

THE Renotarian

Rotary
Club of Reno



Chartered August 1, 1916 || Volume 43, No. 31 || March 17, 2025
We Meet on Monday's at noon at the Atlantis Casino Resort

Monday's Program

Mike Kazmierski

Strengthen our Community



Mike Kazmierski is the Executive Director of Strengthen our Community (SoC), a non-profit that is committed to developing cooperative, caring solutions to regional needs. Mike has

been a government, community, and non-profit organization leader for many years and is eager to address complex community challenges with innovative and collaborative solutions.

Mike has led economic development non-profits over the past 25 years and was the President & CEO of the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) from 2011-2023. Under his leadership, EDAWN's non-profit team successfully diversified the regional economy, earning recognition as one of the top economic development agencies in the country. Mike's tenure saw the attraction of over 250 new companies to the region, leading to significant job growth and the transformation of the region into a burgeoning technology and advanced manufacturing hub.

Continued on Page 3

Upcoming Events

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

March 18, 2025 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Commercial Group

Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

March 20, 2025 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Commercial Group

Speech Contest

March 24, 2025

Club Luncheon Meeting

Social and Music Contest

April 3, 2025 | 4:45 pm - 7:30 pm

St. John's Presbyterian Church

Vinton Cowboy Poetry & Music Show

April 18, 2025

Vinton, CA

Upcoming Speakers

Speech Contest

March 24, 2025

Neoma Jardon

March 31, 2025

Downtown Reno

Achievement Beyond Obstacles

April 7, 2025

**The Rotary Club of Reno
Officers and Directors**

Laurie Leonard President
 Mark Growdon President Elect
 David Spillers Secretary
 Kathy Fraser Treasurer
 Stacy Asteriadis Director
 Andrea Cantlon Director
 Julie Griffiths Director
 Chesa Keane Director
 Jon Olsen Director
 Shenea Strader Director

Committee Chairs

Club Administration David Spillers
 Community Service Andrea Cantlon
 Finance Kathy Fraser
 Fundraising Mark Growdon
 International Projects Phil Mahoney
 Marketing/PR Oliver Grosz
 Membership Shenea Strader
 Programs Dave Bianchi
 Social Stacy Asteriadis
 Sunshine Stefanie Scoppettone
 Vocational John Tatum
 Youth Services Kim Mazeris, Jon Olsen

Reno Rotary Foundation

Mike Blakely President
 Corry Castaneda Ex-officio RRF P. Pres.
 Laurie Leonard Ex-officio RCR President
 Mark Growdon Ex-officio RCR P. Elect
 Steve Kent Vice President
 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/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:..... Pat Dunn
 Pledge: Andrea Cantlon
 Scanner Stacy Asteriadis
 Sergeant At Arms Jim Endres
 Cashier Harvey Fennell
 Photographer Chesa Keane
 Raffle Brenda Harris-Tomburello
 Set Up/Take Down Carl Fuetsch

Honor Roll

Andrea Cantlon \$100
 Carl Fuetsch \$100
 Julie Griffiths \$100
 Alex Phillips \$500



Membership Information

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

**VINTON COWBOY POETRY
and MUSIC SHOW**

**Friday Evening
April 18, 2025
7:30 pm**

Show tickets: \$30 for Adults
\$15 for Children 12 and under





Julie Griffiths (left) presents to President Laurie a Rotary Club Banner she received while visiting the Rotary Club Amritsar Midtown, in Punjab India.

Mike Kazmierski

Continued from Page 1

Kazmierski is a retired Army Colonel. He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), a master's degree in business administration, and a master's degree in military arts & science. Mike is a Wisconsin native, and his wife, Margaret, is a former attorney, school-teacher, and now a realtor for Dickson Realty.

About Strengthen our Community

Strengthen our Community (SoC) is a dynamic non-profit organization committed to developing cooperative, caring solutions for Northern Nevada's most pressing regional needs. With a special emphasis on education, family support, good governance, and environmental sustainability, SoC aims to "Strengthen our Community" by tackling complex issues that have proven difficult to resolve. Inspired by the story of the starfish, SoC believes in the power of collective action—imagining an entire community working together to make a tangible difference. By collaborating with diverse partners and leveraging community resources, SoC is dedicated to creating meaningful, lasting change that enriches the lives of families and builds a brighter future for the next generation.

The starfish story, originally penned by Loren Eisley, encapsulates SoC's philosophy: while one person can make a difference, true transformation occurs when the whole community unites in effort. With the support and strategic guidance from community partners and founder Michael Dermody, Chairman and CEO of Dermody Properties, SoC is setting the stage for a vibrant and thriving future in Northern Nevada.

Rotary Leadership Training District 5190

April 5-6, 2025

Atlantis Hotel and Resort

Registration Fee: \$150

Includes Saturday lunch, support materials and *The Case for Servant Leadership* by Honolulu Rotarian, Dr. Kent Keith.

Attendance will be limited to 25 Rotarians

ROTARY CLUBS ARE ENCOURAGED TO NOMINATE AND SPONSOR INTERESTED ROTARIANS AND FUTURE LEADERS.

This training is multi-dimensional and can be used in Rotary, a Rotarian's business or profession. Don't miss out on this special opportunity to learn and grow with your fellow Rotarians.

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
- Women's underwear any size
- Bras any size
- Shoes/boots (no heels)

Notes

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.



[Rotary Club of Reno](#)



THE MAGIC OF ROTARY



Rotary Club of Reno

The Renotarian

Published by

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RENO

P.O. Box 1750
Reno, NV 89505

info@renorotary.org

David Spillers, Editor,
DigiPrint Corporation
(775) 786-4464

david@digiprintcorporation.com