

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. Muge Akpınar-Elci

UNR School of Public Health



Dr. Muge Akpınar-Elci is Dean and Professor at the School of Public Health at the University of Nevada, Reno. A physician, researcher, and public health leader with more than 20 years of experience

in clinical practice and field research, she brings deep expertise in environmental and occupational health.

Before joining the University of Nevada, Reno in 2021, she served as Associate Dean in the College of Health Sciences and Director of the Center for Global Health at Old Dominion University. Dr. Akpınar-Elci previously worked with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and led the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Environmental and Occupational Health in Grenada.

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

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

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Speech Contest

March 30, 2026

Club Meeting

Music Contest

April 9, 2026 | 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

St. John's Presbyterian Church

Cowboy Poetry & Music Show

April 18, 2026 | 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Vinton, CA

Upcoming Speakers

Tom Hall

March 23, 2026

Aviation Education

Speech Contest

March 30, 2026

Anne McNulty

April 6, 2026

Care Chest

The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

Mark Growdon President
 Julie Griffiths President Elect
 Laurie Leonard Ex-officio Past President
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 Community Service TBD
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 Youth Services Chesa Keane

Reno Rotary Foundation

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 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: ... Alejandra Bernardez de Phelps
 Pledge: Art Rangel
 Scanner Tony Padavich
 Sergeant At Arms Raul Aviles
 Cashier Christine Barnicki
 Photographer Chesa Keane
 Raffle Judy Maruszko

Honor Roll

Judy Maruszko \$100
 Shenea Strader \$100
 Craig Wesner \$100

Membership Information

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




Past President Craig Wesner presents a Polio Plus Award and a Rotary Coin to last week's speaker, Joe Flores.



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.

CONTACT:
 Contact to confirm your participation:
 Steve Kent
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Cowboy Poetry & Music Show Vinton, California Apr. 18, 2026 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.



The Sierra Valley Grange will present Gary Allegretto, Tony Argento and Richard Elloyan with Steve Wade.

We will travel by bus from Reno to Vinton, California for dinner and the show, and then return to Reno.

Our bus will depart Reno at 5:00 pm and return approximately 10:00 pm. Dinner is included. Cost is \$50.00 per person.

Sign up on ClubRunner: [Click Here](#)

