

Friday afternoon May 13: Concurrent Sessions

1:30 - 2:30 pm: Choose one session

Effective Management Techniques: presented by Professional Education at the University of Utah: Learn the skills effective managers need in giving and receiving feedback. Reap the benefits of delegating to others, helping you more effectively get work done while encouraging employees to learn and grow in their position.



Brandon Allen owns a consulting company helping thought leaders become New York Times Best Sellers and hit their growth and expansion goals. He is also a consultant and a coach in leadership, strategic planning, management training, marketing, training development, product development, and company expansion. In addition, Brandon is the facilitator of the highly rated business leadership training, The Strategic Business Forum Workshops, in Salt Lake City and speaks internationally on leadership, experience design, and productivity.

Identifying your Management Style: presented by Professional Education at the University of Utah: Post-COVID research shows that leadership in the workplace is more critical than ever before. Learn strategies and styles that can help you become a more effective manager and leader.



John Stephenson, MBA has over 30 years of consulting and facilitating experience in the United States, Europe, and Asia, helping organizations become more profitable, and people become more effective. This expertise has allowed John to help public, private, profit, and non-profit organizations become more successful and effective, particularly in building specific individual and collaborative team skills.

Conflict Resolution in the Workplace, presented by Professional Education at the University of Utah: No matter your work environment, you likely encounter conflict often. Learn new strategies and gain a deeper understanding of conflict, communication styles and negotiation.



Kari Gardner is a facilitator, trainer, coach and human resources professional who has designed and implemented several programs for various organizations. She focuses on Front Line and Senior Leadership Development, 360 Degree Feedback & Coaching, Talent Management, Succession Planning, Organizational Development, Orientation programs, Team-building, Communication & Feedback, and Diversity. Kari is a certified Change Management Leader through Ascent Advisor, a 360 Degree Feedback Coach through Decision Wise, a Situational Leadership II instructor via The Ken Blanchard Companies, a Lean Principles Practitioner and a Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award Author and Trainer through Dana University.

Civic action, advocacy, and engagement: It is as important as ever to be an informed citizen in our democracy. This session gives you an overview of the tools you need to be an effective spokesperson for the causes that move you.



Bill Cosgrove, MD is a retired pediatrician. He started advocating for children's issues early in his pediatric career, and has expanded his advocacy since retirement. He challenges our members of Congress with RESULTS on global health issues. He harasses our legislature on children's health needs with the Utah AAP. And, he serves on several committees on vaccines, early childhood education, and children's mental health. In each of these efforts, he is more of a cheer-leader than an expert.



Scott Leckman, MD is a Past District Governor, a general surgeon, and a member of the Rotary Club of Salt Lake. He is the current District 5420 Foundation Chair and Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 27. He is long-time volunteer with two advocacy groups, RESULTS and Citizens' Climate Lobby. He currently serves on the board of both organizations.

Collaborative service: Rotary clubs & community organizations. Learn how to raise money and start a project with a community-based organization.

Please note: Two clubs are presenting at 1:30pm, two different clubs are presenting at 2:30pm.

1:30pm: Connecting Communities with a Coats and Quilts Drive: How two Logan Rotary clubs, a dozen non-profits, good publicity, and community donations generated more than 2,000 quilts, blankets, and winter wear to help residents cope with the cold weather.



Dr. Jay Black, Logan Rotary Club President, is trained as a journalist. He had a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for International Understanding in the 1960s for graduate studies in Australia.



Dwight Whittaker worked as Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in Idaho, helping Special Ed. students and troubled youth find jobs in their communities. He then was the CEO the Idaho Vocational Training Program for adults with disabilities, which became a non-profit organization. He was the first President of the Board of Directors of the President's Committee for The Employment of People with Severe Disabilities who live West of the Mississippi. Dwight joined Rotary in 1987 in Rotary, and is now a Logan, Utah Rotarian.

Cedar City's Golf Ball Fundraiser Benefiting Childhood Hunger: Learn how the Cedar City Rotary Club and community partners sponsored a Golf Ball Fundraiser in support of childhood hunger in the third poorest county in Utah.



Miriam Keener initially joined Rotary in Arkansas. She moved her membership to Cedar City in 2016 and is currently Club President and previously served as Membership Chair. Before retiring, Miriam served as Chief Human Resources Officer for MGM Resorts. In 2022-23 she will serve on the District Membership Committee.

2:30pm: Book Bags for Newborns: Blanding and Monticello Clubs combined to apply for the Governors Collaboration Grant. We created book bags to give to newborns at San Juan and Blue Mountain Hospitals.



Lisa has been a Rotarian since 2011 and has served as Club President 3 times along with other positions and served as an Associate Governor for 4 years. She is the Executive Director of San Juan Foundation, a nonprofit that assists schools and other community organizations within San Juan County, Utah.

Shop Local is a Win-Win: Supporting local business results in a huge win for the Vernal Rotary Club and for the Community.



Krystle Ruppe and Adriana Stratton are two highly talented individuals who share a love for community and Rotary. Both are fairly new to Rotary but have not been shy about jumping into action as needed to help bring high energy and excitement to club projects.

Working with Refugees: Hear from individuals in the community who regularly work with refugees as they resettle and rebuild their lives in Utah. You will learn about how resettlement works in Utah, the issues they face, the ongoing needs for volunteer support, and how to be an ally.



Peter Frost, LCSW, has been working with the refugee and immigrant communities in Utah since 2011. Peter has held the positions of Employment Specialist, Case Manager, Program Supervisor, Therapist, and now a Program Director. Peter is dedicated to improving services for refugees and immigrants while also educating our communities about refugees and immigrants.



Domoina Kendell works for the City of South Salt Lake as Deputy Director for Promise South Salt Lake developing programs for social and intellectual skills development and motivation and support toward success in higher education. Domoina lives her passion daily by coordinating life-changing services to underrepresented youth and their families, including refugees and immigrants. Domoina holds a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and a master's degree from the University of Utah. Originally from Madagascar, Domoina's pursuit of higher education brought her to the United States.



Desange Kuenihira is a speaker, model, advocate for youth and women, and CEO/Founder of unDEfeated, a non-profit organization that provides education for underprivileged youth and women with extreme financial hardship in Uganda. Desange holds Bachelor's degrees in Criminology, Health society, and policy. A minor in Entrepreneurship and pre-business from the University of Utah.



Fiston Mwesige is originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo; he is a leader, advocate, and very involved in the refugee community in Utah. Fiston graduated from the University of Utah with an International Studies degree, has received social work and IT certifications, and speaks seven different languages.

2:30 - 2:45 pm: Break

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3:45pm: Break, move to social hour