

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. Ron Aryel

Every Mind Matters

Dr. Ron Aryel is a pediatrician and disaster medicine who, along with his wife Stacey Knobler, ran a joint practice in Reno that saw difficult, complex cases. His practice won awards from Senator Dean Heller, the City of Reno, the City of Kansas City, MO, Drexel University College of Medicine, Immunize Nevada, the CDC and the American Cancer Society for outstanding medical care and outstanding community service; he was cited twice by Disaster Medical Assistance Teams for outstanding care and leadership and collaborated on biosurveillance/WMD projects with the US Marine Corp. CBIRF team and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Police Department.

Dr. Aryel co-led the development of the COVID Risk Meter and Predictive Tool used by Northern Nevada Public Health.

Dr. Aryel was a key contributor to RODS, the United States' first automated bioterror warning system (used in Washoe County) and co-conceived of the National Retail Data Monitor. President George W. Bush personally

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February is Peace-building and Conflict Prevention Month

Upcoming Events

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

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

Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office

Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

February 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

No Meeting

February 16, 2026

President's Day Holiday

Dr. Tracy Ostrem

February 23, 2026

University Advancement

Kelly Kuo

March 2, 2026

Reno Chamber Orchestra

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?

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.

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Ron Aryel

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visited the RODS laboratory. Dr. Aryel cowrote and coedited the first textbook used by Ph.D. graduate programs in biosurveillance.

Dr. Aryel has an M.D. from Drexel University, an M.B.A. from University of South Florida and is a life member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Every Mind Matters is a 501-c-3 non-profit that serves Northern Nevada. It offers Fellowships to students of high potential who suffer from poverty, often chaotic social backgrounds not conducive to learning or sometimes even economic survival. Through our program, thus far 100% of Fellows graduate from the University of Nevada and either begin a professional career or win admission to graduate school.

