

# 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

### Achievement Beyond Obstacles

Achievement Beyond Obstacles is a joint youth program with four Area 8 Rotary Clubs. High School counselors and Principals select seniors who are on track to graduate despite enormous challenges in their life. In this program, students spend a Leadership Weekend with professional coaches Dean and Rochelle Whellams, receive financial aid education and college mentoring, and guidance to help them with their next step in life.

These students have an opportunity to apply for a Rotary scholarship to college or vocational school ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. This ABO luncheon is one of four Rotary luncheons honoring these students from Washoe County high schools and from all different socio-economic backgrounds who have achieved success despite the obstacles in their way.

Every student who attended Leadership Weekend is invited to attend a Rotary meeting and bring a guest and we will hear a 3 minute presentation from them about their journey and what their plans are post high school. You won't want to miss hearing from these students and the impact Rotary is having in their lives.



April is Environmental Month

## Upcoming Events

### Cowboy Poetry & Music Show

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

Vinton, CA

### Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

April 21, 2026 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office

### Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

April 23, 2026 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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### Wine Tasting Social

April 30, 2026 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Nevada Sunset Winery

## Membership Information

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

## Upcoming Speakers

### Dave Bianchi

April 20, 2026

Polio

### Suzanne Groneman & Brian Beffort

April 27, 2026

Towards Sustainable Buildings Reno/Washoe

### Jeremy Smith

May 4, 2026

TMRPA

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

- Mark Growdon ..... President
- Julie Griffiths ..... President Elect
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- David Spillers ..... Secretary
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- Mark Cameron ..... Director
- Andrea Cantlon ..... Director
- Sarah Elliott ..... Director
- Julie Griffiths ..... Director
- Chesa Keane ..... Director
- Shenea Strader ..... Director

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- Club Administration ..... David Spillers
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- Gary Warren ..... Trustee
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- John Spears ..... Investments

**Newsletter**

- David Spillers ..... Newsletter Editor

**Last Meeting Volunteers**

- Thought of the Day: ..... Andrea Cantlon
- Pledge: ..... Taalut Boisson
- Scanner ..... Raul Aviles
- Sergeant At Arms ..... Colburn Shindell
- Cashier ..... Christine Barnicki
- Photographer ..... Chesa Keane
- Raffle ..... Stacy Asteriadis

**Honor Roll**

- Andrea Cantlon ..... \$100
- Bill Creekbaum ..... \$100
- Julie Griffiths ..... \$100

**No challenge is too big for us**

*For more than a century, Rotarians have bridged cultures and connected continents. We champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, help people get access to clean water and sanitation, and fight disease. Our newest cause is to protect our planet and its resources.*

**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.

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Craig Wesner (right) presents the 2nd place check to Jerry Hall for the March Madness club fundraiser. Congratulations, Jerry!



President Mark presents the PolioPlus Certificate to last week's speaker, Anne McNulty, Executive Director of CARE Chest. Jacob Johnson, Marketing and Development Director for CARE Chest is on the left.



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**Districts 5130, 5170, 5190, 5220, 5230**  
May 01, 2026 - May 03, 2026  
Grand Sierra Resort, Reno



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