

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

Past District Governor Dave Bianchi

Polio



Dave was born and raised in Fallon, NV where he was active in 4-H. He received his degree in Finance from the University of Nevada and was commissioned into the Army. He also met and married his best friend Lois while at the university. He joined the

Northwestern Mutual in 1971 serving on the boards and as president of his professional associations retiring after 50 years. He was also elected twice as a national trustee of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

He was an active Jaycee and Toastmaster and served on the board of the Conference of Christians and Jews. In addition, he was the first president of the Truckee Meadows Boys and Girls Club, served on the founding board of PBS Reno and was a founder of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful and the College of Business Alumni Association. He is a past president of the Planned Giving Council for University of Nevada, Reno. He is also past president of the Education Alliance of

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April is Environmental Month

Upcoming Events

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

Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office

Wine Tasting Social

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

Nevada Sunset Winery

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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

Suzanne Groneman & Brian Beffort

April 27, 2026

Towards Sustainable Buildings Reno/Washoe

Jeremy Smith

May 4, 2026

Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency

Alli Villines

May 11, 2026

She Means Business

The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

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Newsletter

David Spillers Newsletter Editor

Last Meeting Volunteers

Thought of the Day: Chesa Keane
Pledge: Mark Cameron
Scanner Raul Aviles
Sergeant At Arms Judy Maruszko
Cashier Stacy Asteriadis
Photographer Chesa Keane
Raffle Tony Padavich

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.

Dave Bianchi

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Washoe County. He has served three times as board president for his church.

Dave joined the Rotary Club of Reno in 1982 serving as president in 1988-89 the year the first female joined the club. After serving the district as the Youth Exchange Chair he was selected to be District Governor in 2005-06. He has also chaired the Rotary Leadership Institute and served as the District Foundation Chair and Polio Plus Chair. He was recently asked to once again chair the Polio Plus campaign for the remainder of this Rotary year. He is also part of the district Visioning Team.

Dave is plus one major donor, a member of the Paul Harris Society, Polio Plus Society and he and Lois are Bequest Society members.

In 2022 he was named as the Outstanding Alumnus of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Dave and Lois have three children, two of whom were RYE students and four grandsons, one of whom was a RYE student and another who attended RYLA.



President Mark congratulates and gives each Achievement Beyond Obstacles student a Reno Rotary Coin.

ABO is more than a scholarship — it's a leadership and mentorship program that empowers Reno-area students to overcome adversity and succeed in higher education, with Rotary Clubs providing both financial aid and personal guidance.



Bob Stewart was our presenter last week, and he introduced the Achievement Beyond Obstacles students to the club.

Far West Fest - 2026 Conference

Districts 5130, 5170, 5190, 5220, 5230

May 01, 2026 - May 03, 2026

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno



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