

# 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

**Mark Curtis**

*One of a Kind*



Mark came to Reno when he was three months old so his dad could study journalism on the GI Bill at the University of Nevada. It wasn't his decision but it worked out.

He spent some 35 years as an award-winning advertising agency principal/creative director/writer, arts advocate and civic leader. His clients included Harrah's Hotels & Casinos, International Game Technology, Washoe Health System/Hometown Health, the University of Nevada, Heritage Bank of Nevada and many others. Upon his semi-retirement, he took on two clients as a consulting creative director: Kampgrounds of America and the historic La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe, NM. He is a recipient of the Thomas C. Wilson Lifetime Achievement Award from the northern Nevada chapter of the American Advertising Federation.

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**November is Rotary  
Foundation Month**

## Upcoming Events

**Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting**

December 16, 2025 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

*Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office*

**Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting**

December 18, 2025 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

*Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office*

## Membership Information

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

## Upcoming Speakers

**Oscar Delgado**

December 1, 2025

*Healthcare*

**Chuck Weller**

December 8, 2025

*WWII in Nevada*

**Christmas Party**

December 15, 2025

## The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

Mark Growdon .....	President
Julie Griffiths .....	President Elect
Laurie Leonard ....	Ex-officio Past President
David Spillers .....	Secretary
Kathy Fraser .....	Treasurer
Christine Barnicki .....	Director
Mark Cameron .....	Director
Andrea Cantlon .....	Director
Pat Dunn .....	Director
Sarah Elliott .....	Director
Julie Griffiths .....	Director
Chesa Keane .....	Director
Shenea Strader .....	Director

## Committee Chairs

Club Administration .....	David Spillers
Community Service .....	Pat Dunn
Finance .....	Kathy Fraser
Fundraising .....	Mark Growdon
International Projects ....	Colburn Shindel
	Vanda Tarlea
Membership .....	Shenea Strader
Programs .....	Dave Bianchi
Social .....	Christine Barnicki
Sunshine .....	Stefanie Scoppettone
Vocational .....	David Spillers
Youth Services .....	Chesa Keane

## Reno Rotary Foundation

Steve Kent .....	President
Mike Blakely .....	Ex-officio RRF P. Pres.
Mark Growdon ....	Ex-officio RCR President
Julie Griffiths .....	Ex-officio RCR P. Elect
Stacy Asteriadis .....	Trustee
Dave Gallagher .....	Trustee
Oliver Grosz .....	Trustee
Charlie Dodson .....	Trustee
Alex Phillips .....	Trustee
Stefanie Scoppettone .....	Trustee
Gary Warren .....	Trustee
David Spillers .....	Secretary
John Spears .....	Investments

## Newsletter/Website

David Spillers .....	Newsletter Editor
Pat Dunn .....	Web-master

## Last Meeting Volunteers

Thought of the Day: .....	Andrea Cantlon
Pledge: .....	Laurie Leonard
Scanner .....	Bob Tisdale
Sergeant At Arms .....	Chris Gaub
Cashier .....	Steve Kent
Photographer .....	Chesa Keane
Raffle .....	Raul Aviles
Set Up/Takedown .....	Carl Fuetsch

## Honor Roll

Andrea Cantlon .....	\$100
Pat Horgan .....	\$100
Don Jessup .....	\$100
Judy Maruszko .....	\$200
Vanda Tarlea .....	\$100

### 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.*

## Mark Curtis

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He was a founding member of Reno's first arts commission (C.I.T.Y 2000), conceived and cofounded Artown, America's largest visual and performing arts festival, has won civic and creative awards at all levels, and as of this November has published three books: *RENO: A FABLED CITY FINDS IT SOUL* and *ONE OF A KIND, Volumes 1 and 2: The people and places that make Reno The Biggest Little City in the World.*

Mark lives in one of Reno's historic homes with his wife Valerie and son Henry. He also has two grown daughters: Britt, who lives in Reno and founded the Holland Project, and Johanna who lives in Seattle with her partner Colin Evans. Mark is also the proud grandfather of Theo and Miles, Britt and her partner Tim Conder's sons, and Rue, Johanna and Colin's daughter.

## IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT HOLIDAY WREATHS, CENTERPIECES AND OTHER EVERGREENS!

The Rotary Club of Reno has set up a fundraiser with Lynch Creek Farm and **10% of your purchase will go to Polio Plus!** Their evergreens last a LONG time and smell fantastic!

IT'S EASY... Just visit [lynchcreekfundraising.com/campaigns/021819](http://lynchcreekfundraising.com/campaigns/021819)

Click the green Shop button next to my name (as the coordinator), and start shopping!

Please share this opportunity with friends and family, who will not only be buying a beautiful holiday decoration, but helping to eradicate Polio!

Warm regards,

Laurie Leonard, Past President



President Mark gives a Polio Plus Award to our speaker last week, **David Gallagher!** Excellent program, David!



**Dave and Lois Bianchi** are recognized by **Vicki Puliz** (second from left), Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, for becoming a Major Donor Level 2 for The Rotary Foundation. President Mark is on the left. Congratulations Dave and Lois!



**Raul Aviles** (right) is welcomed to membership in our club! **Shenea Strader** is Raul's sponsor. Welcome, Raul!

