

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

Ron Smith

Balloon Races

Ron Smith has lived and worked in Reno since 1960, primarily working in broadcasting, public relations, tour operations and with the chamber of commerce. He retired as vice president for Development and Marketing at KNPB/Channel 5 Public Broadcasting in 2006 after 15 years.

Smith has been chairman and a member of many community boards, including the Ad Club, Nevada State Fair and the Reno Performing Arts Center Association. He wrote for and performed in all 55 Sheep Dip Shows and has been "The Voice of the Great Reno Balloon Race" since 1983. He was selected to the Hall of Fame of the Nevada Broadcasters Association in 1999. His wife, Pat, and he perform and direct plays as part of a reader's theater group, The Ageless Repertory Theater (ART).

Ron and Pat live in Reno and have a combined family of four adult children and seven grandchildren.



**August is Membership and
Extension 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

Urban Roots Off-Site Rotary Lunch Meeting

August 25 | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Urban Roots Location

Petroglyph Outing

September 14 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Meet at The Summit Mall before 9:00 AM

Fall Festival

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

The J Resort Glow Plaza

Upcoming Speakers

Jorge Montano-Figuero

August 18, 2025

Safe Kids

Zach Shellhammer

August 25, 2025

Off-site meeting at Urban Roots

The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

Mark Growdon	President
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Reno Rotary Foundation

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Alex Phillips	Trustee
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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:	David Spillers
Pledge:	Stacy Asteriadis
Scanner	Gary Warren
Sergeant At Arms	Maria Sheehan
Cashier	Christine Barnicki
Photographer	Chesa Keane
Raffle	Harvey Fennell
Set Up/Takedown	Des Powers
Set Up/Takedown	Carl Fuetsch

Membership Information

Please contact **Shenea Strader** at shenea.strader@gmail.com if you have any membership questions or need information about joining our club.



Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Our 35,000+ clubs work together to: Promote peace; Fight disease; Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; Save mothers and children; Support education; and Grow local economies.

Our mission:

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



Urban Roots Off-Site Rotary Meeting

Aug. 25, 2025 12:00 p.m. - Aug. 25, 2025 1:30 p.m.

\$35.00 per person. Play on ClubRunner or [Sign Up Here](#)

1700 East Second Street, Reno, NV 89502

Entrance is on Gould Street. Park in the lot across the street on Gould.

The Rotary Club of Reno is heading **off-site** for a special meeting at Urban Roots Teaching Farm - a local nonprofit dedicated to seed-to-table education for over 15 years!

Join us at NOON for a guided tour of the farm, an inside look at their impactful programs, and a delicious, locally-sourced lunch crafted by talented chefs using ingredients grown right on the farm.

Website: <http://UrbanRootsNV.org>

Reno Rotary Petroglyph Outing

Sep. 14, 2025 9:00 a.m. - Sep. 14, 2025 3:00 p.m.

Meet at The Summit Mall before 9:00 AM

13925 S Virginia St - Ride & Share Lot - Herz Blvd.

Sign up on ClubRunner, or [Sign Up Here](#)

Spend a day with fellow Rotarians four-wheeling and exploring famous Native American historic rock art in Storey County near Virginia City. Bring your lunch, water and hiking shoes and share the amazing history.

Honorable Guide: Craig Wesner
cwesner227@aol.com

We need Rotarians who have off-road vehicles, and are willing to transport fellow Rotarians; regular AWD or 4WD cars will not make it in the rough terrain.

Do you have off-road YES NO - Please advise Craig.

If answer YES, how many more passengers you can take?



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

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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