

# Greenes' Better Half



Rotary Club of Reno Sunrise • Chartered – April 14, 1989 • Club No. 26317

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### About Our District

Rotary District 5190 encompasses the California Mother load, Northeastern California and the vast area of Northern Nevada. The District size is roughly 80,000 square miles and includes a wide diversity of terrain and climates.

As of June, 2005, there were 2,590 club members in 50 clubs, 30 clubs in California and 20 clubs in Nevada.

### A History of Rotary District 5190 1915-2005

In 1915 officers of Rotary International recognized the need for more efficient administration of the rapidly growing, geographically widespread number of clubs being chartered. A worldwide division into Rotary Districts resulted. District 13 was comprised of clubs from California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Hawaii. Henry Brunnier of the Rotary Club of San Francisco was elected District Governor of District 13 for the Rotary year 1915 - 1916. Brunnier was followed in 1916-1917 by Homer Sumption of the Rotary Club of San Diego. The Rotary Club of Reno, the oldest club in present-day District 5190, was chartered under Sumption's governorship.

Then, in 1918 the designation of District 13 was changed to District 23. Chartering of new clubs was relatively slow in these early years because the central office believed a service area population of at least 30,000 was necessary in

order for a club to exist and function successfully. Eventually, when RI removed this requirement, growth accelerated. In 1922 the designation changed again, from District 23 to District 2. This district was now made up of clubs from California, Nevada, Hawaii and Mexico. Now the chartering of new clubs exceeded all expectations, and as a result District 2 was split into five districts in 1937. Northern California and Nevada became District 105. Growth continued, and many new clubs were chartered in Northern California as well as three more in Nevada.

After 10 years, in 1947, it was time for another division of the district. District 109 was split from District 105 and boundaries were reduced. Although the District 109 designation lasted only two years, six new clubs were chartered, including two in Nevada, during this period. Rotary International again changed designations in 1949 and former District 109 became District 164. We remained 164 until 1957, when continued growth of the district necessitated division once more. The district was split with Northern California being divided. The new district, number 519, now included the northeastern part of California from Walnut Grove on the south to the Oregon border and all of Nevada except for the southern tip (Las Vegas ). In 1957 District 519 was comprised of 51 clubs with a total of 3315 members. During the ensuing years the chartering of new clubs in District 519 continued at a moderate pace. Also, a minor boundary change on the western edge of the district brought in two existing clubs, Gridley and West Sacramento.

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By 1987 the district had grown to 64 Rotary Clubs, and it was becoming increasingly difficult for District Governors to perform their required duties in the time frame prescribed by Rotary International. Throughout the United States the proliferation of clubs had resulted in more and smaller districts. District 519 was now geographically one of the largest in the United States. A proposal to divide into two districts with 33 clubs in one and 31 clubs in the other was approved by the RI Board of Directors in 1988. However, a campaign by dissenting clubs was successful, and a poll of all clubs in the district resulted in a rejection of the split. Additional new clubs were chartered, and in 1990 a new proposal for splitting was put before the clubs of District 519 which now numbered 69 clubs with 4,456 members. This proposal divided the district along the ridge of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, but this was also rejected by the club members. In early 1991, the RI Board of Directors changed the district numbering system from three digit designations to four. District 519 became District 5190 in July, 1991. Club extension committees continued to be successful, and new clubs were chartered throughout the district.

Finally, a division meeting the approval of all clubs was proposed. New District 5180, comprised of 34 clubs in the Sacramento, Marysville/Yuba City and Oroville areas, was split off from 5190. Now, District 5190 was reduced to 46 clubs (45 after Lake Tahoe Southeast was disbanded). The district included most of Nevada, as before, and the foothill and mountain areas of Northeastern California. This division was effective July 1, 1995. Although the number of clubs in District 5190 was reduced, the geographical size still remains the largest in the 48 contiguous states. Much of the earliest history of our district is now in the archives of other districts of which we were once a part. But District 5190 has a proud heritage. Support of the Rotary Foundation has always placed us among the highest districts. A total of \$1,400,000 was raised for Polio Plus, far in excess of the ambitious goal of \$1,104,000. District 5190 ranked among the five highest districts in the world in support of the Benefactor Program in 1988, and this support continues.

Our District and the Clubs have continuously been involved in international programs through World Community Service and the Foundation. We have participated with countries in Africa, Asia, Central and South America and Russia.

**President Martha**



## **This Week's Program**

**Tim Doan**

### **Charter Communications**

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## September Birthdays

September 1                      Kerry Crawford  
September 11                     John Albrecht  
September 16                     Jim Van Winkle  
September 27                     Sue Collins

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## September Anniversaries

September 19                     Ron & Irene Byrd

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## Upcoming Programs

### October 6, 2006

Asst Coach Dave Carter  
Wolfpack Mens Basketball

### October 13, 2006

Chris Askin  
Community Foundation of Western NV

### October 20, 2006

Mike Compston  
Dairy Council

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## Upcoming Events

### September 28 – October 1, 2006

RSR \$1,000,000 Hole In One Shoot Out

### October 7, 2006

Seniors Flu Vaccination Day  
Senior Center, 9<sup>th</sup> and Sutro

### October 11

Board Meeting – all members welcome  
6:00 PM @ Thom Collin's Office  
410 California Ave

### November 8, 2006

Reno/Sparks Area Rotary Foundation Dinner,  
5:30PM at the Peppermill

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## Officers / Board Members

President – Martha Greene  
President-Elect – Brian DeLisle  
President-Nominee – Thom Collins  
Secretary – Mark Kattelman  
Treasurer – Steve Bamberger  
Immediate Past President – Virginia Haliwell  
Club Service – Lyn Zanetti (2008)  
Community Service – Linda Tuxton (2009)  
International Service – John Albrecht (2007)  
Vocational Service – Ron Simpkins (2007)  
Director at Large – Mike Clifton (2008)  
Director at Large – Harvey Miller (2009)

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## CLUBS FOR MAKE-UP

### Monday

Reno – Harrah's - 12:00 PM  
Incline Village – Sierra NV College - 12:15 PM

### Tuesday

Carson City – CC Nugget – 12:00 PM  
Reno Central – Peppermill – 12:00 PM  
Reno Centennial Sunset – Tamarak – 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Sparks – John Ascuaga's Nugget – 12:10 PM  
So. Lake Tahoe – Harrah's – 7:00 PM

### Thursday

Sparks Centennial Sunrise – Wingfield Springs 7:00 AM  
Reno South – Atlantis – 12:00 PM  
Carson City Sunset – Devincenzi's Grill – 6:30 PM

### Friday

Reno Sunrise – Siena Hotel Spa Casino – 7:00 AM  
Tahoe Douglas – Caesar's – 12:00 PM

### Online

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e-club D-7890 - [www.rotaryclub7890.org](http://www.rotaryclub7890.org)  
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