



Ron Futrell Sports Broadcaster



Ron Futrell is a longtime journalist who has worked at a number of local TV/radio stations throughout the western United States. He has covered sports in Las Vegas since 1984.

Ron began his broadcasting career in the early '80s in Salt Lake City at KSXX radio and KTVX TV. From there, he covered sports and news at KNDO TV in Yakima, WA.

Ron has covered Stanley Cup Finals, Super Bowls, World Series, NBA Finals and NCAA Championships. He has reported on virtually every major sporting event in Las Vegas over the past three decades, including major boxing and MMA events, NASCAR races, the rise and fall of UNLV basketball, the careers of local athletes like Greg Maddux, Andre Agassi, Randall Cunningham and Mike Tyson, along with many others. Ron is also well known for

covering local high school and club sports in Las Vegas.

Ron is perhaps best known in Las Vegas for his work covering UNLV basketball throughout its glory days. As host of the Jerry Tarkanian TV show for 10 years, Ron was able to get the inside story on one of most remarkable teams in college basketball history.

Ron was the first to teach Sports Broadcasting classes at UNLV.

Ron says some of his greatest moments covering sports have been sitting ringside at the Hagler/Hearns fight in 1985 at Caesars Palace, watching the UNLV Runnin' Rebels win the basketball National Championship in 1990 and witnessing the tremendous success of the inaugural season of the Vegas Golden Knights in 2017-18.



When you have a strong desire for something and believe wholeheartedly that it's possible, you can overcome any obstacles and achieve your goals with emphasis on the importance of faith and determination in achieving success.

In the golden age of Hollywood, Ruby Dee was a powerful force in the world of entertainment and activism. Her life and career served as a testament to the incredible impact one individual can have. She was a leading figure in the American Negro Theatre, a groundbreaking company that gave opportunities to Black artists during a time of segregation.

Her performances put this on display in theatre and movies long ago like "A Raisin in the Sun", "The Jackie Robinson Story" and in more recent history "Do the Right Thing" and "American Gangster" to name just a few. Dee was a passionate advocate for civil rights. She used her platform to raise awareness about important social issues. Her performances were known for their depth, emotion, and authenticity. Although she faced adversity throughout her life, including racial discrimination and personal challenges, she never gave up on her dreams or her fight for justice. One can feel the inspiration of her determination. It's been said, "Desire backed by faith knows no such word as impossible." - Napoleon Hill

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August 22, 2024

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- Community Grant issued to Nevada Blind Children's Foundation \$5,000 for See the Possibilities, a library refresh.
- Community Grant issued to Junior Achievement \$4,600 for Financial Literacy / Workforce Readiness.

JULY

- Community Grant issued to Las Vegas Natural History Museum \$1,000 for Enhancing So. Nevada students' STEM Education Outreach Program.
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Tom Thomas Making Speaker Intro.



Head Table: Russ Swain, Chris Kaempf, Tom Thomas



Member Nareg Aghjayan Win Lawrys Bucks.



Member Rita Burton Draws for the Joker.



New Member Tarby Bryant Induction



Russ Swain Signs the Rotary Moment Brick.



Speaker Chris Kaempf Sole Power Award.



What a Turnout! Rotarians and Guests Get the Inside Scoop at the RTC Traffic Management Center.

SCRIBE – AUGUST 15, 2024

Meeting called to order by Kirk Alexander at 12:15 PM

Invocation: Shawn Sennett • **Song Leader:** Larry Cohn • **Sergeant at Arms:** Bill Stieren

Set Up: Bob Werner and Demitris Kouris • **Warm Welcomers:** Aaron Campillo, Robert Mars and Suzette Wheeler

Raffle Sales: Bob Peiser and Vera Dolan • **Marketing & Presentations:** Stu Lipoff, David Jones and Rodney Tucker

Closing Team: Michael Williams and Tucker Sappington • **Recording/Scribe:** Larry Goldstein

Photographer: Andrew Thurlow • **President's Table:** Chris Kaempf, Tom Thomas, Russ Swain

Rotary Moment: Russ Swain shared early memories when he joined the club, particularly initial discussions of Santa Clothes. Russ is so excited about Santa Clothes; he has participated every year.

Guests: International None • **Visiting Rotarians:** None • **Members:** None

Club Larry Goldstein introduced Lia Heavilin. Melanie Muldowney introduced Linda Peterson and Fred Schultz

Announcements:

Rodney Tucker announced the Alpine Picnic will be September 21st

Toni Kern encouraged members to sign up to be a Spread the Word Mentor and attend an orientation

Kirk Alexander reminded members the Golf Putting Tournament in September 23rd

Rosalee Hedrick encourages all members to attend the RTC Operations Center tour on August 16th

Rene Gamero announced the SOAR Awards on September 23rd at 8:00AM

Toni Kern will have new polo and T-shirts available for pickup at the 8/22 meeting starting at 11:00

Toni Kern announced that details are close to be finalized for participation in the upcoming Green Our Planet

Presentations: New member introduction by Melanie Muldowney and John Palley – Tarby Bryant, Mike Ballard sponsor

Raffle Winners: Rita Burton reduced the deck by picking the 5 of Diamonds. Nareg Aghjayan won Lawry's bucks

Speaker: Chris Kaempf, Kaempf Crowell Law Office

Chris Kaempf spoke about his law practice and guiding principal, always tell the truth. Chris's expertise and experience includes real estate law in various industries including casinos, sports organizations and large developments. Of interest to many members is Chris's recount of his legal representation in the Badlands golf course which was recently decided by the Nevada Supreme Court.

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CALENDAR

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 23 – SOAR, Safety Officers Award Recognition, 8:00 am City Hall

September 26 – Reimagining Chinatown, Minjia Yan

October 11 – Influence of Irwin Molasky on Vegas Real Estate

October 25 – Cigar Social Krob Residence 6:00 pm.

Current Raffle Amount \$1160.00

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August Rotarian Birthdays

<i>Rita Burton</i>	<i>August 2</i>	<i>Lin Ng</i>	<i>August 30</i>
<i>Virgina Knudsen</i>	<i>August 27</i>	<i>Matthew Phillips</i>	<i>August 19</i>
<i>James Kohl</i>	<i>August 18</i>	<i>Raymond Allen Wagner</i>	<i>August 23</i>
<i>Steven Latta</i>	<i>August 8</i>	<i>Susan Ziobro</i>	<i>August 6</i>
<i>Melanie Muldowney</i>	<i>August 12</i>		

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