

# 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

**Mark Growdon**

*Club Overview*



President Mark Growdon will review his plans and goals for the year ahead. Building on the success of Past President Laurie's accomplishments, our club is poised for a great year!

## Meeting Location for July 7:

### Paradise A Ballroom

Go past our regular meeting space (Treasurers A, B, C)

Head left past Bistro Napa.

Keep going to the left.

Look for the signs to our meeting!

## 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](mailto:shenea.strader@gmail.com) if you have any membership questions or need information about joining our club.

## Upcoming Speakers

### Mark Hudon

July 14, 2025

*Perspective of a Rock Climber*

### Caleb Cage

July 21, 2025

*Lithium*

### Chris Hicks

July 28, 2025

*District Attorney's Office*

## The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

Mark Growdon .....	President
Julie Griffiths .....	President Elect
Laurie Leonard ....	Ex-officio Past President
David Spillers .....	Secretary
Kathy Fraser .....	Treasurer
Christine Barnicki .....	Director
Mark Cameron .....	Director
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
International Projects ....	Colburn Shindel
	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
Mike Blakely .....	Ex-officio RRF P. Pres.
Mark Growdon ....	Ex-officio RCR President
Julie Griffiths .....	Ex-officio RCR P. Elect
Stacy Asteriadis .....	Trustee
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: .....	Sonja Leonard
Pledge: .....	Chesa Keane
Scanner .....	Chuck Lutz
Sergeant At Arms .....	Andrea Cantlon
Cashier .....	Christine Barnicki
Photographer .....	Chesa Keane
Raffle .....	Judy Maruszko

## Honor Roll

Mike Blakely .....	\$200
Kathy Fraser .....	\$100
Stacey Knobler .....	\$200
Dave Gallagher .....	\$100
Chuck Lutz .....	\$100

## Rotary and Gates Foundation extend partnership to end polio

*Joint commitment will add \$450 million to global polio eradication efforts over three years*

"While historic progress has been made toward defeating polio—90 percent of the world's population is free from the wild poliovirus—we're facing significant challenges from competing financial priorities to fragile health systems. Furthermore, the detection of polio in places like Papua New Guinea that were previously polio free demonstrates that polio anywhere is a threat everywhere," said Rotary International PolioPlus Committee Chair Mike McGovern. "The extension of our fundraising partnership with the Gates Foundation allows us to reach children around the world with lifesaving vaccines, keeping every child and community safe from this preventable disease."

Rotary will continue to raise \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This renewed agreement will translate into up to a total of \$450 million to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

### **RI President Francesco Arezzo President 2025-26 Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy**



Francesco Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice and owns an agricultural enterprise that produces extra virgin olive oil in Sicily.

Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy.

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating quality production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles.

He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaella spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.



*Rotary members from 21 districts, in partnership with UNICEF, are working with local governments to develop and implement immunization programs to protect 100,000 children from rotavirus, pneumococcal disease, and cervical cancer across nine South Pacific Island countries, including Kiribati and Fiji. The Give Every Child a Future project is committed to strengthening the immunization programs in each country so that these vaccines continue to be delivered to future generations of children.*

## 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

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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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