

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 Student Speech Contest

Monday's program is our annual youth club speech contest. Please come and support our club's effort to develop and reward youth leadership and speaking skills while spreading awareness of Rotary's "service above self" goals. We have invited high school students to speak on the topic, *"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?"*

We expect 6 to 8 students from local high schools to give speeches on this topic. Club members will be judging the students and we award \$500 for first place, \$400 for second, \$300 for third and \$100 for each remaining participant. These top three students will then participate in our Area Club Speech Contest and those winners will then participate in the District Speech Contest.

The Reno Rotary Foundation

The Reno Rotary Foundation is looking to fill two board positions, effective July 1, 2024. The term is four years. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mike Blakely: mdblakely@charter.net

You can join us with Zoom:

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING](#)

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 Events

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

March 19, 2024 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Sunshine Litigation

Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

March 21, 2024 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Commercial Realty

Upcoming Speakers

Marco Chang

March 11, 2024

Dana Searcy

March 18, 2024

Cares Campus

The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

David Spillers	President
Laurie Leonard	President Elect
Carl Fuetsch	Executive Secretary
Kevin Melcher.....	Treasurer
Kirk Allaire	Director
Stacy Asteriadis	Director
Andrea Cantlon	Director
Julie Griffiths.....	Director
Kim Mazeres	Director
Richard Schreinert.....	Director

Committee Chairs

Club Administration.....	Carl Fuetsch
Community Service	Marlene Olsen
Finance	Kevin Melcher
Fundraising	Julie Griffiths
International Projects	Phil Mahoney
Marketing/PR.....	Oliver Grosz
Membership.....	Shenea Strader
Programs	Dave Bianchi, Jerry Hall
Social.....	Stacy Asteriadis
Sunshine	Stefanie Scoppettone
Vocational	John Tatum
Youth Services....	Kim Mazeres, Jon Olsen

Reno Rotary Foundation

Mike Blakely	President
Corry Castaneda	Ex-officio RRF P. Pres.
David Spillers.....	Ex-officio RCR President
Laurie Leonard ...	Ex-officio RCR Pres. Elect
Steve Kent.....	Vice President
Anne-Louise Bennett	Trustee
Dave Gallagher.....	Trustee
Oliver Grosz.....	Trustee
Charlie Dodson	Trustee
Art Rangel	Trustee
Stefanie Scoppettone	Trustee
Carl Fuetsch.....	Secretary
Kevin Melcher.....	Treasurer
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:.....	Dave Bianchi
Pledge:	Bob Moore
Scanner	Bill Dailey
Sergeant At Arms	Liza Maupin
Cashier	Steve Kent
Photographer.....	Karen Grosz
Raffle.....	Anne-Louise Bennett
Secretary.....	Carl Fuetsch
Set Up/Take Down	Anne-Louise Bennett
Set Up/Take Down	Carl Fuetsch
Set Up/Take Down	Mike Blakely

Honor Roll

Kevin Melcher.....	\$100
Maria Sheehan.....	\$200



Rotary

RYLA

RYLA APPLICATIONS

Camp RYLA 2024 Dates:

Week 1: June 16 – 21

Week 2: June 23 – June 28

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@character.net. Info: www.Camp-RYLA.org

Rotary Club of Reno Board of Director Candidates Vote for 3 on March 31, 2024

Andrea Cantlon

Andrea is a native of northern Nevada with more than 25 years of industry experience. She attended the University of Nevada, Reno and is a graduate of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Reno-Sparks Program, class of 2010.

Prior to joining LP Insurance in 2015, Andrea was a Private Banker with Mutual of Omaha Bank where she specialized in providing comprehensive banking solutions to high net worth individuals and businesses. At LP Insurance she is responsible for leading the Surety Division throughout the LP Insurance footprint by developing new business relationships as well as retaining and servicing existing clients, offering expertise for all their bond needs. In 2021, Andrea became an owner/member of LP Insurance Services LLC.

Andrea is an active member of the Truckee Meadows, supporting the Rotary Club of Reno, Western Industrial Nevada (WIN), the Nevada Women's Fund, CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada, and the Associated General Contractors' Women in Construction committee. She also leads the Mule Deer Foundation Ladies Chapter in Reno, NV.

Andrea is an avid sports fan and enjoys camping as well as spending time with her friends and dogs exploring the Nevada wilderness.

Chesa Keane

Chesa's company, TAO Consultants Inc, was established in 1983 and was an early entry into computer installation and training for individuals and companies on personal computer systems.

TAO was also one of the first companies in the area to offer web design. Over the years the company expanded into high-end accounting systems, search engine optimization and online reputation management.

Chesa now has three other companies through which she offers WordPress website hosting (Design Plus Tech Web), eBay auto accessories (Trickup Ready) and pet sitting (Park-a-Pet).

Chesa was first introduced to Rotary as a GSE team member going to India in 1996. The next decision was easily made: Join Rotary and lead a team to some other country. She joined Rotary in 2010 and, indeed, did go on another GSE trip in 2013, the last year Rotary had a GSE program, back to India. The exciting part was seeing the changes in India over 17 years.

Chesa's focus has always been on Youth programs, Rotary Youth Exchange in particular, somehow getting tagged as the RYE counselor for the Rotary Club of Reno Centennial Sunset (RCS) – before she even knew what R.Y.E. stood for. She also became the Chair for Truckee Meadows RYE Committee in the Reno/Sparks/Tahoe area from 2015 - 2019. That group was disbanded a few years later. In 2019, she was appointed the RYE Executive Secretary for District 5190. Chesa moved to the Rotary Club of Reno in November 2023.

Other Rotary involvement:

- Youth Services chair from 2011 – 2020 (RCS)
- Secretary from 2011 – 2020 (RCS)
- President from 2021 – 2022 (RCS)
- Paul Harris Sustaining Member / Every Rotarian Every Year
- Paul Harris +8
- Bequest/Legacy Society & Benefactor
- During my year as president, RCS was designated a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

I appreciate the welcome that Rotary Club of Reno has extended to me. I am excited to continue my desire to be of service through the Reno club.

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Shenea Strader

A second generation Rotarian, Shenea is passionate about volunteering for organizations and causes that are near and dear to her. Currently she serves on the University of Nevada Alumni Council, as well as the University of Nevada Foundation Board of Trustees, and Delta Gamma Fraternity Cabinet. Shenea has been a member of the Rotary Club of Reno since 2022, and currently serves as chair of the Membership Committee. She was a founding member and past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Rotaract Club of Reno, past District 5190 Rotaract Representative, and also a former member of the Rotary Club of Reno Centennial Sunset.

Professionally, she is the owner and Administrator of her family business, High Desert Therapists, Inc. and has a background in project and program management.

Shenea is married to her husband of 14 years, Chris, and together they have twin five year olds, Siena and Silas.



Taylor Adams, CEO of EDawn, was our speaker at our last 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
NEW Women's underwear any size
Bras any size
Shoes/boots (no heels)



Community Service Projects

If you have an idea for a Community Service Project, please complete the form and return it to Marlene Olsen, or any member of the Community Service Committee.

[Click Here For Form](#)

Or, go to our website (www.RenoRotary.org) and click on the "Service & Scholarships" drop down menu, then click on "Community Service Project Form."

Rotary and UNEP Unite to Safeguard Global Freshwater Ecosystems

'Community Action for Fresh Water' Initiative Aims to Enhance Global Freshwater Through Community-Led Projects

Under a new strategic partnership, Rotary and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are launching the 'Community Action for Fresh Water' initiative, focusing on the protection of freshwater ecosystems. In response to escalating challenges like pollution, climate change, and habitat degradation, this initiative is set to enhance both the conservation and monitoring of freshwater ecosystems globally.

"Partnering with UNEP empowers Rotary members to significantly contribute to freshwater conservation efforts, beginning with the waterways in their own communities," said Rotary International President Gordon McInally. "Through this collaboration, our members will bring local solutions to global challenges, directly impacting the health and sustainability of their communities."

Through this initiative, Rotary will leverage its global network to initiate community-based solutions that directly influence freshwater ecosystems and can be carried out at the watershed level. Members will engage in identifying and protecting important local bodies of water, collaborating closely with local stakeholders. Their activities will encompass organizing cleanup and conservation campaigns, conducting educational initiatives on water conservation, participating in habitat restoration, and monitoring water quality.

"Freshwater ecosystems are essential for the well-being of our planet, providing crucial services from biodiversity stability to water supply for communities," said Leticia Carvalho, Head of UNEP's Marine and Freshwater Branch. "This collaboration amplifies our efforts at the grassroots level, combining Rotary's community presence with

Walk to Raise Money to End Polio

In the fall of 2022 I was able to join a couple from the Rotary Club of Global Action to walk 330 miles in 28 days (Walk of St. Francis from Florence to Rome) and raised \$11,500 for Polio Plus.

Last year, my son, a former client, and I walked 50 miles in the country of Malta and we raised \$5,600 for Polio Plus.

I'm looking for Rotarians (and others) to accompany me to Portugal or Corfu this October to walk about 50-60 miles in 8-9 days to raise funds to End Polio. Using the services of Macs Adventures, it is easy to move from one town to another. There are other options in Europe that could be of interest as a substitute for the two options linked above.

I'm now approaching age 78. If I can do 10-15 miles a day, Rotarians who want to raise money to End Polio, will have time to get ready for this moderate effort of walking.

I know there are a few Rotarians out there who will take on this challenge. Contact email is: jfludwick@yahoo.com

Jim Ludwick, Immediate Past President
President Elect: E-Club of District 5190

our expertise to make a meaningful impact, and fostering respect for these vital resources."

Building on the success of the 'Adopt a River for Sustainable Development' pilot program with Rotary District 9212 in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan, this strategic partnership showcases the potential of linking together community-based environmental efforts. Rotary's initial 3-year financial commitment to the partnership will fund a range of activities, emphasizing direct action and community involvement.

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Notes

Rotary People of Action

Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change.

WE CONNECT PEOPLE

Rotary unites more than a million people

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

WE TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

We take action locally and globally

Each day, our members pour their passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact. We persevere until we deliver real, lasting solutions.

WE SOLVE PROBLEMS

No challenge is too big for us

For more than 110 years, we've bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease.

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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