

# 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

Sean Hill

*Sierra Nevada Journeys*



Sean Hill is the CEO of Sierra Nevada Journeys, a Reno-based nonprofit dedicated to delivering innovative, science-based outdoor education programs for students across Northern Nevada and Northern California. With 17 years at the organization

— beginning as a hands-on educator and rising through roles in program design, fundraising, and executive leadership — Sean has been at the heart of Sierra Nevada Journeys' growth from a grassroots effort into a regional leader in experiential education.

Under his leadership, the organization has served tens of thousands of students annually, with a deep commitment to equity: the majority of students served come from low-income families and communities of color. Most recently, Sean helped spearhead a landmark partnership with Feather River Land

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## Upcoming Events

### Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

May 19, 2026 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

*Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office*

### Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

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

*Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office*

## 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

### Memorial Day Holiday

May 25, 2026

*No Meeting*

**Lisa Jansen**

June 1, 2026

*Hot August Nights*

**Dr. Judi Kosterman**

June 8, 2026

*Brain Health Leadership Foundation*

**May is Youth Service Month**

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- Judy Coleman ..... \$100
- Tom Taelour ..... \$100



*President Mark awards a PolioPlus Certificate to last week's speaker, Alli Villines.*

**Sean Hill**

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Trust to permanently protect 1,025 acres of forest adjacent to the organization's Outdoor Education Camp in Plumas County — expanding what is already an extraordinary living classroom for young scientists.

Sean holds a Master of Science in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and Environmental Education from Colorado State University and a B.S. in Environmental Biology from Montana State University. He is also a certified Strategy Execution fellow through Harvard Business School and serves as Vice Chair of the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission. Before joining Sierra Nevada Journeys, he taught high school science through Teach For America in Houston, Texas — where his passion for education equity was first ignited.



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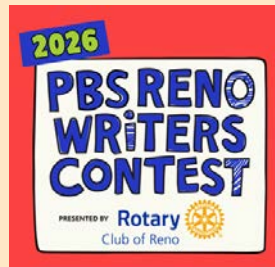
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Sincerely,

Eric Schmelling  
Chief Philanthropy Officer  
The Rotary Foundation



*President Mark awards blue badges to Robert Tisdale (left) and Rick Stephenson (right). Congratulations!*



Join us for a celebration to honor the 2026 Winners of the PBS Reno Writers Contest!

**Friday, May 29th 5:30 PM**

Renown Regional Medical Center  
Mack Auditorium 1st Floor  
1155 Mill St, Reno, NV 89502

Winners and their families will be joined by special guests at the Renown Regional Medical Center Mack Auditorium to celebrate the winners' stories and present prizes!

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