporting on his son



President Greg and Guest Speaker Randy Sutton



President Greg and Carolyn



Stocon, President Greg and Wetzel Award recipient #1



Stocon, President Greg and Wetzel Award recipient #2



Stocon, President Greg and Wetzel Award recipient #3



Stocon, President Greg and Wetzel Award recipient #4



Stocon, President Greg and Wetzel Award recipient #5



PP Janice receives Club Excellence Award from President Greg



Bob and visiting Rotarian from Scotland



Head Table



Solea and RYE student Sophie



Scotty Wetzel daughters join the Wetzel awards presentation



Wetzel Awards recipients and coordinators



President Greg and Brian, the raffle continues!



Wetzel Awards recipients and President Greg

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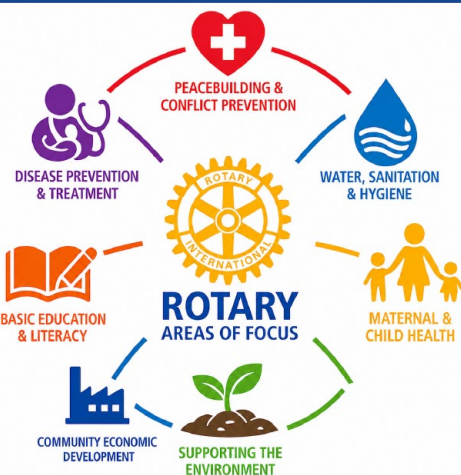
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Rotary
Across the Nation



Rotary Club of Oakland #3

Once one of the Bay Area's busiest industrial and shipping centers, Oakland has experienced both remarkable growth and significant challenges throughout its history. In recent years, the city has faced rising crime, homelessness, and economic uncertainty, prompting residents, businesses, and community organizations to work together toward revitalization. Yet Oakland remains a city of resilience, rich cultural heritage, and a long tradition of civic leadership. It is also home to one of Rotary's most historic clubs.



Founded in 1908, the Rotary Club of Oakland #3 is the third Rotary club in the world and the oldest Rotary club in California. Part of District 5170,

the club has more than 300 members, making it one of the largest Rotary clubs in the western United States. Throughout its history, members have helped shape Oakland by reclaiming marshland near the future railroad terminal, planting thousands of trees, supporting the creation of Children's Fairyland, and helping establish the iconic Necklace of Lights around Lake Merritt.

One of the club's signature initiatives is HOPE (Help Oakland Pupils Excel), launched in 1993. The program pairs Rotarians with underserved students from seventh grade through high school graduation, providing mentorship, academic support, and a \$10,000 college scholarship for those who complete the program. The club also sponsors the Enterprise Institute, which teaches entrepreneurship and leadership, and KinderPrep, helping prepare Oakland's youngest students for success.

The club's impact extends far beyond California. Through the Uniendo América Project Fair, established in 1992, it has connected Rotary clubs across the Americas to support humanitarian projects, while members continue to partner on clean water initiatives in Guatemala, educational programs in Nepal and India, and health projects throughout Africa.

If you would like to visit the Rotary Club of Oakland #3, they meet every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the Henry J. Kaiser Center for the Arts, 10 Tenth Street, Oakland.

Rotary
Across the World



Beyond the Club: Unlocking the World with Rotary Fellowships

Rotary membership is often defined by the local club experience, the weekly meetings, community service projects, and local friendships. Yet, for many members, the most transformative and exhilarating aspect of Rotary

lies in the vast, international network of Rotary Fellowships.

Rotary Fellowships are independent, international groups that unite individuals from the global Rotary family, including Rotarians, their spouses, and Rotaractors, around a shared passion, hobby, or profession. With over a hundred unique fellowships currently active, these groups serve as vibrant, smaller communities within the broader organization, allowing you to connect with like-minded people across borders and cultures.

Why are they so exciting? The thrill of a Rotary Fellowship is the ability to bypass geographic and cultural barriers by focusing on what truly inspires you. Whether you are a marathon runner, a jazz enthusiast, an antique automobile collector, or a professional in healthcare, there is a community waiting for you. These groups turn a global organization into a personal playground of shared interests.

For instance, if you are a scuba enthusiast, the International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers doesn't just offer trips; it organizes underwater clean-up projects that pair your hobby with Rotary's core mission of service. Other groups, such as "Rotary Means Business," provide a platform for professional networking and mentorship, allowing members to exchange expertise on a global scale.

How to get started. Joining a fellowship is remarkably simple and often comes at little to no cost. By visiting the official Rotary Fellowships page at <https://www.rotary.org/get-involved/our-programs/rotary-fellowships>, you can browse the comprehensive directory and reach out directly to groups that pique your interest.

If your specific passion isn't represented, the organization provides clear guidance on how to form a new fellowship, empowering you to lead and build your own global community.

Rotary Fellowships invite you to bring your whole self to the organization. By pursuing your hobbies and professional interests alongside fellow Rotarians worldwide, you enhance your own Rotary experience while deepening your connection to the global community. Find your passion, join a group, and see the world through a new lens.



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Where Rotary Clubs Meet Southern Nevada, District 5300

1. Las Vegas Rotary Club

- **Where:** Lawry's The Prime Rib
- **When:** Thursdays @ 12:00–1:30 PM

2. Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club

- **Where:** Lawry's The Prime Rib
- **When:** Mondays @ 12:15–1:30 PM

3. Downtown Las Vegas Rotary Club

- **Where:** Omelet House
- **When:** 1st–3rd Tuesdays @ 7:30 AM

4. Las Vegas WON Rotary Club

- **Where:** Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse
- **When:** 1st & 3rd Fridays @ 5:00 PM;
2nd Friday @ 12:00 PM

5. Las Vegas Summerlin Rotary Club

- **Where:** Red Rock Country Club
- **When:** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:00 AM

6. Las Vegas Red Rock Rotary Club

- **Where:** PKWY Tavern (varies)
- **When:** Tuesdays @ ~6:30 PM

7. Las Vegas After Hours Rotary Club

- **Where:** Varies
- **When:** 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM

8. North Las Vegas Rotary Club

- **Where:** Gold Mine Tavern (may vary)
- **When:** Fridays @ 7:15 AM

9. Henderson Rotary Club

- **Where:** Varies
- **When:** Tuesdays @ 12:00 PM

10. Henderson After Hours Rotary Club

- **Where:** Grape Street Cafe & Wine Bar (varies)
- **When:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM

11. Green Valley Rotary Club

- **Where:** Wildhorse Golf Club
- **When:** Rotating Thursdays (AM & PM)

12. Boulder City Rotary Club

- **Where:** Boulder City (varies)
- **When:** Tuesdays (midday)

13. Boulder City Sunrise Rotary Club

- **Where:** Boulder Creek Golf Course
- **When:** Thursdays (morning)

Make Up Meetings
Rotary Clubs of
Southern Nevada
District 5300



REASONS TO VISIT ANOTHER ROTARY CLUB



Expand Your
Rotary Network



Discover
New Ideas



Learn About
Community Impact



Find Partnership
Opportunities



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Club Cultures



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Speakers



Strengthen Rotary
Fellowship



Stay Inspired and
Motivated

Rotary Clubs of Southern Nevada
District 5300

14. Pahrump Valley Rotary Club

- **Where:** Artesian Cellars Winery (plus rotating)
- **When:** Midday + 4th Tuesday @ 6:00 PM

15. Mesquite Rotary Club

- **Where:** 150 N Yucca St, Suite 26, Mesquite, NV
- **When:** Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM

16. Moapa Valley

- **Where:** University of Nevada Extension
1897 North Moapa Valley Blvd Building B
Logandale, NV 89021
- **When:** Wednesday, 07:00 AM - 08:00 AM

Outside of Our District

(but in Southern Nevada)

17. Laughlin–Bullhead Rotary Club

- **Where:** Aquarius Casino Resort
- **When:** Wednesdays @ 12:00 PM

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