

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

District Governor Dennis Geare



Attending The University Of California at Berkeley, Dennis got a summer job at a book distributor named Bookpeople. He became a founding member of Bookpeople Employees Association, the employee-owned Corporation that purchased the company

from the original owner. Dennis never intended a business career, but he thought, "This is pretty cool for community. What could be better than distributing the written word to people, with all the First Amendment implications of free speech." Dennis had embarked on a wonderful 7 year business education, peaking early as Chairman of the Board at the ripe old age of 20 years.

And that service to community launched Dennis on a path to doing good and supporting community. The first day Dennis attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Nevada City CA, encountering the Four-Way Test, truly a distillation of **the way to live**, he felt that he had come home.

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Upcoming Events

Food Bank Volunteer Day

November 2, 2024 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Food Bank of Northern Nevada

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Area 8 Foundation Celebration

November 7, 2024 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Renaissance Hotel

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

November 19, 2024 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Commercial Group

Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

November 21 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Commercial Group

Upcoming Speakers

Julia Ratti

November 4, 2024

Behavioral Health

No Meeting

November 11, 2024

Veteran's Day

Tres Benzszley

November 18, 2024

Midtown

The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

Laurie Leonard	President
Mark Growdon	President Elect
David Spillers	Secretary
Kathy Fraser	Treasurer
Stacy Asteriadis	Director
Andrea Cantlon	Director
Julie Griffiths	Director
Chesa Keane	Director
Jon Olsen	Director
Richard Schreinert	Director
Shenea Strader	Director

Committee Chairs

Club Administration	David Spillers
Community Service	Andrea Cantlon
Finance	Kathy Fraser
Fundraising	Mark Growdon
International Projects	Phil Mahoney
Marketing/PR	Oliver Grosz
Membership	Shenea Strader
Programs	Dave Bianchi
Social	Stacy Asteriadis
Sunshine	Stefanie Scoppettone
Vocational	John Tatum
Youth Services	Kim Mazer, Jon Olsen

Reno Rotary Foundation

Mike Blakely	President
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Laurie Leonard	Ex-officio RCR President
Mark Growdon	Ex-officio RCR P. Elect
Steve Kent	Vice President
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Dave Gallagher	Trustee
Oliver Grosz	Trustee
Charlie Dodson	Trustee
David Morgan	Trustee
Stefanie Scoppettone	Trustee
Gary Warren	Trustee
David Spillers	Secretary
Richard Schreinert	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	Maria Sheehan
Pledge:	Andrea Cantlon
Scanner	Mark Cameron
Sergeant At Arms	Kevin Melcher
Cashier	Julie Griffiths
Photographer	Karen Grosz
Raffle	Steve Kent
Secretary	David Spillers
Set Up/Take Down	Carl Fuetsch

Honor Roll

Bill Creekbaum	\$100
Harvey Fennell	\$100
Kathy Fraser	\$100
Mark Growdon	\$100
Pat Horgan	\$100
Chesa Keane	\$100
Shenea <i>Mischief</i> Strader	\$100

In Memory of PDG Norm Olsen



Jon Olsen (left, and grandson of Norman Olsen), David Bianchi (center) and Jerry Hall celebrate the 100th birthday of Norman Olsen. Norm joined the Rotary Club of Reno in 1960, and was President of our club, and District Governor. Norm was a friend and mentor to many Rotarians and is remembered as one of the best and kindest person we have had the privilege to know.

Dennis Geare

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Dennis says, Rotarians change lives. Our work and engagement with Rotary projects have enormous power to make our world a better place, but only if we engage our members to be committed, focused and relevant to our local and international communities.

A music lover, Dennis has chosen as the District's theme for 2024-2025, **Rotarians Make Beautiful Music!** Every project, every donation, every scholarship and every selfless, kind act is a beautiful song to the community. It has been discovered that those afflicted with Alzheimer's who are musicians can play flawless music they had learned, when they remember little else. Music is deep in our souls. Deep in our souls, too, is our love and connection to our communities. So, sing your songs loudly and from the rooftops, inviting others to join us in the great work of Rotary!

There is no more magical, musical, wonderful family on earth than our Rotary family. Dennis is deeply grateful to be among you. You are, in the words of Rotary International President Stephanie...**Simply Irresistible!**

Rotary  | *Rotarians Make Beautiful Music!*



Shenea Strader (right) visited a Rotary Club in Hilton Head Island, and presented their club banner to President Laurie.

From school board trustee, Beth Smith: *Our community is incredible. Rotary Club of Reno donated more than 3,000 books to *every student* at 9 Title 1 schools and is hosting assemblies with Eric Ode, award-winning children's author, in partnership with Rotary Club of Sparks. Access to books at home is a critical part of learning (and loving!) to read. Thank you, Reno and Sparks Rotary, for committing to our kids and their future!* ❤️💜📖❤️💜

Membership Information

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

All Aboard to Calgary!

The Rotary International Convention returns for a second time to Calgary, site of the 1988 Winter Olympics and a city known for its bicycling culture and strong Indigenous heritage.

It's time to start making plans to meet up with your Rotary besties in Canada at a convention with an epic backdrop: the Rocky Mountain foothills. This gateway to the Canadian Rockies will tempt you to extend your travels. Many people visit Calgary to start or end a Western Canada rail tour.



[REGISTER HERE](#)

Collection Bin at the Meeting



 **OUR PLACE**

UNLOCKING A BETTER TOMORROW

OUR Place is the largest emergency housing provider for women and families in our community. We provide shelter and wrap around services for 138 women, 38 families, 28 seniors, and all of their animal companions every day.

Items always needed:

- Tampons/Pads
- Infant/Adult Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Hand/Body Lotion
- Chap Stick/Lip Balms
- Beauty Supplies
- Deodorants
- Razors/Shaving Cream or Gel
- Combs/Brushes
- Cold weather clothing for women/children
- Women's underwear any size
- Bras any size
- Shoes/boots (no heels)



Notes

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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