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The Rotary Club of Reno meets at Harrah's Reno at Noon on Monday

MONDAY'S PROGRAM

Robert Kamugisha, RN

**Head of Nursing and Midwifery
Bwindi Community Hospital**

Buhoma, Uganda

Reno Rotary Club Masters in
Nursing Science Scholar

A Uganda native, Robert Kamugisha has a bachelor's degree in nursing science, is a Registered Nurse, and is currently completing his academic work for a master's in nursing science (MSN) through Uganda Christian University in Kampala, Uganda and Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota. Originally qualified in 2007 as a registered nurse, Robert was Head of Nursing and Midwifery at Bwindi Community Hospital and has had experience working in a variety of positions including pediatrics, general nursing, midwifery, supervising satellite health centers as well as administrative functions. Robert has served as a part time tutor at the Uganda Nursing School Bwindi and assumed full time responsibility as Registrar and tutor effective January 1, 2018.

The Rotary Club of Reno and Rotary Club of Kihiki, Uganda have been partners with The Rotary Foundation in sponsoring work at the Uganda Nursing School Bwindi (UNSB). Robert was selected as a MSN scholar and has completed his academic studies at Uganda Christian University and will complete a final capstone six-week module at Bethel University in April.

Upon return to Uganda in May he will commence a three-year commitment to teach at UNSB.

This is Robert's first trip out of Uganda. Robert is married to Sarah, a registered nurse, and he and Sarah have two daughters, Rebecca and Robina. Robert enjoys listening to music, socializing with friends, watching movies and playing volleyball.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit www.renorotary.org to sign up

Rotary District 5190 Conference

May 18 - 20, 2018

Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

Rotary Means Business

May 31, 2018 | 5:00 pm ~ 7:00 pm

Great Basin Brewing Taps and Tanks

Food Bank Volunteer Day

June 9, 2018 ~ 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Food Bank of N. Nevada

upcoming meetings

May 14, 2018

Ed Friedrichs

West 2nd Street Project and Downtown Development

May 21, 2018

No Meeting

District Conference Week

May 28, 2018

No Meeting

Memorial Day



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Venue Committee Report

President Bill asked me to give a report on behalf of the committee he assembled, which includes Bill, myself, Marlene Olsen, Debe Fennell, Kurt Mische, Harvey Fennell, Carl Fuetsch and Phil Mahoney, to enlighten the membership about where the process is today.

WHY: For at least 4 years or so, different Presidents of this club, along with a committee of different members have been exploring options for an alternative place to hold our weekly meetings in case Harrah's ceased to be available to us, which was precipitated by the company filing Ch. 11 bankruptcy. This action was also inspired by feedback that came out of Visioning workshops with club leadership and committee chairs beginning in 2010, including the leadership retreat last year. It was agreed that the issue of venue would be resolved this year, one way or another.

Many members are concerned about the declining state of our venue and that our membership numbers are falling, in part due to our present meeting location. While other properties have been investing heavily in remodeling their convention space, hotel rooms and casinos, Harrah's has not done any significant improvements for many years and does not have any firm plans to do so in the near future.

ACTION: Starting in August of last year, the committee began looking in to other locations that might be a viable option for the Club. The criteria included: be downtown, could accommodate up to 150 attendees, have adequate parking, (preferably covered), have a meal service that could accommodate us, stay under \$25 and have alternative meeting locations if the facility was booked.

If the property met the criteria, a club meeting was scheduled there. The first venue explored was the newly opened Renaissance Hotel. We held a meeting there on July 31st and sent out a survey afterwards to get membership feedback. The feedback was mixed and ultimately deemed not a viable option.

- 63 of the 88 members present answered the survey
- 60% gave the experience a 4 or 5 rating - 5 being best rating

- 8% gave the meal a 4 or 5 rating
- 42% said they would pay \$25-27 for that meal

The Eldorado was the second hotel property that appeared to meet the criteria and the Eldorado and the club committee negotiated for several months, with the Eldorado making many concessions to arrive at a mutual and agreeable package, thus a meeting was held there on January 8, 2018 and a survey went out to those who attended.

- 66 of the 80 members present answered the survey
- 65% gave the experience a 4 or 5 rating
- 57% gave the meal a 4 or 5 rating
- 64.% said they would be willing to pay \$25 for a similar experience

Other locations explored were the National Auto Museum, NV Museum of Art, Whitney Peak, McKinley Arts Center and Elm Estate, all of which either did not meet our criteria or didn't have the same viability as the Eldorado, and consideration of these venues has ceased. The committee has exhausted all possible locations and are at a point that a decision should be made.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS: The comments that have come out of the surveys, both for and against leaving Harrah's include:

For Staying:

Staff is friendly; Harrah's has been accommodating to the club's needs; no charge for AV; stores files for the club; food price is low; piano on site at each meeting; more than 40 years at this facility.

For Leaving:

Food is so-so (80% of attending members choose the salad option); convention center hasn't been renovated in more than 20 years, leading to widespread concern that with Reno becoming less of a casino town, Harrah's won't be investing in the property to any significant degree in the foreseeable future; shrinking membership; lack of attendance and lack of new members is a huge concern; we're not attracting executives and leaders in the community; parking garage is in disrepair; stairwell needs cleaning; smoke from casino is strong in convention center.

LAST MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Scanner: Mark Meich
 Greeter: Richard Schreinert
 Raffle Tickets: Stefanie Scoppettone
 Invocation: Marlene Olsen
 Pledge: Vic Bucher
 Sgt. At Arms: Ron Weaver
 Sgt. At Arms: Harvey Fennell
 Photographer: Dan Nichols
 Piano: Genie Mathews

HONOR ROLL

Tim Atwell \$100
 Bill Creekbaum \$100
 Charlie Dodson \$100
 Leslie Farias \$100
 Harvey Fennell \$100
 Lisa Jansen \$100
 Rob Thayer \$100
 Ron Weaver \$100
 Craig Wesner \$100

SAVE THE DATE: PRESIDENT BILL'S DEMOTION PARTY IS JUNE 19TH

Mark your calendars for President Bill's Demotion Party to be held Tuesday, June 19th, 5:30 p.m. at The Coney Island Bar. It promises to be a fun evening honoring Bill for



his service, and perhaps, poking fun at a few things, too! A family style dinner of bread, salad, roasted chicken, top sirloin steak, homemade mushroom ravioli with burnt butter sage sauce, penne with pesto sauce, bread pudding with caramels sauce and 2 glasses of wine will be served for \$35 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. A ClubRunner invite will be sent out in May. For questions, or to provide "material" for the demotion, please contact Liza Maupin at lizamaupin@gmail.com or at 775-721-8124.



President Bill presents Law Enforcement of Month Award to **Detective Adam Harris** at the right. Sparks Police Chief Brian Allan and Past Club President and Washoe County District Attorney Dick Gammick in the center.



President Bill awards the Educator of the Quarter Award to **Nancy Berdrow**, a Sparks Middle School Counselor, standing next to another former Reno Rotarian Katherine Loudon, Washoe County School District Counseling Coordinator and Stacy Ting Senini, the awardee's Principal.

HOW TO INTRODUCE YOUR GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS AT A CLUB MEETING

When introducing a guest or new members during a Club meeting, the correct way is to greet the Club President, fellow Rotarians and guests, introduce yourself and state your classification, and then introduce your guest, their title and business affiliation. Please do not introduce any guest as a prospective new member or that they are looking for a position or clients.

ATTENDANCE

Please make sure you turn in make-ups to Carl Fuetsch at a club meeting or by email: info@renorotaryclub.org. Don't forget that you need to attend or make up at least 50% of club regular meetings in each half of the year (rolling six months) and attend at least 30% of this club's meetings in each half of the year. Credit can be received for Rotary committee work and other official Rotary functions.

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