

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

Helen Townsell

Black Springs

Helen Townsell, the daughter of Jeff and Carrie Townsell, and Granddaughter of Ollie and Helen Westbrook, has six brothers, is the mother of four, grandmother of seven and great grandmother to one. She is married to Jim Parker, step-mother to seven, step-grandmother to seven and step-great grandmother to one.

Helen was born in California and migrated with her family to Reno, Nevada in 1956. She was raised in Black Springs, located in the North Valleys. She attended The Holy Child Day Home, located on Reno Street. She attended St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School, first through eighth grade, 9th grade at Clayton Jr. High and graduated from Procter Hug High School in 1973. In 1991 she received an associate's degree in Sociology.

In March of 2008, Helen founded The Westbrook Foundation in memory of her grandparents. Its purpose was "Youth Empowerment through Educational Scholarships" and gave academic scholarships to local graduating seniors furthering their education.

Helen wrote and published a book in 2010; "A Cry for Help" chronicling the building of a black community, Black Springs, Nevada, in the early fifties through the year 2000.

Upcoming Events

Food Bank Volunteer Day

May 10, 2025 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

May 20, 2025 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Commercial Group

Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

May 22, 2025 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Commercial Group

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

President Laurie Leonard

May 5, 2025

State of the Club Update

Vicki Puliz

May 12, 2025

Rotary International Foundation

George Combs

May 19, 2025

Reno Rodeo

The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

Laurie Leonard	President
Mark Growdon	President Elect
David Spillers	Secretary
Kathy Fraser.....	Treasurer
Stacy Asteriadis	Director
Andrea Cantlon	Director
Julie Griffiths.....	Director
Chesa Keane	Director
Jon Olsen.....	Director
Shenea Strader	Director

Committee Chairs

Club Administration.....	David Spillers
Community Service	Andrea Cantlon
Finance	Kathy Fraser
Fundraising	Mark Growdon
International Projects	Phil Mahoney
Marketing/PR.....	Oliver Grosz
Membership.....	Shenea Strader
Programs.....	Dave Bianchi
Social.....	Stacy Asteriadis
Sunshine	Stefanie Scoppettone
Vocational	John Tatum
Youth Services.....	Kim Mazeris, Jon Olsen

Reno Rotary Foundation

Mike Blakely	President
Corry Castaneda	Ex-officio RRF P. Pres.
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Charlie Dodson	Trustee
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John Spears	Investments

Newsletter/Website

David Spillers	Newsletter Editor
Patrick Dunn.....	Web-master
Oliver Grosz	Reno Rotary Roundup

Last Meeting Volunteers

Thought of the Day:.....	Chesa Keane
Pledge:	Andrea Cantlon
Scanner	Christine Johnson
Sergeant At Arms	Steve Kent
Cashier	Colburn Shindell
Photographer.....	Chesa Keane
Raffle.....	Christine Barnicki
Set Up/Take Down	Carl Fuetsch

Honor Roll

Christine Barnicki.....	\$100
Tom Hall	\$100
Gary Warren	\$100



The Reno Rotary Foundation is looking for *Trustee candidates*. If you are interested, please contact Mike Blakely: michaeldblakely@gmail.com Steve Kent (skent@grsm.com), or David Spillers (david@digiprintreno.com)



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May 10, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

550 Italy Dr, Sparks

Sparks, NV 89437

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WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS
CHUCK LUTZ, STACEY KNOBLER,



Chuck Lutz is inducted into the club! Shenea Strader is his sponsor. Welcome, Chuck!



Ron Aryel and **Stacey Knobler** are inducted into the club! Alex Phillips is their sponsor. Welcome, Ron and Stacey!

Vinton Cowboy Poetry & Music Show

April 18, 2025 | Vinton, CA

Thank you Phil Mahoney for organizing this event!



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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