

# 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

**Charles Weller**

*WWII and Nevada*



Charles Weller is the author of *World War II and Nevada: The Silver State's Contribution to Victory*, a comprehensive examination of the most significant conflict in recent human history through the eyes of the citizens of Nevada. The

book includes a foreword by former Nevada Governor and current President of the University of Nevada, Reno, Brian Sandoval.

He has a law degree from Georgetown University and a PhD from the University of Nevada, Reno. He practiced law in Reno for more than two decades. During that time, he hosted a popular KOH radio program, "Chuck Weller and the Law" and wrote a weekly legal advice column in the *Reno Gazette Journal*.

He served three elected terms as a district court judge in Washoe County and, in retirement, continues to serve as a senior judge.

He is the historian for the Reno Chapter of the Navy League of the United States.

**December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month**

## Upcoming Events

**Rotary Club of Reno Holiday Party**

December 15, 2025 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Atlantis - Regular Lunch Meeting

Please [RSVP Here](#)

**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

**Holiday Party**

December 15, 2025

**No Meeting**

December 22, 2025

**No Meeting**

December 29, 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 Shindell  
 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: ..... Chesa Keane  
 Pledge: ..... Chesa Keane  
 Scanner ..... Bob Tisdale  
 Sergeant At Arms ..... Christine Barnicki  
 Cashier ..... Colburn Shindell  
 Photographer ..... Chesa Keane  
 Raffle ..... Steve Kent  
 Set Up/Takedown ..... Carl Fuetsch

## Honor Roll

Mark Meich ..... \$300  
 Colburn Shindell ..... \$100

## Isabel "Izzy" Gutierrez

*Rotary Peace Scholar*



*Jerry Hall and Izzy Gutierrez*

Isabel "Izzy" Gutierrez, selected from District 5340 in Zone 26, is one of 92 Rotary Peace Fellows awarded globally in 2023, and the first to be funded by the Zones 26 & 27 Named Endowment Fund.

Izzy's journey in peace building began in rural Japan through the Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) program, where she promoted cross cultural understanding by sharing her Mexican-American heritage with local communities.

As a U.S. Foreign Service Officer, Izzy has served overseas to strengthen diplomatic relationships and advance mutual understanding between nations. She also volunteered as an election observer in El Salvador, supporting transparent and democratic processes.

Currently, Izzy is 1 of 17 Rotary Peace Fellows studying at the International Christian University in Japan, a respected institution recognized for its leadership in international education. She believes this experience with the deepen her diplomatic practice and enhance her ability to make a lasting global impact.

## 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 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



Left to Right Brian Clary (James Kirland's supervisor at Morrey Distributing), Jerry, James "Keghead" Kirkland, and Mark Growdon.

**James Kirland** of Morrey Distributing was recognized with a Paul Harris Fellow certificate and pin on November 24, 2025. The recognition came as a result of his extraordinary service to the club during our recent Lemelson elementary school BBQ. For two years in a row, James has brought his mobile BBQ unit, fired it up and flipped a couple hundred burgers and hot dogs to provide a "welcome back to school" for Lemelson students and their parents. Invited to a club meeting for the surprise presentation, James declined, so we



## The Rotary Club of Reno Holiday Party

December 15, 2025

Atlantis - noon meeting

Spouses, Partners, Potential  
Members Welcome!

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### Coat Drive for OUR Place

If you want to donate a coat at our December 15 Meeting (or before!) here are the ages and sizes they need.

**Newborn:** 2 total (1 male, 1 female)

#### Infant/Toddler:

2T: 6 3T: 3 4T: 2 5T: 5 6T: 6

#### Kids:

6/7: 1 6/8: 1 7/8: 4 8T: 1 8 Kids: 1  
10/12: 2 10/12 Boys: 1 11 Girls: 1  
12/14: 5 14/16: 1

#### Teen/Adult:

Adult Small: 3 Adult Medium: 1  
Medium (Women's): 6 Large: 2  
Large Men's: 1 XL: 2 XXL: 2 16/18: 1

#### Additional Need:

Coats for the women on campus who are not part of families:

25 Small 50 Medium 50 Large  
25 X-Large 25 XX-Large

did the next best thing by going to his place of business and giving him the certificate and Paul Harris pin with our best wishes and thanks for his demonstration of Service Above Self. He was pleasantly surprised, and we suspect having the presentation with his supervisor and fellow employees present may have made Monday just a little bit better. A special thank you as well to our club members that gave up half of a Saturday morning to help organize and distribute the lunch.

