

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

Dr. Tracy Ostrem

University Advancement

Tracy Ostrem was named Vice President for University Advancement at the University of Nevada, Reno on April 1, 2025. Tracy's advancement career launched at her alma mater, Washington State University, beginning a meaningful journey that eventually led her to the University of Washington. During her 25 years at the University of Washington, Tracy has led units in the execution of two major university-wide fundraising campaigns, the \$2.7B "Creating Futures" campaign and the \$6.3B "Be Boundless" campaign. During the former, she received national recognition for successfully leading the campaign for the top-ranked School of Nursing and tripling their philanthropic support. For the latter, Tracy was responsible for the successful execution of the College of Arts & Science's most ambitious fundraising campaign to date, raising nearly \$600M, doubling fundraising levels from the college's previous campaign.

Since 2022, Tracy has served as Principal for the Ostrem Leadership Group, which has collaborated with universities and non-profit organizations in meeting immediate and long-term fundraising needs. Tracy has been actively involved with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) as a member of the District VIII Board of Directors, 2015 Conference Chair, and the 2012 Program Track Chair for Major Gifts.

Upcoming Events

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

March 17, 2026 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office

Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

March 19, 2026 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office

Membership Information

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

Upcoming Speakers

Kelly Kuo

March 2, 2026

Reno Chamber Orchestra

Stephanie Rempe

March 9, 2026

UNR Athletics

Muge Akpınar-Elci

March 16, 2026

UNR School of Public Health

**February is Peace-building and
Conflict Prevention Month**

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
Sarah Elliott Director
Julie Griffiths Director
Chesa Keane Director
Shenea Strader Director

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Club Administration David Spillers
Community Service TBD
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
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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

David Spillers Newsletter Editor

Last Meeting Volunteers

Thought of the Day: Andrea Cantlon
Pledge: Sonja Leonard
Scanner Judy Maruszko
Sergeant At Arms Colburn Shindell
Cashier Christine Barnicki
Photographer Chesa Keane
Raffle Raul Aviles

Honor Roll

C.J. Johnson \$100
Shenea Strader \$100

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been approved for membership by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Reno. If you have any comments on their proposed membership in the Rotary Club of Reno, please submit them in writing to David Spillers, Club Secretary, david@digiprintreno.com

Taakut Boisson

Classification: Realtor
Sponsor: Dirk Lorenz

Cailey Gibson

Classification: Construction
Sponsor: Shenea Strader

Martha Jessup

Classification: Retired
Sponsor: Mark Growdon

Jonah Lion

Classification: Life Coach
Sponsor: Shenea Strader

Gina Stephenson

Classification: Medical Administration
Sponsor: Shenea Strader

Rick Stephenson

Classification: Physical Therapy
Sponsor: Shenea Strader

Christopher Tabaldo


Classification: Real Estate
Sponsor: Shenea Strader

Rotary  RYLA

RYLA APPLICATIONS

Camp RYLA 2026 Dates: Week 1: June 14 – 19 | Week 2: June 21 – June 26

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@charter.net.** Info: www.Camp-RYLA.org



Music Contest
April 9, 2026
 St. John's Presbyterian Church
 Social and Contest: 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm




Rotary Club of Reno Annual 2026 Public Speaking Contest
 Rotary is a volunteer organization, how have you volunteered towards promoting HOPE in the world, and how did you see HEARTS impacted through the experience?

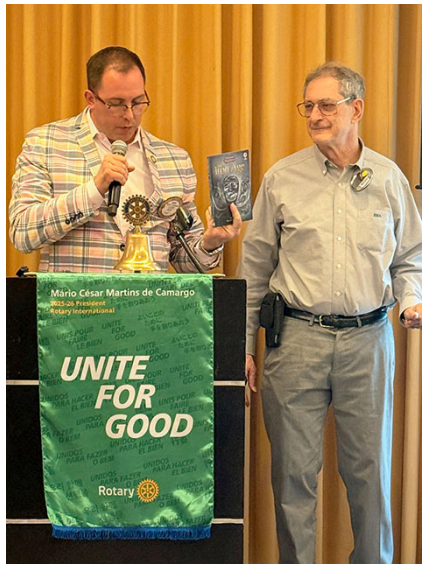
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| 1st Place | \$500+ |
| 2nd Place | \$400 |
| 3rd Place | \$300 |
| All participants | \$100 |

12:00 pm March 30th, 2026
 Atlantis Hotel Casino
Area Contest TBD
 District Conference - May 2, 2026

Winners from the club level will advance to the area contest on date to be determined at the Sparks Rotary Club meeting at the Hidden Valley Country Club. With the awards of \$750 for 1st place, \$500 for 2nd place and \$250 for 3rd place. 1st place winner of the area contest will also advance to the District 5190 area speech contest May 2, 2026; those advancing will compete for 1st place = \$1,000.00; 2nd place = \$750.00; 3rd place = \$500.00 and 4th place = \$50.00.

Open to all students grades 9-12 attending school and residing in Washoe County.

CONTACT:
 Contact to confirm your participation:
 Steve Kent
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skent@qrsm.com



President Mark shows the book that will be donated to the Dr. Robert Clift library at the Lemelson STEM Academy in honor of our speaker at the last meeting, Dr. Ron Aryel.

