

NEWSLETTER



Rotary Club of Green Valley



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MEETINGS & EVENTS



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Bob Bergren
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Club Director



James Frey
Club Director



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Envoy **Jennifer Jones, Ministry Leader** for the **Salvation Army**, is a sixth generation *Salvationist* and has eighteen years of experience initiating and leading successful **Salvation Army** programs. Jennifer's dedication to and knowledge of her service to Salvation was a shining example of Service Above Self. Jennifer knocked-it-out-of-the-park. The Salvation Army is the largest non-government provider of social services in the United States and one of the largest in the world. Jennifer and her husband, Past President Patrick and Jennifer have two amazing sons and will celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary in May.

Speaker **Janea Sizemore**, founder of **Your Perfect Footwear Foundation**, is a true testament to resilience and determination. Her RCGV Guest Presentation proves it. She grew up in a single-parent household, facing financial hardships that made even basic needs, like new shoes, feel out of reach. Despite this, she refused to let her circumstances define her. Graduating high school at just sixteen she went on to earn two college degrees, carving a path to a better future through sheer grit and perseverance. Today, **Janea** uses her story to inspire others and give back to the community. Her nonprofit provides underserved youth with brand-new, high-quality shoes, empowering them with the confidence and self-esteem to dream big and achieve more.

President of Foster Change, Jayne Rovianek, delivered a piercing presentation of this nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support to those involved in the foster care system by acting as a neutral bridge between the Nevada Child Welfare agencies and families to ensure healthy communication on behalf of children and families. During her 19 years in the Child Welfare System, Jayne worked in recruitment, intake/placement, differential response, respite coordinator, and foster/adoption advocacy.



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Andi Graham
Receiving A
'Thank You & Well Done' Gift
For Her Delightful
'Craft Talk'

Andi Graham
Receiving Her RCGV
Big-Red-Badge
WELCOME Andi !!

It's an
Andi Graham
"New Member Double Play"
A 'Craft Talk' & 'Member Badge'
All in one ceremony !!



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Kelly McGovern
receives her
Big-BLUE-Badge
from Mike Peterson



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On January 28th, the **Green Valley Rotary Club** met up at **Spread the Word Nevada** for an enjoyable night of book cleaning. Alongside other groups of volunteers, 3,000 gently used books were cleaned and made ready for distribution to disadvantaged schools. **Spread the Word Nevada** advances childhood literacy by distributing books every month to low-income schools. The nonprofit relies on the generous support of individuals, local

businesses and organizations to provide new and gently used books to students in Nevada who can't afford their own. To date, they have adopted 78 Nevada elementary schools and donate an average of 60,000 books per month. These books go directly to children to inspire them to read and help them succeed both inside and outside the classroom.



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UNLV's Department of Psychology **Dr. Michelle Paul**, Executive Director of UNLV "PRACTICE" brought us a polished, professional presentation that connected RCGV member with the university's interdisciplinary mental health clinic that offers services to campus and community members. In her role in PRACTICE, Dr. Paul is responsible all aspects of programming, operations, and development, including clinical mental health training and service; research and policy activity; fundraising and development; local and state government and community engagement; and financial and business operations to provide critical infrastructure for the collaboration and shared resource needs of multiple main campus mental and behavioral health workforce development and training programs (e.g., masters and Ph.D. programs in clinical psychology, school psychology, couple and family therapy, mental health counseling, and social work) housed across multiple colleges and academic departments.

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Newest Rotary Club Of Green Valley member
Lance Lewis
receives his
Big Red Badge & Certificate Of Membership.
Welcome to RCGV. Lance !!



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Shannon Hoolihan
Benefactor for Rotary Club Of Green Valley's
Hoolihan's Christmas for Kids
receives an
Honorary Membership Award
from Mike Peterson.
Shannon's contributions preserve a long history of support
for this RCGV annual project.

RCGV UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR



February 13, 7:00 am
Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest
Moderated by Jim Frey.

February 27, 7:00 am
Chief Scott Vivier
Selected as the 12th City of Henderson Fire Chief in October 2024, Chief Scott Vivier started with the City in January 2000 as a Firefighter/Paramedic, advancing to Medical Services Officer, Division Chief of EMS, and Deputy Fire Chief.



Join us for a worthwhile service projects and/or a fun social event !



March 8, 2025 - Baby Shower for Member, Talor Gomez
Celebrating the birth of **Eden Selene Gomez**,
Born to Nathan & Talor Gomez December 12, 2024
Watch for Details

FYI

Exciting News: SuperBuild 2025 Planning is Underway!

By Robin Smith, Las Vegas Rotary
Mark your calendars for May 3, 2025! We're thrilled to announce that we'll be building one to two homes with Corazon in Tecate, Mexico, as part of our ongoing **SuperBuild initiative**.
SuperBuild is a remarkable opportunity to engage in international service just across the border. In a single day, you can transform the lives of a family for generations and experience a profound change in your own life.

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Sincere Thanks, Ed (id8ah@me.com)

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