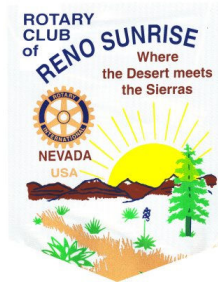
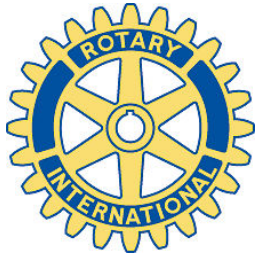


July 10, 2009

# Mike's Memos



Rotary Club of Reno Sunrise • Chartered – April 13, 1989 • Club No. 26317

## Mike's Message

### "Only Fifty Left"

Greetings My Fellow Rotarians,

Wow, what a great first meeting. When a few "Sunriser Vacationers" complained that we should not have a "Holiday meeting", because nobody would be here, well I must admit we did miss some of you! But who would have expected twenty-seven members and twenty-eight guests? I must say the enthusiasm was strong and hardly a seat was left without a bottom! A Great Big thank you for filling the room as we listened to Ralph Levenberg, Major USAF (Retired), tell his POW saga starting with the Bataan Death March to the bombing of Nagasaki.

A special thanks to Jim and his reporters for Mike's Memos.

Today we return to our Pot of cash as we attempt to rev up our raffle. Two tickets, one for a consolation prize, one for a shot at the Ace of Spades!

Remember "Rotary is in your hands"

Best regards in Rotary,  
Mike

## This Week's Program

**Michael Stearns**  
**Tournament Director**  
**Legends Reno-Tahoe Open**



Dates: August 3 – 9, 2009

Host Venue: Montrêux Golf and Country Club

Course Architect: Jack Nicklaus Signature Course

Course Stats: Par 72, Yardage 7472 (3<sup>rd</sup> longest course on the PGA Tour)

Tournament Purse: \$3,000,000

Tournament Format: 72 Hole Stroke Play

Tournament Field: 132 PGA TOUR Members

For more information visit:

[www.legendsrenotahoeopen.com](http://www.legendsrenotahoeopen.com)

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## Mark your Calendar

### July 11, 2009

#### Thom's Demotion

Mystery Bus Trip

Meet at GSR Bus Terminal

3:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Transportation Food Drink Entertainment \$75

Sign up at meeting or contact Brian

### July 12, 2009

Taste of Reno Tahoe

Reno Centennial Sunset Rotary

National Automobile Museum

5:00 – 8:00 PM

Main Tasting \$75

[www.tasteofrenotahoe.com](http://www.tasteofrenotahoe.com)

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## Upcoming RSR Programs

### July 17, 2009

Scott Kellermann

Uganda Hospital

### July 24, 2009

Andy Flock

Sparks Fire Department

### July 31, 2009

Genoveve Stowell

Washoe County Library System

### August 7, 2009

Lisa Wallace

Truckee River Watershed Council

### August 14, 2009

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### August 21, 2009

Noreen Leary

Veterans Guest House

### August 28, 2009

Wend Schaefer

District International Service Chair

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## July Birthdays

July 1	Chuck Fulkerson
July 3	Dan Webb
July 5	Jay Shaw
July 10	Ron Rehn
July 14	Noreen Leary
July 15	Helen Graham
July 22	Jon Greene
July 25	Virginia Haliwell
July 26	Dan St. John

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## July Wedding Anniversaries

July 1	Jon & Martha Greene
July 12	Jowel Laguerre
July 17	Brian Delisle
July 28	Craig Denney

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## CLUBS FOR MAKE-UP

### Monday

Reno – Harrah's - 12:00 PM

Incline Village – Parasol Foundation - 12:15 PM

Reno New Generations Club – 5:30 PM - Siena

### Tuesday

Truckee Sunrise – Donner Lake Kitchen – 7:00 AM

Carson City – Golden Nugget – 12:00 PM

Reno Central – Peppermill – 12:00 PM

Minden – Carson Valley Inn – 12:00 PM

Fallon – Fallon Convention Center – 12:15 PM

Reno Centennial Sunset – Tamarak – 6:00 PM

Tahoe City – Sawtooth Restaurant – 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Sparks – John Ascuaga's Nugget – 12:10 PM

So. Lake Tahoe – Harrah's – 7:00 PM

Reno Rotoract – 7:30 PM every other week

Visit [www.renorotoract.com](http://www.renorotoract.com) for location

### Thursday

Sparks Centennial Sunrise – Davids @ Red Hawk - 7AM

Tahoe Incline – Hyatt – 7:00 AM

Fernley – Frontier Fun Center – 11:30 AM

Reno South – Atlantis – 12:00 PM

Truckee – Hampton Inn – 12:00 PM

Carson City Sunset – Eagle Valley GC – 6:30 PM

### Friday

Reno Sunrise – Siena Hotel Spa Casino – 7:00 AM

Tahoe Douglas – MontBleu Resort – 12:00 PM

### Online

e-club one - [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

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## More About the Rotary International Convention

Birmingham, England

June 21 – 24

By Martha Greene

A big high light of every convention is the opening ceremony. This year was no exception. The flag ceremony is always a treat with the flag of every Rotary county given a few moments of glory. I'll never forget this ceremony in San Antonio when the flag bearers were on horseback. Los Angeles was special because our niece (outbound to Japan this year) was part of the group which carried the flags. In Birmingham a local Tae Kwan Do group was in charge of the display. The opening Plenary Session ended with a fabulous Korean fan dance. Here is a photo I found on Facebook.



Waiting for a plenary session to begin there is a buzz of talk in many different languages and a furious exchange of business cards. It is such a pleasure to be with so many people who share the ideals and goals of Rotary. The RI Convention always attracts big stars in the NGO sector and this one was no exception. Ban-ki Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations was a surprise speaker at the first plenary session. Mia Farrow and Jane Goodall were scheduled speakers at later sessions. Although Ms. Farrow was a very polished speaker I think my favorites were Clarissa Brocklehurst and Tom Henderson. Ms. Brocklehurst works for UNICEF as the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene chief and she quickly won me over by saying that Water, Sanitation and Hygiene means “taps, toilets and clean

hands”. Mr. Henderson created the Shelter Box, which has grown to a worldwide effort to house disaster victims immediately after a cyclone, earthquake or other disaster. Shelter Box was the first and only outside NGO allowed into Myanmar after the cyclone. Shelter Boxes supply housing and basic necessities for ten people.

Plenary sessions are educational and entertaining and Jon and I never miss them.

Next year the convention is in Montreal, Canada. You can register now to get the best price. Go to the RI web page for more information about the 2010 Convention.

Martha Greene

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## RSR Officers / Board Members

President – Mike Clifton

President-Elect – Harvey Miller

President-Nominee – John Hetz

Secretary – Mark Kattelman

Treasurer – Brian DeLisle

Immediate Past President – Thom Collins

Club Service – Helen Graham

Community Service – Virginia Haliwell

RYE – Jay Shaw

Vocational Service – Allan Sisia

Director at Large – Mark Anderson

Director at Large – Ron Rehn

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## You know you are living in 2009 when...

- ❑ You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
  - ❑ You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
  - ❑ You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 3.
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## Rotary History Library

### Where Did Rotary Get It's Name?

1896-1905 ....In 1900, Paul Harris went with a professional friend to his suburban home. After dinner, as they strolled through the neighborhood, Paul's friend introduced him to tradesmen in their stores. This reminded Paul of his grandparent's home in New England. Why not have a fellowship composed of businessmen from different occupations, without restrictions of politics or religion?" On February 23, 1905, Paul Harris proposed that they form a club. No name was chosen for the group. The second meeting was March 9<sup>th</sup>. Three other men, Harry Ruggles, William Jensen, and A. L. White joined them. Ruggles was a printer, and created the "name badge" version of the Rotary "wheel" and also started singing in Rotary. In fact his singing kept the group from disbanding more than once. Paul Harris later wrote: "The significant of the second meeting was the introduction of Harry Ruggles, the printer. Harry was destined to play an important part in the life of the Chicago club, for through his suggestion of club singing his influence has been made felt by the entire movement." The name "Rotary" was chosen because the club met in rotation at each member's place of business.

Submitted by Linda Tuxon

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is  
THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN  
YOUR HANDS**

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## Last Week's Meeting



President Mike hands Thom his past president's pin

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Ralph Levenberg, a survivor of the Bataan "death march" talked about his experiences in WWII

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## Mike's Memos Newsletter

Thanks to everyone who has assisted with the newsletters including Martha Greene, Linda Tuxon, Jon Greene, John Hetz and Don Iddings. Send submissions to Jim Gerhard, Editor at [mikesmemos@att.net](mailto:mikesmemos@att.net)

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