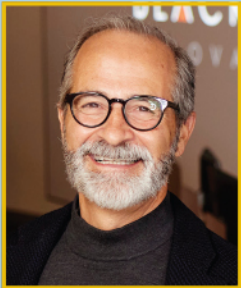




Robert Rippee

Executive Director, UNLV's Black Fire Innovation Hub



Dr. Robert Rippee is a distinguished entrepreneur and academic currently serving as Executive Director at UNLV's Black Fire Innovation Hub and the UNLV Incubator powered by Hughes Center. He leads diverse teams of students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders, driving economic development and diversity through innovation, acceleration, and commercialization initiatives. Dr. Rippee's leadership at the Black Fire Innovation Hub has facilitated collaboration between prominent research institutions and industry partners to create rapid-market solutions that promote growth and innovation within the hospitality sector. His extensive network and skills have enabled Black Fire to secure sponsorship, donations, and support from over seventy tech companies, fostering an environment for over 100 startups.

Dr. Rippee has successfully established and overseen a startup incubator at UNLV, propelling the launch of more than 40 startups across various industries since November 2021. The UNLV Incubator, powered by Hughes Center, was established through a collaborative effort led by Dr. Rippee alongside The Blackstone Group and Blackstone Launchpad. Prior to his current role, he served as the Director of the Hospitality Innovation Lab and Esports Lab at the International Gaming Institute at UNLV, fostering early-stage innovation in hospitality, gaming, and entertainment.

Dr. Rippee's academic proficiency and interdisciplinary approach to innovation have established him as a highly sought-after advisor and researcher in various fields, innovation, and organizational change. Before joining UNLV, he enjoyed a successful 25-year career in the private sector, culminating in his role as Senior Vice President for Las Vegas Sands Corporation. Dr. Rippee holds his PhD from UNLV, an MBA from the University of Georgia, and his BS Degree from the University of Wyoming. Dr. Rippee is also a decorated United States Navy veteran, serving as a pilot. He is from Rawlins, Wyoming.



We celebrate our veterans this week. The color guard meeting and recognition of our past and present members and military family of the LVRC membership, we honored our veterans

This week we look back to the beginning of the Golden Age in cinema to the time of WWII for our Hollywood star. Bette Davis was a legendary actress with a career spanning decades. She was known for her intense performances and strong, often unconventional, female characters, winning her two Oscars. She was the first woman to hold the prestigious position as President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Davis was a strong supporter of veterans and made significant contributions to their well-being through her involvement with the Hollywood Canteen. This was a popular hangout for servicemen during World War II, where they could relax, enjoy entertainment, and meet Hollywood stars. Davis was a driving force behind the Canteen, working tirelessly to ensure its success. She often volunteered her time to serve food, entertain the troops, and boost their morale.

Her work at the Hollywood Canteen had a lasting impact on the lives of many servicemen. It provided them with much-needed respite and a sense of community during a difficult time. The work we do in our community provides the support needed to ensure the success of our youth.

Let's Build Something Together!

November 14, 2024

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What We Have Accomplished.

DID YOU KNOW?

SEPTEMBER

- Community Grant issued to Opportunity Village for 2,000.00 for their Pre-ETS Program.

OCTOBER

- Community Grant issued to Nevada Sunshine Organization for \$5,000.00 to help fund summer camp for kids living with Autism.
- Community Grant issued to CORE for \$2,500.00 for their STEM Education Kits for youth scholars.

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Don Holland & Larry Cohen represent the club at the Hollingsworth ES Career Day



Susan Ziobro signs the brick after sharing her Rotary Moment



Kathy Mahon welcomed her guest and son Bill



Susan Ziobro welcomed her guest and husband "Z" Bernard Ziobro



Former member Ted McAdam shared his experience with the Honor Flight



Bob Werner welcomed international guests from Germany



PP Jim Kohl presented a donation for Santa Clothes to the area managers of JC Penney



Nikki Junium did NOT pull the joker!



President Kirk with PP Randy Campanale, who won the Lawry's Bucks



Visiting Summerlin Rotarian Michelle Cho



Guest Speaker Michael Dunegan



Palo Verde HS Jr ROTC presented the folding of the flag

SCRIBE – OCTOBER 17, 2024

President Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:15pm and introduced **Greg Maguire** to begin the meeting with a Veterans Day tribute. **Greg Maguire** presented the Palo Verde HS ROTC Color Guards to post the colors and lead us in the national anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. **Demitris Kouris** gave the invocation. **Larry Cohn** was Sergeant-at-Arms. **President Kirk** then called for a moment of silence for the recent passing of Sandra Holmes, whom our own **Kirk Holmes** recently honored with a Paul Harris Fellow.

Susan Ziobro shared her Rotary Moment at the Creech AFB tour with the USO and Greg McGuire's party bus, as well as our club's many Youth Programs.

President Kirk then promoted **Janice Lencke** selling Centennial Books, thanked all who set up and helped in today's meeting, and recognized at the Head Table our guest speaker Ret. U.S. Army Lt. Col. Michael Dunegan, wife Kay Dunegan, and our own **Greg Maguire**.

We had a Visiting Rotarian from the Summerlin Club representing the Rotary Action Group. **Kathy Mahon** introduced her son, and **Susan Ziobro** introduced her hubby, as their guests today. **Melanie Muldowney** introduced Jasmine as a Guest of the Club. **Jim Kohl** introduced our JC Penney's partners for Santa Clothes in attendance, and **Greg Maguire** introduced **Ted McAdams** who described his recent Honor Flights experience as "absolutely spectacular!" **Bob Werner** introduced our resident Canadian Murry who invited all to his hometown of Calgary for the RI Convention this year. Bob then exchanged banners with International Guests.

In announcements, **Liz Rothwell** talked about the Holiday Party at the Rampart, and the Canned Food Drive, **Larry Cohn** shared his and **Don Holland's** experience at Career Day at Hollingsworth ES, **Melanie Muldowney** invited all to the 25 Club meeting New Member Orientation tonight hosted by **Nareg Aghjayan**, and **Greg Maguire** announced as **Antoinette Monroe** that the tailgate has regrettably been cancelled, looking at basketball season.

In a Santa Clothes presentation, **Jim Kohl** presented the JC Penney's team with a \$61,500 check.

Brock Fraser introduced the Birthday Table: **Russ Swain** celebrating 30 years, **Larry Goldstein**, **Shawn Sennett**, **Tina Bishop**, **Toni Kern**, newest member **Hank Huang**, **Antoinette Monroe**, new member **Linda Peterson**, and **Tom Thomas** celebrating 37 years, led us in singing Happy Birthday, and talked about Magical Forrest at Opportunity Village.

Karen Whisenhunt closed nominations for Board election and informed that ballots will go out the 13th. **Larry Cohn** talked about the 35th Annual Peace Conference hosted by the District at the Nixon Presidential Library in CA. **Russ Swain** and **Rodney Tucker** auctioned off Box Raiders tickets to benefit our 3Meals Canned Food Drive, and **Caty Crockett** won. In the raffle, **Nikki Junium** drew the J of diamonds, **Randy Campanale** won Lawry Bucks.

Bob Peiser introduced our guest speaker Ret. US Army Lt. Col. Michael Dunegan.

Greg Maguire presented the Palo Verde ROTC Color Guards to close the meeting with a flag folding ceremony. **President Kirk** adjourned the meeting at 1:31pm.

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November 21 – (DARK) Formula 1 Race

November 27 – Joint Kiwanis Meeting, Governor Lombardo

November 30 – Santa Clothes Backpack Stuffing at Boy Scout Area Council 9:00 am

December 5 – (DARK) Santa Clothes & Holiday Dinner

December 10 – 25 Club Graduation & White Elephant Gift Social 6:00 pm

December 12 – Opportunity Village – Magical Forest

December 19 – Les Ottolenghi, Technology & AI Impact on Resort Casinos

December 26 – (DARK)

January 2 – (DARK)

January 9 – Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony, State of Nevada

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November Rotarian Birthdays

<i>Nareg Aghjayan</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Antoinette Monroe</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Christina Bishop</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Linda Peterson</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Larry Goldstein</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Robert Salameh</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Hank Huang</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Russ Swain</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Toni Kern</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Thomas A. Thomas</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Anil Melnick</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>28</i>			

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