

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

Joe Ernst

*Superintendent, Washoe County
School District*



Joe Ernst has been an active member of the Northern Nevada community for more than 25 years. He has held the positions of teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, area superintendent, and Chief

Continuous Improvement Officer. Throughout the entirety of his career, he has demonstrated exemplary leadership and academic excellence within all educational capacities.

Mr. Ernst has been honored with numerous awards, including the Reno Gazette Journal Best in Education, Washoe County Teacher's Association Distinguished Performance Award, WCSD Inspiration Award for Exemplary Inclusive Practices and WCSD Principal of the Year. As a principal, he led Anderson Elementary School to being recognized as one of only nine Shining Star Schools in Nevada.

Mr. Ernst graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan with a bachelor's degree of science in elementary education. He also holds a master's degree in educational leadership from the University of Phoenix.

**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

Fall Festival

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

The J Resort Glow Plaza

Upcoming Speakers

Ron Smith

August 11, 2025

Balloon Races

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
Julie Griffiths	President Elect
Laurie Leonard	Ex-officio Past President
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Julie Griffiths	Director
Chesa Keane	Director
Shenea Strader	Director

Committee Chairs

Club Administration	David Spillers
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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
Mike Blakely	Ex-officio RRF P. Pres.
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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:	Maria Sheehan
Pledge:	Laurie Leonard
Scanner	Judy Coleman
Sergeant At Arms	Vanda Tarlea
Cashier	Christine Barnicki
Photographer	Chesa Keane
Raffle	Judy Maruszko
Set Up/Takedown	Stacey Knobler
Set Up/Takedown	Carl Fuetsch

Honor Roll

Dave Bianchi	\$200
Tom Hall	\$100
Laurie Leonard	\$100
Judy Maruszko	\$100
Craig Wesner	\$100

Membership Information

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



Maria Sheehan gives the *Thought of the Day* at our last meeting.



Past President **Craig Wesner** led our meeting last week. Thank you, Craig!



Past President Craig Wesner awards a Blue Badge to **Des Powers**. Congratulations, Des!



Past President Craig Wesner presents a book to be donated to Lemelson STEM Academy, a Polio Plus Certificate, and a Rotary Coin to our speaker **Chris Hicks**.



Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 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.

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

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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