

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

Cara Kaufer

Reno Rescue Inc.

In 2010, Cara made a bold move. With determination, compassion, and a precise vision, she created Reno Rescue, a place where forgotten and abused horses would get a second chance at life.

By 2016, her dedication was recognized when Reno Rescue became an official 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The beginning of a long and beautiful story.

As the horses arrived and the work piled up, Cara quickly realized something crucial: these animals didn't just need hay and hoof care, they also needed a safe, healing environment. A place where trauma could turn into trust with patience. Where broken spirits, both equine and human, could find peace.

So, in 2022, she took another huge step. She moved Reno Rescue to the other side of Verdi on Trelease Lane. This place was an working ranch for many years, old and dirty but with deep roots in local history : where the Donner Party passed on a cold October, 25. But Cara saw more than old buildings and dusty pastures, she saw a future for Reno Rescue. It surely took a team to rehabilitate the buildings, clean the place and create a safe environment for both human and horses. With the help of few volunteers, hard work,

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Upcoming Events

Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

July 17, 2025 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Commercial Group

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

August 19, 2025 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office

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

Robin Schofield

June 30, 2025

Naval Air Station Expansion

Mark Growdon

July 7, 2025

Club Overview

Mark Hudon

July 14, 2025

Perspective of a Rock Climber

The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

Laurie Leonard	President
Mark Growdon	President Elect
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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 Mazeres, Jon Olsen

Reno Rotary Foundation

Mike Blakely	President
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Laurie Leonard	Ex-officio RCR President
Mark Growdon	Ex-officio RCR P. Elect
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Oliver Grosz	Trustee
Charlie Dodson	Trustee
Alex Phillips	Trustee
Stefanie Scoppettone	Trustee
Gary Warren	Trustee
David Spillers	Secretary
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	Maria Sheehan
Pledge:	Paul Havas
Scanner	Sonja Leonard
Sergeant At Arms	Judy Coleman
Cashier	Christine Barnicki
Photographer	Chesa Keane
Raffle	Stacy Asteriadis

Honor Roll

Dave Bianchi	\$100
Mark Cameron	\$100
Pat Dunn	\$200
Don Jessup	\$100
Phil Mahoney	\$100
Judy Maruszko	\$100
Maria Sheehan	\$300



Pat Dunn receives a **Paul Harris Fellow** award from **President Laurie**.

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals have been approved for membership by the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Reno. If you have any comments on their proposed membership in the Rotary Club of Reno, please submit them in writing to David Spillers, Club Secretary, david@digiprintreno.com

Randy Hartt

Classification: Salvation Army
Sponsor: David Spillers

Desmond Powers

Classification: CPA Retired
Sponsor: David Bianchi

From Paul Havas' granddaughter, Isabella:

Isabella is so grateful to her grandfather Paul Havas, for sponsoring a donation in her name to The Rotary Club of Reno. She recently was able to share exciting news that she passed the California Bar Exam in February 2025 and is looking forward to celebrating with her grandparents in Reno in June. Isabella earned a BA in History with a minor in Public Policy from UC Berkeley and has her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. Inspired by her grandfather's pro-social and philanthropic attitude, Isabella hopes to build a career serving the needs of her community, particularly those related to housing. She currently works as a law clerk at a real estate law firm in Los Angeles.

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.

Cara Kaufer

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and a whole lot of love, she created a peaceful place where everyone is welcome — a place where children can learn life skills, grow with animals, and heal in safety.

Her mission is as powerful as it is simple:

"To give legs to those who don't have them, and to offer safety to children who need it most."

And that's exactly what she's done. Today, she runs this ranch, home to 42 horses, with a team of dedicated horse and human lovers that believe in second chances. Every day, she blends grit with compassion, tradition with transformation.

Cara Kaufer doesn't just run a ranch. She leads a movement of healing, of hope, and of second chances.



President Laurie presents a check to the TMCC Foundation in the amount of \$9,939.46 for the Automotive Program. The Rotary Club of Reno and the Rotary Club of Sparks each contributed half of the amount. From left to right: Laurie Leonard, David Spillers, Jeff Alexander - TMCC President, Paula Dolliver - President of the Rotary Club of Sparks, Doug Driver - Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Sparks, and Gretchen Sawyer - Foundation and Grants VP at TMCC.

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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