

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

William L. Fox

Exploring the Marshall Islands



The Marshall Islands cover more than 700,000 square miles yet their combined landmass is equal only to the size of Washington, D.C. Land is both sacred to the Marshallese as a society and to their individual

identity. Dispossessed of their northern islands by radiation from nuclear testing and now squeezed into the southern islands, even that refuge is being overwhelmed by the rising waters caused by global warming, yet another tragedy caused by external forces. In summer 2023 thirty artists from around the world, as well as the Marshall Islands, began an art and science project in the islands aboard two research vessels. Fox, who served as the official chronicler of the voyage, is writing multiple essays and returning in February of this year to continue the work. His talk is a progress report to date about the islands and the project.

You can join us with Zoom:

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING](#)

Nominations Open for The Rotary Club of Reno Board of Directors

Three positions are available on our club board, starting July 1, 2024. The term is for three years. The board meets once per month, on the third Tuesday of the month.

If you are interested in serving, please contact President-Elect Laurie Leonard.

Upcoming Events

Food Bank Volunteer Day

February 10, 2024 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Food Bank of Northern Nevada

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

February 20, 2024 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Sunshine Litigation

Upcoming Speakers

Jill Tolles

February 12, 2024

Guinn Center for Policy Priorities

No Meeting

February 19, 2024

President's Day

The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

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

Committee Chairs

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| 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

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| 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

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| David Spillers | Newsletter Editor |
| Julie Griffiths | Web-master |
| Alex Phillips | Web-master |
| Oliver Grosz | Reno Rotary Roundup |

Last Meeting Volunteers

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| Thought of the Day: | Charlie Dodson |
| Pledge: | Andrea Cantlon |
| Scanner | Bill Dailey |
| Sergeant At Arms | Alex Phillips |
| Cashier | Steve Kent |
| Photographer | Karen Grosz |
| Raffle | Gary Warren |
| Secretary | Carl Fuetsch |
| Set Up/Take Down | Anne-Louise Bennett |
| Set Up/Take Down | Carl Fuetsch |
| Set Up/Take Down | Mike Blakely |

Membership Information

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



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. Info: www.Camp-RYLA.org

Donations Requested Collection Bin at the Meeting



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)

Food Bank Volunteer Day



FOOD BANK
OF NORTHERN NEVADA

Saturday, February, 10, 2024
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Jacques Yammine

March 4, 1924- January 26, 2024



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Jacques Louis Yammine of Reno, Nevada, who passed away on January 26, 2024, at the age of 99, leaving to mourn family and friends.

He was predeceased by his wife Lorena Schaaque Yammine; and his sister Afaf (Fifi). He is survived by his children, Jeannie, Susan and Louis; and his sister Sally. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, many nephews, nieces, great-nieces and great-nephews, and cousins.

Jacques Yammine joined our club in March 1995 and was a 26 year member of Reno Rotary. Jack was an active member of Reno Rotary and served on the International Service Committee. Always well dressed and neat as a pin, Jack held the classification "Export" in our club.

Jack was born in Zghorta in North Lebanon March 4, 1924. Jack's parents were both Lebanese – His father worked for the British government and Jack's mother, Hanneh Morcos, was a housewife. Fluent in Arabic, French, and English Jack graduated from the American University of Beirut with a degree in hospital administration. He had a prolific career before and after immigrating to the US. For many years Jack traveled back to Lebanon to continue work that was started prior to coming to the US. He was well respected there just as he was here in Reno.

Jack produced a biographical summary and copies were given to all the Rotarians that attended the Reno Rotary meeting when his 95th birthday was celebrated. Jack's life history made for interesting reading and the

Sunshine Report Contact Information

If you have any information about yourself or fellow Rotarians that you would like announced at the weekly meeting, please contact **Stefanie Scoppettone** at: scops@unr.edu, **Mike Blakely** at mdblakely@charter.net, or **Pat Horgan** at horganpat@gmail.com.

We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.

Abraham Lincoln

Jacques Yammine

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personal biography only hit the high spots. Always quick with a story, Jack often shared his stories with our club Rotarians.

Jack was sophisticated and a charming guy and will be missed by all that knew him.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 10:00 am at Mountain View Mortuary, 425 Stoker Avenue, Reno, NV 89503. It will be followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



Blue Badges: President David awards Blue Badges to: (left to right) Sarah Elliott, Sara Fox, and Chesa Keane. Congratulations!

'Community Action for Fresh Water' Initiative Aims to Enhance Global Freshwater Through Community-Led Projects

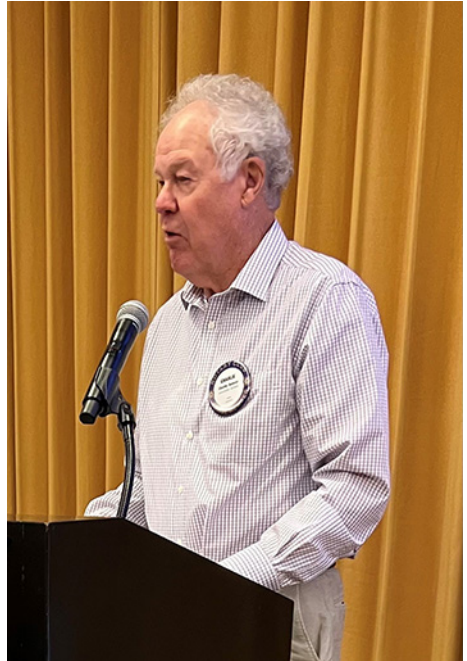
www.Rotary.org

Under a new strategic partnership, Rotary and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are launching the 'Community Action for Fresh Water' initiative, focusing on the protection of freshwater ecosystems. In response to escalating challenges like pollution, climate change, and habitat degradation, this initiative is set to enhance both the conservation and monitoring of freshwater ecosystems globally.

"Partnering with UNEP empowers Rotary members to significantly contribute to freshwater conservation efforts, beginning with the waterways in their own communities," said Rotary International President Gordon McInally. "Through this collaboration, our members will bring local solutions to global challenges, directly impacting the health and sustainability of their communities."

Through this initiative, Rotary will leverage its global network to initiate community-based solutions that directly influence freshwater ecosystems and can be carried out at the watershed level. Members will engage in identifying and protecting important local bodies of water, collaborating closely with local stakeholders. Their activities will encompass organizing cleanup and conservation campaigns, conducting educational initiatives on water conservation, participating in habitat restoration, and monitoring water quality.

"Freshwater ecosystems are essential for the well-being of our planet, providing crucial services from biodiversity stability to water supply for communities," said Leticia Carvalho, Head of UNEP's Marine and Freshwater Branch. "This collaboration amplifies our efforts at the grassroots level, combining Rotary's community presence with our expertise to make a meaningful impact, and fostering respect for these vital resources."



Charlie Dodson give the Thought of the Day at last week's meeting. Thank you Charlie!



Tom Hall was our speaker at our last meeting. Thank you, Tom, for an excellent presentation!

Notes

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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