

David Thorson The USO - The Force Behind the Forces



David is currently the Center Director for the USO in Las Vegas where he is responsible for four USO Centers, development activities and a Pathfinder team that assists active duty military transition to civilian employment. He also serves on the board of directors for Nevada Trust Company and Trustar Corporation. He held management and executive roles at Ford Motor Company and Hewlett-Packard, respectively, as

well as executive roles at three technology start-up companies in operations, finance, marketing and sales. Throughout his career he has lived or worked in 7 different countries.

MBA from Escuela Superior de Administración y Dirección de Empresas (Barcelona, Spain); Master of International Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management (Glendale, AZ); Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics, University of Arizona (Tucson, AZ).

David is a Past President of the Las Vegas Rotary Club and past Assistant District Governor for Rotary District 5300.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club's Mission:

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



JUNE 13, 2019
TODAY'S PROGRAM

DAVID THORSON

CALENDAR

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



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Kirk Alexander Erik Astrimecki Jamie Goldsmith Rosalee Hedrick **Kirk Holmes Bill Houghton Janet Linder Anil Melnick Melanie Muldowny Jacqueline Thornhill**

Past President Representative **Randy Donald**





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Today we welcome Past President Dave Thorson as our speaker. Dave is the Center Director of the USO that is located in McCarran International Airport. USO is short for United Service Organizations, Inc. According to its website, the USO provides support to service members and their families through programs focused on connection, strengthening, wellness and resiliency. The USO was formed in 1941 after Franklin D. Roosevelt requested that something be done to help the U.S. troops before they left and while they were in the theaters of combat.

The USO was originally formed to provide entertainment to the U.S. troops who were fighting in World War II. The goal was to provide U.S. troops with a slice of home, so that they could remember what they were fighting for and what was waiting for them when they got home. Through the years numerous celebrities have donated their time and risked their safety to entertain our troops while serving on foreign soil. Although it disbanded for a period after World War II, the USO has been in continual operation since the Korean war.

As we will learn from PP Dave, the USO's scope of services has greatly expanded from providing entertainment to our troops. Many thanks to PP Dave for the help and services he and the USO provides to our troops.

. James H. Kohl



CALENDAR

EAKERS & PROGRAMS IN BLACK

R	OTARY EVENTS ARE LISTED IN RED / GUEST
6/13	David Thorson USO
6/15	Highway Cleanup - 8:00 am
6/20	Club Assembly
	Celebrating 2018-2019
6/20	Prime Rib
6/27	Dark
6/27	Debunking Party
6/28	25 Club - Go Kart Social
	5:30PM at Pole Position

\$30 per person

7/4 Dark

Brenda Cressey -RI Foundation

Audrey Damonte & Jim Puzey -7/18 **Holley Driggs Law Firm**

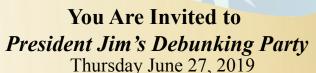
Tom Thomas -**Thomas & Mack**

7/27 **Alpine Picnic**

Andrew Bennet -Dept. of Public Safety



Signups also on your home computer at http://fifthwheel.lvrotarv.us



6-9pm Angel Park Golf Club Free for members / \$40 for guests

To support Project 150, please bring an unused pair of athletic socks (ages 13-18) to the even



2018-2019 **RI President Barry Rassin** District 5300 Governor John Chase



PAST PRESIDENTS

Les Saunders*	1923-24	Dr. Harold Boyer*	1971-72		
Bill Ferron*	1924-25	Angelo J. Manzi*	1972-73		
A.A. Hinman*	1925-26	Keith Ashworth*	1973-74		
Frosty Mildren*	1926-27	Robert E. O'Connell*	1974-75		
Fred Hesse*	1927-28	Don Ashworth*	1975-76		
Dr. F.M. Ferguson*	1928-29	David F. Welles*	1976-77		
Dr. William S. Park*	1929-30	James J. Corey*	1977-78		
Charlie Dimock*	1930-31	Darrell Luce*	1978-79		
Leo McNamee*	1931-32	Albert H. Purdue*	1979-80		
A.E. Cahlan*	1932-33	Michael Hoover	1980-81		
Douglas Dasheil*	1933-34	Donald L. Aikin*	1981-82		
Marion Earl*	1934-35	Joseph J. Buckley*	1982-83		
Dr. Roy Martin*	1935-36	Irwin Kishner*	1983-84		
K.O. Knudson*	1936-37	James Cashman III*	1984-85		
Frank Gusewelle*	1937-38	Mike Meyer	1985-86		
Fom Connolly*	1938-39	Doug L. Peterson	1986-87		
Archie Grant*	1939-40	M.J. Wiens, Jr.	1987-88		
Otto Underhill*	1940-41	Keith W. Bassett*	1988-89		
Bryan Bunker*	1941-42	Kenneth E. Miller*	1989-90		
Cyril Wengert*	1942-43	James M. Gamett	1990-91		
Fred O'Donnell*	1943-44	Robert L. Moore	1991-92		
Frank Case*	1944-45	Robert L. Forbuss*	1992-93		
Victor Shurtiff*	1945-46	Gary A. Martin	1993-94		
Max Kelch*	1946-47	John A. Smith	1994-95		
Ed Ciliax*	1947-48	Caty Crockett	1995-96		
Lorin Ronnow*	1948-49	Clifford R. Beadle	1996-97		
Leonard Fayle*	1949-50	Ralph J. Rohay	1997-98		
Allye Lawson*	1950-51	Dr. James M. Jones*	1998-99		
Harry Allen*	1951-52	Tom A. Thomas	1999-00		
Les Edwards*	1952-53	Tom J. Krob	2000-01		
Wayne Kirch*	1953-54	James E. Hunt	2001-02		
George Boman*	1954-55	James R. Tucker	2002-03		
Spence Butterfield*	1955-56	Kathy Dalvey	2003-04		
Walt Hunsaker*	1956-57	Steve Casey	2004-05		
Ted Brandt*	1957-58	Ned Phillips	2005-06		
Julian Moore*	1958-59	Brock Fraser	2006-07		
Ray F. Culley*	1959-60	Randy Campanale	2007-08		
C.T. Harris*	1960-61	Russ Swain	2008-09		
Ollie Gardner*	1961-62	Karen Whisenhunt	2009-10		
Fom Underhill*	1962-63	Tom Axtell	2010-11		
Vern Willis*	1963-64	Sharon McNair	2011-12		
Ward Wengert*	1964-65	Randy Donald	2012-13		
Bill Southard*	1965-66	Ginger Anderson	2013-14		
Dr. Vince Sanner*	1966-67	Steve Linder	2014-15		
Walter Wehner*	1967-68	Mary Ann Avnet	2015-16		
Dr. Robert Robinson	* 1968-69	David Thorson	2016-17		
Harold Wandesforde	* 1969-70	Michael Gordon	2017-18		
Mark C. Mielke*	1970-71				
* Deceased					
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THE LAS VEGAS **ROTARY CLUB**



At Jim's Head table were our speaker Greg Britton,

Kirk Holmes, and the speakers aide Evan Yeager

from AFWERX.

The real Birthday Members were Janice

Lencke, Tom Krob and Howie

Hopkinson. The rest were impersonators.

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Andy Kuniyuki gave our

invocation.

PP Steve Linder led us in song.



Deb Granda was joined for lunch by her good friend Michelle.

Deb Granda our Sargent

At Arms and PP Ginger Anderson

posed for a pic.

New Hollingsworth Elementary principals

Staca Sadie and Mia Nelson accept a

check for 5 new Apple computers for the

A division of ZB, N.A. Member FDIC

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Janice Lencke presented a check for \$1,500 to Pam Lang and Lisa Habigorst from Spread The Word Nevada



PEOPLE

OF ACTION

PP Michael Gordon introduce the president elect **Bob Beck** from the new Rotary After Hours club that we sponsored.



New Member Michelle Roy was welcomed into our



PP Dave Thorson brought us up to date on the next Wetzel Awards.



Kirk Alexander gave us an update on upcoming projects



PP Russ Swain was going to bomb my picture of Jaime Goldsmith but decided to do it properly.



PP Tom Thomas missed his chance at the Joker.



PP Jim Tucker won the Lawry Bucks.



President Jim presented our speaker Greg Britton from AFWERX with our Share What You Can Award.



The Officers for the 25 Club

President - Kim Nyoni VP - Jimmelle Siarot • Secretary - Carey Grohs The 25 Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday each month at 11:15 A.M. at Lawry's The Prime Rib



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JUNE 6, 2019

President Jim Kohl convened the meeting at 12:20pm:

- Andy Kuniuki gave the invocation;
- Past President Steve Linder served as the song leader;
- Deb Granda was the Sergeant-at-Arms;
- There were 8 visiting Rotarians, one from Lawrence Kansas and seven from the Las Vegas Rotary After Hours Club;
- Five guests of Rotarians attended the meeting;
- Staca Sadie, the new principal of Hollingsworth Elementary School along with her assistant principal Mia Nelson where also present at the meeting;
- Our guest speaker **Greg Britton** and **Kirk Holmes** joined **President Jim** at the head table;
- Three Rotarians celebrated birthdays this month, Janice Lehnke, Past President Tom Krob, and Howie Hopkinson;
- President Elect Richard Jost presented a check for \$1,000 from the Las Vegas Rotary Club Foundation to Staca Sade, the new principal of Hollingsworth Elementary School, to fund the purchase of Apple TV devices to be used for instructional purposes;
- Janice Lenke provided a recap of the annual fundraiser and presented a check for \$1,500 to Spread the Word Nevada, the beneficiary of the fundraiser. Lisa Habbingost and Pam Lang, founders of Spread the Word Nevada were present to receive the check;
- Past President and Assistant District Governor Michael Gordon officially welcomed into Rotary the Las Vegas Rotary After Hour Club, presented a flag to the Club's President Rob Beck;
- Rob Beck, President of Las Vegas Rotary After Hours Club announced the Club's Charter party that will take place on July 12;
- New member Michelle Roy, sponsored by Kirk Holmes, was inducted into the Club;
- Past President Dave Thorson made an announcement on the Wetzel Awards that will take place on June 19 at Nellis AFB;
- Past President and Assistant District Governor Michael Gordon gave a reminder on the availability of Club matching points for members who want to become Paul Harris Fellows or upgrade their Paul Harris status. ADG Gordon also reminded the Club of the upcoming Debunking of President Jim Kohl on June 27, 2019;
- Jamie Goldsmith announced the upcoming SOAR on Monday, September 16, at 8:00am at Las Vegas City Hall.
- Guest speaker **Greg Britton** gave a presentation on AFWERX. AFWERX is a United States Air Force program with the goal of fostering a culture of innovation within the service. Encompassing a number of programs supported with relatively small amounts of funding, the initiative is intended to circumvent bureaucracy and engage new entrepreneurs in Air Force programs.
- President Jim Kohl adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.

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MAKE-UP DAYS AND PLACES

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	HBRC/Wells Fargo building (122 S. Water St.)	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.
		Town Center Drive south of Flamingo	
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.
		Off Lone Mtn. betw. Decatur & Jones	
Friday	Las Vegas "Won"	Fogo de Chao	5:00 p.m.

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Rotarians Members - 1,207,102; Clubs - 34,823; Districts - 538; Countries - 200+; Rotaractors Clubs - 7,868; Members - 180,964; Countries - 162 Interact Clubs - 18,005; Members - 414,115; Countries - 132