

# 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

**Christopher Hicks**

*Washoe County District Attorney*



Washoe County District Attorney Christopher Hicks has devoted his professional career to achieving justice and promoting public safety. DA Hicks joined the Washoe County District

Attorney's Office in 2005 after having served the citizens of Carson City as a prosecutor from 2002 until 2005. He served Washoe County as a Deputy District Attorney and Chief Deputy District Attorney until his election in 2014.

During his tenure, DA Hicks has successfully prosecuted thousands of cases, including such notable defendants as: Chaz Higgs (the murderer of Nevada's elected State Controller Kathy Augustine), James Michael Biela (who abducted and murdered Brianna Denison and sexually assaulted two other University of Ne-

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**July is Maternal and  
Child Health Month**

## Upcoming Events

**Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting**

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

*Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office*

**Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting**

August 21 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

*Dickson Commercial Group*

**Lemelson STEM Academy BBQ**

August 23 | 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

*Lemelson Stem Academy*

**Fall Festival**

October 14 | 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

*The J Resort Glow Plaza*

## Upcoming Speakers

**Joe Ernst**

August 4, 2025

*Washoe County School District*

**Ron Smith**

August 11, 2025

*Balloon Races*

**Jorge Montano-Figuero**

August 18, 2025

*Safe Kids*

## The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

Mark Growdon .....	President
Julie Griffiths .....	President Elect
Laurie Leonard ....	Ex-officio Past President
David Spillers .....	Secretary
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Andrea Cantlon .....	Director
Pat Dunn .....	Director
Sarah Elliott .....	Director
Julie Griffiths .....	Director
Chesa Keane .....	Director
Shenea Strader .....	Director

## Committee Chairs

Club Administration .....	David Spillers
Community Service .....	Pat Dunn
Finance .....	Kathy Fraser
Fundraising .....	Mark Growdon
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	Vanda Tarlea
Marketing/PR .....	Oliver Grosz
Membership .....	Shenea Strader
Programs .....	Dave Bianchi
Social .....	Christine Barnicki
Sunshine .....	Stefanie Scoppettone
Vocational .....	David Spillers
Youth Services .....	Chesa Keane

## Reno Rotary Foundation

Steve Kent .....	President
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Dave Gallagher .....	Trustee
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
Pat Dunn .....	Web-master

## Last Meeting Volunteers

Thought of the Day: .....	Pat Dunn
Pledge: .....	Andrea Cantlon
Scanner .....	Marty Kramer
Sergeant At Arms .....	Christine Barnicki
Cashier .....	Stacy Asteriadis
Photographer .....	Chesa Keane
Raffle .....	Tony Padavich

## Honor Roll

Ron Aryel .....	\$100
Harvey Fennell .....	\$100
Sonja Leonard .....	\$100



**Sonja Leonard** receives her blue badge.  
*Congratulations, Sonja!*

## 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.



### Christopher Hicks

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vada students), and Wilbur Ernesto Martinez Guzman (who murdered 3 women and 1 man over a 12-day period in January of 2019 in northern Nevada).

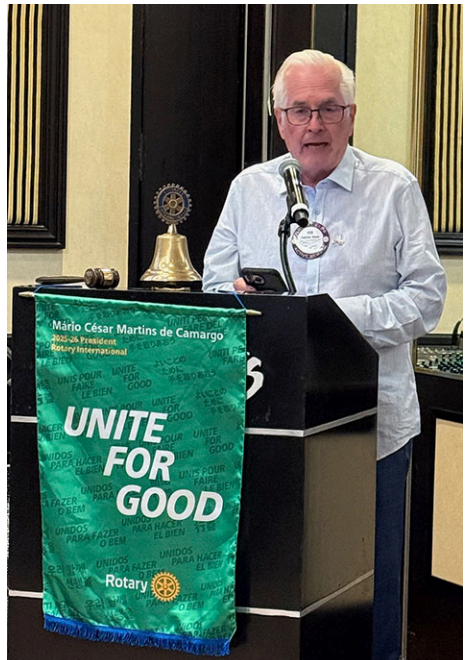
As District Attorney, DA Hicks has outlined the office's priorities into four categories: Victim Services, Public Safety, Public Outreach, and Increased Efficiencies. As such, during his administration he has increased prosecution efforts against the worst offenders, while also initiating several successful new victim services programs. He has expanded the role of victim advocates within the office and spearheaded statewide efforts to pass and implement Nevada's Victims Bill of Rights – Marsey's Law. Under DA Hicks' leadership, the Washoe County Child Advocacy Center, a facility that has revolutionized the approach to investigating physical and sexual abuse cases against children, has grown into a highly effective and award-winning center that fosters successful, victim-centered prosecutions. DA Hicks also created a first of its kind Specialty Court Diversion Team, sought and obtained hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funding to improve traffic safety throughout the state through training and education, and created specialized prosecutor positions to combat human trafficking, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Born and raised in Reno, Nevada, DA Hicks is a fifth-generation northern Nevadan. He attended the University of Nevada, Reno and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and was a member of the inaugural graduating class of the Boyd School of Law in Las Vegas. He is a loving father of a son and three daughters, and a devoted husband to his wife Nicole, who is also a prosecutor.

DA Hicks was sworn in as the 37th District Attorney in Washoe County on January 5th, 2015, and won re-election to the office in 2018 and 2022.



**Dr. Scott Kellerman** gave an update about the projects Rotary is working on in Uganda.



**Pat Dunn** gave the thought of the day at our last meeting.

## Collection Bin at the Meeting



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

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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.*



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