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

MONDAY'S PROGRAM

Christi Cakiroglu & Alicia Reban

One Truckee River

Alicia Reban is the Executive Director of Nevada Land Trust and connects ideas to strategy. She spends her time getting to know regional and statewide leaders, cultivating new partners and donors for Nevada Land Trust (NLT), designing conservation solutions for complex protection projects, and educating the community about NLT and the importance of conservation. Alicia co-leads the multi-jurisdictional, collaborative One Truckee River Initiative founded by NLT and KTMB. Internally, Alicia works closely with the NLT staff and board to guide the execution of NLT's mission, helping NLT become the first nationally-accredited land trust in Nevada in 2015. As part of the founding team of Nevada Land Conservancy in 1998 (now Nevada Land Trust), Alicia has overseen the conservation of over 45,000 acres of land and associated water rights to protect wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, vital historic sites, and working ranch lands across the state.

Christi Cakiroglu was hired as Executive Director of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) in December 2002 due partly to her passion and belief in the power of volunteerism. During her 15-year tenure KTMB has received national recognition by USA Today and nationally competitive awards from Keep America Beautiful. Locally, KTMB has become a community-wide resource for all beautification related issues including litter reduction and recycling information. From the Illegal Dumping Task Force to the One Truckee River Initiative, Christi's leadership has expanded KTMB's focus to include prevention-centered advocacy as well as beautification, cleanups and education.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER

The following individual has 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.

Ty Whitaker

Marketing

Sponsor: Corry Castaneda

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit www.renorotary.org to sign up

Volunteer at Food Bank

September 16, 2017 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Food Bank of Northern Nevada

Rotarian Wine Bus to Apple Hill

September 23, 2017 - 8:00 am bus leaves Reno
Apple Hill (bus leaves from Summit Mall)

Bulb Planting at the Sculpture Garden

Sep 30, 2017 - 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Rotary Sculpture Garden

upcoming meetings

September 25, 2017

Eaton Dunkelberger

SNJ and Lemelson STEM Camp

October 2, 2017

David Crumbly

Bridges Out of Poverty

October 9, 2017

Buzz Harris

Business Valuation



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Anna Nilsine (Nilsson) Hansen

December 11, 1938-August 30, 2017



After a long and courageous battle with lung cancer (non-smoker), Nilsine Hansen died peacefully at home on August 30, 2017, surrounded by family. She was born on December 11, 1938 in Portland, Oregon. Her early years were spent in Texas and

Eastern Oregon before moving to Reno, Nevada with her parents in 1946. Nilsine attended Reno High School and graduated in 1957. After high school, she attended the College of the Pacific (now University of the Pacific) in Stockton, CA and was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega (formerly Delta Zeta) fraternity. She majored in Speech Language Pathology and returned home to Reno after graduation to begin her life long career of working with and advocating for children with special needs. Upon returning to Reno, Nilsine took a job with Washoe County School District and worked at 8 different schools in Sparks as a Speech Language Pathologist. She would then move on to teach the Hearing Impaired program at Veterans Memorial and Corbett Elementary schools. She obtained a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Nevada and eventually transitioned to administration in 1976 and would stay in Special Education Administration until her retirement in 1990. Retirement did not stop Nilsine from continuing to work in the field. While she was 'retired' she worked as a Hearing Officer for cases between families and districts for all Nevada students outside of Washoe County. She would hold this role until her battle with cancer became more of the focus of her daily life in 2015.

Nilsine met her husband, Skip Hansen, during their time at Reno High School. They were married in 1963 at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Reno. Their daughter Kate was born in 1981. Together,

the two have been very active members of the Reno community. As long time members of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Reno, Nevada, Nilsine spent her time singing in the choir and playing hand bells, served as an Elder of the church, and expressed her creativity as the 'Craft Lady' for St. John's Resident Church Summer Camp for many years. She enjoyed spending time honing her craft as a calligrapher; sewing, reading a good book (when asked about her favorite she said there were too many to mention) and watching the waves roll in during family trips to the Oregon Coast. Both Skip and Nilsine were devout attendees of Chautauqua and other various arts/concert series in the area including Reno Chamber Orchestra, Bella Voce and other local performances. Later in life, she became an active member of P.E.O, Nevada Chapter F, and served as President among other active roles in the group. Other highlights of her life include singing at Carnegie Hall with the Sierra Nevada Master Chorale, discovering traditions of her heritage through involvement with Sons of Norway and playing her accordion on TV with Greco's Revue where she would later be remembered in the Reno Gazette as the 'girl with the dancing eyes'.

Nilsine was adopted by Nils and Birdie Nilsson in 1939. After the birth of her daughter Kate, she became an active member of ALMA (Adoptees Liberty Movement Association). It was with the support and guidance of the group that Nilsine was able to locate her birth family in 1993. Since then, she has enjoyed a very rewarding and special bond with her sister Nancy. The two have discovered some quirky similarities and enjoyed many "sister trips". She considers the day she found her birth family as one of the luckiest days in her life.

Nilsine was preceded in death by her parents, Nils and Birdie Nilsson and is survived by her husband Skip Hansen, daughter, Kate Hansen (Jon Finch), sister Nancy Espinoza (Richard), niece Megan Espinoza and nephew Matthew Espinoza (Jeanette).

A Celebration of Life will be held at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Reno on September 16, 2017 at 2 pm with reception to follow. Her family would like to encourage people to wear colorful attire or accents to celebrate a life well lived.

LAST MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Scanner: Rob Thayer
Greeter: Linda Powers
Raffle Tickets: Dan Lofrese
Invocation: Kurt Mische
Pledge: Maria Sheehan
Sgt. At Arms: Kevin Melcher
Sgt. At Arms: Gayle Sherman
Photographer: Dan Nichols
Piano: Genie Mathews

HONOR ROLL

Bill Boon \$100
Valerie Clark \$100
Harvey Fennell \$500
Rew Goodenow \$100
Paul Havas \$100
Dan Lofrese \$300
Vinny Lucido \$100
Brooks Mancini \$200
Bill Mathews \$200
Bob Moore \$100
Marlene Olsen \$100
Gayle Sherman \$100

15,000 (GASP) FLOWER BULBS FOR SCULPTURE GARDEN

Hooray! We **SOLD OUT** on Sept. 11. Thanks to all who bought bulbs. They will be planted this Fall and BLOOM this Spring - and every Spring thereafter. This will add beauty and color to our downtown. Congrats to Lisa Jansen for organizing this wonderful project.



WES WITTEN, RENO ROTARY'S NEWEST HONORARY MEMBER



The Rotary Club of Reno Board of Directors recently learned that long time member Wes Witten will be relocating to Long Beach, California, and the board unanimously elected Wes an Honorary member.

Wes frequently participated in fellowship events, club work projects and was always available to counsel other club members and our club leadership. Wes was famous for his "...let's get it done" mantra and it always fit well with Rotary's Service Above Self motto.

While serving as co-Chair of The Rotary International Foundation (TRF) committee, Wes was instrumental in increasing funds raised for TRF and participated in other club fund-raising efforts. Always leading the way, Wes was a generous donor and was a member of the District 5190 Paul Harris Society of The Rotary Foundation (\$1,000 per year donations) and was a Level 2 Major Donor (contributions exceeding \$25,000).

Wes joined others in our club and was a mentor and financial supporter of Zabitullah Aimal. Wes' contributions helped to insure Aimal's UNR education and he provided special support assisting Aimal to return home from Bradford, England, during his Rotary Peace Fellow Master's work to help preserve his time accrual toward naturalization. Bill Boon, Reno Rotary President said in a letter to Wes "...you have made a significant difference in this young man's life."

The Rotary Club of Reno is thankful for the commitment Wes and Thelma have made to the Caminul Felix Orphanage in Romania. In addition to traveling to Romania to work on the orphanage with other Reno Rotary members, Wes and Thelma continued to support

the work of Caminul Felix through their personal initiatives and gifts.

Our club bids a fond farewell to Wes Witten and Thelma. We wish them well in their move to Long Beach and will long remember Wes' wit, happy smile and contributions to our club.

Wes always ended his correspondence and email notes with "Proud to be a Rotarian." Wes, we were proud to be a Rotarian with you.

LAST MEETING PICTURES



President Bill (left) and The Rotary Foundation Committee chair David Morgan (right) present Patricia Halstead with her first Paul Harris Fellow award. Congratulations!



Dr. Trudy Larson, MD, Dean of the newly independent School of Community Health Sciences program at UNR gave a great, informative presentation detailing the history of the program and where the school is going.

MEMBER PROFILE

Kirk Bailey



Kirk is a longtime Rotarian and active member of our group. He is currently Director of the Membership Committee, and he regularly reminds us we are all members of that committee because recruiting new members is all of our job.

Kirk is originally from Walnut Creek, CA, where he graduated from Northgate High School. Thereafter, Kirk attended the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, receiving his B.A. in Business & Communications/Public Relations. Kirk has lived in various wonderful locations, including Walnut Creek, Stockton (ok, wonderful might be a stretch), Modesto, Santa Cruz, Capitola and Incline Village, NV.

Kirk's career has always involved sales in some capacity, which is an area where Kirk excels. Initially, Kirk worked in sales for Xerox and ADP, now his career focuses on magazine publishing, primarily in the field of real estate. Kirk really found his niche in this area, having purchased, launched, grown and sold several publications. Currently, Kirk is the owner of HomeFolio Media & Impress Publishing, publishers of six publications in the SF Bay Area. And while Kirk is happy with his companies' current level of production, they continue to obtain new clients and opportunities due to their unique client strategies, which Kirk developed, and which have helped drive their success.

Kirk has 2 kids; Wyatt (18), and Kalle (16). Kirk enjoys spending time with his family, girlfriend, and her kids, whether it's wake surfing on Tahoe, skiing at Squaw Valley, or surfing in Mexico. He considers his biggest challenge "teenagers" and any of us who have, or had, them knows what he means.

Kirk initially became interested in joining Rotary because he feels blessed and fortunate in his life and he has a strong desire to help

those who may not be as blessed or fortunate; an example set for him by his father, Larry Bailey, and great-grandfather, Fred Black, both Rotarians. Fred Black actually served as President of our club in 1932. Kirk believes in and supports Rotary's mission to do good around the world and to ensure that a high percentage of contributions go directly to the recipients. In his spare time, Kirk loves to wake surf, travel, scuba dive, boat and snow ski and he readily admits that he is really a ski/beach bum trapped in a professional career. After his kids are all out of the house, he dreams of relocating and becoming an expat in a tropical country.



The Rotarians and Friends Heart team is headed to the fundraising finish line. We need donors, and/or walkers to reach the final goal. We are halfway there!

Maria Sheehan is hosting Mimosas and Bloody Marys following the Heart Walk at Silver Peak Restaurant downtown.

Date: Sept. 17th, 2017

Time: 9:00 To Run ~ Time: 10:00 To Walk

Noon: Cocktails at Silver Peak

(It is optional to run or walk, a simple donation will do)

Sign up by going to <http://www2.heart.org/goto/rotariansandfriends>

RENO ROTARIANS AT BURNING MAN 2017



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