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MONDAY'S PROGRAM

Chris Tabarez

Grief Sensitive Schools Initiative



For more than 15 years, Chris Tabarez worked on the front lines of education as a teacher and coach. Throughout his career in elementary, middle, and

high schools, Chris repeatedly supported students navigating profound grief and loss, an area where most educators receive little to no formal preparation.

Driven by those experiences, Chris now combines his financial services career with a passion for community advocacy as an ambassador for the New York Life Foundation's Grief-Sensitive Schools Initiative. He frequently presents to local schools and youth nonprofits to build awareness around childhood bereavement, connect organizations with practical support tools, and help local institutions become supportive safe havens for grieving youth.

August is Membership and New Club Development Month

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

August 18, 2026 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office

Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

August 20, 2026 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office

Lemelson STEM Academy BBQ
August 22, 2026 | 10:30 pm - 1:30 pm
2001 Soaring Eagle Drive

Oktoberfest
October 1, 2026 | 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
J Resort
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UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Kurt Raffetto
August 17, 2026
Rotary District 5190 Governor

Collin Bernard
August 24, 2026
Nevada Athletics

Brigette Cole
August 31, 2026
Northern Nevada Children's Cancer

We meet on Monday's at noon at the Atlantis Casino Resort

LAST MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Thought of the Day..... Vanessa Vaupel
PledgeAlejandra Phelps
ScannerMark Cameron
Sergeant At Arms Christine Barnicki
Cashier Bob Downing
Photographer..... Chesa Keane
Raffle..... Charles Lutz

HONOR ROLL

Dave Bianchi	\$100
Mark Cameron	\$200
Jerry Hall	\$100
Tom Hall	\$100
Vanessa Vaupel	\$100

A woman with blonde hair in a braid, wearing a floral dress and a vest, holds a microphone to a young girl's mouth. The girl is wearing a striped shirt and a dark skirt, holding a small object. They are both smiling.

Steve Kent.....	President
Oliver Grosz.....	Vice President
Alex Phillips.....	Treasurer
Gary Warren	Secretary
Julie Griffiths	Ex-officio RCR President
Stacy Asteriadis.....	Trustee
Dave Gallagher.....	Trustee
Chris Gaub.....	Trustee
Phil Mahoney.....	Trustee
John Spears	Investments

Vanessa Vaupel and her daughter, Evie, gave the Thought of the Day at our last meeting.

David Spillers Newsletter Editor
Brenda Tomburello Webmaster



Judge Willis Brown, first President of The Rotary Club of Reno. The Rotary Club of Reno had its first meeting on August 9, 1916.



Alma Moeller, our inbound Rotary Exchange Student, who arrived Monday evening. She is on the far left. The Coudriet family are with her, and they are her first host family.

Thank you letters from Camp RYLA 2026

June 14 – 19 and June 21 – June 26

Dear Reno Rotary Club,

Thank you so much for sponsoring my experience at RYLA! I had such a phenomenal experience. From this camp, I made so many good connections, and many self-realizations. I actually was my cabin's representative, and I had the experience to lead my peers and initiate announcements for them. This club taught me to focus less on perfection, and more on authenticity. I learned vulnerability can actually be a strength, and to not dim my light and energy for the sake of the people around me, but to use my voice to empower others. The most meaningful moment to me was on the very last night, in which one person's candle light spread to the whole room. Through this, I am determined to become the light to other peoples' darkness. This was a truly unforgettable experience, I cannot thank you enough.

I have made so much progress and growth as a person through RYLA's curriculum, and I cannot wait to bring what I have learned back to Reno and any community that surrounds me. If anything, RYLA has allowed me to vision my goals—I am so excited for my future.

Truly, I am so grateful.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Evana

Rotary



RYLA

Dear Rotary,

Thank you so much. I am so grateful for this amazing honor of being chosen to be part of RYLA. I'm gonna be honest, I came into this with a really bad attitude and a fixed mindset. Now that it is the end, I don't want to leave. On the first night, we received a keychain and we had to write a goal for the week on it. Mine was "Building great relationships", and I did just that, and beyond. The people I met here will be life long friends of mine, and they allowed me to be my true self around them. I will never take this opportunity for granted, as RYLA has truly changed me in the best way possible. Although some of the activities were not for me, the people I did them with got me through it with ease. What Rotary does for people will always be inspiring, and I really appreciate I was allowed to be a part of such a great experience. Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Alex

Rotary established the Rotary Endowment Fund in 1917, which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellow Recognition in 1957 for contributions of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

The first Rotary club banner to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut club member Frank Borman on the Apollo flight in 1968.

The first head of state to address an RI Convention was President Warren G. Harding in 1923, at St. Louis, Missouri.

Source: The ABCs of Rotary



**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



Of the things we think, say or do

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

Will it build **GOODWILL**
and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

fourth

Will it be **BENEFICIAL**
to all concerned?

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