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

## MONDAY'S PROGRAM

**County Manager John Slaughter**  
*State of the County*

In October 2013, County Commissioners selected John Slaughter as the Washoe County Manager. John has been with Washoe County since 1986, working as a land use planner, the County's strategic planning manager, and as the Director of Management Services. He represented Washoe County at the Nevada Legislature from 2001-2013 and was named Acting Assistant County Manager prior to his appointment as County Manager.

As Washoe County Manager, John Slaughter serves as liaison between the Board of County Commissioners and elected and appointed department directors, governmental jurisdictions, community and business groups, employees, and county customers. He also oversees the Manager's Office, which facilitates presentation of issues to the Board for their consideration and ensures effective implementation of direction given by the BCC. The Manager's Office also houses the Communications division, Internal Audit division, and Management Services division.

John holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Anthropology from Emporia State University, and a Master of Urban Planning degree from the University of Kansas. He has also received the Continuing Education Certificate in Public Management from the University of Nevada, Reno.

## POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been approved for membership by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Reno. If you have any comments on their proposed membership in the Rotary Club of Reno, please submit them in writing to the Club Secretary.

**Benjamin R. Brooks DDS**  
*Dentist*

Sponsor: Kirk Bailey

**Olivia Tearnan**  
*MRD Global Foundation – President/Director*  
Sponsor: Jack Yammine

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit [www.renorotary.org](http://www.renorotary.org) to sign up

**Planting Day at Bicentennial Park**  
June 3, 2017; 8:00 am to 11:00 am  
10 Ralston Street

**Food Bank Volunteer Dates**  
June 17, 2017; Sep 16, 2017  
Food Bank of N. Nevada

## upcoming meetings

May 15, 2017

**No Meeting**

*District Conference*

May 22, 2017

**Mikalee Byerman**

*Author- 100 Things To Do In Reno Before You Die*

May 29, 2017

**No Meeting**

*Memorial Day*



## THE RENOTARIAN

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### Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

- Craig Wesner ..... President
- Bill Boon..... President Elect
- Phil Mahoney..... President Nominee
- Mary Brock..... President Designate
- Curt Chapman ..... Past President
- Carl Fuetsch ..... Secretary
- Cathy Delionback ..... Treasurer
- Sheila Hlubucek..... Director
- Kurt Mische ..... Director
- Maria Sheehan ..... Director
- Diana Hoffman..... Director
- Gary Warren ..... Director
- Kirk Bailey ..... Director
- Tina Doherty..... Director
- Trudy Nauman ..... Director

### Reno Rotary Foundation

- Jim Pfrommer ..... President
- Carl Fuetsch ..... Secretary
- Cathy Delionback ..... Treasurer
- John Spears..... Investments
- Bill Boon ..... Ex-officio
- Craig Wesner ..... Trustee
- Brian Armon ..... Trustee
- Harvey Fennell..... Trustee
- Laurie Leonard ..... Trustee
- Phil Stone ..... Trustee
- Mary Brock..... Trustee
- Tom Taelour ..... Trustee

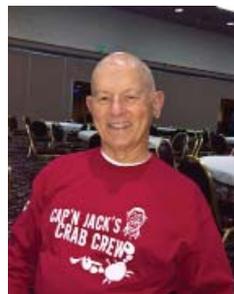
### Newsletter/Website

- David Spillers ..... Newsletter Editor
- Grace Nichols ..... Web-master

## MEMBER PROFILE

### Dick Gammick

After graduating from high school in 1964 in his hometown of Elko, NV, Dick headed for the University of Nevada in 1964 where he first majored in Civil Engineering and then changed to Accounting. Two years later



he and a friend took a bus to Salt Lake City where they enlisted in the United States Army as privates.

During the next 7 years he completed Officers Candidate School in Field Artillery obtaining the rank of 2d Lieutenant; completed flight school where he learned to fly Huey helicopters and did a tour of duty in South Vietnam in 1968-1969 transporting ground troops and flying gunships. After returning to the states, he served as a flight instructor, commanded several military units and finished additional officer training achieving the rank of Captain.

While in flight school, Dick met nurse Norma Wood in Texas which lead to marriage before he went overseas. They started with \$85 between them. 48+ years later they are still together with two grown children; Gina who is a GS-15 civilian with the U.S. Air Force and Rick who drives U.P.S. trucks. They also have 3 grandchildren; Tyler, Tim and Molly.

In 1973 Dick returned to Reno and became a Reno Police Officer working as a patrolman, K-9 handler and Crime Scene Investigator, while still working toward a B.S., which he received in 1977 (yes 13 years later). Dick also met Deputy District Attorney Mills Lane who played a large part in his future.

In 1978, with the help of Mills and Ron Bath, the family moved to Sacramento where Dick joined a medevac unit in the CA National Guard and worked for the Sacramento District

Attorney while attending the McGeorge School of Law during the next four years. Norma went back to nursing and they shared the care of the kids and their home. It was back to Reno after graduation, with a year clerking for Judge Forman.

Dick was hired by Mills as a Washoe County Deputy District Attorney in 1983 and served the next 10 years as a Deputy and Chief Deputy as the head of the Major Violators Unit (Murder Inc.). In 1993 he was hired by the Reno City Attorney as the legal advisor for the Reno Police Department, a position which he held until his election as the Washoe County District Attorney in 1994.

After taking office in 1995, Dick started rebuilding and modernizing the office, bringing it into the 20th century with computerization and started planning on bringing the office back into one building instead of 3 in the downtown area. This was accomplished with the dedication in 2006 of the Mills B. Lane Justice Center. A center dedicated to the investigation of adult and child sexual assault was built on the campus of Northern Nevada Hospital in Sparks. Specialized teams were created within the office. Washoe County Law Enforcement Agencies set the national standard for cooperation and working together to solve and successfully holding perpetrators responsible for their criminal acts. Prior to his retirement in 2015, during his 5th term, the Child Advocacy Center on the Children's Cabinet Campus was dedicated; a single location for the medical and criminal investigation of sexual and child abuse cases.

Since his retirement, he has been continued involvement with the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows (21+ years board member); Past President and continuing member of Reno Rotary; Board of the Hoff Peace Officer's Memorial; Role Model Summit; Nevada Military Support Alliance and Hot August Nights Advisor.

Dick is very grateful to his family, his home state Nevada, the residents of Washoe County and all of the people who have been there during his career. WHAT A RIDE!!!!!!

## LAST MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Scanner: ..... Cameron Bordner  
 Greeter: ..... Paul Havas  
 Raffle Tickets: ..... Cathy Delionback  
 Invocation: ..... Corry Castaneda  
 Pledge: ..... Linda Powers  
 Sgt. At Arms: ..... Jack Yammine  
 Sgt. At Arms: ..... Kyle McCann  
 Photographer: ..... Dan Nichols  
 Piano: ..... Genie Mathews

## HONOR ROLL

Jack Hoffman ..... \$200  
 Marlene Olsen ..... \$100

## LAST MEETING PICTURES



President Craig presents three Blue Badges to **Kevin Melcher** (second from left) and **Michele Sullivan**, (fourth from left) with their sponsor Kim Mazeres; and sponsor Harvey Fennell with new Blue Badge **Cory Castaneda** (right).



Somewhat surprised **Debe Fennell** is presented with a Rotary Club Member of the Month pin for her great work on the Sculpture Garden and Riverside Drive cleanup by President Craig.

### **Candidates for Reno Rotary Club Foundation Board of Directors** **Primary Election May 8 - Vote for 2 (Top four will advance to final vote on May 22)**

#### **Mike Blakely**

*Classification: Engineering-Structural*

Business: Mike Blakely Structural Engineer founded in 1988 became Blakely Johnson and Ghush, now known as BJG Architecture and Engineering. Mike retired in 2007 but continues to do some Structural consulting. Mike is the structural engineer of record for many Northern Nevada buildings including St. Mary's 6 story tower, Renoun's 4 story Ambulatory care building, UNR's Reid Earthquake Engineering Lab, Harrah's Auto Museum and Amazon's Fernley warehouse.

Rotary: Paul Harris plus 4 (received one from club for work on wine tasting fundraiser).

Mike served 2 three year terms on board of directors.

Currently serves on Community Service committee.

Veteran's Guest House: Currently serving 7th year on Board of Directors and on Finance Committee.

Covenant Presbyterian Church: Mike is a Ruling Elder, President of the Corporation and Chairman of Administration.

Tahoe Pyramid Bikeway: Mike designs bridges for river and creek crossings.



#### **Mark Elston**

*Classification: Stock & Bond Brokerage*

Mark Elston was born November 25, 1957. He is a Senior Vice President Investments for Stifel in Reno, Nevada. He has been in the financial services industry since 1981 as a Financial Advisor and as a Branch Manager in Reno and Las Vegas.



Involvement in the community is extremely important to him, having served on the University of Nevada Wolf Pack booster club, Nevada State Fair, President of the Rotary Club of Reno, President of the Alumni Association of the University of Nevada, and President Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Northern Nevada. His most recent organization involvement has been President of the Reno Rodeo, President of the Reno Rodeo Foundation, President of the Board Bishop Manogue High School, and President of the Prospectors Club of Reno.

His biggest love is of his family with his wife Beverly having been married for 35 years. His three children and four grandchildren all live in Reno.

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### Paul Havas

Classification: Mortgage Brokerage

For many years I was involved with The Old College Law School and Humanities as a Vice Chairman and acting Chairman of the Board of Trustees. As an original co-founder and benefactor, I had a strong commitment level. For example, I was the trustee advocate for Old College Law Graduates before the Nevada Supreme Court when our accreditation was in question. Virtually all of our graduates took the Nevada Bar and passed it.



At this juncture in Life I realized that there is "... more to life than business." As Chairman of the State of Nevada Employment Council for the past thirty years ( 45 years on the Panel), I truly felt that my accomplishments in the restoration of the Experience Ratings for Nevada Employers and Nevada Employees was devoid of any business self motivation and was altruistic in nature. The fairness of a non-charging system with Nevada Employers and ultimately bond financing for the necessary employer taxes vis-a-vis unemployment compensation was vital.

My leadership role in the passage of job claimant legislation for education subsidy and on the job compensation was important. I have had six Nevada governors appoint and reappoint me to the Nevada Employment Security Council. I truly thought that this was service above self. I have had extensive experience with the University of Nevada, such as: Emeritus Member of The President's Legislative Steering Committee, President of Nevada Alumni Association, and a former candidate for The Board of Regents.

More importantly, I have been married to Gordine for fifty five years and am the father of three adult sons and a daughter - all have made me very proud of their accomplishments.

### Walt Higgins

Classification: Public Utility Management

Chairman of the Board (non-executive) of South Jersey Industries and South Jersey Gas Company.



Retired President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director - Ascendant Group Limited, a diversified energy and infrastructure holding company in Bermuda.

Several years prior to moving to Bermuda, Walt had retired as Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of NV Energy. Walt retired as Chief Executive Officer in July, 2007. He remained chairman of the board (non-executive) for one year and retired from that position in July, 2008

He was previously the Chairman, President and CEO of AGL Resources, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia, the holding company of Atlanta Gas Light. Prior to AGL, Walt had been Chairman, President & CEO of Sierra Pacific Resources which he joined in 1993 and served until January 1998. In the early 1990's, he had been President & COO of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and had earlier been a senior executive with Portland General Electric Company, in Portland, Oregon.

Walt was graduated with distinction with a nuclear science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, in 1966, and completed postgraduate nuclear engineering and submarine training with the U.S. Navy. He served as a commissioned naval officer in nuclear submarines. He is a graduate of the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Executive Program, the University of Idaho Public Utility Executive Course, and he completed some graduate business studies at The George Washington University.

Walt is an avid boater and golfer. In 2008, 2011 and 2016, he and Jacqueline took their boat on three month voyages to Alaska. Walt and Jacqueline also enjoy travel and grandchildren.

Walt was born in Washington, D.C. and reared in Medford, Oregon. He and Jacqueline live in Reno, Nevada. Walt and Jacqueline have a daughter who is a physician, college professor, and dean of students in Nashville, Tennessee (three granddaughters) and a son who is a branch general manager in Portland, Oregon (one granddaughter and one grandson).

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#### **Sheila Hlubucek**

*Classification: Business Development*

A Rotarian since 2010, Sheila served three years as Membership Chair, three years on the Board of Directors, and the past year as Programs Chair. She also currently serves as an allied board member for American Institute of Architects, Northern Nevada.



Sheila is Business Development Director at Clark/Sullivan Construction. Her primary responsibility is pursuing new contracts the long-time general contractor known for delivering hospitals, schools, retail developments, community centers and more. She oversees public relations, internal communication, digital strategies, sponsorships and events.

Previously, she served four years on the marketing and communication team at Renown Health where she worked to strengthen the bond with the community by supporting the numerous community contributors and board members with information and services. Sheila also had an 18-year career as Communication Director at Q&D Construction. In her first career, she was a Reno Gazette-Journal reporter and magazine writer.

Education: B.A., University of Nevada, Reno, School of Journalism, Leadership Reno Sparks Program, Rapport Leadership Master Graduate, Emergenetics Communication Training, and Toastmasters. Previous community service includes serving on Western Industrial Nevada's Executive Board. She has been a long time member of Public Relations Society of America.

#### **John Kadlic**

*Classification: Attorney*

I am a retired attorney. During my career, I was a Deputy District Attorney in three different counties. Also, I was a Deputy Public Defender with the State Public Defender's Office in two different counties. I was elected three times as a Judge with the Reno Justice Court. Also, I had a law office for a period of time. I was elected twice as Reno City Attorney. I retired after the conclusion of my second term in November of 2014.



I have been a Rotarian for over twenty years. Also, I am a member of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem. I have a little brother through Big Brothers, Big Sisters. As to hobbies, I play a lot of golf and ride my mountain bike when the weather is nice.

#### **Liza Maupin**

*Classification: Non Profit, Youth Leadership Development*

Liza Maupin has been a Rotarian for 30 years. Before moving to Reno she was active with the Rotary Club of Tahoe-Douglas, where she served as President. She is a past president of the Rotary Club of Reno and has served as a trustee on the Reno Rotary Foundation Board. Liza has been a chair of the Mardi Gras Committee, and has co-chaired the club's annual Children's Christmas Party for more years than she can remember. For the past two years Liza has been responsible for New Member Orientation. Liza is a Paul Harris Fellow Plus 3 and a Reno Rotary Foundation Nugget recipient. Liza has served on nonprofit boards and with her experience as a nonprofit leader, most recently as CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Liza brings experience and perspective from both sides of the equation. Rotary has been an integral part of Liza's adult life and serving on the Reno Rotary Foundation would allow Liza to continue to serve the club and the community.



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#### **Tom Taelour**

*Classification: Transportation*

I am a Native Nevadan and I have been a Rotarian in our club since 1993. My sponsor was Jerry Hall. I am currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Reno Rotary Foundation. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve and want to continue to do so. During the past two years I have participated on the Foundation Budget Committee. I graduated with a degree in accounting from Santa Clara University. I am a CPA and was the CFO for the Regional Transportation Commission for thirty one years. My duties included Investment Trustee for the Commission. I believe my financial background is a positive resource for the Reno Rotary Foundation. I also serve on our club's Youth Services Committee. Since 1994, I have been the RYLA Coordinator for our club which currently sponsors sixteen junior high students. I am also our club's REGL Coordinator at O'Brien Middle School for eighth grade students. Previously, I have been a Career Coach and I was part of the team that created Jerry Hall's Demotion Video when he was District Governor.

I am currently the Secretary on the KNPB Board of Directors. I am also a council member and Head Elder for St. Luke's Lutheran Church. I have taught Junior Achievement classes for fifth grade students and have previously served as Secret Witness Chairman.

Some of my hobbies include playing in a nine member Christian Band, which I have done for over forty years and coaching girls' softball, which I have done for sixteen years.

My wife Jenny and I have been married for 29 years and we have two children. Sarah, 34, starting her doctoral internship in Neuropsychology this summer in Greenville, North Carolina and Kelsey, 27, beginning a year of clinical practice here in Reno to complete her doctorate in Physical Therapy.



#### **Denny Williams**

*Classification: Banking*

I am the Regional President for Meadows Bank, and have extensive experience in the banking industry. I bring the ability to create strong personal and business relationships and compassion to help individuals meet their goals.

I have always been able to focus on the task at hand and do so with a strong work ethic. I believe I have earned an excellent reputation in northern Nevada as an individual with integrity that you can trust and gets the job done. I am well networked in the business community in northern Nevada which enables me to connect business individuals with others who can assist them.

Over the years I've established relationships with customers/friends who have followed me throughout my career. My contacts include CEO's, business leaders, professionals, and high income/high net worth individuals. I have worked very hard over the years to develop a reputation of being a professional with integrity that you can trust. I'm a great problem solver, able to identify the issues, and create solutions. I have strong interpersonal skills and can build rapport quickly with people I meet for the first time. I'm a team player and strongly believe in teamwork to accomplish a common goal. I am goal oriented and have a history of achieving goals by creating and initiating a well thought out plan identifying detailed actions that are time sensitive and prioritized that are measurable.



## UPCOMING WORK DAYS IN THE SCULPTURE PARK

The next day is Saturday, May 6th, on a day of city-wide cleanup (more details to come).

I'll send more details as we get closer, but wanted to give you a heads-up, so you can put these dates in your calendar. I'll be buying plants on April 29th, so we can dig in and plant them on May 6th!

Community service is what Rotarians do and this is another opportunity to make our downtown a beautiful place we can all enjoy.

Debe Fennell  
775-762-0370

## Rotary District 5190 Conference 2017

Thursday, May 18, 2017 8:00 AM -  
Sunday, May 21, 2017 12:00 PM

**Atlantis Casino Resort**  
3700 South Virginia Street  
Reno, Nevada 89502

Register Online: [www.rotarydistrict5190.org/](http://www.rotarydistrict5190.org/)  
or

Contact Jacques Yammine: [jlyamine@aol.com](mailto:jlyamine@aol.com)



**DISTRICT 5190**  
**CELEBRATING THE STARS**

**WHEN:** May 18-21, 2017

**WHERE:** Atlantis Casino, Reno, NV



Be a part of Rotary District 5190's biggest event of the year!

HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU'LL SEE AND DO:	
• Keynote Speech from RI President John F. Germ	• Speech Contest
• Women in Rotary Luncheon Event	• Informative Breakout Sessions
• Keynote Speech from RI Director & Incoming VP H. Dean Rohrs	• Basket Auction
• Rotary Youth Track Luncheon Event	• RYE Students Demo Their Favorite Recipes
• Music Contest	

*Be a Shining Star! Attend the District Conference!*

## 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](mailto: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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