

Rotary  
Club of Reno



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***The Rotary Club of Reno Meets at The National Automobile Museum***

## Monday's Program

**Dr. Elizabeth Pringle**

*The Effect of Drought on Great Basin Plant and Animal Communities*



Elizabeth Pringle is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology and the Program in Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology at the University

of Nevada, Reno. Her research focuses on the ecology of plant-animal-microbe interactions.

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## You can join us with Zoom:

**Zoom Meeting Information:**

***New Link!***

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## No challenge is too big for us

*For more than a century, Rotarians have bridged cultures and connected continents. We champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, help people get access to clean water and sanitation, and fight disease. Our newest cause is to protect our planet and its resources.*

## Upcoming Events

### Biggest Little Bulb Project Planting Day

Bicentennial Park/Riverside Drive

**October 22, 2022**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

### National Automobile Museum Halloween Carnival

**October 31, 2022**

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

## Upcoming Speakers

### Brian "BB" Melendez

October 17, 2022

*Northern/Southern Paiute-Western Shoshone*

### Bill Isaeff

October 24, 2022

**MENU**

**Roundabout**  
Catering & Party Rentals

Grilled Chicken Breast,

Garlic Chardonnay Butter

Tomato Cucumber Salad, Balsamic, EVO

Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Lemon, Oregano

Butter Basted Green Beans,

Red Onion, Almonds

Vegetarian Option

## The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

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## Last Meeting Volunteers

Thought of the Day: ..... David Spillers  
 Pledge: ..... JoAnn Leonard  
 Scanner ..... Alex Phillips  
 Greeter ..... Colburn Shindell  
 Online Zoom Greeter: ..... Debe Fennell  
 Zoom Operators: ... Rich Schreiner, Colburn Shindell  
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 Raffle ..... Ron Percivalle  
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 Set Up/Take Down ..... Anne-Louise Bennett  
 Set Up/Take Down ..... Mike Blakely

## Honor Roll

David Bianchi ..... \$200  
 Harvey Fennell ..... \$100  
 Carl Fuetsch ..... \$100  
 Jerry Hall ..... \$100  
 Tom Taelour ..... \$100

## Please join us in honoring this year's Nevada Alumni Association Alumni Award Recipients

### Awards Reception Thursday, October 20

Renaissance Reno Downtown Hotel & Spa  
 6:00 p.m. Program | 7:15 p.m. Reception

Tickets are available online for \$50.

[Click Here!](#)

### Alumnus of the Year David Bianchi '68 (Finance)



### Dr. Elizabeth Pringle

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She is particularly interested in how plant chemistry mediates these interactions and how human-caused disturbances, like climate change and invasive species, affect ecological communities.

Her newest project investigates the effect of drought on Great Basin plant and animal communities. To predict how drought will impact the environment, the effects of drought must be studied in the context of full ecological systems. These systems include variation across space in resources and in food webs. Plants produce mixtures of nutrients and toxins, and this chemistry varies genetically and with changes in the environment. Because plants use resources to form the base of food webs on land, plant chemistry can link variation in resources with variation in food webs. An understanding of how plant chemistry responds to extreme drought could thus shed light on the larger system.

This research will improve understanding of (a) how plant chemistry changes in response to drought at the scales of individual plants and of plant communities, and (b) the relationship of these changes to changes in plant-animal interactions and decomposition.

The project is based in the Great Basin Desert on the border between Nevada and California, where extreme drought is now commonplace. The researchers will test the hypothesis that extreme drought reduces environmental variation, with consequences for system function. The project will also provide training to student and community scientists in Nevada to increase access to science education.



**Lois and Dave Bianchi** at our last meeting. Dave joined the honor roll for being awarded the UNR Alumnus of the Year. Congratulations Dave!



**We are looking for volunteers** and candy to support the National Automobile Museum's Halloween Carnival event on Monday, October 31st, from 3:00-7:00 pm. There will be games and activities and Trick-or-Treat stations. They anticipate up to 3,000 people. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering at this very unique and fun Halloween event!

We also need candy!!! Please bring unopened bags of candy to our Monday meetings, we will have bins for you to drop them off.

Thank you all,

Karen Bickel

## Notes

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### CARDBOARD SUPERHEROES



Superheroes have landed at the National Automobile Museum and you can see them now through November 12th!



## 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?

## Be an encourager.

(The world has plenty of critics already)



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