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Antonio Castelan is the Director of Public Affairs for Brightline West, where he leads public relations and community engagement efforts for the high-speed rail project connecting Las Vegas to Southern California. Antonio is an accomplished communications professional with a distinguished journalism and public relations career. Previously, he was the Director of Media Relations for HCA Healthcare, overseeing media relations for 14 hospitals across South Florida, Las Vegas, and Southern California.

Before his work in public relations, Antonio was a General Assignment Reporter for News 3 Las Vegas and NBC4 LA. His journalism career also included reporting for San Diego 6 (XETV).

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From silent films to Hollywood, Marlene Dietrich became an international icon for her glamorous and androgynous image, captivating audiences with her sultry voice and expressive performances in films like, "Morocco" and "Shanghai Express" in 1930s and later in "Touch of Evil" and "Witness For The Prosecution" in the 1950s. In 1999, the American Film Institute named Dietrich the ninth greatest female screen legend of classic Hollywood cinema.

She transcended the boundaries of traditional femininity, influencing fashion, music, and popular culture with her signature look – androgynous attire, smoky makeup,

and a surry voice. A woman, a woman that undertook extensive USO tours during World War II, performing for American troops stationed around the globe. These tours often involved significant personal risk, as she traveled to combat zones under challenging conditions. She entertained troops in North Africa, Italy, and France, boosting morale and demonstrating unwavering patriotism.

She received several honors from the United States, France, Belgium, and Israel. In 1947, she was awarded the Medal of Freedom by the United States government, the highest civilian honor.

As Rotarians we have the facilities and the people to transcend all sorts of barriers the world is faced with through our International organization, 1.450 million strong.

Let's Build Something Together!



# December 12, 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?**

#### **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.

# THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB'S MISSION:

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

### **CLUB OFFICERS 2024-2025**

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## THE LAS VEGAS ROTARY CLUB



Rotarian Major Harold Laubach, Jr. Cadet Christian Fuoua and Cadet Stacy Fuoua representing the Salvation Army



Phil Colisimo, President of the Kiwanis Club, Rotarian Major Harold Laubach, Jr., and President Kirk Alexander for the Annual Canned Food Drive



President Kirk Alexander and Governor Joe Lombardo, Guest Speaker



Past President Steve Casey and his son, Scott Casey



Rotarian Kimberly McMahon and Rotary Exchange Student, Hannah Roth



Past President Russ Swain and Max Dalvey



President Larry Cohn, Kimberly Kistler and Ella Cole



Past President Karen Whisenhunt sharing her Rotary Moment



Rotarians Jason Frederico, Brian Riley and Andrew Thurlow enjoying fellowship during the meeting

# SCRIBE - NOVEMBER 27, 2024

President Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

President Kirk called the meeting to order at 12:12pm and welcomed the Las Vegas Kiwanis Club to our 70th annual Joint Thanksgiving Food Drive meeting! Salvation Army Major Harold Laubach gave the Invocation. Steve Casey led us in singing God Bless America. Tucker Sappington was Sergeant-at-Arms and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Kirk led us in the reciting the 4 Way Test.

In today's Rotary Moment, **Karen Whisenhunt** shared her first experience in a project in Mexico that was "an eye opener to" international projects.

**President Kirk** introduced Kiwanis President Phil Colosimo who gave a "salute" to The Salvation Army, "salute" to senior Kiwanis members in attendance, and gave a "shout out" to all Kiwanis Clubs represented at today's meeting. **President Kirk** then thanked all who set up and helped in today's meeting.

We had a Visiting Rotarian from the Summerlin Club representing a Rotary Action Group. Larry Cohn introduced a Guest of the Club who was accompanied by her friend, Linda Peterson introduced a friend from Palo Alto, and John Palley introduced returning visitor Ret. UN rep Elliott Harris. Bob Werner introduced Tarby Bryant's guest, Russ Swain introduced our late PP Kathy Dalvey's son Matt Dalvey in attendance, and Steve Casey introduced a friend visiting from Arizona. Kimberly McMahon announced our RYE student from Austria, Hannah Roth, and Major Harold Laubach introduced cadets he brought to "learn about Rotary."

In a Santa Clothes announcement, **Jim Kohl** shared that \$10k in JC Penney's clothing gifts have been delivered to SafeNest, reminded about the backpack stuffing this Sat, Nov 30 at Boy Scouts HQ, and prepared all for the awesome event that is Santa Clothes, next week! **Liz Rothwell** talked about our Holiday Party next week, the evening of Santa Clothes, and that she will be hosting next 25 Club Holiday Social on Dec 10 at her home. **Michael Williams** talked about Magical Forrest at Opportunity Village coming up Dec 12, and TLC next week Dec 6 – 8. **Karen Whisenhunt** presented the results of our Board election: Congratulations to **Antoinette Monroe**, **Brian Riley**, **Don Holland**, **Larry Cohn**, and **Susan Ziobro**.

The meeting welcomed Governor Lombardo with a standing ovation.

**Tarby Bryant** introduced our guest speaker Governor Joe Lombardo who talked about "what's going on with the State" and the "economic drivers" of his priorities, and had a Q&A. **President Kirk** presented Gov. Lombardo with a Sole Power Award.

Kiwanis President Colosimo recognized the Key Club rep in attendance, the Key Club's 54 year history in Clark County, and proudly announced that Las Vegas Kiwanis Club will be celebrating 100 years next!

Projecting a winner before all "meals" are counted, Major Harold Lauback "tentatively' announced that Kiwanis current count at 63k meals is just short of Rotary's current 83k meal.

President Kirk gave closing words from RI President Stephanie Urchick, and adjourned the meeting at 1:27pm.

### LAS VEGAS ROTARY FOUNDATION 2024-2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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James Kohl

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#### **PAST PRESIDENTS**

Michael Hoover	1980-81	James R. Tucker	2002-03
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Irwin Kishner*	1983-84	Ned Phillips	2005-06
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Mike Meyer	1985-86	Randy Campanale	2007-08
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M.J. Wiens, Jr.	1987-88	Karen Whisenhunt	2009-10
Keith W. Bassett*	1988-89	Tom Axtell	2010-11
Kenneth E. Miller*	1989-90	Sharon McNair	2011-12
James M. Gamett	1990-91	Randy Donald	2012-13
Robert L. Moore	1991-92	Ginger Anderson	2013-14
Robert L. Forbuss*	1992-93	Steve Linder	2014-15
Gary A. Martin	1993-94	Mary Ann Avnet	2015-16
John A. Smith	1994-95	David Thorson	2016-17
Caty Crockett	1995-96	Dr. Michael Gordon	2017-18
Clifford R. Beadle	1996-97	James Kohl	2018-19
Ralph J. Rohay	1997-98	Jacqueline Thornhill	2019-20
Dr. James M. Jones*	1998-99	Richard Jost	2020-21
Tom A. Thomas	1999-00	Mike Ballard	2021-22
Tom J. Krob	2000-01	Caty Crockett	2022-23
James E. Hunt	2001-02	Toni Kern	2023-24

## **CALENDAR**

**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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December Rotarian Birthdays							
Tarby Bryant	December	5	Robert Marshall	December	26		
Steve Dixon	December	2	Rob Pistone	December	11		
Randy Donald	December	19	Brian Riley	December	2		
Elliotte Fajardo	December	13	William Stieren	December	17		
Jason Frederico	December	3	Jimmelle Trijo	December	24		
David Jones	December	15					



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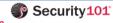


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