

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

Kelly Kuo

Reno Chamber Orchestra



Currently Music Director of the Reno Chamber Orchestra and Associate Artistic Director of American Lyric Theater, Kelly Kuo has consistently championed the development of the next generations of musical talent and demonstrated a commitment to innovative programming, creative initiatives and advocacy of underrepresented voices in the concert hall.

Praised by the Cincinnati Enquirer as "a leader of exceptional musical gifts, who has a clear technique on the podium and an impressive rapport with audiences," Maestro Kuo brings a dynamic versatility and nuance to a diverse and expansive repertoire of both symphonic and operatic works, including over 100 operas. His affinity for interpreting contemporary scores has led him to become a trusted musical authority in the development

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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

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

Joe Flores

March 9, 2026

UNR Athletics

Muge Akpınar-Elci

March 16, 2026

UNR School of Public Health

Tom Hall

March 23, 2026

Aviation Education

The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

Mark Growdon	President
Julie Griffiths	President Elect
Laurie Leonard	Ex-officio Past President
David Spillers	Secretary
Kathy Fraser	Treasurer
Christine Barnicki	Director
Mark Cameron	Director
Andrea Cantlon	Director
Sarah Elliott	Director
Julie Griffiths	Director
Chesa Keane	Director
Shenea Strader	Director

Committee Chairs

Club Administration	David Spillers
Community Service	TBD
Finance	Kathy Fraser
Fundraising	Mark Growdon
International Projects	Colburn Shindell Vanda Tarlea
Membership	Shenea Strader
Programs	Dave Bianchi
Social	Christine Barnicki
Sunshine	Stefanie Scoppettone
Vocational	David Spillers
Youth Services	Chesa Keane

Reno Rotary Foundation

Steve Kent	President
Mike Blakely	Ex-officio RRF P. Pres.
Mark Growdon	Ex-officio RCR President
Julie Griffiths	Ex-officio RCR P. Elect
Stacy Asteriadis	Trustee
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

David Spillers	Newsletter Editor
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Last Meeting Volunteers

Thought of the Day:	Vanessa Vaupel
Pledge:	Chuck Lutz
Scanner	Judy Coleman
Sergeant At Arms	Sonja Leonard
Cashier	Stacy Asteriadis
Photographer	Chesa Keane
Raffle	Vanessa Vaupel

Honor Roll

Tom Hall	\$200
Bob Moore	\$100
Vanessa Vaupel	\$100

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of new works. Highlights of previous seasons included productions with Lyric Opera of Chicago, Seattle Opera, Minnesota Opera, Cincinnati Opera, Des Moines Metro Opera, The Glimmerglass Festival, Wolf Trap Opera, Merola Opera Program, Central City Opera, Kentucky Opera, Opera Memphis, Opera Columbus, and the Manhattan School of Music, and concerts with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Malta Philharmonic Orchestra, Sunriver Music Festival, Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, and Olympia Symphony Orchestra. Upcoming engagements include debuts with the Carmel Symphony, Arizona Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, and Oberlin Opera Theater.

In 2008, Maestro Kuo became the first conductor of Asian descent to lead a performance at the Lyric Opera of Chicago, making his company debut with *Porgy and Bess*. He was named Emeritus Artistic Director of the Oregon Mozart Players in 2024 after having served the longest tenure in the organization's history. An Oregon native and recipient of a Solti Foundation U.S. Career Assistant Award, Kuo continues to concertize as a keyboardist as the only pianist to have studied with two pupils of the Russian virtuoso Vladimir Horowitz.



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
(775) 772-4299
skent@qrsm.com

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](#)

