

# 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

**Taylor Adams**

*Overview of EDAWN 2023-2024 FY  
accomplishments and goals*



Taylor Adams joined the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) in July 2023, where he currently serves as President & CEO. Prior to coming to EDAWN, Taylor held professionally

responsible positions in Finance and Economic Development and served the City of Virginia Beach as the Deputy City Manager for Economic Development, Convention and Visitor Bureau, Resort Management, and Cultural Affairs.

Prior to his role at the City of Virginia Beach, Mr. Adams held positions in both the private and public sectors, including chief administrative officer/director of finance for the City of Starkville, MS, purchasing manager for Mississippi State University, Chief Marketing Officer/Managing Partner for Benefits Concepts PA in Columbus, MS and business development of-

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**You can join us with Zoom:**

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING](#)

## Upcoming Events

**Rotary Club of Reno Music Contest**

**February 29, 2024 | 5:30 pm - 8:15 pm**

*St. John's Presbyterian Church*

**Rotary Club of Reno Speech Contest**

**March 4, 2024**

*Club Lunch Meeting*

## 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

**Speech Contest**

**March 4, 2024**

**Marco Chang**

**March 11, 2024**

**Dana Searcy**

**March 18, 2024**

*Cares Campus*

## The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

David Spillers .....	President
Laurie Leonard .....	President Elect
Carl Fuetsch .....	Executive Secretary
Kevin Melcher.....	Treasurer
Kirk Allaire .....	Director
Stacy Asteriadis .....	Director
Andrea Cantlon .....	Director
Julie Griffiths.....	Director
Kim Mazeres .....	Director
Richard Schreinert.....	Director

## Committee Chairs

Club Administration.....	Carl Fuetsch
Community Service .....	Marlene Olsen
Finance .....	Kevin Melcher
Fundraising .....	Julie Griffiths
International Projects ....	Phil Mahoney
Marketing/PR.....	Oliver Grosz
Membership.....	Shenea Strader
Programs .....	Dave Bianchi, Jerry Hall
Social.....	Stacy Asteriadis
Sunshine .....	Stefanie Scoppettone
Vocational .....	John Tatum
Youth Services....	Kim Mazeres, Jon Olsen

## Reno Rotary Foundation

Mike Blakely .....	President
Corry Castaneda ....	Ex-officio RRF P. Pres.
David Spillers.....	Ex-officio RCR President
Laurie Leonard ...	Ex-officio RCR Pres. Elect
Steve Kent.....	Vice President
Anne-Louise Bennett .....	Trustee
Dave Gallagher.....	Trustee
Oliver Grosz.....	Trustee
Charlie Dodson .....	Trustee
Art Rangel .....	Trustee
Stefanie Scoppettone .....	Trustee
Carl Fuetsch.....	Secretary
Kevin Melcher.....	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:.....	Bill Dailey
Pledge: .....	Harvey Fennell
Scanner .....	Anne-Louise Bennett
Sergeant At Arms .....	Oliver Grosz
Cashier .....	Colburn Shindell
Photographer.....	Karen Grosz
Raffle.....	Chesa Keane
Secretary.....	Carl Fuetsch
Set Up/Take Down .....	Anne-Louise Bennett
Set Up/Take Down .....	Carl Fuetsch
Set Up/Take Down .....	Mike Blakely

## Honor Roll

Anne-Louise Bennett.....	\$200
Chris Gaub .....	\$500
David Spillers .....	\$100
Shenea Strader .....	\$100



# Rotary RYLA

## RYLA APPLICATIONS

**Camp RYLA 2024 Dates:**

**Week 1: June 16 – 21**

**Week 2: June 23 – June 28**

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@character.net](mailto:ttaelour@character.net). Info: [www.Camp-RYLA.org](http://www.Camp-RYLA.org)

### Rotary Club of Reno Board of Director Candidates Vote for 3 on March 31, 2024

#### Andrea Cantlon

Andrea is a native of northern Nevada with more than 25 years of industry experience. She attended the University of Nevada, Reno and is a graduate of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Reno-Sparks Program, class of 2010.

Prior to joining LP Insurance in 2015, Andrea was a Private Banker with Mutual of Omaha Bank where she specialized in providing comprehensive banking solutions to high net worth individuals and businesses. At LP Insurance she is responsible for leading the Surety Division throughout the LP Insurance footprint by developing new business relationships as well as retaining and servicing existing clients, offering expertise for all their bond needs. In 2021, Andrea became an owner/member of LP Insurance Services LLC.

Andrea is an active member of the Truckee Meadows, supporting the Rotary Club of Reno, Western Industrial Nevada (WIN), the Nevada Women's Fund, CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada, and the Associated General Contractors' Women in Construction committee. She also leads the Mule Deer Foundation Ladies Chapter in Reno, NV.

Andrea is an avid sports fan and enjoys camping as well as spending time with her friends and dogs exploring the Nevada wilderness.

#### Chesa Keane

Chesa's company, TAO Consultants Inc, was established in 1983 and was an early entry into computer installation and training for individuals and companies on personal computer systems.

TAO was also one of the first companies in the area to offer web design. Over the years the company expanded into high-end accounting systems, search engine optimization and online reputation management.

Chesa now has three other companies through which she offers WordPress website hosting (Design Plus Tech Web), eBay auto accessories (Trickup Ready) and pet sitting (Park-a-Pet).

Chesa was first introduced to Rotary as a GSE team member going to India in 1996. The next decision was easily made: Join Rotary and lead a team to some other country. She joined Rotary in 2010 and, indeed, did go on another GSE trip in 2013, the last year Rotary had a GSE program, back to India. The exciting part was seeing the changes in India over 17 years.

Chesa's focus has always been on Youth programs, Rotary Youth Exchange in particular, somehow getting tagged as the RYE counselor for the Rotary Club of Reno Centennial Sunset (RCS) – before she even knew what R.Y.E. stood for. She also became the Chair for Truckee Meadows RYE Committee in the Reno/Sparks/Tahoe area from 2015 - 2019. That group was disbanded a few years later. In 2019, she was appointed the RYE Executive Secretary for District 5190. Chesa moved to the Rotary Club of Reno in November 2023.

Other Rotary involvement:

- Youth Services chair from 2011 – 2020 (RCS)
- Secretary from 2011 – 2020 (RCS)
- President from 2021 – 2022 (RCS)
- Paul Harris Sustaining Member / Every Rotarian Every Year
- Paul Harris +8
- Bequest/Legacy Society & Benefactor
- During my year as president, RCS was designated a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

I appreciate the welcome that Rotary Club of Reno has extended to me. I am excited to continue my desire to be of service through the Reno club.



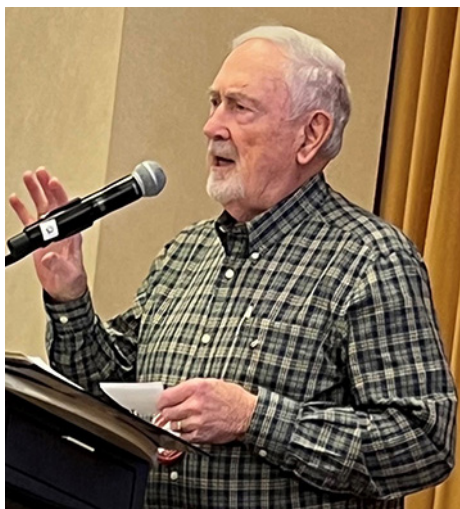
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#### Shenea Strader

A second generation Rotarian, Shenea is passionate about volunteering for organizations and causes that are near and dear to her. Currently she serves on the University of Nevada Alumni Council, as well as the University of Nevada Foundation Board of Trustees, and Delta Gamma Fraternity Cabinet. Shenea has been a member of the Rotary Club of Reno since 2022, and currently serves as chair of the Membership Committee. She was a founding member and past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Rotaract Club of Reno, past District 5190 Rotaract Representative, and also a former member of the Rotary Club of Reno Centennial Sunset.

Professionally, she is the owner and Administrator of her family business, High Desert Therapists, Inc. and has a background in project and program management.

Shenea is married to her husband of 14 years, Chris, and together they have twin five year olds, Siena and Silas.



**Bill Dailey** gives the *Thought of the Day* at our last meeting. Thank you, Bill!

### 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

**NEW** Women's underwear any size

Bras any size

Shoes/boots (no heels)

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### Community Service Projects

If you have an idea for a Community Service Project, please complete the form and return it to Marlene Olsen, or any member of the Community Service Committee.

**[Click Here For Form](#)**

Or, go to our website ([www.RenoRotary.org](http://www.RenoRotary.org)) and click on the "Service & Scholarships" drop down menu, then click on "Community Service Project Form."

### Taylor Adams

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ficer/commercial credit analyst for the National Bank of Commerce of MS.

Taylor earned his B.B.A., Marketing Management/General, from Mississippi State University, and his M.B.A., Business Administration/Management, from Hult International Business School.

Taylor is the Chair of the Governing Board of the National Institute of Governmental Procurement (a professional association with approximately 20,000 members serving State and Local Government).

He spends his spare time with his wife Phoenix and their four children Taylor Jr., Kensington, Hudson, and Carys.

The Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) is a private/public partnership established in 1983, committed to adding quality jobs to the region by recruiting new companies, supporting the success of existing companies, and assisting newly forming companies to diversify the economy and have a positive impact on the quality of life in Greater Reno-Sparks (Northern Nevada).

### Walk to Raise Money to End Polio

In the fall of 2022 I was able to join a couple from the Rotary Club of Global Action to walk 330 miles in 28 days (Walk of St. Francis from Florence to Rome) and raised \$11,500 for Polio Plus.

Last year, my son, a former client, and I walked 50 miles in the country of Malta and we raised \$5,600 for Polio Plus.

**I'm looking for Rotarians (and others) to accompany me to Portugal or Corfu this October to walk about 50-60 miles in 8-9 days to raise funds to End Polio.** Using the services of Macs Adventures, it is easy to move from one town to another. There are other options in Europe that could be of interest as a substitute for the two options linked above.

I'm now approaching age 78. If I can do 10-15 miles a day, Rotarians who want to raise money to End Polio, will have time to get ready for this moderate effort of walking.

I know there are a few Rotarians out there who will take on this challenge. Contact email is: [jfludwick@yahoo.com](mailto:jfludwick@yahoo.com)

Jim Ludwick, Immediate Past President  
President Elect: E-Club of District 5190



Reno Rotarians volunteer at The Food Bank on 2-10-24. Thank you **Vanda Tarlea** for coordinating this!

## Notes

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## Rotary People of Action

*Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change.*

### WE CONNECT PEOPLE

*Rotary unites more than a million people*

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

### WE TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

*We take action locally and globally*

Each day, our members pour their passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact. We persevere until we deliver real, lasting solutions.

### WE SOLVE PROBLEMS

*No challenge is too big for us*

For more than 110 years, we've bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease.

## 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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