



Brian Connett

Nevada Department of Corrections



Brian Connett is the Deputy Director for the Nevada Department of Corrections, with primary responsibility for Prison Industries which operates businesses within the prisons called Silver State Industries. For a time, Connett also was the Department's Public Information Officer.

Connett has over 28 years of operations and management experience in the correctional industry field and more than 10 years' experience on the Board of Directors of the National Correctional Industries Association.

Connett is passionate about his work with correctional industries and loves changing the lives of staff and inmate workers through their training and hard work.

Prior to joining the Nevada Department of Corrections, Connett spent almost 18 years with the State of Florida's prison industry program in increasing capacities, responsibilities and positions.

Connett served as President of an investment and construction firm specializing in the purchase, development and sale of unimproved land for housing.

Connett holds a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing with a minor in Finance from the University of South Florida.

Deputy Director Connett moved to Nevada early in 2007 and resides in Las Vegas.

Las Vegas
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MARCH 23, 2017

TODAY'S PROGRAM

BRIAN CONNETT

CALENDAR

SCRIBE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

CARS FOR A CAUSE

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

CIGAR SOCIAL PHOTOS



WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a leadership organization of local business, professional and civic leaders. We meet regularly to form friendships and work together to improve the local and international community

Las Vegas Rotary Club Mission:

*Teaching Youth to Succeed
through Literacy, Education & Life Skills Development*



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The collage features four distinct advertisements. The top ad is for Thomas & Mack Co., a Nevada Limited Liability Company, located at 2300 West Sahara Ave., Suite 530, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. It provides a phone number (702-920-2851), a fax number (702-920-2826), and identifies Thomas A. Thomas as the Managing Partner. The middle ad is a simple text-based advertisement for a location near you, with the phone number 735.7315. The bottom ad is for Ted Wiens Complete Auto Service, established since 1948, with 11 locations in Las Vegas and a website (TedWiens.com). The entire collage is framed by a large, stylized yellow and blue bow at the top and bottom.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians,

Given the topic of today's speaker being about the incarceration system, I thought this was a good opportunity to remind us all of the incredibly important work our club does with our partners on a daily basis through our youth literacy programs.

You may recall from my first presentation as Club President that the State of Arizona actually uses 4th grade reading scores as their most accurate predictor of future prison bed requirements. A few other sobering statistics about literacy:

- 1) Of adults with low literacy skills, 43% live in poverty.
- 2) Fully 70% of all prison inmates are in the two lowest levels of literacy proficiency.
- 3) Estimated annual cost to taxpayers of problems associated with illiteracy is \$20 Billion – (with a “B”!).
- 4) The odds of lifelong literacy problems are very high if reading skills are not developed by 3rd or 4th grade.
- 5) 85% of low-income students who attend high-poverty schools fail to reach proficient level in reading by 4th grade.

To quote Apollo 13 Astronauts –
“Houston, we have a problem!” - And how.

So today as we learn about how the State of Nevada addresses the result of this catastrophe, know that you and your financial contributions are directly focused on one of the root causes of the problem.

One more reason to be a proud Rotarian!

David Thorson
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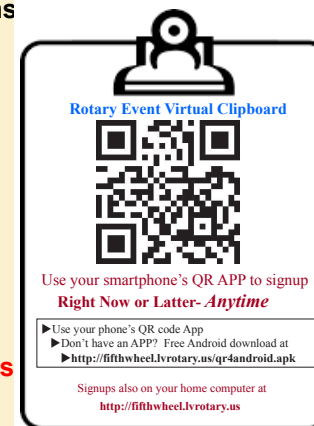
Ask me about my
 “Gift to Rotary” Program!



CALENDAR

ROTARY EVENTS ARE LISTED IN RED / GUEST SPEAKERS & PROGRAMS IN BLACK

3/23 Brian Connett - Dept. of Corrections
Wetzel Awards at Nellis AFB
3/25 Highway Clean-up
3/30 Nehme Abouzeid - Las Vegas
Golden Knights
4/4 Breakfast With Books, 8:15am
4/6 Old-Timer's Day
4/13 Tim Mullin - USO
4/20 Valedictorian Lunch
4/22 - District Assembly, Victorville, CA
4/23 Cars for a Cause Show
4/28-4/30 RYLA
5/19-5/21 District Conference, Palm Springs
6/22 Debunking Party



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Our greeter **Jennifer Lier, aka Marilyn Monroe** poses with **Jim Jones, Bob Werner** and **Deb Granda**.



Of course **John Ingeme** wants a solo picture!



Robert Fisher presents our invocation.



Jennifer, being a professional singer, leads us in the National Anthem.



Bob Werner presented the club with a banner from a Mexican Club that he attended.



Rob and Sarah Brown announced the upcoming highway clean up.



Matt Nelson enjoys his Birthday song from **Marilyn** capped off with a kiss.



Annie Nounna wins the Lawry bucks.



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Our member **Jerry Engel** introduces our illustrious speaker **Ben Lesser** a Auschwitz camp survivor.

HIGHLIGHTS



President Dave awards multiple PHF's to **Randy Campanale, Bob Fisher** and **Larry Tomsic**.



Bill Stieren gives us an update on the test site visit in May.

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MARCH 16, 2017

- **President David Thorson** called the meeting to order.
- **Bob Fisher** gave the invocation. **Jennifer Lier, aka Marilyn Monroe** led the club in singing the the National Anthem. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Sergeant-at-Arms was **25 Club VP Erik Astramecki**.
- There were (2) International Rotarians, (1) Visiting Rotarian and (7) Guests of Rotarians were introduced.
- The drawing began at \$5,369.00 plus this week's donations. The winner gets half the pot and half goes to the Las Vegas Rotary Foundation. Ticket Winner: **Past President Jim Hunt** who won \$10! Lawry Bucks Winner: **Anne Nounna**.
- **Janice Lencke** announced that **Deb Granda** is sponsoring the map at the car show and **Bob Fisher** is donating air time on Vegas Observations for the raffle. There are still opportunities to donate items to the swag bag.
- **Jennifer Lier, aka Marilyn Monroe** sang "Happy Birthday" to **Matt Nelson** and then auctioned off a performance for \$600 which will go into the LV Rotary Foundation.
- **President David Thorson** presented Paul Harris Fellowships to **Larry Tomsic** (PHF+5), **Bob Fisher** (PHF+1), and **Past President Randy Campanale** (PHF+3).
- **Mike Warrington**, a Rotarian from England gave a presentation on Rotary In Britain and Ireland (RIBI).
- **Katie Decker** introduced teachers from Hollingsworth, Walter Long and Bracken Elementary Schools and announced that Bracken had received a national award for Magnet School of the Year.
- **Bill Stieren** announced that there will be a tour of the Atomic Test Site on May 24, 2017. The event is free. You will need to fill out security forms in advance and bring a photo ID.
- **Deb Granda** announced that District Conference is May 18-23, 2017 in Palm Springs. The hospitality theme is "Latin America." Please let **Deb** know if you have any suggestions on how we can win best decorated suite.
- **Sarah Brown** announced that the next Highway Clean Up is on March 25, 2017 at 8am.
- **Jerry Engel** gave a heartfelt introduction for the speaker, **Ben Lesser**, a holocaust survivor. **Ben** was born a Jew in Poland in 1928 along with (7) other siblings. When the Nazis invaded, he and his family were relocated to a ghetto that was soon to be raided by the Nazis. His family escaped to Hungary, but they couldn't escape the Nazis who invaded and relocated them to Auschwitz Labor camp where they experience unspeakable horrors. **Ben** was one of (2) survivors in his family and has written a book to remind people of the atrocities committed by the Nazis. "Living A Life That Matters: From Nazi Nightmare to American Dream," was nominated for a 2015 Audie Award for best inspirational non-fiction audiobook.
- **President David Thorson** presented the speaker with a Sole Power Award and adjourned the meeting.

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Program Will Be Completed At 8:45

Please contact Marie Walsh at reeze@cox.net - 702-897-5148 With Any Questions

25 CLUB HIGHWAY CLEANUP PROJECT

Once every quarter, on a Saturday morning,
join fellow Rotarians clean up our
designated stretch of Highway 159 across
from the entrance to Bonnie
Springs Ranch

March 25th
8:00am

enjoy fellowship while
doing something really important
for our environment and community

1st Quarter Wetzel Awards

The 1st Quarter Wetzel Awards
will be held at Nellis Air Force
Base **TODAY**,
March 23rd at 3:00 PM

Please meet at the Visitor's Center located at the entrance to Nellis Air Force Base, corner of N Las Vegas Blvd and Craig Road, promptly at 2:30 PM if you need a ride to the site where the ceremony will be held. We would love to have as many of you as possible to share this cherished Rotary Club of Las Vegas event! RSVP to Jackie Thornhill if you can come, jthornhill2@icloud.com



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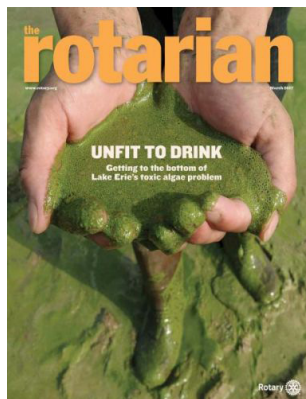
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Monday	Southwest	Lawry's Prime Rib	12:15 p.m.
Tuesday	Las Vegas Summerlin	TPC Club House	7:15 a.m.
Tuesday	Downtown	Hugo's (Four Queens Hotel)	12:15 p.m.
Tuesday	Henderson	McCaw School of Mines, 575 Lynn Lane	Noon
Tuesday	Mesquite	Oasis Club House	Noon
Tuesday	Las Vegas West	Canyon Gate Country Club	12:15 p.m.
Tuesday	Red Rock Rotary	No Regrets Bar (8349 W Sunset Rd #150)	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Pahrump Valley	Mountain Falls Grill Room	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Boulder City	Boulder Creek Golf Course	Noon
Wednesday	Moapa	Old Overton Gym	6:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Las Vegas Central	Las Vegas Country Club	12:15 p.m.
Wednesday	LV Spring Mountains	Siena Bistro, Siena Golf Club	5:30p.m.
<i>Town Center Drive south of Flamingo</i>			
Thursday	Boulder City Sunrise	Boulder Creek Golf Course	7:00 a.m.
Thursday	Green Valley	Wildhorse Golf Club	7:00 a.m.
Thursday	Las Vegas Rotary	Lawry's Prime Rib	Noon
Thursday	Mesquite Sunrise	Oasis Golf Course (Red Room)	7:30 a.m.
Friday	North Las Vegas	Los Prados Country Club	7:15 a.m.

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Interact Clubs - 18,005; Members - 414,115; Countries - 132