

NEWSLETTER

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Rotary Club of Green Valley



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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

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November 7, 2024. Serving the **City of Henderson's Community Development and Services Department**, **Ian Massy**, Public Response Manager and **Jared Tasko**, Principal Planner, presented their perspectives of the high quality development standards and exceptional master-planned residential area that have distinguished The City Of Henderson, Nevada as a place where residents desire to live, work, and play.

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November 14th, 2024, **Roger Tabor**, **President of the Downtown Las Vegas Soccer Club** and an **active Rotarian for thirty-seven years**, spoke to RCGV members about the **International Youth Soccer Tournament** which was inspired during a make-up visit at the Rosarito Rotary Club. Today, the **Las Vegas Mayors Cup** hosts teams from forty-five countries and involves over one thousand four hundred teams and over four hundred college coaches.

Nov. 21, 2024. Through the leadership of **President Val Hatley** along with its esteemed **Club Directors** in attendance, **Rotary Club Of Green Valley** held the first **2024-2025 semi-annual Club Assembly** designed to give all members an opportunity to share ideas for the future, make recommendations for changes/improvements, and offer opinions that will help strengthen our club moving forward. Topics of discussion included

- Financial Update
- Membership Trends/Ways to Boost Membership
- Current Meeting Schedule
- Major Projects
- Frequency of Volunteer Events/Socials
- Proposed 2024-2025 Board of Directors/Officers
- Relationship between the Club and the Nevada Rotary Foundation
- Mentoring New Members
- Open To New Ideas

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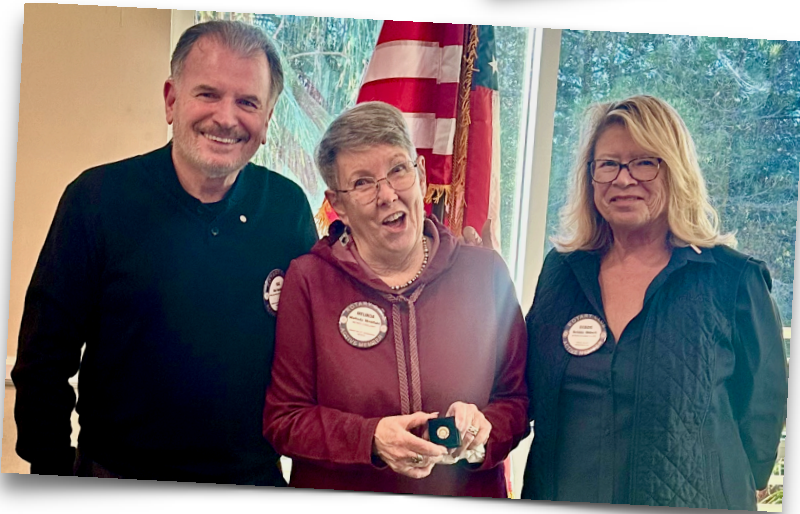


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November 21, 2024

President Val Hatley & Club Director Debbie Mitsch present esteemed member **Melinda Westfahl** (RCGV Secretary) a **Paul Harris Fellow Recognition** badge !!

Congratulations Melinda and sincere thanks for your ever present **Service Above Self** member mindset.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to [The Rotary Foundation](https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-fellow-recognition).

More info: <https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-fellow-recognition>

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HOPING ALL ROTARY CLUB OF GREEN VALLEY MEMBERS ENJOYED THE PEACE AND JOY OF THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAYS



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Tuesday, November 12
Olive Crest Holiday Meal Assembly
Rotary Club Of Green Valley
rolled up sleeves to prepare multiple boxes supporting the vital services of **Olive Crest** as they transform the lives of children and families in crisis through the healing power of God, family and community.
We can help!

OLIVE CREST
Strong Families, Safe Kids

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The Las Vegas Distillery
is a working craft spirits distillery
featuring tours, tastings, cocktails, bottle sales, bites
and a gift shop.
*Join us for a fun and informational evening at the
LV Distillery.*

<https://www.lasvegasdillery.com>



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November 8, 2024
Rotary Club Of Green Valley
Las Vegas Distillery
Tour and Tasting.
How can you NOT have a great
time with friends, adult
beverages, food and an entire
distillery at your fingertips ??

RCGV UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

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December 7, 2024
6:00pm to 9:00 pm
351 Via Pacifico
Henderson 89012
Gate Code #2655

Rotary Club Of Green Valley~ Annual Christmas Holiday Party

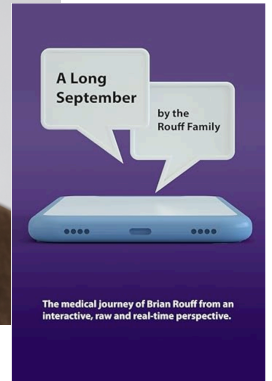
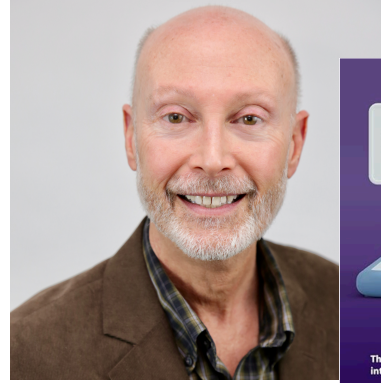
Bob Scheri & Jane Franz
have graciously offered their home
as the venue for our
2024 Rotary Club of Green Valley
Christmas/Holiday Celebration!!!
Enjoy an evening of food, fun, fellowship
and festivities: White Elephant Gift
Exchange, good food from Chef Vic and
holiday fun! Plan to bring a platter of
cookies to share for dessert.



RCGV UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

December 5, 2024 - Brian Rouff

Las Vegas resident since 1981, **Brian Rouff** holds degrees in Communication Studies & Journalism from UCLA, and has spent his professional career in media and advertising. Brian now serves as managing partner for Imagine Communications.



December 11, 2024

Rotary Club Of Green Valley - Annual Soccer Tournament

Annual Soccer Tournament for LV-area High school seniors

UNLV - Peter Johann Memorial Field

University Of Nevada

4505 S Maryland Pkwy

Annual Soccer Tournament for LV-area High school seniors

*We need volunteers at the gate, in the snack shack and to sell raffle tickets.
Two shifts: 5:00 - 7:00 pm & 6:30 - close*

December 12, 2024

Wendy Hodges-Kent

Director of Development - Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada

Investing in youth today, to better prepare them for the business of life!



December 19, 2024. - Green Valley Weekly Club Meeting

Bob Bergrén

Christmas Celebration Program

NO Green Valley Weekly Club Meeting DEC 26, 2024

Join us for a worthwhile service projects and/or a fun social event !

**HOOIHAN'S
CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS**

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 9:15 am
ROBERT TAYLOR SCHOOL
144 WESTMINSTER WAY
HENDERSON, NV 89015
RSVP to: debmitsch@yahoo.com

Santa & Madrigal Singers will greet the kids at 8:15 am

Please join us to celebrate this season of giving

Rotary
Rotary Club Of Green Valley

Exciting News: SuperBuild 2025 Planning is Underway!

By Robin Smith, Las Vegas Rotary

Mark your calendars for May 3, 2025! We're thrilled to announce that we'll be building one to two homes with Corazon in Tecate, Mexico, as part of our ongoing **SuperBuild initiative**.

SuperBuild is a remarkable opportunity to engage in international service just across the border. In a single day, you can transform the lives of a family for generations and experience a profound change in your own life.

October 25, 2024

POLIO INITIATIVE UPDATE

Islamabad(AP) – Pakistan began a nationwide vaccination campaign Monday to protect 45 million children from polio after a surge in new cases that has hampered years of efforts to stop the disease in one of the two countries where it has never been eradicated.

Pakistan regularly launches such campaigns, but violence targeting the health workers and police assigned to escort them is common. Militants falsely claim the vaccination campaign are a Western conspiracy to sterilize children.

The campaign is the third this year and will continue until Sunday “in response to the alarming increase in polio cases”, said Ayesha Raza Farooq, the prime minister’s adviser for the polio eradication program. “We are re-energized in our efforts to combat polio,” she said in a statement.

During the door-to-door campaign, children younger than 5 will be vaccinated and given drops of Vitamin A supplements to enhance their immunity.

Pakistan has recorded 41 cases across 71 districts so far this year, Farooq said. Most were reported from southwestern Balochistan and southern Sindh province, following by Khyber Paktunkhwa and eastern Punjab province.

The surge in cases in new locations is worrying authorities since previous cases were from the restive northwest bordering Afghanistan, where the Taliban government in September suddenly stopped a door to door vaccination campaign.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif met with front-line workers, urging them to ensure no child was left unvaccinated by going door to door.

Anwarul Haq, who is the coordinator of the National Emergency Operations Centre for Polio Eradication, also urged parents to fully cooperate with polio workers. “Polio has no cure, but it can be prevented with this readily available vaccine,” he said.

Authorities in Pakistan say the Taliban’s recent decision will have repercussions beyond the Afghan border, as people from both sides frequently travel to each other’s country.

In Afghanistan, a Public Health Ministry spokesman said Monday that vaccination have started in 16 of the country’s 34 provinces. The campaign will last three days and target 6.2 million children under the age of 5, said Sharafat Zaman. “It is worth mentioning that we do not have any positive confirmed cases of polio in 2024 and we are trying to prevent this virus through vaccination, said Zaman.

Data from the World Health Organization says there have been 23 confirmed cases in Afghanistan this year. That’s up six cases in 2023.

The immunization will take place in mosques and community hubs known as hujra, rather than door to door. That means people will have to take children to vaccinators, instead of health workers going house to house as is the norm.

Zaman did not respond to questions about who is carrying out the immunizations, what will happen to female polio workers, and what impact a mosque or hujra-based campaign will have on vaccination rates.

Women are not allowed to enter mosques and hujras.

Mother or females carers may face other hurdles to access polio vaccine for children, like not being able to move freely without a male guardian or not being able allowed in front of a man who is unrelated to them through blood or marriage.

The WHO has been contacted for comment about the Taliba-led vaccination drive.

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Is Your Club-sponsored Interact Club Registered as Active?

By Diane O'Neal, District 5300 Interact Liaison

Interact, Rotary clubs for young people ages 12-18 that empower them to take action, become leaders and gain a global perspective, are required by RI to complete the Interact Club Advisor form annually.

The RI link to complete this form is:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/report-your-interact-club-advisor>.

You can also obtain this form by email, from RI at Interact@rotary.org.

Has your Interact Club been terminated because your registration is not up to date?

There are approximately 120 Rotary Interact Clubs in District 5300 that have been listed as "Terminated" by RI. Please email RI Interact at Interact@rotary.org to ascertain whether your Interact Club is listed as "Terminated." If "Terminated" and your Rotary Club wishes to reinstate your Interact Club, this can be accomplished by completing the form entitled, "Interact Club Certification Form" which will be sent to you by request to the RI email address above.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Diane O'Neal, Rotary Club of Rancho Cucamonga, District 5300 Interact Liaison at dorunner5858@gmail.com

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Sincere Thanks, Ed (id8ah@me.com)

