

THE Renotarian

Rotary
Club of Reno



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We Meet on Monday's at noon at the Atlantis Casino Resort

Monday's Program

Tom Hall

*Aviation and Aerospace Education
in Northern Nevada*



Tom Hall's Rotary vocational classification is Active-Law Practice, Real Estate, and when he's not in the courtroom, or getting ready for it, he's president of whatever organization he currently belongs to.

Tom is a native of southern California, grew up at Lake Tahoe (Nevada side), and came to UNR in the early sixties, earning a BS degree in 1965 in Finance and Economics. He received his law degree from Northwestern University in 1971 and has been practicing law in this area for the past fifty-two years. He's played a vital role in precedent setting land use cases at Lake Tahoe.

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You can join us with Zoom:

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING](#)

Nominations Open for The Rotary Club of Reno Board of Directors

Three positions are available on our club board, starting July 1, 2024. The term is for three years. The board meets once per month, on the third Tuesday of the month.

If you are interested in serving, please contact President-Elect Laurie Leonard.

Upcoming Events

Food Bank Volunteer Day

February 10, 2024 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Food Bank of Northern Nevada

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

February 20, 2024 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Sunshine Litigation

Upcoming Speakers

William L. Fox

February 5, 2024

Nevada Museum of Art

Jill Tolles

February 12, 2024

Guinn Center for Policy Priorities

The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

David Spillers	President
Laurie Leonard	President Elect
Carl Fuetsch	Executive Secretary
Kevin Melcher	Treasurer
Kirk Allaire	Director
Stacy Asteriadis	Director
Andrea Cantlon	Director
Jim Endres	Director
Julie Griffiths	Director
Kim Mazeres	Director
Richard Schreinert	Director

Committee Chairs

Club Administration	Carl Fuetsch
Community Service	Marlene Olsen
Finance	Kevin Melcher
Fundraising	Julie Griffiths
International Projects	Phil Mahoney
Marketing/PR	Oliver Grosz
Membership	Shenea Strader
Programs	Dave Bianchi, Jerry Hall
Social	Stacy Asteriadis
Sunshine	Stefanie Scoppettone
Vocational	John Tatum
Youth Services	Kim Mazeres, Jon Olsen

Reno Rotary Foundation

Mike Blakely	President
Corry Castaneda	Ex-officio RRF P. Pres.
David Spillers	Ex-officio RCR President
Laurie Leonard ...	Ex-officio RCR Pres. Elect
Steve Kent	Vice President
Anne-Louise Bennett	Trustee
Dave Gallagher	Trustee
Oliver Grosz	Trustee
Charlie Dodson	Trustee
Art Rangel	Trustee
Stefanie Scoppettone	Trustee
Carl Fuetsch	Secretary
Kevin Melcher	Treasurer
John Spears	Investments

Newsletter/Website

David Spillers	Newsletter Editor
Julie Griffiths	Web-master
Alex Phillips	Web-master
Oliver Grosz	Reno Rotary Roundup

Last Meeting Volunteers

Thought of the Day:	Bill Dailey
Pledge:	Laurie Leonard
Scanner	Chesa Keane
Sergeant At Arms	Harvey Fennell
Cashier	Steve Kent
Photographer	Karen Grosz
Raffle	Anne-Louise Bennett
Secretary	Carl Fuetsch
Set Up/Take Down	Anne-Louise Bennett
Set Up/Take Down	Carl Fuetsch
Set Up/Take Down	Mike Blakely

Honor Roll

Harvey Fennell	\$100
Kathy Fraser	\$100
Maria Sheehan	\$100
Shenea Strader	\$100



Rotary RYLA

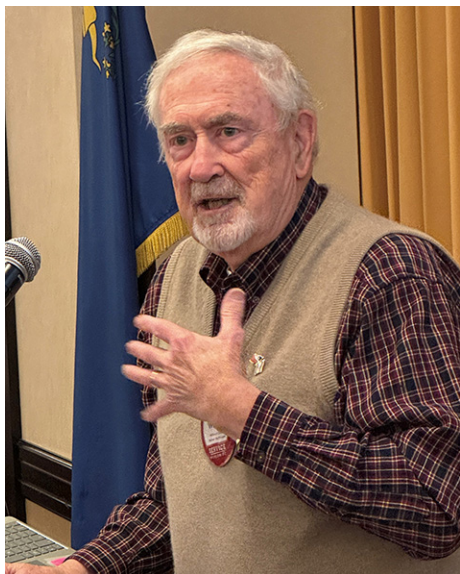
RYLA APPLICATIONS

Camp RYLA 2024 Dates:

Week 1: June 16 – 21

Week 2: June 23 – June 28

The RYLA committee is currently accepting applications for participants to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening (RYLA) to be held this summer in Grizzly Ranch by Portola. **The deadline to submit applications is March 15.** It is a week-long camp in which campers will learn skills including leadership, teamwork, communication and self-awareness. *Participants must currently be a junior or senior in high school.* In addition to Reno High School, other high schools will be considered. We encourage students who are related to our club members to apply. Please contact Tom Taelour for more information 775-771-4008 or ttaelour@char-ter.net. Info: www.Camp-RYLA.org



Bill Dailey give the Thought of the Day at our last meeting. Thank you, Bill!

Food Bank Volunteer Day



FOOD BANK
OF NORTHERN NEVADA

Saturday, February, 10, 2024

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Tom Hall

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He and his wife Peggy have a total of five children, all well-educated with doctorate degrees. They also have five grandchildren, ranging in age from 8 to 23. A forest fire burned down the family home in Washoe Valley in 2016 and they rebuilt with their Airplane House in west Reno.

Tom has seven and a half years in the Air National Guard, he is an elder and active member of Spanish Springs Presbyterian Church, licensed contractor for 50 years, former president (three terms) of the UNR Alumni Association, former chair of the UNR Foundation, former chair of the Community Foundation of Western Nevada, member of the Whittell Board for Little Valley, and current member of the Washoe County and American Bar Associations.

Tom pilots his own Beech Bonanza and his current passion is aviation education. He is president and founder of Pathways to Aviation. He is also currently a Trustee of the George W. Gillemot Foundation.

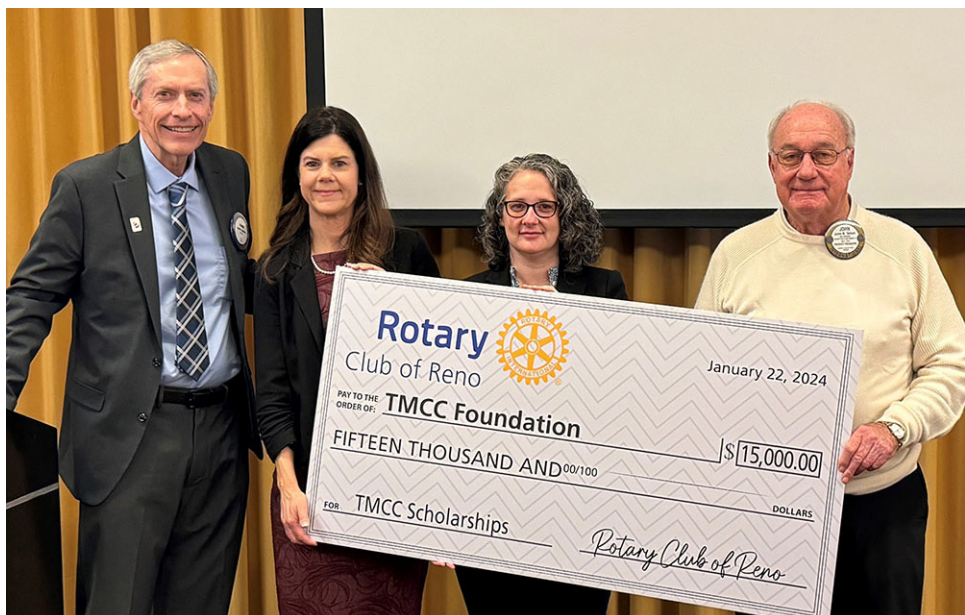
Tom will discuss the \$36M Gillemot Foundation gift to UNR for an Aerospace Engineering Department, Pathways to Aviation, and the Washoe County School District Career and Technical Education program.

Sunshine Report Contact Information

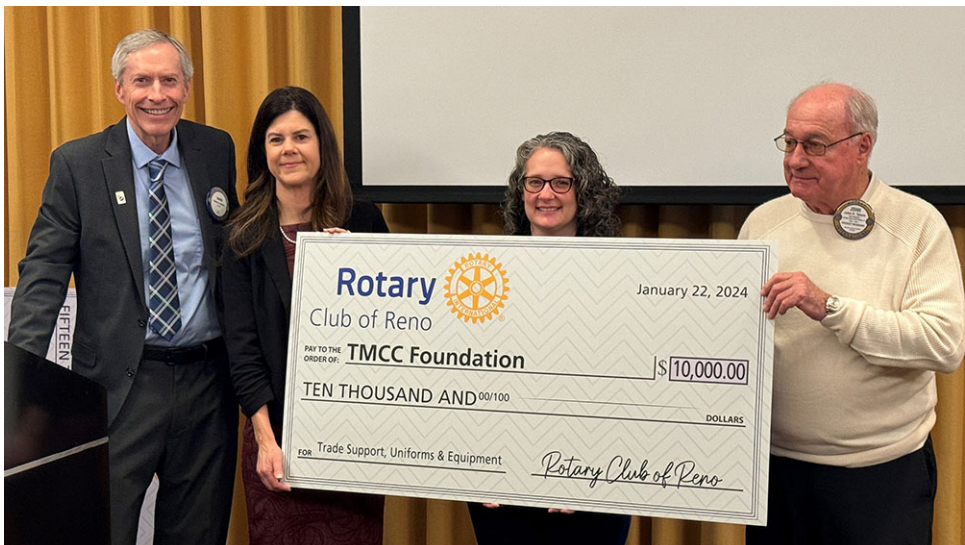
If you have any information about yourself or fellow Rotarians that you would like announced at the weekly meeting, please contact **Stefanie Scoppettone** at: scops@unr.edu, **Mike Blakely** at mdblakely@charter.net, or **Pat Horgan** at horganpat@gmail.com.

Membership Information

Please contact **Shenea Strader** at shenea.strader@gmail.com if you have any membership questions or need information about joining our club.



John Tatum (right), chair of our Vocational Services Committee, presents a check for \$15,000 to the Truckee Meadows Community College Foundation for scholarships. From left to right: President David, **Gretchen Sawyer** (TMCC Executive Director | Foundation and Grants), and **Samantha Bellwood** (TMCC Scholarship Manager | Foundation and Grants).



John Tatum (right), chair of our Vocational Services Committee, presents a check for \$10,000 to the Truckee Meadows Community College Foundation to support their technical trades programs. From left to right: President David, **Gretchen Sawyer** (TMCC Executive Director | Foundation and Grants), and **Samantha Bellwood** (TMCC Scholarship Manager | Foundation and Grants).

RI president-elect announces 2024-25 presidential theme

By Etelka Lehoczky. [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org)

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is ***The Magic of Rotary*** and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

"Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.

"One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, 'Show me the magic again,'" she said. "Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life."

Prioritizing peace

Urchick urged members to champion Rotary's Action Plan, find a balance between continuity and change, and work for peace. She plans to host a presidential peace conference in 2025 with the theme "Healing in a Divided World."

Rotary has a long history of promoting peace through its network of peace centers, Urchick noted. Located at top universities around the globe, the centers have trained nearly 1,800 peace fellows who are now working in more than 140 countries. The newest center, located at Bahçe ehir University in Istanbul, Turkey, will welcome its first class of fellows in early 2025.

"The Rotary Peace Fellowship began more than 20 years ago to equip peace and development professionals from communities around the world to become effective catalysts for ending and preventing conflict," Urchick said. "This conference will focus on Rotary's peace efforts and provide opportunities to learn together."

In addition to emphasizing peacebuilding, Urchick reiterated Rotary's commitment to eradicating

polio. She urged the incoming governors to join or initiate PolioPlus Societies in their districts and do all they can to help end the disease.

"Contact elected officials and other government leaders. Remind them that polio is still a threat. Push them to support polio eradication," she said. "Polio remains our top priority and requires our fullest commitment, but there is so much important work to do."

Balancing continuity and change

Urchick also underscored the necessity of balancing continuity and change, both of which animate Rotary's Action Plan.

"The plan is all about building on our best ideas, not abandoning them," she said. "We face a tough balancing act. We must change ourselves and stay true to who we are."

She asked the governors to do whatever is needed to make the club experience irresistible to members.

"That might mean changing how things are done in your district," she said. "If your district has been doing things one way for 50 years, it's probably time to reassess. If a club in your district isn't active or is losing members, maybe it's time to start a new club that fits better with the community. Just because a club or district hasn't changed in a while doesn't mean no one is hungry for change."

One way to make positive change, she said, is to embrace the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion within clubs.

"I hope you'll join me in opening your arms to future people of action, even if – and in some cases, especially if – they don't look or act like the typical member of your local club," she said. "With DEI, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. It's in those moments when we are committed and focused that we are the most effective and relevant."



Notes

Rotary People of Action

Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change.

WE CONNECT PEOPLE

Rotary unites more than a million people

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

WE TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

We take action locally and globally

Each day, our members pour their passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact. We persevere until we deliver real, lasting solutions.

WE SOLVE PROBLEMS

No challenge is too big for us

For more than 110 years, we've bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease.

the **4** way test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.



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