

NEWSLETTER

**JULY
2024**



Rotary
Club of Green Valley



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<https://greenvalleyrotary.org/>



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

debunk

Other forms: **debunking**; debunked; debunks

Definitions of debunk

Verb: expose while ridiculing; especially of pretentious or false claims and ideas
When you *debunk* something you show it to be false.

To *debunk* something is to prove it wrong.



HEY!

No scams, legends, myths or false claims here!
Rotary Club Of Green Valley's 2023 to 2024 year is in the history books
and
it's a corker!

This club, **OUR** club, is **small and packs a wallop!** Read on...

Bob and Jane Scheri

opened their home to host our 2023-2024 Debunking Ceremony and celebration. December 2023, Bob and Jane hosted a Christmas Party par excellence. With grace and humility, the Scheri's choreographed another blue-chip experience. Food by Chef Nickolas Rizzo, beverages, lots of creature comforts and a warm, shaded pool-side getaway perch. Sincere thanks to the Scheri's for their concrete example of **"Service Above Self"**.



District 5300 Awards:

Club Service 2023-2024 Gold Award

Community Service 2023-2024 Gold Award

Vocational Service 2023 Silver Award

Youth Service 2023-2024 Silver Award

Public Image 2023-2024 Bronze Award



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED !

Under our past leadership, Rotary Club of Green Valley achieved 'Service Above Self' with distinction. Mission completed. Here are the details...

Member Awards, Recognition, Accolades and Thanks:

Rotarian Of The Year - Christine Smith

Leadership - Darcy Dougherty

Service Above Self - Irene Kokinelis

**Above And Beyond - Debbie Mitsch, Mike Peterson,
Melinda Westfahl**

Spark Plug - Delinda Crampton, Kay Doxilly

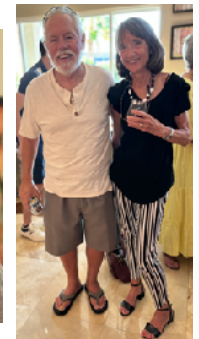
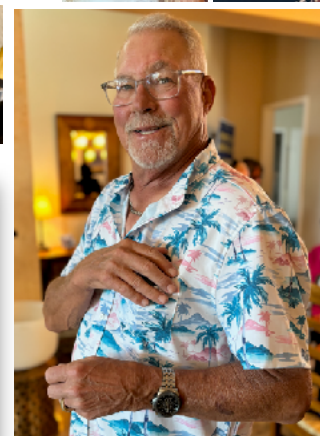
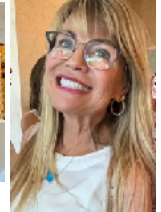
Paul Harris - Christine Smith, Mike Peterson

Flowers - District 5300 First Lady Sylvia Soden

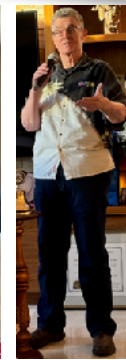
Thank You Gift - Bob and Jane Scheri

Paul Harris - Christine Smith, Mike Peterson


























Our Thursday, June 27th 'Debunking' celebration/ ceremony was beautifully planned and well attended by Club Members and significant others, Club Directors and guests including Past District 5300 Governor Michael Soden and wife Sylvia now enjoying a well deserved rest from District Governor responsibilities.



RCGV EVENT CALENDAR

July 11, 2024				Thursday
7:00am - 8:15am PT	 Manage Event Green Valley	 Green Valley Weekly Club Meeting Virtual Meeting Link Speaker: Don Jacobson Topic: Don returns to Rotary Club of Green Valley to update City of Las Vegas Innovation Center presentation of March 14, 2024		Wildhorse Golf Course (Hybrid) 2100 W. Warm Springs Road Henderson, NV 89014
July 15, 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 2495 Village View Drive Henderson, NV 89074
July 18, 2024				Thursday
7:00am - 8:15am PT	 Manage Event Green Valley	 Green Valley Weekly Club Meeting Virtual Meeting Link Speaker: Tiger Todd - Her School Founder Topic: 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.™		Wildhorse Golf Course (Hybrid) 2100 W. Warm Springs Road Henderson, NV 89014
July 25, 2024				Thursday
7:00am - 8:15am PT	 Manage Event Green Valley	 Green Valley Weekly Club Meeting Virtual Meeting Link Speaker: Kelly McGovern Topic: Kelly will present her Rotary Club of Green Valley 'Craft Talk' !		Wildhorse Golf Course (Hybrid) 2100 W. Warm Springs Road Henderson, NV 89014
August 1, 2024				Thursday
6:00pm - 7:15pm PT	 Manage Event Green Valley	 Green Valley Weekly Club Meeting Virtual Meeting Link Speaker: Mayor Michelle Romero Topic: Mayor Romero serves with her fellow council members as the legislative branch of the Henderson community, responsible for setting policies and making decisions for many aspects of local government		Wildhorse Golf Course (Hybrid) 2100 W. Warm Springs Road Henderson, NV 89014
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

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



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

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!