

Coach Ron Altkin Las Vegas Sandpipers



Coach Ron Aitkin has a clear, logical mind with a practical approach to problem solving and a drive to see things through to completion. Ron has more than 35 years of experience in managing and leading teams of all different levels and abilities. He thrives on challenges and has a genuine

interest to see projects succeed at the highest level. He believes on insetting a vison and path toward a common goal. That vision is what he strives for relentlessly, day in and day out. His track record amongst his peers has the highest levels of integrity, hard work, and resilience.

Over the last 25 years, Coach Aitkin has built a successful competitive swim program in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Sandpipers began in 1968 with less than 20 swimmers and today is thriving with over 400. In 1996, Coach Aitkin was selected as the head coach and has since raised the program's prominence with national recognition in the USA Swimming Club Excellence program with placement in the top five for the fifth consecutive year. The Club Excellence program recognizes USA Swimming's highest-performing clubs in the development of athletes ages 18 years and younger. In 2019, Sandpipers of Nevada was ranked third. Several of our athletes received scholarships to NCAA Division I programs, competed at World Championships, World University Games, Olympic Trials, and also reached the podium at the Olympic Games.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club's Mission:

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



OCTOBER 21, 2021 TODAY'S PROGRAM

COACH RON AITKIN

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to share the story of a young woman named Florence Chadwick. She started competitive swimming at age six. At age 10, her uncle entered her in a long-distance race and she came in fourth, a higher finish than in most of her races. She tried more long-distance races and won first place in a six-mile race across the choppy waters at the San Diego Bay Channel. Florence became the first woman to swim across the English Channel both ways.

Chadwick was 34 years old when she attempted to become the first woman to swim the 21 miles from Catalina Island to Palos Verde on the California coast. The weather that day was challenging because the ocean was ice-cold and the fog was so thick. In the water, she could barely see the support boats that followed her.

Hour after hour she swam, the fog had never lifted. Her mother and trainer followed her in one of the support boats encouraging her to keep going. While Americans watched on television other members of her support crew fired rifles at the sharks to drive them away.

At about the 15 hour point she began to doubt her ability to finish the swim. At 15 hours and 55 minutes, she decided to stop and asked her support crew to take her out of the water. Her mother and her trainer encouraged her to continue, but to no use. Once inside the boat, she discovered she had quit within a mile of the coast.

Later, when she was interviewed and asked why she had abandoned her swim, she confessed that it wasn't the cold water and it wasn't the distance. She said, "I was licked by the fog."

Sometimes in our life it is hard to keep going forward because we don't see the goal. The fog made her unable to see her goal and it felt to her like she was getting absolutely nowhere.

Two months later she tried again. That day the fog was just as dense, but this time she kept going. Her time was 13 hours and 47 minutes, breaking a 27-year-old record by more than two hours and becoming the first woman ever to complete the swim.

We all encounter moments of fog, not seeing where we're heading. Like Chadwick, we can be doing really well but then we encounter a challenge that can either make or break us. It depends on how we deal with that challenge when it arises.

Mike

Let's persevere, let's keep going. Rotary wants you to succeed. As you succeed, Rotary succeeds.





The Las Vegas Rotary is pleased to be a sponsor and a benefactor for the Las Vegas Concours d'Elegance. This year the events will be held at the Las Vegas Ballpark at Summerlin on October 21 through 24. Come out and enjoy the most comfortable and spectator-friendly outdoor event space showcasing a luxury car show with 100 years of history in the automobile industry and enjoy delicious food and beverage. Additionally, please share this offer with all friends, colleagues, and car lovers in your lives! The Las Vegas Rotary Club will receive proceeds from all ticket sales we generate through our club which will support our community services and our club mission.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!!!!

General Admission Tickets are \$100 and VIP tickets are \$200.

Rotary Club link to Ticketmaster: https://www.ticketmaster.com/concours-delegancelas-vegas-nevada-10-23-2021/event/17005AC3AD0B55E2?CAMEFROM=CFC_LV51S_OTHER_ROT_ROTARYCLUB



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THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB



Elliote Fajardo prepares to give the invocation.



Visiting Rotarian, **Dennis Knowles** from Centerville, UT joined us and exchanges banners with **President Mike Ballard**.



Marie Walsh announced the elementary school candy drive for Halloween.



Past President Karen Whisenhunt enjoying time in Rotary fellowship.



The raffle pot was for more than \$2,300 last week.

John Palley won the right to pull for the Joker, which
he did not. He received \$10 as his consolation.



Arleen Sirois wins the \$50 Lawry Bucks.

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THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB



25 Club President **Susan Ziobro** leading the club in the national anthem.



Past District Governor **Tom Novotny** smiles watching the activities of the Las Vegas Rotary.



Brian Sorrentino talks about the serious fun about to be had at the Concours d'Elegance this week.



Michael Gordon gives background on the Santa Clothes program and that it will be December 2nd.



President Mike presents a children's book donated by its author Arleen Sorios to Krista Nicholas.



President Mike thanks our guest speaker **Michael Brown**, Secretary for Economic Development for Nevada.



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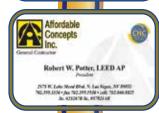
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- President Mike Ballard called the meeting to order.
- Elliote Fajardo gave the invocation. Susan Ziobro lead the song, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **President Mike Ballard** thanked the members who helped with meeting roles: raffle, setup, tear down, scribe, photographer and Sergeant of Arms.

Guests Attending:

• The following visiting Rotarians and guests joined our club this week: visiting Rotarian from Centerville, UT, Dennis Knowles joined us and exchanges banners; Ellen Regan guest of Jaime Goldsmith; Mag Pratt guest of President Mike Ballard; Antoinette Monroe and Chelsy McDermott guest of Tina Bishop; guest; and Nareg Aghjayan, guest of Rob Pistone.

Announcements:

- **Brian Sorrentino** updated us on the second Annual Las Vegas Concours d'Elegance event is coming up October 23, 2021 and to get your ticket if interested in attending and still need staffing.
- Karen Whisenhunt Family of Rotary Luncheon October 29 at Grape Vine Café 11:30.
- Blue Heron Modern One Ultra-Luxury Home Tour, October 21, at 4:45pm, still four spots left. Cost \$50.00 per person to Foundation.
- **Susan Ziobro** announced the canned food drive and raffle sales. As well as the 25 Club Announcements and next meeting November 4.
- Marie Walsh still collecting candy through next meeting for the elementary schools we sponsor.
- **Jacqueline Thornhill** announced the Halloween Party will be at the Sparks home.
- Michael Gordon announced that Santa Clothes will be December 2nd and Holiday Dinner will also be December 2nd at the Green Valley Ranch Resort.
- The Raffle drawing today for the over \$2,286 pot was **John Palley**, he did not draw the joker, but received \$10.00 for his consolation. **Arleen Sirois** walked away with the \$50 Lawry Bucks. Arleen also donated one of her books which was won by **Krista Nicholas**.
- Guest Speaker today, **Michael Brown**, Secretary for Economic Development for Nevada, who talked about the Pandemic update as well as what is happening with diversifying the local economy. He did update us that 62 percent of Nevadans have had the first shot and 51 percent second shot.

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24 October is World Polio Day!

As World Polio Day approaches, the Rotary community is getting ready to amplify our message about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from this devastating disease.

Together, we've made tremendous progress. Now it's time to intensify our fight to make polio the second human disease ever to be eradicated. Last year, the World Health Organization's African region was certified free of wild poliovirus, showing that eradication is possible even in very difficult circumstances. The wild poliovirus remains endemic in just two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. We can use World Polio Day to advocate for the support we need to end polio in countries where it still paralyzes children.

Inspire action

Take action for World Polio Day by promoting the importance of polio eradication, raising funds, and planning events. Let's engage our communities in the fight against polio — because as long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere.

Use the World Polio Day Toolkit to find resources and tips for planning activities and promoting a polio-free world. Inspire others to join us by hosting virtual and community events, creating fundraisers, and sharing posts on social media.

Register your club's participation in World Polio Day to show how Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs around the world are taking action to eradicate polio. If you register your events, fundraisers, and promotions by 14 October, you'll get early access to a download of Rotary's World Polio Day Global Update one week before the program will be shown on 24 October on Rotary's Facebook page and endpolio.org.





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CALENDAR

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10/22 Concours d'Elegance Oct 22nd - 24th.

10/28 Tyre Gray - CEO of Nevada Mining Association / Lithium in NV

11/04 John Guedry - State of Nevada Education

11/11 Veteran's Day - Ted McAdams

11/18 Mike Howard - Former CIA Officer

11/24 WED / Jesus Jara, PhD

- Clark County Superintendent

12/02 Santa Clothes

12/02 Holiday Party- Green Valley Ranch Resort

12/09 Bob Behring - Wheelchair Foundation / John Williams

12/16 Senator Bryant / Mike Mewborn

12/23 DARK

12/30 DARK



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