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Jon is the founder and CEO of The Nevada Independent. He has been covering politics in Nevada for more than 35 years. His blog, Ralston Reports, launched in 2012 and now lives on The Nevada Independent website. Jon wrote for the Las Vegas Review-Journal for 15 years, the last seven as a freelance columnist. In 1999, Greenspun Media Group purchased his political newsletter, The Ralston Report, and hired him as a columnist for the Las Vegas Sun where his byline appeared until September 2012. He was also a columnist for the Reno Gazette-Journal from January 2015 until November 2016, when he left to start The Indy.

Jon has hosted several TV programs, including "Ralston Live" on Vegas PBS and "Ralston Reports" on KSNV News 3. He also writes and publishes a Nevada-centric email newsletter called "Flash" that frames the political agenda for the day, breaks news and offers analysis and snark. In 2012, Politico named Jon one of the Top 50 "Politicos to Watch." He frequently appears on MSNBC and he has also appeared on NBC's long-running "Meet the Press."

Jon has a B.A. in English from Cornell University and a M.A. in journalism from University of Michigan. He came to Las Vegas in 1984 as the night police reporter for the Las Vegas Review-Journal, later covering general assignment and county government before becoming a political reporter in 1986. He has a son, Jake.



Today we look back on Norma Jeane Mortenson aka Marilyn Monroe, the iconic Hollywood actress, is often remembered for her platinum hair and hourglass figure. However, beyond her glamorous public persona, she was a woman with a generous spirit who dedicated much of her time and resources to charitable causes.

Her films, such as Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, The Seven Year Itch, and Some Like It Hot, solidified her place in New Hollywood.

Monroe's charitable work often went unnoticed by the public, as she preferred to keep her acts of kindness private. Despite her immense popularity, Monroe faced numerous

challenges in her personal life, including mental health struggles. She was institutionalized in 1961. Her desperate behavior while confined brought her former husband, Joe DiMaggio to her rescue and was released to his care and a private facility.

She was a very generous woman with her money, gifts and companionship. That generosity lives on in her estate at England's Anna Freud Centre. This organization serves children with mental health issues. Mental health is a leading issue we will continue to address and to realize the gravity of its impact on our lives in the global community of Rotary Int'l. Service Above Self.

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September 12, 2024

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JUNE

- 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.
- Community Grant for \$2,000 Issued to Opportunity Village for Their Pre ETS Program.
- Community Grant for \$2,500 to the CORE organization for their educational building kits.

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THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB



President Kirk Presents Speaker Bob Schulman with the Sole Power Award.



President Kirk Recognized David "THOR" Thorson for His Rotary Moment.



Welcome New Members Linda Peterson and Robert Salameh!



John Palley Wins the Lawry's Gift Cards.



ew Members Linda Peterson, Robert Salameh and Patrick Ballinger with Their Sponsors Following Their Induction.



Nancy Anderson Rips Her Non-Winning Card.



Three Square Tour Group Photo



Volunteers Packing and

LVRC on Tour in the Warehouse. Preparing to Ship.

SCRIBE – SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

President Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM

Invocation: Jim Hunt • Song Leader: Tonya Wagle led us in the national anthem

Sergeant at Arms: Greg Maguire led us in The Pledge of Allegiance

Set Up: Lin Ngand and Demitris Kouris • Warm Welcomers: Nareg Aghjayan and Lin Ngand

Raffle Sales: Bob Peiser and Larry Goldstein • Photographer: Debi Howard

Marketing & Presentations: Stu Lipoff, David Jones and Rodney Tucker

Closing Team: Tucker Sappinton and Michael Williams • Scribe: Aaron Campillo

President's Table: Guest speaker Bob Schulman, Aris Lazarou, and Larry Cohn.

Rotary Moment: Past President David Thorson shared his Rotary Moment of meeting the types of people who are attracted to an organization like Rotary, and witnessed and experienced at Rotary conferences "the amazing collective good" we make locally, regionally, and globally

Guests: No international guests or visiting Rotarians today

John Palley teased an introduction to the three newest inductees to the club, and Tarby Bryant introduced Bob Carter.

Announcements:

Debi Harris invited all to the Sep 9th 25 Club meeting and tour at Three Square Food Bank

Gwen Hall announced the start of our Halloween Candy drive to support our schools.

Karen Whisenhunt thanked Golf Putting Tournament sponsors, and call any-and-all to come out for a great putting time on September 23rd at Angel Park.

Karen also announced the SOAR Awards on September 23rd at 8:00AM

President Kirk reminded us about the Alpine Picnic and Hike on September 21st

Birthday Table: At the Birthday Table today was Todd Walter, Rampur Viswanath, Demitris Kouris, Debi

Howard, and Caty Crockett. Tonya Wagle led us in singing Happy Birthday! **Presentations:** Melanie Muldowney presented the induction of our three newest members;

Raffle: Nancy Anderson pulled for the Joker. John Palley won Lawry's bucks.

Special Recognition: President Kirk recognized Steve Casey who is celebrating, on this day, 50 years in

the club! No fine was issued today in Steve's absence...

Linda Peterson, Robert Salameh, and Patrick Ballinger.

Guest Speaker: Mike Ballard introduced Bob Schulman, Real Estate Developer

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Tom J. Krob	2000-01	Caty Crockett	2022-23
James E. Hunt	2001-02	Toni Kern	2023-24

CALENDAR

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 16 – Green Our Planet Giant Fall Student Farmers Market

October 17 - 3:00 pm. - Wetzel Award Program at Nellis

Current Raffle Amount \$1570.00

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<u>September Rotarian Birthdays</u>							
Jerry Brown	September	29	Demitris Kouris	September	11		
Catherine Crockett	September	12	Kimberly McMahon (Brodeur)	September	3		
Jeffrey Geihs	September	28	Janet Seul-Ki Ravin	September	9		
Debra Howard	September	22	Jerry Sennes	September	12		
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