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MONDAY'S PROGRAM

Kurt Raffetto

Rotary District 5190 Governor



Kurt joined the Rotary Club of Placerville in January 2014. He was sponsored by his father, Danno, who has been a Rotarian for 61 years. He served as president from 2018-2021 followed immediately by

taking on the role of assistant/area governor from 2021-2025. Kurt was the driving force behind the installation of a batting cage at the City of Placerville's Rotary Park and improving ADA access to the seating area. With Kurt at the helm, his club and community members were responsible for raising \$100,000 for the Rotary Club of Paradise following the deadly Camp Fire. Kurt has been on the district disaster response committee, service chair, and the Rotary Leadership Institute cadre. Kurt is a Paul Harris Fellow, Polio Plus Society member, and Paul Harris Society member.

Kurt is a fifth-generation resident of El Dorado County and was born and raised in Placerville. He returned after his 23-year career in the United States Air Force where he flew KC-135R and C-130E/H aircraft as

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**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
[REGISTER HERE](#)

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Collin Bernard
August 24, 2026
Nevada Athletics

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

No Meeting
September 7, 2026
Labor Day Holiday

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RENO OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Julie Griffiths	President
Andrea Cantlon	President Elect
Mark Growdon ..	Ex-officio Past President
David Spillers	Secretary
Kathy Fraser	Treasurer
Christine Barnicki	Director
Mark Cameron	Director
Sarah Elliott	Director
Julie Griffiths	Director
Chesa Keane	Director
Shenea Strader	Director

Committee Chairs

Club Administration	David Spillers
Community Service	Mark Cameron
Finance	Kathy Fraser
Fundraising	Judy Coleman
Fundraising	Tony Padavich
International Projects	Colburn Shindel
	Vanda Tarlea
Membership	Shenea Strader
Programs	Sarah Elliott
Social	Christine Barnicki
Sunshine	Stefanie Scoppettone
Vocational	Chuck Lutz
Youth Services	Chesa Keane

Reno Rotary Foundation

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

Club Communication

David Spillers	Newsletter Editor
Brenda Tomburello	Webmaster

LAST MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Thought of the Day	Chesa Keane
Pledge	Bob Downing
Scanner	Maria Sheehan
Sergeant At Arms	Judy Maruszko
Cashier	Stacy Asteriadis
Photographer	Chesa Keane
Raffle	Jessica Shirey

HONOR ROLL

Craig Wesner	\$100
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Kurt Raffetto

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co-pilot, aircraft commander, and instructor pilot in both airframes. Kurt participated in a number of operations around the globe including Desert Shield/Storm/Calm, Restore Hope, Provide Promise, Iraqi Freedom, and Deep Freeze.

Kurt and his father manage commercial property in Placerville and have a small walnut orchard in the Apple Hill area. Kurt's wife, Veronica (Polly), retired as a Colonel from a 31-year career in both the active duty and the Air Force Reserve. They have two sons, the oldest is a recent graduate of Cal Poly Humboldt, and the other, is a recent graduate of El Dorado High and attending college.

In addition to Rotary, Kurt's involvement in the community includes being the publicity chair for Placerville Ducks Unlimited, Flight Captain of the Sierra Flight 27 Order of Daedalians, former board member and vice-president of The Marshall Foundation for Community Health, and former commissioner for District 3 of the County of El Dorado Veterans Affairs Commission. He has coached youth basketball for the city and junior varsity baseball for El Dorado High School. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.



President Julie presents a PolioPlus Certificate to last week's speaker, Chris Tabarez.

Lemelson STEM Academy Barbecue 2026

Aug 22, 2026 | 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Lemelson STEM Academy

2001 Soaring Eagle Drive | Reno

[**Sign Up to Volunteer Here**](#)



"THE FUTURE IS NOW"

2026 Rotary District 5190
Foundation Dinner

Friday, November 6th, 2026
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

Doors open at 6pm
Dinner at 7pm

Cost: \$60 per person
Join us as we celebrate

The
Rotary
Foundation



[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

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

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**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

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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