

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 Speech Contest

Our program on Monday is our annual Rotary Club of Reno Speech Contest. The contest provides young people in our community an opportunity to develop their speaking skills. Each year, talented high school students demonstrate their speaking skills in front of Rotarians, guests, and families... it is amazing to watch! We award prize scholarships of the amount of: \$500.00 (1st), \$400.00 (2nd), \$300.00 (3rd). Again, this year, we will be providing students an opportunity to display their talent. We have two students participating: Amelia Custer and Gabe Castronova from Reno High School.

This year's theme is: "The "Magic of Rotary" and is dedicated to Rotary International's seven causes: peace building and conflict resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.

The speech contest has three levels. First is our club contest. The second is the area contest held April 15, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hidden Valley Country Club, Sparks Rotary Club Meeting. The third is the District Speech Contest held at the District Conference. Please join us in encouraging these students at the contest Monday.

Upcoming Events

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

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

April 15, 2025 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Commercial Group

Vinton Cowboy Poetry & Music Show

April 18, 2025

Vinton, CA

Upcoming Speakers

Neoma Jardon

March 31, 2025

Downtown Reno

Achievement Beyond Obstacles

April 7, 2025

TBD

April 14, 2025

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

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Last Meeting Volunteers

Thought of the Day: David Gallagher
Pledge: Laurie Leonard
Scanner Gary Warren
Sergeant At Arms Maria Sheehan
Cashier Colburn Shindell
Photographer Chesa Keane
Raffle Steve Kent
Set Up/Take Down Carl Fuetsch

Honor Roll

Bill Creekbaum \$600
Charlie Dodson \$100

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been approved for membership by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Reno. If you have any comments on their proposed membership in the Rotary Club of Reno, please submit them in writing to David Spillers, Club Secretary, david@digiprintreno.com

Ron Aryel

Classification: Physician
Sponsor: Alex Phillips

Kenneth Jessup

Classification: University Education Retired
Sponsor: Dave Bianchi

Tara Jorgensen

Classification: Trusts
Sponsor: Shenea Strader

Stacy Knobler

Classification: Physician Retired
Sponsor: Alex Phillips

Sonja Leonard

Classification: Real Estate Developer
Sponsor: Christine Barnicki

Charles Lutz

Classification: Construction Consulting
Sponsor: Shenea Strader

Christopher Tabarez

Classification: Life Insurance
Sponsor: Shenea Strader

The Rotary Club of Reno Board of Directors Candidates Election held April 21, 2025 Meeting - Vote for three

Christine Barnicki

Christine is a Southern California native and resident until March 2024, when she happily relocated to Reno. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California and Otis College of Art and Design. Christine established a communication design studio, and 39 years later, she is still serving clients. She has Received multiple national awards for both writing and design. Christine was widowed in 2018 after 50 years and 6 days of marriage. She is the proud parent of three wonderful and engaging children, one of whom lives in Reno.

Christine was a member of the Rotary Club of Palos Verdes Peninsula, from 1991–2024. She worked twenty-two years as editor of the weekly newsletter, and 25 years as the primary editor and creative director for print materials of the club's primary fundraiser, the annual Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance, and related social events.

Christine worked two years as creative director for signage for the South Bay Beer & Wine Festival, annually the largest such social event in the area.

For Rotary women, she established and oversaw monthly poker games and dine-out events, and managed the book club. Christine also established and managed small-group dinner parties for members and their partners, if any, to build better friendships. (Rave reviews from participants.)

As a member of The Rotary Club of Reno, (July 2024–present), she has been a frequent meeting volunteer for the pledge, scanner, sergeant-at-arms, and cashier. She has volunteered at three community service events, and is managing the newly launched girls-only monthly events.

Mark Cameron

Mark relocated from Tucson, Arizona with his wife, Leona, and his two children, Crissey and Scott and has lived in Sparks since 2005. Growing up in the mountain-west city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Mark knew he wanted to raise his children in a western community with all the outdoor activities a region like the Truckee Meadows has to offer. So, moving here was an easy decision to make.

Mark worked in the airport industry for over 20 years; five years with the Tucson Airport Authority and later at the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA) where he worked for 15 1/2 years - in his last position at the RTAA, he served as the Vice President of Operations & Public Safety. Since then, Mark's professional pursuits have led him to upper-level management positions in two different local nonprofit organizations - first, with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) as the Executive Director and most recently with the Tahoe-Pyramid Trail as their President/CEO. Outside of work, Mark enjoys traveling, gardening, camping, hiking, skiing, and doing a lot of cycling.

Mark has a strong background in leadership and community engagement. He is deeply dedicated to our local community as is evidenced by his involvement in various organizations, including the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce adult Leadership Reno/Sparks; making significant contributions as a Board Member and President of the Board for the Veterans Guest House; and by actively participating in many environmental sustainability initiatives, like lending a helping hand at many KTMB community clean-ups and Christmas tree recycling events through the years.

Mark has been a member of the Rotary Club of Reno (RCR) for two years and can

often be found at RCR volunteer events. Mark and his wife have registered for and are looking forward to attending the Rotary International conference in Calgary this summer. He looks forward to the possibility of serving as a member of the RCR Board and thanks you for your consideration.

Patrick Dunn

Patrick is the Global Head of Technology Disaster Recovery at Broadridge Financial Services, a global Fintech leader with 13,000 employees and 78 data centers worldwide. With 25 years of expertise in Operational Resilience, he has been instrumental in shaping cybersecurity and business continuity strategies at organizations both in the United States and Globally.

Patrick's commitment to service extends to several non-profits, where he has held key leadership roles:

- President, North Georgia Rowing Academy Board of Directors: Promoted youth engagement and leadership through sports.
- Board Member, Boys and Girls Clubs of Maine: Supported programs for underprivileged youth.
- President, Gift of Adoption - California Board of Directors (2022-2023): Advocated for adoption funding and support initiatives.

Patrick Dunn's Rotary journey began on April 24, 2017, with the Rotary Club of Augusta (Maine). Since then, he has exemplified Clem Renouf's words by embracing opportunities to serve and lead. His passion for service saw him contribute significantly during his time at the Rotary Clubs of San Mateo (2019-2021) and Windsor (2021-2024) before joining the Rotary Club of Reno in 2024.

Patrick's leadership roles within District

5130 include serving as the District Membership Chair (2022-2024) and District Member Attraction Chair (2023-2024). His initiatives focused on membership growth and retention, strengthening clubs across the district. Currently, he is the incoming Peace Chair for District 5190, aiming to advance peace-building efforts. Additionally, Patrick serves as the Global Partnership Liaison for Roots of Peace, collaborating with 2024 Nobel Peace Nominee Heidi Kuhn to promote global peace and resilience.

Inspired by Rotary's motto "Service Above Self", Patrick believes in the power of community and leadership to create lasting change. His dedication to operational resilience, peacebuilding, and youth development reflects his commitment to making a difference both locally and globally.

Sarah Elliott

As an accomplished researcher, data analyst, and marketing strategist, I possess a unique blend of skills that allow me to drive data-driven decision-making and enhance business performance across various industries. My experience spans both academia and the corporate world, equipping me with a deep understanding of research methodologies, data analysis, and the strategic application of insights to inform business operations and marketing strategies.

I have a robust foundation in research, with a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of California, Davis, and substantial experience in both academic and industry settings. Throughout my academic career, I conducted extensive quantitative and qualitative research, published 13 peer-reviewed articles, and presented at numerous national and international conferences. My research experience honed my ability to synthesize complex data and communicate insights effectively to both technical and non-technical audiences. Additionally, I have

successfully managed research teams, ensuring adherence to project timelines and compliance with federal regulations, all while securing funding through competitive grant applications, including a \$190,000 award from the National Institutes of Health.

In my role as Director of Corporate Marketing Analytics, I leveraged my research and analytical skills to enhance the guest experience at the Peppermill Casino Resort. I lead initiatives to optimize market segmentation, reduce costs, and improve customer engagement. Thus far, my work with A/B testing, regression analysis, and sensory optimization have directly contributed to enhancing customer satisfaction and revenue generation. I also build and maintained key dashboards, providing real-time insights to leadership that informed strategic decisions across departments, such as sales, slot operations, and guest services.

In addition to my professional experience, I am also a dedicated mother of two children: a 10-year-old boy, and 6-year-old girl. My role as a parent has fueled my passion for ensuring that children have access to the resources, opportunities, and support they need to thrive. As a mother, I am deeply invested in finding methods and strategies that promote not only my children's growth but also the development of children in our broader community. This interest is what drives my enthusiasm for being part of Rotary. I am motivated to collaborate with others to identify resources, create programs, and build pathways that ensure every child, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to succeed and reach their full potential. As a member of the board, I hope to gain a deeper understanding of how Rotary operates within our community, especially as it relates to the health and wellbeing of our children, and look forward to finding new ways to assist with Rotary's goals.

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



Mike Kazmierski, the Executive Director of Strengthen our Community, was our speaker at least week's meeting.

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.



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