

## Biography for Noreen Leary

Noreen Leary is the Chief Executive Officer of the Veterans Guest House (VGH). She has held this position since 2004. She is responsible for overall management of the facility.

The Veterans Guest House, the only facility of its kind in the United States, provides temporary housing for our military veterans and their families when they undergo medical treatment in the Reno/Sparks area. The service has been provided since 1994. In 2004 a brand new home was built with 12 beds and in 2012 a new building was opened that brought the total number of beds to 17. The VGH is a non-profit corporation that is totally dependent upon private donations for their operation.

Noreen is a native of Butte, Montana and has lived in Reno since 1985. She is a graduate of the University of Montana (BA in Mathematics) and the London Business School (MBA equivalent). She taught school for a short time before spending 20 years in the electric utility industry. She began work in the non-profit world in 2003.

Noreen is a member of numerous professional and networking organizations but in particular, the Reno Elks, a member and past president of the local chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and a member of the Reno Sunrise Rotary Club, including past president, Group Study Exchange leader to India, RYLA Camp chair and Assistant Governor. She loves to have fun and enjoys bicycling, cross country skiing and photography to mention a few hobbies. She also attempting to learn to play the ukulele. Noreen is single and has lots of extended family and friends.