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Vita Johnson – CORE Director of Innovation

Vita Johnson, CORE’s Director of Innovation, fosters a culture of creativity and forward-thinking within the organization. With over a decade of experience in program development, liberating design, and implementation, Vita orchestrates transformative innovation initiatives.



Utilizing a unique approach to instructional design and facilitation, she provides professional development, and training opportunities rooted in the elevation of essential skills through tangible experiences, DEIB, positive psychology, and neuro-education.

Vita believes in cultivating nurturing environments where youth discover their inherent brilliance and the joy of the rigor of learning. She is Mission-Driven to bridge educational opportunity, achievement gaps, and help young minds to embrace their unique gifts and pursue their dreams.

Jeff Jones – CORE Executive Director

Jeff Jones is a U.S. Army veteran who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Grambling State University. He is the Executive Director of CORE, Powered by The Rogers Foundation. Jeff has also served as an advocate for youth for nearly 30 years in his career with Clark County as a Certified Juvenile Probation Officer and Division Manager of two separate divisions.



Mr. Jones works with local educational support systems to ensure that community engagement, equitable and fair treatment, is accessible to all youth and families in Clark County.

Jeff believes in providing youth and families with the resources and tools to help them to become progressive, positive, and purposeful individuals who are equipped to succeed.



Volunteer work and donations are fantastic ways to teach young people valuable life skills that can set them up for success!

Here’s how:

Developing a Strong Work Ethic: Volunteering shows young people the importance of hard work and dedication. They see firsthand the impact their efforts can have on others.

Building Social Skills: Volunteering often involves working in teams with people from different backgrounds. This helps young people develop communication, collaboration, and empathy skills.

Boosting Self-Confidence: Seeing the positive impact they make on others builds self-esteem and confidence in young people.

Leadership Skills: Some volunteer opportunities allow young people to take on leadership roles. This teaches them responsibility, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.

Learning Through Experience: Volunteering provides real-world experiences that can’t be replicated in a classroom. It helps young people develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Here’s how to get Young People Started:

Talk to them: Find out what they’re interested in and what causes resonate with them.

Lead by example: Volunteer alongside your child! This shows them the value of giving back and creates a shared experience.

Make it fun: Find volunteering that feels more like an activity than a chore. Helping at an elementary school garden or organizing a bake sale for charity can be engaging.

Donations: Involve young people in choosing a charity to donate to. Let them research causes they care about and discuss the importance of financial support.

We promote these ideals through our leadership camps, both Teen Leadership Camp (TLC) and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).

Let’s Build Something Together,

YIRS,

July 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?

- **May Service:** Initiated the WestCare Suit Drive collecting over 30 suits for women to Dress For Success in their job search endeavors.
- **May Community Grant:** \$4,600 approved for Jr. Achievement.
- **May Nevada Wheelchair:** the ‘A’ team delivered 3 adult wheelchairs and 10 wheelchairs by John Williams for a total of 26 volunteer hrs.
- **May Giving:** 2 UNLV Students received Tiberti Memorial Scholarship in the sum of \$3,000 each.
- **May Volunteer Social:** 9 Rotary/7 USO volunteers handed out tickets, sandwiches drinks to 85 service members/families and 27 - \$20 envelopes at the Aviators Night w/USO for 15 Club Member volunteer hours.
- **May Special Volunteer Service:** 15 hrs preparing raffle tickets for the past several weeks of the 50/50 Foundation Raffle ticket sales.
- **May PHF:** Through member point donations, 4 members received their initial PHF, and 4 received additional levels.

THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB’S MISSION:

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

THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB

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Mr. & Mrs. Kohl.



PP Michael Gordon and Family with Samuel, Rotarian in Training.



Ryann Judan Receiving His Sole Power Award.



The Head Table, Ryann Judan, Safiyya Bintali, Dr. Keith Whitfield.



Ryann Judann, Our Meeting Speaker.



Wetzel Award Recipients from Nellis Air Force Base.



Lin Ng Draws the 2 of Spades for the Raffle.



Safiyya Bintali, UNLV Valedictorian Receiving Her LVRC Centennial Coin.



Jim Kohl Sharing His Rotary Moment.

SCRIBE – JULY 18, 2024

President Kirk Alexander called the mtg to order at 12:11.

Invocation: Suzette Wheeler • **Song:** Tonya Wagle • **Sergeant at Arms:** Liz Rothwell

Rotary Moment was presented by **Jim Kohl**, who shared his move to Vegas, his Father's admonition that no matter what else he does, join a Rotary chapter in Vegas...fast forward and we have Past President **Jim Kohl**

Set Up: Bob Werner & Demitris Kouris

Warm Welcomers: Deb Howard, Janice Lencke • **Marketing & Presentations:** David Jones and Stu Lipoff

Guest Table: Bob Peiser and Vera Dolan and Lin Ng • **Closing Team:** Michael Williams & Robert Mars

Recording/Scribe: Larry Goldstein & Rodney Tucker

Announcements:

Rotary Exchange: Janice Lencke reiterated the need for an immediate substitute host family for the Austrian student whose host family fell through.

Golf Tournament: Karen Whisenhunt • **Wetzel Awards:** Don Holland

Summer Santa Clothes: Jim Kohl/Ginger Anderson • **Tours:** Rosalee Hendrick re RTC back ops tour

Pres. Alexander informed the membership of **Jim Tucker's** resignation due to his wife's illness
Safiyye Bintali, UNLV's "Number 1 Student" was presented by **Dr. Keith Whitfield** with our Centennial medallion.

Pres. Kirk presented **Larry Cohen** with his raffle winnings from the previous week.

Guests:

PP Michael Gordon introduced his wife, Amanda and son Samuel

Mike Ballard introduced Tarby Bryant and Ryann Judan's son Tommy

Nikki Junium was accompanied by her former Exchange Student, Josie from Denmark

Wetzel Awards were presented by Don Holland to;

1. SSgt Rayshaun Glover
2. SSgt Roshelle Pratt
3. SSgt Eric Ring
4. Sr. Airman Kane Flores
5. Sr. Airman Alexandra Ortega

Sarah Thornton introduced the speaker Ryann Judan, former manager of North Las Vegas, who shared how he and his team turned the city around. An incredible example of how common sense can readily resolve most matters.

CALENDAR

- August 1** – Cello Tower, Patrick Brennan, Red Ridge Development
- August 1** – 25 Club Meeting / New Member Orientation
- August 8** – Economic Development, Tina Quigley, LVGEA
- August 15** – Politics, Real Estate & the Law, Chris Kaempfer, Kaempfer Crowell
- August 16** – RTC Traffic Management Center Tour 3:30pm
- August 22** – 40+ Years in Sports in Las Vegas, Ron Futrell
- August 29** – UNLV Basketball, Kevin Kruger
- September 5** – Pioneering Real Estate Development, Bob Schulman
- September 5** – 25 Club Meeting
- September 12** – Election Commentary, Jon Ralston
- September 19** – First Amendment & Religious Freedom, West Allen & Mujahid Ramadan, LV Interfaith Council
- September 21** – Alpine Picnic
- September 23** – Rotary Putting Tournament
- September 26** – Reimagining Chinatown, Minjia Yan
- October 11** – Influence of Irwin Molasky on Vegas Real Estate

Current Raffle Amount \$630.00



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OF The Things
We Think, Say Or Do.**

1. Is it the TRUTH?
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July Rotarian Birthdays

Daniel Adamson	July 18	Mijung Lombardi	July 30
Michael Cudiamat	July 19	Paul J. Maffey	July 9
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Laimonis Gubista	July 13	Lisa Motley	July 15
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