

NEWSLETTER

**AUG
2024**



Rotary Club of Green Valley



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<https://greenvalleyrotary.org/>

MEETINGS & EVENTS



Val Hatley
President 2024-2025



Julie Todd
President Elect 2025-2026
Club Chair



Mike Peterson
Club Director
Public Image Chair
Membership Chair



William Jones Patrick
Treasurer 2024-2025



Greg Bruce
Asst. Treasurer 2024-2025



Melinda McKean Westfahl
Secretary 2024-2025



Linda Baassiri
Club Director



Natasha Losik
Youth Service Chair



Bob Bergren
International Service Chair
Club Director



James Frey
Club Director



July 11th

Don Jacobson returned to Rotary Club of Green Valley to update RCGV meeting attendees on his **'City of Las Vegas Innovation Center'** presentation of March 14, 2024.

July 18th

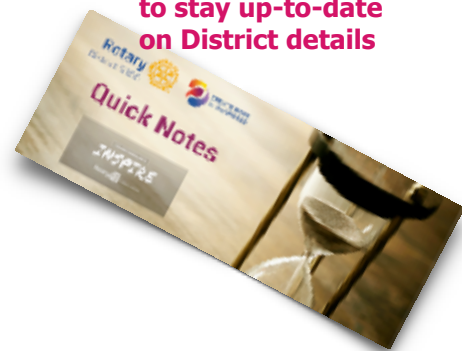
Tiger Todd, **"Hero School"** founder, gave a stirring presentation of how **"Hero School"** delivers initiatives that empower youth and adults to become the next heroes for their families, companies and communities. **Real. Life. Change. At The Speed of Movies.™**



July 25th

Kelly McGovern un-boxed a smashing, information rich Rotary **'Craft Talk'** that resonated with all Rotary Club of Green Valley meeting attendees. Great job, Kelly and welcome to the RCGV club !

Check out District
5300 "Quick Notes"
to stay up-to-date
on District details



July 25th

RCGV meeting attendees got a 'double shot' when our Interact Exchange legend Noah Connelly updated his activities report. In keeping with his delightful style and humble demeanor, Noah did an admirable job of informing the RCGV crowd of the 'when's and where's and how's' of his current activities. Noah has endeared himself to all RCGV members who know and recognize his gracious sincerity and youthful energy. Thank you Noah. You are truly a gift to us all.



ATTENTION:

Pertinent and timely pictures, images, opinions, explanations, reviews, general information, meeting ideas, Rotary facts and figures...any media or content you submit for publishing adds to the quality and enjoyment of our RCGV **NEWSLETTER**.
Sincere Thanks, Ed



July 25th

Delinda Crampton adopted an historical role to present RCGV attendees with a review of '**Club Banners**' donated by Past President Kay Doxilly. Over the years, Rotary brothers and sisters from afar have gifted each other with their commemorative club banners thus linking our individual clubs and our pursuit of "**Service Above Self**".

Got District 5300 Activities ??
Tune in to the...

Rotary

District 5300



HIGHLIGHTER

Green Valley Assembled Backpacks for Homeless High Schoolers

By Barbara Billitzer, Rotary Club of Green Valley



On July 22, members of Green Valley Rotary met at Project 150 in Las Vegas to assemble backpacks for homeless high school students in Clark County. This is an annual project for our club, and this year we were able to assemble 320 backpacks with all the supplies needed for an entire school year.

Project 150 was launched in December 2011, when it was learned that the Clark County School District had over 7,500 homeless teenagers attending school. A charitable trust was created and Project 150 was born out of the community's desire to help. Their goal was to offer free support and services to homeless, displaced, and disadvantaged high school students so they can remain in school, graduate, and build bright futures. The services have expanded to include programs and workshops in financial literacy, time

management, and creating positive change. These life skill and workforce readiness workshops are available both in-person and virtually. Scholarships are also available, and students may receive up to five outfits per month from their boutique, as well as hygiene products, school supplies and additional food. All programs and services provided by Project 150 are free to Clark County high school students with a valid student ID.

RCGV EVENT CALENDAR

August 8, 2024

Thursday

7:00am - 8:15am PT



[Manage Event](#)

[Green Valley](#)



Green Valley Weekly Club Meeting

[Virtual Meeting Link](#)

Speaker: Craig Smith

Topic: Nevada Genealogical Society



Wildhorse Golf Course (Hybrid)

2100 W. Warm Springs Road
Henderson, NV 89014

August 15, 2024

Thursday

7:00am - 8:15am PT



[Manage Event](#)

[Green Valley](#)



Green Valley Weekly Club Meeting

[Virtual Meeting Link](#)

Speaker: Kimberly Basham, Ed.D

Topic: Principal, Robert L. Taylor Elementary School



Wildhorse Golf Course (Hybrid)

2100 W. Warm Springs Road
Henderson, NV 89014

August 19, 2024

Monday

4:00pm - 5:30pm PT



[Manage Event](#)

[Green Valley](#)



RCGV Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

[Virtual Meeting Link](#)

Topic: Location: Mike Peterson's office at Ameriprise Financial, 2495 Village View Drive, Suite 200, Henderson, NV 89074.

Ameriprise Financial, Suite 200

2495 Village View Drive
Henderson, NV 89074

August 22, 2024

Thursday

7:00am - 8:15am PT



[Manage Event](#)

[Green Valley](#)



Green Valley Weekly Club Meeting

[Virtual Meeting Link](#)

Speaker: Jenny Fay

Topic: Jenny Fay, Community Engagement and Development Director at Olive Crest, works to mitigate factors that leave kids and families vulnerable.



Wildhorse Golf Course (Hybrid)

2100 W. Warm Springs Road
Henderson, NV 89014

Join us for two service projects and a fun social event!

(Please use the [RSVP](#) below for each event.)

Book cleaning will take place at **Spread the Word Nevada**. This organization generously donated over 400 books for the Hoolihan Christmas Project at Robert Taylor Elementary last December. Let's support them by helping clean donated books at



Tuesday, August 20

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

[RSVP](#)

Spread the Word Nevada

1065 American Pacific Dr., Ste 18
Henderson, NV 89075

Assemble feminine hygiene packs for homeless women and high school girls at **Project Marilyn**. A great way to make a difference in our community.



Tuesday, September 24

10:00 am to Noon

[RSVP](#)

Project Marilyn

3840 S. Jones Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89103

Join us for the **2nd Annual Chili Cook-off**. Compete or just eat! Winner will take the Prize Apron with their name and bragging rights! BYOB and a discerning palate! Your name must be on the attendee list at the security gate so please RSVP.



Saturday, September 21

5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

[RSVP](#)

Kelly and Ben McGovern's home

1904 Grey Eagle St.
Henderson, NV 89074

If you plan to compete in the contest, please email Julie at julie.todd@ymail.com

Introducing President Val Hatley

I was raised in the New Orleans area. I am a member of the Louisiana Bar Association and went to work for Shell Pipeline Company in their corporate offices in Houston shortly after graduating from law school. I worked at various locations for Shell for 32 years and considered it the family business since my father also worked for Shell for 43 years. I also served as Corporate Secretary for more than 8 pipeline companies.

After I retired from Shell, I worked as a consultant for a national right of way services provider for 6 years. I was a senior member of the International Right of Way Association and served as Chair of IRWA's International Pipeline Committee for two years.

I have been a Rotarian since 2010. I am a former member of the San Pedro (California) Rotary Club (I was the president in 2015-16) and the Las Vegas Rotary Club. I became a RF major donor in 2021. I also served on the Advisory Board of the southern Los Angeles' chapter of the Salvation Army.

I have been married to Barbara Billitzer since 2010 and we live in Tuscany Village.



Michael Driebe - District 5300 Governor

Club and District Home Page - District Headlines

Reflections and Projections

By 2024-25 DG Michael Driebe

June 30, 2024

I'm writing this with just a few hours before my term as your District Governor begins. I am excited and honored to serve you and confident we can build on the success of the 2023-2024 year. I want to thank Mike Soden and his leadership team for the hard work and careful planning. From TLC to Presidents' Advance, and from RYLA to an amazing District Conference onboard the Navigator of the Seas, it was a remarkable year. In addition, District 5300 has experienced positive membership growth for the first time in 7 years and we should all be proud of the work done to make that a reality. Let's continue to make our clubs the best they can be in order to better serve our communities and those in need.

To that end, we'll continue to work to promote mental health and fight polio in the year ahead. I also want to **raise awareness about human trafficking** and provide care for its victims. In fact, **there's an opportunity to help this week**. If you live near the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, we'll have a Human Trafficking awareness trailer set up for the 4th of July Kaboom! event. If you'd like to lend a hand, please [contact me asap](#), and I'll get you signed up for a 2-hour shift between 4:00 and 10:00 p.m. There's another opportunity next spring when we'll send a Vocational Training Team to Western Australia to share what we are doing in Southern California and Nevada to address this horrific problem.

The district will also work to raise awareness about Rotary. Over the years, I've often heard members say, "Why doesn't Rotary do more to promote itself and help us get new members?" Thanks to the groundwork laid by Mike Soden, we will launch comeseewhatwedo.org this month.

Of course, our traditional district programs for youth will continue. TLC, RYLA, George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest, 4-Way Test Speech Contest, and Dan Stover Music Contest are all in the works and I hope your club will embrace and promote them to the young people in your community. If you haven't participated in these programs in the past, find a way to get involved. The energy, talent and enthusiasm of the youth involved will amaze you. Go into the District section of DACdb and you'll find the chairs of these committees, ready to tell you more about their programs and how you can help.

Other district sponsored and supported programs include Global Scholarships, Global Grants, District Grants, a Rotoplast mission to Uganda in the early summer of 2025, a Rotary Friendship Exchange to India in January, the Rotary Rose Parade Float, and four Rotary Leadership Institute sessions with two in Southern California and two in Nevada. We're also arranging a multi-district Rotary Foundation Dinner, as well as a multi-district Presidents' Advance.

So, what do you do after another wonderful year of Rotary? Why, go to Disneyland of course! That's right, the 2025 District Conference will be held at the Disneyland Hotel on April 12th in partnership with District 5180 which will attend from Sacramento. The day before will be the District Training Assembly and the day following will be a day to celebrate the **Magic of Rotary** in the Magic Kingdom with discounted admission tickets to the park!

In the meantime, I look forward to visiting each of your clubs and to providing you with the encouragement and resources needed to increase your impact, expand your reach, enhance engagement, and increase your ability to adapt. We're on our way to another successful year and I'm excited to be on the journey with you!