

## Paul Vautrinot Addiction & Recovery



Paul Vautrinot was born and raised in Las Vegas. He attended Las Vegas Academy of the Arts and graduated in 2005. Paul has been a person in long term recovery 2014 after having been addicted to Heroin and Methamphetamines for nearly a decade.

He is a graduate of the ABC Drug Court program based in Henderson Nevada, and currently sits on the Alumni groups board as Vice President. Paul is currently employed with Freedom House as the Program Director for Freedom Behavioral Health, The Housing Director for Crossroads Of Southern Nevada and serves as the Program Director Shine A Light.

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



MAY 14, 2020 TODAY'S PROGRAM

PAUL VAUTRINOT

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am a big fan of the "Lucky" books by author Deborah Coontz. While the protagonist of this book series, Lucky O'Toole and her giant hotel casino, the Babylon, are fictional, the author weaves the fictional crime story with the non-fictional city of Las Vegas. Many locations, events, strip hotels and even real-life people are woven into her stories.

One of the books in the series described how Lucky teamed up to solve a murder with a resident she knew who trusted her. This crime solver partner lived in the tunnels below Las Vegas strip area. Knowing that much of what author Coontz writes is based in fact, I decided to do some research as I had not heard of people living in the tunnels. As it turns out, not too many people knew about them either although there is much written about them.

There are volunteers from help agencies in the city who routinely go into the tunnels to offer assistance. We will hear from one such volunteer who will speak at this week's meeting. Paul Vautrinot has an amazing story to share.

I am writing about a huge area of concern the volunteers and tunnel residents have to supplement what Paul will be sharing with us. Along with the stories of despair, addiction, and job loss, there is a menace that threatens these residents even more. In an article from 8/2016 in the Plaid Zebra, "The city of Las Vegas is located in the Las Vegas Valley in the Mojave Desert, with the Spring Mountains surrounding the area. During the monsoon season of January and February, the heavy rainfall causes flash flooding that city planners countered by constructing an extensive labyrinth of storm sewers beneath the very streets that constitute some of the most expensive real estate on the planet." What happens when the rains come? The tunnels are doing their job.



Much of what the residents have collected or use for their makeshift home, become projectiles when the water starts raging not flowing through. When rain is predicted, volunteers go in the tunnels to sound the alarm. Las Vegas has little rainfall in a year. But if you have ever experienced the monsoon season, you know how quickly our streets flood. Imagine how quickly the water flows through these underground tunnels.

Our Clark County Fire and Rescue first responders have witnessed people flowing through the washes and have rushed to catch them. But the current is so strong it swept them away. As a result of these challenges, CC Fire and Rescue partnered with the Wet 'n' Wild water park to practice swift water rescue. Fortunately, these types of rescues are rare, only due I would speculate because of the low amount of rainfall each year.

How many of us remember the massive flood of July 1999? There was enough danger topside, I can only imagine what was going on in the tunnels.

The question is, how can we help? Maybe the real question is, do these residents want help? I hope our speaker will answer these questions today.

Jacqueline Thornhill



## **CALENDAR**

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

5/21	Marta Meana - UNLV President
	and Valedictorian
5/28	Ted McAdam & Arnold Stalk -
	Memorial Day May 25th
6/04	Samantha Johnson -
	Allegiant Stadium
6/11	Club Assembly
6/18	M.J. Maynard - RTC On Board

**Regional Mobility Plan** 6/20 **Highway Clean Up** 

6/25 **President Jackie Debunking** 

7/02 **Daniel Reichman from** Tom Thomas

7/09 Dr. David Glenn Weismiller





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2019-2020

6 Mentor Centers 225 Mentors

715 Children served 464 10.429 Books distributed

#### Notables

- A 1<sup>st</sup> grader lights up each time her mentor picks her up
- Comprehension increases from 50% to 88% for a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader
- A 3<sup>rd</sup> grader doubles his fluency from 45 words per minute to 94, with 98% accuracy
- "My student has developed confidence and positivity, his mentor has changed his life"
   4th grade teacher
- A shy 5<sup>th</sup> grader sneaks a handwritten thank you letter onto her mentor's desk
- A student stops our Facilitator in the hallway and begs to be chosen for the next open spot

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**Dr. Andy Kuniyuki** with **Brenda Cressey**, RI Foundation Chair 7/11/2019



## The Officers for the 25 Club

President - Carey Grohs
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The 25 Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday
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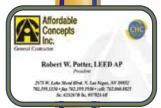
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## SCRIBE MAY 7, 2020

- President Jackie Thornhill called the meeting to order via Facebook/ Zoom Live Stream event.
- President Jackie Thornhill gave the invocation.
- Kirk Holmes was Sergeant at Arms.
- President Jackie Thornhill played Anchors Away and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- President Jackie Thornhill announcements/reminders:
  - Your quarterly and monthly contributions help fund programs keep our projects moving. Please consider donating to the permanent fund. Consider becoming a Tiberti Fellow if you are not one already.
  - Please use the QR code in the green book to sign up for events online.
  - People of Action Campaign is still live. If you have photos, please continue to send them to President Jackie Thornhill.
  - There is a spot or two in the upcoming Wheels for a virtual craft talk. Please send **Jackie** your headshot, logo and up to 250 words describing what you do professionally.
- Jerry Engel helped celebrate the May Birthday Table with his harmonica.
- **David Thorson** 500 Nature is Neat kits were distributed to the Creech AFB families. A bigger distribution for the families of Nellis AFB will be coming along shortly. Please watch the virtual green book to sign up to help.
- **Melanie Muldowney** reminded us that the Foundation Match is still available through June 30th.
- Major Randy Kinnamon shared that at the end of June he will take a new office in Tacoma Washington with the Salvation Army.
- President Jackie Thornhill introduced our speaker Robert Telles who serves as the Clark County Public Administrator. Robert shared many interesting and helpful tips for estate planning. His office handles on average 500 probate cases a year assisting in the proper transfer of property from an estate to the next of kin. He recommended Revocable Living Trust based planning to avoid your estate going to probate. Throughout the year various organizations such as Vegas PBS offer no cost will fairs to assist you with planning. Whichever type of planning you choose be sure your family has copies of all the appropriate documents. He also suggested that we watch out for senior citizens we know for signs of duress. If we feel they are being exploited by family or caretakers, please call Adult Protective Services at (702) 486-6930 so they may investigate.
- President Jackie Thornhill adjourned the meeting.

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April 20, 2020

Ms. Jackie Thornhill, President Las Vegas Rotary Foundation, Inc. PO Box 15152 Las Vegas, NV 89114-5152

Dear Ms. Thornhill

On behalf of Spread the Word Nevada I would like to thank Las Vegas Rotary Foundation for the generous donation of \$25,000,00 for sponsorship of Beckley Elementary School. We are so proud to continue our partnership with you in our mission to eliminate childhood illiteracy within Southern Nevada.

This recent donation will enable us to continue to bring the gift of reading to the students at Beckley Elementary School through our Kids to Kids and Breakfast with Books programs. Because of the commitment that Las Vegas Rotary Foundation and fellow supporters have made to literacy. Spread the Word Nevada has been able to provide more than 5.5 million books to over 575,000 children and their families.

For tax purposes, Spread the Word Nevada is a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation with Federal Tax Identification number 22-3829041. Your charitable donation may be tax deductible (pursuant NRS 598) to the fullest extent allowable by law. No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation.

Thank you for being our partner in literacy as we work together to change lives, one book at a time.

Sincerest regards,

Lisa Habighorst

Executive Director & Co-Founder
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"When you give someone a book, you don't give him just paper, link, and give. You give him the possibility of a whole new file." Christopher Morfey, 1890-1957, Novelast, Journalist and Poet

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5:00 p.m.

Monday (1st, 2nd, 4th)	Southwest	Lawry's Prime Rib	12:15 p.m.
Tuesday (1st, 3rd)	Las Vegas Summerlin	TPC Club House	7:00 a.m.
Tuesday (1st, 3rd)	Downtown	Hugo's (Four Queens Hotel)	12:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Henderson	Wells Fargo building (122 S. Water St.)	Noon
Tuesday	Mesquite	Holiday Inn Express	Noon
Tuesday (2nd, 4th)	Las Vegas West	Canyon Gate Country Club	12:00 p.m.
Tuesday (varies)	Red Rock Rotary	PKWY Tavern (9820 W Flamingo Rd)	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Pahrump Valley	China Wok	Noon
Wednesday	Boulder City	Milo's Cellar	6 PM
Wednesday	Моара	UNR Cooperative Extension	7:30 a.m.
Wednesday (2nd, 4th)	LV After Hours	Art 2 Art Gallery	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	LV Spring Mountains	The Den LV (9837 W. Tropicana Ave)	5:30p.m.
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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