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MONDAY'S PROGRAM

Meghan Ochs

Skiing is Believing



Meghan has been an extremely physical and active person her whole life. As a child, Meghan competed in many sports, her favorites being softball and

competitive cheer. At the age of 18, she got her first paid job as a tumbling and gymnastics coach and has been involved in coaching various athletics since. Meghan grew up skiing, but not competitively. After college, she discovered competitive skiing and became an instructor and eventually, a coach. As an adult, through a long slow process of self-reflection, Meghan realized if she had grown up without sport, she would be half of the woman that she is today. She also realized opportunities in sport were nowhere near equitable. Soon after these life-changing revelations, Skiing is Believing sports and community service programs were born. The organization and its various services are in many ways a mirror image of her own experiences in multiple sports, (a generalist, not a specialist), coaching those sports, and her service in various types of philanthropy. She credits her entrepreneurial parents for any level of business creativity present in the organization.

September is Basic Education
and Literacy Month

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

September 15, 2026 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office

Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

September 17, 2026 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Dickson Realty Caughlin Ranch Office

Oktoberfest

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

[REGISTER HERE](#)

District 5190 Foundation Dinner

November 6, 2026 | 6:00 pm
Atlantis

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Dr. J.T. Stark

September 21, 2026
Predictive Analytics and AI

Chris Sewell & David Schmidt

September 28, 2026
Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR)

RYLA Speakers

October 5, 2026

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

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LAST MEETING VOLUNTEERS

Thought of the Day Christine Barnicki
Pledge Julie Griffiths
Scanner Jessica Shirey
Sergeant At Arms Judy Maruszko
Cashier Bob Downing
Photographer Chesa Keane
Raffle Taalut Boisson

HONOR ROLL

Phil Mahoney \$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.



President Julie presents a PolioPlus Award to last week's speaker, Brigitte Cole.

Rotary Club of Reno

Oktoberfest

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE
RENO ROTARY FOUNDATION

OCTOBER 1, 2026

AT THE
J RESORT
RENO | TAHOE

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM
MUSIC • FOOD • BEER • FUN
LIVE MUSIC • COSTUME CONTEST •
SILENT AUCTION

SCAN TO
BUY TICKETS!

MAJOR SPONSORSHIP \$1,250.00

- 10 Meal Tickets
- Reserved table for 8
- 10 Raffle Tickets
- 10-\$25.00 entries into Cash Drawing
- 20 Drink tickets (for the bar)
- Print Ad in Program
- Signage on Table
- Ad on Rotary.org for the month of October

MINOR SPONSORSHIP \$625.00

- 5 Meals Tickets
- 5 Raffle Tickets
- 5-\$25.00 entries into cash drawing
- 10 Drink Tickets
- Company/Name mentioned, under sponsors, in the Program
- Recognized at Event

TICKETS \$125.00

- 1 Meal Ticket
- 2 Drink Tickets
- 1-\$25.00 entry into Cash Drawing

RAFFLE TICKETS (for wheel barrels)
\$25.00 EACH / 5 FOR \$100.00
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

If you would like to purchase a sponsorship or donate an item to the silent auction, please contact Maddie at
(925) 768-7911, maddie@rotaryclubofreno.com

KTMB KEEP TRUCKEE MEADOWS BEAUTIFUL

TRUCKEE RIVER CLEANUP

Sept. 26th 2026

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic after the cleanup, powered by **NEXTERA ENERGY**

KTMB's great clean up day is on September 26th (Saturday)! If you want to help clean up Riverside/ Bicentennial Park, please sign up here:

[VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

 **Thank you!**

On behalf of the entire TMCC faculty, I want to express our deepest gratitude to the Reno Rotary Foundation for the very generous gift to support our students in applied technology programs.

The support provided by the Reno Rotary Foundation for the past 30+ years has been truly life-changing for so many students. We can never thank you enough.

*In appreciation,
Naty Simon-Holladay
TMCC Foundation Board*

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**

Rotary
PEOPLE OF ACTION



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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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