





Keith E. Whitfield, Ph.D.

UNLV President



Dr. Keith E. Whitfield is an experienced university administrator and prolific scholar in the fields of psychology, health, and aging. President Whitfield joined UNLV in August 2020 after serving as provost, senior vice president of academic affairs, and professor of psychology at Wayne State University in Michigan. He previously served as vice provost for academic affairs at Duke University, where he was

also a professor in the department of psychology and neuroscience and co-director of the university's Center on Biobehavioral Health Disparities Research.

A student success-focused leader is guiding UNLV forward on its path to becoming a top public urban research university through focused growth in undergraduate and graduate student success, economic diversification, community engagement, and diversity, equity and inclusion. He has brought energy and innovation to a vibrant university through things like an interdisciplinary approach to faculty hiring and research and the first ever "digital president" to connect with and meet the needs of students.

Whitfield earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the College of Santa Fe, a Masters in psychology and a Ph.D. in lifespan developmental psychology from Texas Tech University, and completed postdoctoral training in quantitative genetics from the University of Colorado Boulder.

April 25, 2024

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.

What We Have Accomplished. DID YOU KNOW?

- March Service: 6 Rotarians and 1 friend of Rotary participated in Nevada Reading Week providing a total of 14.5 hrs of volunteer service.
- March Community Grant: \$25,000 was presented to Spread The Word Nevada continuing support of Will Beckley ES.
- March Nevada Wheelchair: the 'A' team delivered 5 adult wheelchairs for a total of 10 volunteer hours; a total of 249 'A' team deliveries to date; and PP Brock Frazer and John Williams worked total of 6 hours helping a new nonprofit in Las Vegas that helps the Nevada Wheelchair Foundation with storage.
- March Fundraising Social: In excess of 60 Members and friends attended the 29th Cigar Social raising about \$1,500 for the Foundation APF fund, bringing lifetime total to \$26,694.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club's Mission:

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Valedictorian Lunch is always a special event for the Las Vegas Rotary Club, recognizing amazing young men and women from more than 50 schools in Clark County. Being named valedictorian is a notable achievement that goes beyond academic prowess. It signifies a culmination of hard work, dedication, and excellence throughout one's educational journey. In many ways, being a valedictorian serves as a symbol of success and leadership, not only within the academic realm but also in the broader context of life

Firstly, the title of valedictorian carries with it a sense of accomplishment and recognition. It represents the highest level of academic achievement attainable within a given institution, reflecting the recipient's commitment to academic excellence and their ability to consistently perform at an exceptional level.

Moreover, being named valedictorian often comes with responsibilities and expectations. Valedictorians are seen as role models within their school community, inspiring their peers to strive for excellence and demonstrating the rewards of hard work and determination. They often serve as ambassadors for their school, embodying its values and traditions while representing the pinnacle of its academic standards.

Beyond its immediate implications, being a valedictorian can have long-lasting effects on an individual's future prospects. Colleges and universities often view valedictorians favorably during the admissions process, recognizing their exceptional academic abilities and their potential to excel in higher education. Additionally, many scholarships and other opportunities are available specifically to valedictorians, further incentivizing academic excellence and providing avenues for future success.

Furthermore, the experience of delivering the valedictory speech at graduation is a significant moment for any valedictorian. It offers them the opportunity to reflect on their educational journey, express gratitude to those who have supported them along the way and impart words of wisdom and inspiration to their fellow graduates as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

In essence, being a valedictorian is about more than just academic achievement; it is a testament to character, dedication, and leadership. It represents the culmination of years of hard work and the beginning of new opportunities and challenges on the journey ahead.

Congratulations to the 2024 Valedictorians!





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Victor Shurtiff*	1945-46	Clifford R. Beadle	1996-97			
Max Kelch*	1946-47	Ralph J. Rohay	1997-98			
Ed Ciliax*	1947-48	Dr. James M. Jones*	1998-99			
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Leonard Fayle*	1949-50	Tom J. Krob	2000-01			
Allye Lawson*	1950-51	James E. Hunt	2001-02			
Harry Allen*	1951-52	James R. Tucker	2002-03			
Les Edwards*	1952-53	Kathy Dalvey*	2003-04			
Wayne Kirch*	1953-54	Steve Casey	2004-05			
George Boman*	1954-55	Ned Phillips	2005-06			
Spence Butterfield*	1955-56	Brock Fraser	2006-07			
Walt Hunsaker*	1956-57	Randy Campanale	2007-08			
Ted Brandt*	1957-58	Russ Swain	2008-09			
Julian Moore*	1958-59	Karen Whisenhunt	2009-10			
Ray F. Culley*	1959-60	Tom Axtell	2010-11			
C.T. Harris*	1960-61	Sharon McNair	2011-12			
Ollie Gardner*	1961-62	Randy Donald	2012-13			
Tom Underhill*	1962-63	Ginger Anderson	2013-14			
Vern Willis*	1963-64	Steve Linder	2014-15			
Ward Wengert*	1964-65	Mary Ann Avnet	2015-16			
Bill Southard*	1965-66	David Thorson	2016-17			
Dr. Vince Sanner*	1966-67	Dr. Michael Gordon	2017-18			
Walter Wehner*	1967-68	James Kohl	2018-19			
Dr. Robert Robinson*	1968-69	Jacqueline Thornhill	2019-20			
Harold Wandesforde*	1969-70	Richard Jost	2020-21			
Mark C. Mielke*	1970-71	Mike Ballard	2021-22			
Dr. Harold Boyer*	1971-72	Caty Crockett	2022-23			
Angelo J. Manzi*	1972-73	* Deceased				
Keith Ashworth*	1973-74	- Deceased				

CALENDAR

04/25 **Speaker:** Valedictorian Lunch, President Keith Whitfield, UNLV

04/25 **Event:** Westcare Suit Drive, Bring Donations

05/02 **Speaker:** Brenda Larsen Mitchell, CCSD Interim Superintendent

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05/02 **Event:** New Member Orientation

05/04 **Event:** SuperBuild

05/09 **Speaker:** Amy Mewborn, Ted Talk

05/12 **Event:** NV High School Musical Awards, Smith Center 3:00 pm

05/16 Speaker: Dean Nancy Usher, UNLV Fine Arts05/23 Speaker: Gretchen Grierson, Honor Flights

05/30 **Speaker:** WestCare

06/07 **Event:** VIP Tour, Advanced Engineering Building at UNLV 2:00 pm

06/08 **Event:** Beach Clean Up for World Ocean Day 7:30 am



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April Rotarian Birthdays							
Erik Astramecki	April	6	Steven Kwon	April	22		
Aaron Campillo	April	25	Annee Nounna	April	18		
Rosalee Hedrick	April	24	Sarah Elizabeth Rothwell	April	27		
Kirk Holmes	April	19	David Thorson	April	22		



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THE LAS VEGAS



Paul Harris Awards Were Presented by Mike Cudiamat to Dan Adamson, Susan Ziobro and PP Mike Ballard.



PP Brock Fraser Exchanges Flags with Our Guests from India.



The Invocation This Week Was from Dimitris Kouris.



The President's Table: Sarah Thornton, Arleen Sirois, Lisa Keim, President Toni Kern and Henderson Mayor Michelle Romero.



Don Holland, Wetzel Awards Chair and Rotarian Bob Peiser with this Quarter's Wetzel Award Winners and Their Representatives.

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Brian Sorrentino Gave a Last Minute Push Before Our Annual Fundraiser Closed.



Jerry Engel and Dimitris Kouris Enjoying Fellowship.



President Toni Presents Henderson Mayor Michelle Romero with the Legacy Book and Salute to Service Award.



Gwen Hall and Sidra Kain Enjoying Fellowship.



PP Russ Swain Leads President Toni Kem, Dimitris Kouris and the Membership in a Version of Ricky Nelson's Travelin Man.



Lin Ng Did Not Pull the Joker. President Toni Will Try Again Next Week to Give the Pot Away.



PE Kirk Alexander and Stu Lipoff Enjoying Fellowship with Our Guests.



Rotarians Suzette Wheeler, Shawn Sennett and Susan Ziobro with a Wetzel Award Winner.



President Toni Presented Winner Nikki Junium with the Weekly Lawrys's Bucks.



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SCRIBE – April 18, 2024

President Toni Kern called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. **Dimitris Kouris** did the invocation in a Greek accent and **PP Russ Swain** did a great rendition of Travelin Man for the song this week, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joining **President Toni Kern** at the President's Table was our Speaker, Henderson Mayor Michelle Romero, her Chief of Staff Lisa Keim, Rotarians **Arleen Sirois** and **Sarah Thornton**. We had 2 International Rotarians this week from India and visiting Rotarian Murray from Canada who will sadly be gone now until October. There were 0 Visiting Rotarians, 2 guests of a Rotarians and 1 guest of the Club.

Announcements:

Brian Sorrentino updated us on the fundraiser as it was the last day; currently we have raised \$16,500. **Antoinette Monroe** gave an update on the Wine to Water event she hosted at her home which raised \$4,000, the net proceeds will be donated to charity:water. This was the 2nd Wine to Water event since Covid. Josh from Westcare was at the meeting to collect the suits Rotarians gave for the suit drive. **President Kern** gave an update on the 4-Way Speech area and regional competitions. Our contestants won and will go on to the next level of competition! **President Kern** also updated us on the Farmers Market for 4/19/24. Palo Verde HS invited us to their last concert of the year and the Smith Center Nevada High School Musical Theatre Awards is on May 12th and is a part of our Centennial Gift from last year.

Presentations:

Mike Cudiamat presented Paul Harris plus four to **Dan Adamson**, Paul Harris plus seven to **Susan Ziobro** and Paul Harris plus eight to **PP Mike Ballard**. Visiting today were the Wetzel Recipients, and they were again recognized for their exemplary actions and were awarded a beautiful staycation package including dinner at Lawry's and a show on the LV strip.

The raffle drawing was at \$17,288 plus that day's amount. **Lin Ng's** ticket was picked, and she sadly did not pick the Joker. **Nikki Junium** received the \$50.00 in Lawry's bucks.

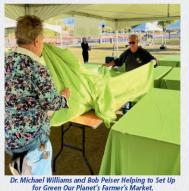
Mayor Michelle Romero of Henderson gave a great speech updating us on Henderson and what great things are happening there. **President Toni Kern** presented her with the Las Vegas Rotary Club's Legacy Book and the Salute to Service Award.

President Toni Kern adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.



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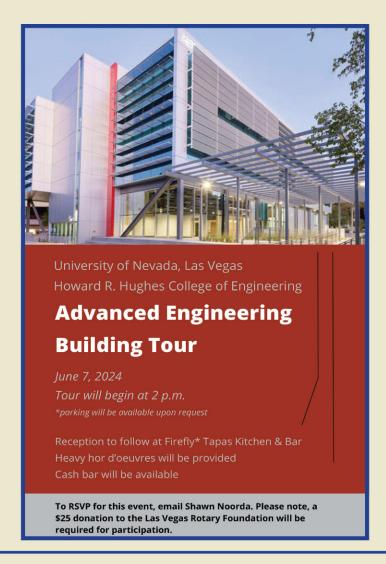
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