

# 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

**Ed Lawson**

*Mayor, City of Sparks*



Mayor Ed Lawson was appointed as the 26th Mayor of Sparks on September 14, 2020, after the passing of Mayor Ron Smith. He was elected and sworn in as Mayor in November of 2022.

He served on the Sparks City Council since 2010, was reelected in 2014 and 2018, and was elected Mayor Pro Tempore in November 2018.

Mayor Lawson was born in Sunnyside, WA, and grew up in Las Vegas, NV. He attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO.

Mayor Lawson was the Vice President of Business Development for Sierra Builders of Nevada and worked for the Young Electric Sign Company (YESCO) for 15 years, holding positions in sales and management and served on the organization's government relations committee. He is active in the Sparks Rotary Club and volunteers time to the community. A champion of economic development, Mayor Lawson also plays a significant leadership role with the annual Kid's Free Fishing Day, which attracts more

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**You can join us with Zoom:**

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN MEETING](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Area 8 Foundation Recognition Event

May 4, 2024

*Renaissance*

### 2024 Rotary District Conference

May 17-19, 2024

*Grand Sierra Resort*

### Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

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

*Sunshine Litigation*

### Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

May 23, 2024 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

*Dickson Commercial Realty*

### Demotion Party

June 28, 2024

## Upcoming Speakers

### Christina Schlosser

May 6, 2024

*Life is a Cabaret*

**TBD**

May 13, 2024

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

David Spillers ..... President  
Laurie Leonard ..... President Elect  
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**Committee Chairs**

Club Administration ..... Carl Fuetsch  
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Finance ..... Kevin Melcher  
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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  
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Charlie Dodson ..... Trustee  
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Stefanie Scoppettone ..... Trustee  
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**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: ..... Laurie Leonard  
Pledge: ..... Liza Maupin  
Scanner ..... Anne-Louise Bennett  
Sergeant At Arms ..... Steve Kent  
Cashier ..... Colburn Shindell  
Photographer ..... Karen Grosz  
Raffle ..... Chesa Keane  
Secretary ..... Carl Fuetsch  
Set Up/Take Down ..... Anne-Louise Bennett  
Set Up/Take Down ..... Carl Fuetsch  
Set Up/Take Down ..... Mike Blakely

**Honor Roll**

Bill Creekbaum ..... \$100  
Harvey Fennell ..... \$500  
Chesa Keane ..... \$100  
Stefanie Scoppettone ..... \$500  
Craig Wesner ..... \$100

**Elected to the Reno Rotary  
Foundation Board of Trustees:**

**Liza Maupin**

**Gary Warren**

*Congratulations!*

**Ed Lawson**

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than 3,000 kids to the Sparks Marina. In 2014, he was recognized as the Public Official of the Year by the Builders Association of Northern Nevada.

Mayor Lawson and his wife Dianne have two sons who graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno.



AREA 8

# FOUNDATION CELEBRATION

May 4, 2024

Awards cocktail party: 4:00 -5:30 pm

Appetizers & No-Host Bar

Renaissance Hotel - One Lake Street

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Fellowship after-party at Bundox Bocce on the ground level. Enjoy dessert, a game of bocce ball, and connecting with your Rotary family.

5:30 - 7:00 pm.

(limited drink tickets available)

**\$40 IN ADVANCE - \$50 AT THE DOOR (INCLUDES AFTERPARTY)**  
**AFTER-PARTY ONLY \$20**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:**  
**[WWW.RENOMIDTOWNROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.RENOMIDTOWNROTARY.ORG)**

The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



**Chesa Keane** is recognized for becoming a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation. Dave Bianchi (left) presented the award. President David is on the right. Congratulations Chesa!



**Lacy J. Dalton** was our speaker last Monday. Lacy shared with us stories of her amazing musical career and her passion for protecting our wild horses.

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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.*

**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.



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