

Our annual scholarship award was presented to an outstanding senior at Nevada Union High School - \$1,000.00.

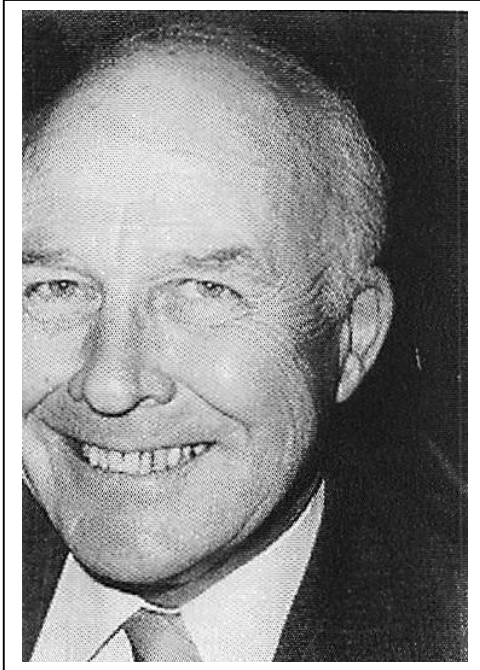
The club's membership increased by approximately 8% during the year with an average of 75 members.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Kansas City, MO 26-29 May, 1985 with 13,760 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by John W. Raggio.



*R.I. President Stan McCraffwery (1981 – 1982)
Speaks to Rotary Club of Grass Valley*



1985 – 1986

PRESIDENT: JIM YOUNG
Classification: General Law Practice

President Elect: GEORGE COOK
Vice President: BILL WARREN
Secretary/Treas: CHRIS SCHAFF

DIRECTORS: George Cook, Bill Elliott, Walt Graham, Mel Mouser, Jon Peek, Bill Warren

President R.I.: Edward F. Cadman
East Wenatchee, WA

Governor Dist. 519: Rafael (Doc) Dufficy, Jr.,
Carmichael, CA

President Jim Young got an early start -in preparing for his year due to the transfer of John Raggio before he had completed his year as president of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

After arranging for a concert by the U.S. Marine Band as a benefit for the Nevada Union High School Band it was disappointing to have to cancel the concert due to lack of approval for the performance to be held in the High School auditorium. The club, always supportive of the schools in our area, contributed \$1,700.00 to Lyman Gilmore School for the purchase of a computer to be used by students in the upper grades English classes.

The repairs to the Bar-B-Que area in Memorial Park were completed and dedicated to Past President Wayne Brown who had served as the "head Chef" for years and always provided the club with excellent BBQ outings with Wives and friends in attendance.

Under the leadership of Bill Warren and Bill Elliott the Silent Auction raised \$3,000.00 (net). This was given to the Board of the Lyman Gilmore School for use at their discretion.

"Insight Radio Theater" received \$250.00 from the Club and the Historical Society received assistance for their documentary on "Gold Mining".

Three new Bus Stop Shelters were built by members and installed.

The Christmas party has held at Lake Wildwood on December 19th. A good Dinner, fine fellowship and dancing were enjoyed by all.

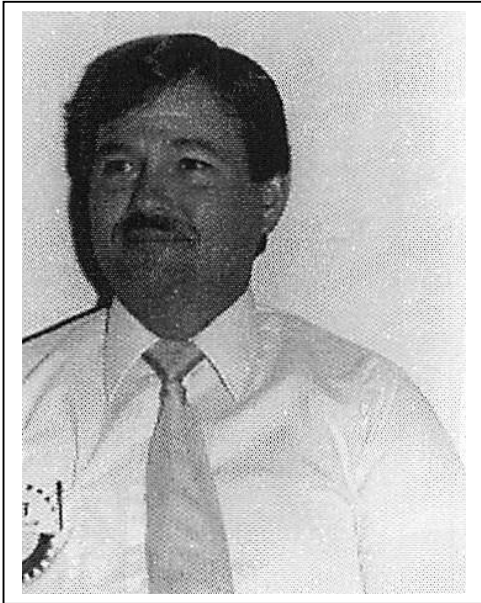
After a review and study of the Dues and initiation fee it was decided that dues should be raised from \$50.00 to \$75.00 and that the initiation fee should be increased to \$100.00.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A. June 1 - 4, 1986 with 18,426 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Jim Young.



*Members of the Rotary Club of Oakland, CA
Visit Grass Valley and the Idaho Maryland Mine
June 10, 1952*



1986 – 1987

PRESIDENT: BILL WARREN
Classification: Dentistry

President Elect: LYLE JONES
Vice President: AL ASTRAND
Secretary/Treas: CHRIS SCHAFF

DIRECTORS: Dave Breninger, John Dickerson,
Jack Moorhead, Mel Mouser, Jon Peek, Tim
Tetzlaff

PRESIDENT R.I.: M.A.T Caparas,
Manila, Philippines

GOVERNOR DIST. 519: Ernest G. Leonhardt
Quincy, CA

In addition to enjoying the camaraderie of weekly meetings, several functions were held to advance fellowship in the club. An attendance contest, under the direction of Don Unger and Lyle Jones was held for several weeks in the spring. Attendance was boosted well over the 90% level. Joint meetings were held with the Rotary Club of Nevada City honoring the Group Study Exchange team from Australia, and to host the National Security Briefing Team of the USAF from the Air War College in Atlanta. We also held a Nevada City vs. Grass Valley Rotary Soft Ball game. A Golf tournament coordinated by Ed Sylvester, the Christmas Party planned by Bob Nix, and the Demotion party planned by Jim Young and Hollis Mortenson were additional highlights in fellowship this year.

Monthly Board meetings were continued in the pot luck format and two actions of the Board were especially significant, First, as a result of rising liability insurance costs to the Holiday Cabaret Restaurant, the meeting location was moved to Alta Sierra County Club, Second, an annual mandatory fine level of \$50.00 per member (in excess of existing standard fines and penalty fines) was instituted to allow for more equal distribution of fines, and to provide a more consistent fine income for budgetary purposes.

Many projects were funded and/or carried out by the club this year. The annual \$1,000.00 high school student scholarship was awarded to Amy Kolar. New carpeting for the Children's Room at the Grass Valley Library was purchased at cost (\$900.) from and installed by Randy Young of Young's Interiors.

The Annual fund-raiser, "Casino Night" was a great success. 94 people attended an evening of fun at the gaming tables, enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and danced to super-oldies but goodies music. More than \$1,100 in prizes was claimed by the "Casino Night" participants, and a net profit of just over \$2,500 was made available to fund the start of the Junior Achievement program at Nevada Union High School.

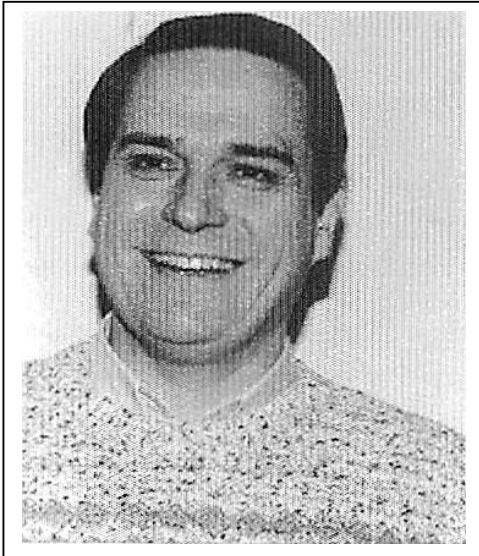
Rotary Foundation activities were highlighted by the beginning of the educational phase of the "Polio-Plus" Campaign. This outstanding effort involves fund-raising efforts with a minimum world wide goal of 120 million dollars, and then completing the project through immunizing the children of the world against poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, pertussis, diphtheria, measles and tetanus.

Under the leadership of chairman Ken Casper, support for the Rotary Foundation again has been outstanding. Five Paul Harris Fellow awards were made (Sam Aanestad, Bill Beck, Ken Casper Jr., Bill Deupree, Jack Treskes) and sixteen Paul Harris Sustaining Memberships were initiated (Donna Carver, Dana Deupree, John Dickerson Ruth Doyle, Carol Elizondo, Angela Elliott, Lyle Jones, Mary Krill, Marian Mover, Warren Moyer, Jon Peek, Walty Reid, Adrienne Schaaf, Pat Schultz, Juanice Thomas, Don Whitmer). Two bequests were made to the Rotary Foundation as well (Ed Doyle, Gordon Moyer). Almost all of these people received recognition for these contributions at the club meeting on the Rotary Foundation on September 29, 1986. Total contributions to The Rotary Foundation for 1986-87 were \$5,472.00.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Munich, Germany June 7-10, 1987 with an estimated 16,000 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The club membership was 67 and the end of my year.

The above information was supplied by Bill Warren.



1987 - 1988

PRESIDENT: LYLE JONES
CLASSIFICATION: Podiatry

President Elect: AL ALSTRAND
Vice President: ED SCOFIELD
Secretary/Treas.: CHRIS SCHAFF

PRESIDENT R.I.: Charles C. Keller
California, WA, U.S.A.

GOVERNOR DIST. 519: Paul Nielsen, Alturas, CA

The President's project for this year was to raise funds for a Press Box/Scorer's Booth for the football field at Bear River High School. The second annual "Casino Night" provided the means for the fund raising. With excellent member participation the club raised a net of \$3,000 for this project.

A new Interact club was formed at Nevada Union High School. Credit for the success of this worthwhile project in service to youth goes to Steve Hagenbaugh who gave generously of his time and enthusiasm. The Interact Club was chartered by R.I. on December 17, 1988 with 19 charter members. Steve was asked by District Governor Nominee Bob Pierce to serve as District representative for Interact.

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley pledged over \$22,000 toward the "Polio-Ples" program of The Rotary Foundation. This exceeded the "Fair Share" which had been designated for our club.

Scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to Dorothy Hall of Bear River High School and Angela Dingman of Nevada Union High School.

Under the coordinating efforts of Wallace Judd the Rotary Club of Grass Valley hosted the Zone Speech Contest in April. As a part of his efforts Wallace developed an excellent step by step program to be used by all clubs in the district speech contests.

Organizational donations from the Rotary Club of Grass Valley went to the following:

Mother Lode Special Olympics	\$174.00
News Reused	\$275.00
Channel 6 KVIE-Programming of "Wonderworks".	
Nevada County Ministerial Association	\$150.00
G.V. Relief Society "Donation Day"	\$50.00
Rotary Youth Leadership awards	\$160.00
Rotary Club of Ione (New Club)	\$100.00
Western Gateway Park	\$200.00
Interfaith Food Ministry	\$250.00
Boy Scouts of America Troop 4	\$220.00
Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital LIFELINE	\$500.00

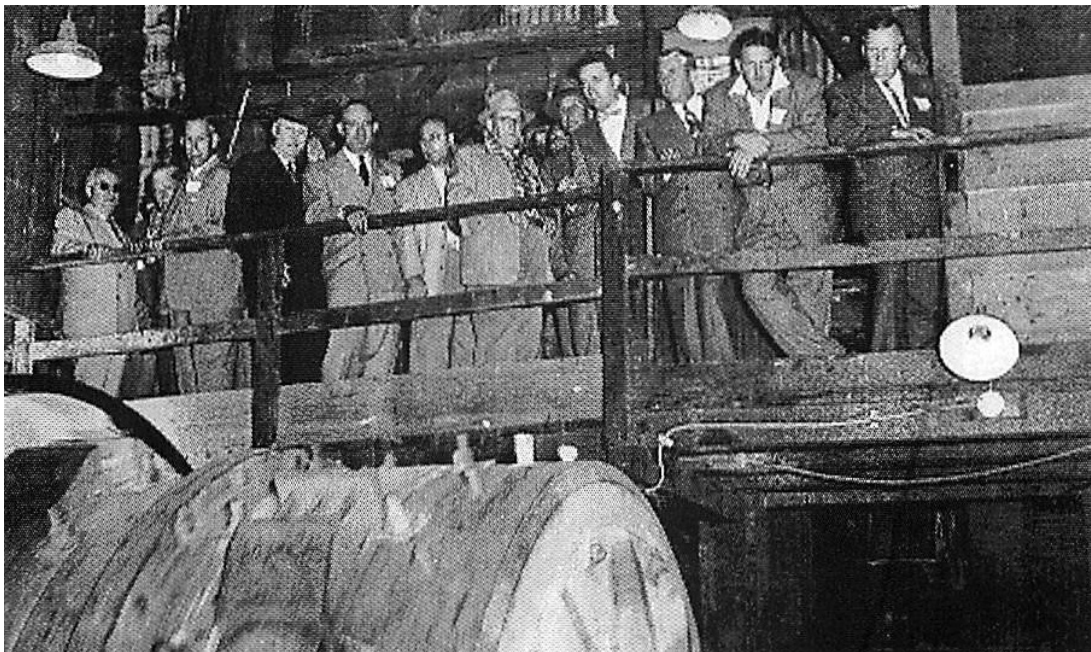
Club activities of a more social nature included several Soft-ball games with the Rotary Club of Nevada City. It is to be well noted that The Rotary Club of Grass Valley went UNDEFEATED. (There could have been a better turnout for these fun days.)

John Dickerson put together a great evening of fellowship with the Christmas party at Alta Sierra Country Club.

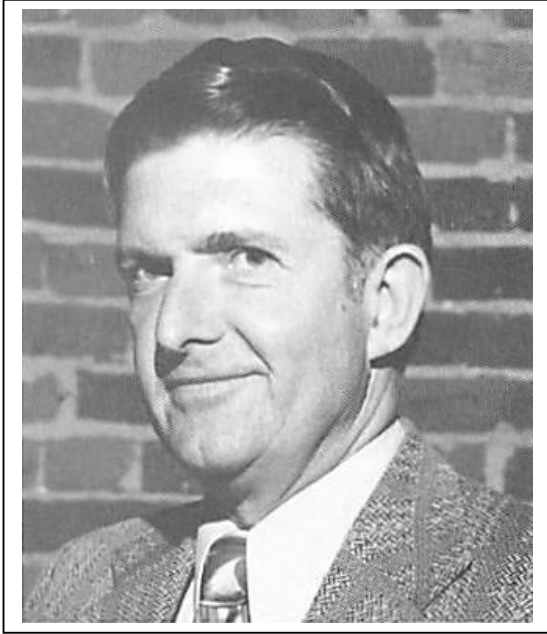
The one vexing problem during the year was the necessity of having to move the meeting place three times during the year-but we made it.... 72 members by the end of the year

The International Convention was held in Philadelphia, PA, USA May 22-25, 1988 with an estimated 16,316 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above Information was supplied by Lyle Jones.



Visiting Rotarians at the Tungston Mill at Idaho Maryland Mine



1988 – 1989

PRESIDENT: AL ALSTRAND
Classification: Pension Planning

President Elect: ED SCOFIELD
Vice President: WALLACE JUDD
Secretary/Treas.: CHRIS SCHAFF

DIRECTORS: Bill Astel, Bill Beck, Rick Blakemore, Bob Nix, Ed Sylvester

PRESIDENT R.I. A H. Royce Abbey
Greenvale, Victoria,
Australia

Governor Dist 519: Robert Pierce, Reno NV

This has been an exciting year for the Rotary Club of Grass Valley. The big 49er fire had a major effect on all of us in this part of Nevada County. Everyone in this area not harmed by the fire went all-out to help those that were hit and in their efforts to re-establish the burned areas with seeding of grass lands with quality seeds and forest areas with Ponderosa pine seedlings. The major project called "GREEN AGAIN" which the Rotary Club sponsored was headed by Ric Blakemore who did a tremendous job in getting funds for the seeding which was done in cooperation with the U.S. Conservation group and the California Division of Forestry. Rotary provided \$12,750 of the total \$55,000 project.

Several weekends were used in distributing 60,000 Ponderosa Pine seedlings for replanting of burned over lands. The seedlings were supplied by the Louisiana Pacific Lumber Co. Members of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley handled the distribution of the Seedlings to qualified recipients.

The Bar-B-Que at the Fairgrounds raised funds for the club to cover contributions to the Boy Scouts, Women's Relief Society, Interact and Junior Achievement. Scholarships of \$1,000 were presented to two students from Nevada Union High School and Bear High School and \$225 to send a contestant to the Handicapped Olympics held in Los Angeles.

The balance of Lew Roos' Sustaining Paul Harris Fellowship was picked up by the club and the Paul Harris fellowship in Lew's name was presented to his widow and son. Lew was an outstanding Rotarian and was loved by all who knew him.

The Rotary International Convention was held May 21-24 In Seoul Korea with 38,878 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

Wallace Judd computerized a profile and roster of the membership of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

The above information was supplied by Al Alstrand.

1989 – 1990

PRESIDENT: ED SCOFIELD

Vice President: David Breninger

Secretary/Treas.: Chris Schaaf

Directors: Tom Rumble, Rick Blakemore,
Bill Beck, Wallace Judd, Ed Sylvester, Bob Nix, Morgan
Stoltz, Al Alstrand

R.I. President: Hugh M. Archer, Dearborn, MI

Governor Dist. 519: Jim Thompson, Carmichael, CA



Of historical note, our first woman member, Judy Hess, was inducted into the club. I am also proud to say that the Rotary Bell and gavel were never stolen during my term.

Our major fundraiser was a casino night. It was a smaller version of what eventually was moved to the fairgrounds. This event was held at the Nevada County Horseman's.

One of our best social activities was a retreat that was held at the Rainbow Inn off of Interstate 80.

The project of the year was the construction of a sidewalk from Brighton Street to Gate 1 at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. This project was completed under the direction of member Bob Nix, and was constructed with the help of member Scott Robertson's brother-in-law. In later years, member Bill Schultz was able to assist in obtaining funding from the County of Nevada which allowed the continuation of the sidewalk to Gate 4 on the Fairgrounds.

We sponsored a Rotary Exchange student from Sweden. Margareta Hjort spent a school year with members of the club. She spent time living at the homes of Ed Scofield, Jon Katis and Rick Blakemore.

The meetings were held at The Office the entire year. It was not always a happy relationship, and one of our more memorable periods was the rebellion of several members who began to brown bag their lunches. A peace between the cook, who felt most of our members were a bunch of jerks, and our members who insisted burnt rice was not an appropriate meal, was eventually reached. However, the meeting site was moved shortly after my term.

The demotion was held in Jon Katis's back yard where his girls had constructed a large banner that read "Good-by Eddie, Hello Wally". I thought it was pretty cool, but Wallace never did appreciate being called "Wally".

The Rotary International Convention was held in Portland, OR on June 24-27, 1990 with 21,053 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by Ed Scofield

1990 – 1991

President: WALLACE JUDD

President Elect: Ed Sylvester
Vice President: David Breninger
Secretary: Tom Lathrop
Treasurer: Chris Schaaf

Directors: Ed Scofield, Tom Rumble, Jon Katis, Morgan Stoltz,
Ed Sylvester, Dave Breninger, Rick Blakemore, Barry Burrows

R.I. President: Paulo V.C. Costa
Santos, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Governor Dist. 519: Millard Tonkin, So. Sacramento, CA

We started the year meeting at The Office and moved in November to Ruby's on Colfax Ave. The club had 78 members throughout the year and our attendance was 93.4% for December.

Each member received a copy of the 64th anniversary Blue Book

Some of our club highlights included:

- Hosting Anna Hjort of Sweden as a R.I. exchange student and hosting area R.I. exchange students Sept 8 & 9 at the Nevada County Fairgrounds
- Presenting \$100.00 Savings Bonds to newborn children of club members
- \$1,000 scholarships were given to students of Nevada Union and Bear River High Schools
- \$200 was presented to the Nevada County Job Fair
- April 21, 1991 – River City Queen Riverboat cruise with 64 members and guests attending
- May 11-14 – Our club hosted the GSE team from Brazil

The Rotary International Convention was held in Mexico City, Mexico on June 2-5, 1991 with 15,638 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

1991 - 1992

President: EDWARD B. SYLVESTER
Classification: CIVIL ENGINEER

President Elect: DAVID BRENINGER
Vice President: MORGAN STOLTZ
Secretary/Treas.: TOM LATHROP
CHRIS SCHAAF

Directors: Rick Blakemore, Barry Burrows, Tom Collier, Jon Katis, Scott Robertson, Chris Rumble, Wallace Judd



President of R.I.: RAJENDRA K. SABOO, Chandigarh, India
Governor District: THOMAS HARRIS, Yuba City, CA

President's Project: DISC GOLF COURSE, CONDON PARK

Accomplishments in Each Avenue of Service

Club Service:	INITIATED CASINO NIGHT
Vocational Service:	FREED POOL FUNDING
Community Service:	BUILT DISC GOLF COURSE, CONDON PARK
International Service:	YOUTH LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIPS

The goal of President Sylvester and the Board of Directors of Rotary Club for the 1991/1992 year was to improve the financial condition of the Club. Absent of a major fundraiser and project for a long period, the Club finances had declined to an alarming state. It was imperative the Club find a way to not only stabilize finances, but also to begin to broaden its community service programs.

At the end of the year the Club was in sound financial condition and had established a major fund raiser through its Casino Night project. It had also initiated and completed a major project in the construction of the Grass Valley Condon Park Disc Golf Course. (In 1999 the Disc Golf Course was named the number one disc golf course in California by a disc golf association.)

Over the year, the Club held several social events, including the 49'er Bus Trip, Sacramento River Cruise and a Sunday afternoon dinner at Soda Springs. The Club also put together a relay team for a team run of the 72 miles around Lake Tahoe.

91/92 YEAR IN REVIEW

- Rotary Club Relay Run around Lake Tahoe (probably the first and last annual)
- Hospice Jail Fundraiser - Grass Valley Rotary represented by President Ed was one of the top three donation gathers of all participating.
- FREED Benefit Fair Booth at Senior Center - Garnered considerable funding for FREED which was a total volunteer effort by members of the Club.
- 49er "Bus Trip"
- Fairground Sidewalk - We have a new agreement with the Nevada County Fairgrounds to extend the sidewalk previously installed.
- Rotary Youth Leadership Conference - Sponsored two students at \$600 each. Scholarships - Granted two \$1,000 scholarships to high school students.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters - provided funding for Disneyland trip for a deserving family.
- Environmental Summit - Provided funds to Dave Franc's son to attend Environmental Summit.
- Nevada County Fair - Purchased animals
- Disc Golf- Conceived and constructed Disc Golf Course as a major project and dedicated it to the city. Over 3,000 Rotary hours and substantial Club financial support were involved.
- Casino Night - Conducted major fund raising event which may establish a precedent for future years fund raisers.
- FREED Pool - Contributed \$2,000 from Casino Night
- Silver Springs High School - Funded landscaping for new classrooms.
- Volunteer of the Year Award - To Glenn Jones from District Governor
- District Conference Award - For exhibit of Disc Golf project
- \$\$\$ - Stabilized our financial position.

The Rotary International Convention was held in ORLANDO, FLORIDA on June 14-17, 1992 with 19,111 Rotarians and guests in attendance. 1992-1993 President Barry Burrows and his wife, Pat, attended as representatives of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

1992 – 1993

President: BARRY BURROWS

Secretary: TOM LATHROP

Treasurer: CHRIS SCHAAF

Directors: Jack Lane, Scott Robertson
Tony Rosas, Tom Rumble, Chris Schaaf, Morgan
Stolz, Jim Tetzlaff, Monty East, Ed Sylvester, Jon Katis

President of R.I.: Clifford Dochterman, North Stockton, CA

Governor Dist. 5190: Charles M. Alexander, E. Sacramento, CA

The president's project for the year was to build a bus shelter on Hwy 49 and the sale of PAAL – Personal Attach Alarms.

August 14 was a day we held a joint meeting with the Penn Valley Rotary Club. On Feb. 13, we had a successful Casino Night, raising \$3,695.05 for the club.

The club donations included: \$200.00 to the Senior Center for an Infrared Hearing Aid System, \$500.00 for Stadium Lights at Bear River, \$1,000.00 to FREED, \$1,000.00 to Lyman Gilmore for the Small Engine Repair Lab Vocational Project. PG&E also donated \$500.00 to that project.

We sent a 3rd student to RYLA this year because there were so many outstanding candidates. (Thanks Monty!)

The new Penn Valley Club received a new bell and gavel and we participated in their Charter meeting on June 5, 1993. Chuck Elizondo is representing our club as a sponsor.

Pat Ward and Dick Panzica head up the Speech Contest, however, Dick will subsequently resign the GV club to become a charter member of Penn Valley Rotary. Pat handles the Speech Contest solo.

Our club participated in a basketball game with community leaders VS Raiders/49ers to benefit CAST – a school volunteer assistance program. We played one quarter.

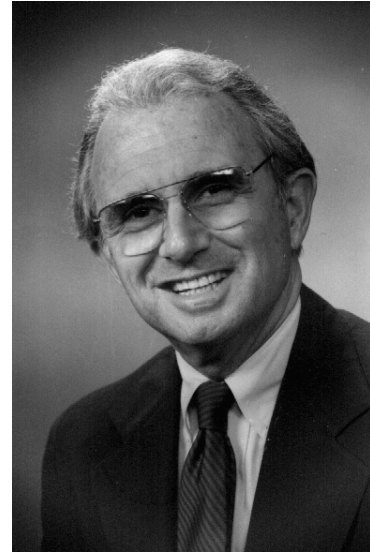
Melbourne, Australia was the site of the Rotary International Convention on May 23-26, 1993 with 22,083 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

1993 - 1994

President: MORGAN S. STOLTZ
Classification: STOCK BROKER

President Elect: JON KATIS
Vice-President: SCOTT ROBERTSON
Secretary: TOM LATHROP
Treasurer: CHRIS SCHAAF

DIRECTORS: Monty East, John Peplowski,
John Startden, Tony Rosas, Jim Tetzlaff,
Jack Lane



PRESIDENT of R.I.: Robert Barth, Arau, Switzerland

GOVERNOR DISTRICT: #519 Jerry L. Hall, Reno, NV

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT: Basketball Court at Condon Park

For the year, the President's project was to build a basketball court at Condon Park. Glenn Jones led this effort and many members participated with a cost of over \$6,000.00. The "Casino Night" project provided the funds. This was our big project for the year, chaired by Dale Hafelfinger, which netted over \$10,500.00.

During the year, we made a serious effort to expand the number of Paul Harris Fellows as well as sustaining members. Through the effort of Jon Standen, we recognized four new Paul Harris Fellows and nine new sustaining members. We contributed \$4,653.00 plus \$3,075.00 in matching funds.

For the first time, we manned a booth at the Draft Horse Classic, selling ribs prepared by our member, Bill Schultz. The fellowship was good, the monetary rewards were minimal. A new relationship was established with Lyman Gilmore School, "Adopt-A-School" through the efforts of Monty East.

We had a special fellowship meeting at the North Star Mine with our wives. Our club was the initial sponsor in 1970 through the efforts of Glenn Jones.

A few special lunch meetings included a trip to Folsom Prison, a trip to Beale Air Force Base and a luncheon recognizing all the past Presidents. We also had a monthly birthday table for member recognition.

The District had a ski race in which a few members, Jim Keil, Wallace Judd, Ted Gregg and Morgan Stoltz, participated. Suffice to say, we brought home no trophies.

The District Conference was held in Sparks, Nevada with thirteen members in attendance.

We had our annual golf tournament in May with Jim Tetzlaff as chair. Our annual Christmas party was held at Lake Wildwood Country Club with a large contingent of members attending.

We sent two students to RYLA Camp at Fleet River and also presented two \$1,000.00 scholarships to seniors at Nevada Union High School.

Donations from Grass Valley Rotary included:

- \$500.00 Bear River High School "Parents for Kids"
- \$250.00 Senior Citizens Foundation
- \$350.00 "Together We Can"
- \$100.00 Truckee/Sunrise Charter Night
- \$1,000.00 2 school bus shelters (construction by Bill Beck)
- \$1,000.00 "Field of Dreams" playground

All in all, we had a successful year with 84 members strong!

SITE OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Taipai, Taiwan on June 12-15, 1994. 31,161 Rotarians and guests attended.

The above information was provided by Morgan Stoltz

1994 – 1995

President: JON KATIS

President Elect: SCOTT ROBERTSON

Vice President: MONTY EAST

Secretary: TOM LATHROP

Treasurer: CHRIS SCHAAF

Directors: Jon Byerrum, Tony Rosas,
Jack Lane, Dale Hafelfinger, Jon Standen,
John Peplowski

President of R.I.: Bill Huntley, Lincolnshire,
England



Governor Dist. 5190: Gorden Bordsen, Marysville, CA

My project for the year was the refurbishment of the Memorial Park Pool. Total cost was approximately \$60,000. The funds were provided by Casino Night, Fair booth proceeds, City of Grass Valley funds, Nevada County funds and many donations of time and materials. The project management for this work was provided by none other than Glenn Jones. Tony Rosas donated all architectural work for this project. Tony also provided me with the name of Gene Freitas who eventually became our general contractor. The work included:

- Demolishing the existing locker rooms
- Creating indoor showers for both locker rooms
- Replacing existing Bathroom facilities in both locker rooms
- Re-roofing the entire structure and adding skylights to both locker rooms
- Tiling both locker rooms

The purpose behind this project was to provide the competitive swimmers in our community with a year round facility to train in. At the time, all competitive swimmers trained at Nevada Union High School pool in the winter causing age group swimmers to get pool time at 9:00pm. This renovation relieved this problem. During my year our club celebrated its 70th anniversary. On March 13, 1995 we celebrated the occasion at our regular meeting with a special cake and a singing telegram which I wrote but did not perform. I had a professional take care of that.

One of the low points of my year was the untimely death of our member John Wright. One of the high points of that year was the presenting of John's daughter with the Rotary Scholarship at the awards night at NU that same year.

The absolute worst moment of my year was the day we inducted Larry Goodfriend into our club. Just kidding, Larry.

We held a Rotary golf tournament at Alta Sierra
Country Club that year as well as a tour of
Renaissance Vineyards as a fellowship event.

I enjoyed my year as President but as everyone before and after me, I was glad to see the
end of June arrive.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Nice France June 11-14, 1995 with
34,077 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

FELLOW MEMBERS

*We meet every week at Evergreens
To discuss our future plans
We always have a project cooking
And another one in the pan
Isn't it amazing what a bunch of old farts can do
Rotarians, I'm proud of you!*

*Seventy five old geezers, John's the kid at fifty eight
Four sensible women to make sure they get it straight!
If you want to get the job well done, you bet we can
Nevada County Rotarians*

*Cleared the way for a Disk Golf course
And a basketball court too
Put a sidewalk in front of the fairgrounds
The adopted School Program, it's true
Look at all the wonderful things that we have done
Rotarians are number one!*

*Nineteen presidents have served in the club thus far
Each and every one of you has performed way beyond par
Larry served as president from forty seven to forty eight
He's the oldest member in the Rotary to date
Ninety two years old, a living legend you might say
We're grateful for all the good work you've done along the way*

*Our Building Project Supervisor
,Is none other than Glenn Jones
Seventy years old and going strong
Still out there grinding stones
He knows where we're going, He knows where we've been
He's a Rotarian*

*Bill's the bus stop Building Guru
Out Nevada County way
Knows which bus is coming
And what the signs should say
Our distinguished District Governors
Gordon and Kim*

Nevada County Rotarians

*Rick Blakemore stole my bell at a meeting
That was not a nice thing to do
So I held your gold Medallion for Ransom
Just so I could get even with you.
While eating a chocolate sundae
I almost choked on "What the hell?"
Could this be my stolen bell?
(Rick returned it so here's your medallion as well)*

*The Nevada County Rotarians
Are the best organization since time began
Casino night is coming, time to pick up the pace
And put on a happy face.*

**From, Jon Katis
President 1994-95**

1995 – 1996

President: SCOTT ROBERTSON
Classification: CPA

President Elect: MONTY EAST
Vice President: JACK LANE
Secretary: TOM LATHROP
Treasurer: CHRIS SCHAAF

President of R.I.: Herbert G. Brown,
Clearwater, FL
Governor Dist 519: GEORGE TICKNOR
Truckee, CA



The Main focus for the year was the development of a joint Rotary project. Mike Maxey of 49er Rotary, Dave Bunji of Nevada City Rotary and the Grass Valley Rotary agreed to develop and construct ball fields for Soccer and Softball.

Sierra College agreed to let us use their property and, in fact, they paid for approximately \$60,000 in grading. Nevada County contributed \$50,000 through Quimby funds, Nevada County Softball Association contributed \$15,000 and Gold Country Soccer contributed \$20,000. And finally, Grass Valley Rotary club contributed \$28,000 to the project from the proceeds of Casino Night, which was heavily supported by all the contributing organizations. The City of Grass Valley agreed to maintain and schedule the fields once completed. A true private/public project!

Members of the club who contributed countless hours were Glenn Jones and Jim Tetzloff. In addition, Sylvester Engineering contributed all the necessary engineering for the project. Private folks involved include Ron Etlin, Nevada County farm Supply; Chuck Scofield, tractor work; CDF contributed manpower for tractors; Manuel Bros contributed a tractor and Robinson Timber gave use of a scraper.

Monty East and Secretary Tom Lathrop attended the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada on June 23-26, 1996 along with 24,961 other Rotarians and guests.



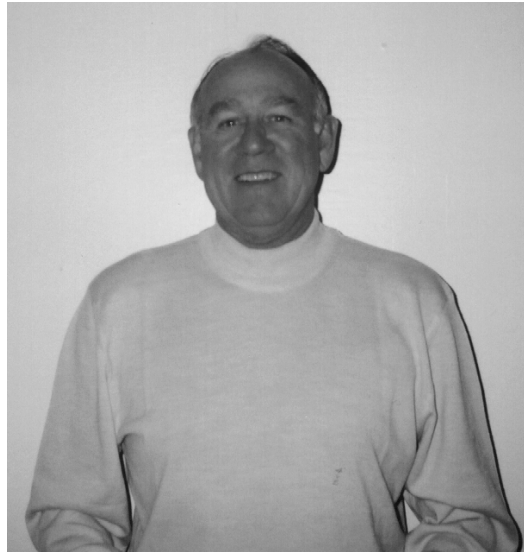
Our very own Bill Beck entertaining us with his Barber shop Quartet
February 14, 2000

1996 – 1997

President: MONTY EAST
Classification: Real Estate

President Elect: JACK LANE (Resigned)
Subsequent Pres Elect: MIKE JOHNSON
Vice President: Jon Byerrum
Secretary: Tom Lathrop
Treasurer: Tom Conley

Directors: Paul Elias, George Grayeb,
Roger Minor, Wyn Spiller, Pat Ward, Scott
Robertson (Past President). Joanne Owens
was brought on when Jack Lane left



President of R.I.: Luis Vicente Giay, Arrecifes, Argentina
Governor District 5190: Joe Doffin, Alturas, CA

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT:

Since we had concentrated on recreation activities/facilities in the near past, it was decided to change direction and explore a more modest project in the realm of service to education. The project that seemed the most noteworthy at this time was addressing a real need in transportation safety for school busses. By providing communication links (radio phones) to existing busses, we would enhance their ability to get emergency situations reported and handled in a timely, efficient manner. The recent past projects, although wonderful projects, had run over budget and depleted the club's project funds to a point where we thought we should scale back until we found out how much our major fund raisers were going to provide.

As a secondary project, we also contributed to the "All Weather Track" project at Nevada Union High School.

CLUB SERVICE:

The "Team Concept" was again used to help the president conduct the affairs of the club. We participated in 3 major fund raisers which were: Casino night, the business fair, and the fair booth (both at the fair and Draft Horse Classic.)

A major contribution to the club was the introduction of a computerized budget and accounting system. This system allowed us to better understand from a fiscal point of view what we could do toward supporting projects and requests for help from various non-profit organizations.

We also took the bold, and at times, controversial step of reducing the meeting time, so we adjourned at 1:15pm instead of 1:30pm.

One of our goals was to have the club participate in more club assemblies. Membership remained constant and generally speaking there were no conflicts in classification assignments for new members.

We participated with the City of Grass Valley in making one of our members (Glenn Jones) a “star” in the sidewalk near City Hall.

The President and Secretary attended the international convention in Calgary.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Beyond our projects for the year, we also helped with the District 5190/5180 Flood Relief Project Fund to help those in the valley that were affected by the devastating floods.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

Adopt-A-School remained a major focus of the club, and through these efforts we were able to assist Lyman Gilmore School in many ways. We donated to: grants for teachers, helped fund the school bulletin, continued the student of the month program, and participated in “Job Search” days and job shadowing endeavors.

We also held two of our regularly scheduled meetings at Lyman Gilmore to better acquaint our members with school personnel, students and activities.

RYLA was again a focus of attention as we sent three (3) students to camp in the Feather River Canyon.

We funded two (2) \$1,000 scholarships and sent one child to Wolf Mountain Camp Angel Tree outing.

Funding was also approved to help send two (2) students to attend the “Youth Leaders of America” Convention in Washington, DC

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

The board unanimously voted to support the “Russian Project” for Rotary. We further supported, by way of a \$1,000 allotment to George Grayeb, sending a member of our club to participate on the “Russian Project Team”.

We further began the process of exchanging a student through the student exchange program. Ty Crosby was our outbound student.

The above information was provided by Monty East

1997 - 1998

President: Mike Johnson
Classification: Promotional Products
Distributor

President Elect: Jon Byerrum
Vice-President: Pat Ward
Secretary: Tom Lathrup
Treasurer: Tom Conley

Directors: Monty East, George Grayeb,
Bret Lowrey, Roger Minor, Johanne Owens,
Wyn Spiller, Dennis Trinidad



President of R.I : Glen Kinross, Hamilton, Brisbane, Australia
District Governor: Lydia Frenzel, Ione, CA

When president elect Jack Lane was called out of the area, Mike was tapped for the roll of president on short notice. With the help of a strong board and a supportive club it was a successful year.

President's Project: Our club provided the funding for the Literacy Council of Nevada County to move into permanent offices. We provided necessary office furniture and equipment as well as the funding for the lease. This allowed the Council to apply for a grant in conjunction with the county library, which lead to the formation of the Nevada County Literacy Service.

Various accomplishments in the avenues of service are as follows:

Club Service:

- Initiated the formation of a local non-profit foundation for our club
- Christmas party at Alta Sierra CC
- New bulletin format developed

Community Service:

- Continued support of the Lyman Gilmore Adopt-A-School
- Program sponsorship of Boy Scout troop 856
- Provided funding for various community programs including Nevada County Substance Abuse and the Smile Club
- Scholarships to the Environmental Camp in Sonoma County
- A program to keep the school gyms open on Saturday nights
- Sponsored 2 students to RYLA
- Provided scholarships to graduating seniors at Nevada Union and Bear River High Schools

International Service:

- Participation in the Russian Project
- Hosted an exchange student from Brazil, Celso Gomes

This year the International Convention was held June 14-17 in Indianapolis, Indiana with 19,000 Rotarians and guests attending.

1998 - 1999

President: JON BYERRUM
Classification: Elementary Education

President Elect: PAT WARD
Vice President: WYN SPILLER
Secretary: TOM LATHROP
Treasurer: JUDY HESS
JULIE FRENZEL

Directors: George Grayeb, Neal Hamre,
Patti Ingram, Mike Johnson, Bret Lowry,
Roger Minor, Johanne Owens



President of R.I.: James L. Lacy, Cookeville, TN
Governor District 519: William L. Reeves, Carson City, NV

As always, the new Rotary Year started off with lots of hope and excitement. President Jon dedicated his first meeting to the task of sharing annual club goals and telling the club about his personal Rotary vision (exactly what every good incoming president should do according to the Rotary sages at PETS). Soon-to-be-elected Assemblyman Aanestad commented that President Jon sounded more like a politician seeking office than a Rotary Club president. The club “cracked-up” and the year was off to a good start.

The President’s Project this year was actually two projects. First, the club continued to support the Adult Literacy Council with a donation of \$2,000.00. The money was donated to support the Council’s efforts to build reading skills in the county’s ever-increasing non-English speaking adult population. Second, the club has designed a community “bulletin” board that will be constructed on Hennessy School property. The sign will welcome people to Grass Valley and advertise upcoming community events.

President Jon set a club goal of increasing club membership to 73. This was accomplished by more active recruiting in the community. President-elect Pat was given the responsibility of redesigning the induction process with the idea of getting new members active in club activities as soon as possible. A new club brochure was designed to inform guests and potential members about our club.

An important goal for this year was to make Rotary “fun” and to increase attendance at major club and district events. To enliven the meetings, President Jon dusted off his copy of “The Big Book of Bad Humor.” Attendance was up at annual events such as the Foundation Dinner, the Christmas party, the District Conference, and the Demotion Dinner. An inter-club golf tournament was held as well as a Fun-train trip to Reno.

Fund raising, always an important club activity, was successful this year. Because of poor earnings in prior years, we did not sell sandwiches at the fair. We did sell at the Draft Horse Classic and tried a beer (or was it beer foam) booth at the Home and Garden Show. Both did poorly. But thanks to Monty East and his committee, Casino night was very successful and more than made up for our other shortfalls.

We held our annual Business Fair in May. Jim Moss did an outstanding job chairing the event. As in past years, the Business Fair was well organized and featured a diverse array of local businesses, but attendance was not what we had hoped. We also participated once again in Lyman Gilmore’s career day.

Our club continued its support of the Adopt-a-School program at Lyman Gilmore School by hosting the students of the month at our meetings and donating \$1,000.00 to the school’s technology program. We supported our Boy Scout troop and also the Junior Livestock auction. Additional community activities supported by the club include:

Lyman Gilmore Environmental Camp	\$400.00
Bear River Grad Night	\$300.00
NU Lady Minors Uniforms	\$200.00
Read me a Story Program	\$100.00
Imaginarium	\$500.00
Bear River Open Gym	\$400.00
Silver Springs HS Pregnancy Prevention Program	\$50.00

This year the club was very supportive of international service projects. We presented Governor Bill Reeves with a check to the RI Foundation in the amount of \$9,896 at the November 9th meeting. Additionally, we gained seven new Paul Harris Fellows and nineteen new sustaining members. Thanks to the continuing efforts of George Grayeb, our club hosted six Russian visitors in August from our sister club in Irkutsk Baikal. We also played host to 30 RYE students from throughout District 5190. Wyn Spiller made progress in the creation of our club’s first international project, the support of a medical clinic in Tijuana, Mexico.

This year the International Convention was held June 13-16 in Singapore, Singapore with 17,903 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

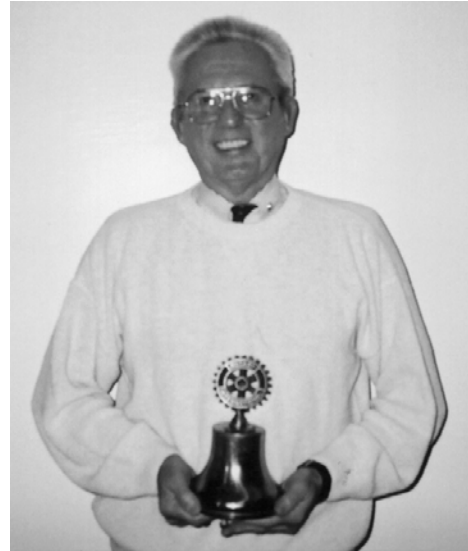
The above information was provided by Jon Byerrum

1999 - 2000

President: PATRICK WARD
Classification: County Government Analyst

President Elect: WYN SPILLER
Vice President: GEORGE GRAYEB
Secretary: TOM LATHROP
Treasurer: JULIE FRENZEL

Directors: Judy Hess, Neil Hamre, Kathy Egenes, Lee Kennedy, Peter Smit, Patti Ingram, Roger Minor, Jon Byerrum,



President of R.I.: Carlo Ravizza, Milan, Italy
Governor Dist. 5190: Gene Albaugh, Auburn, CA

The 1999-2000 Grass Valley Rotary Year started out with a bang when the Presidents Bell was lost by incoming President Pat at the Demotion Party in June for 1998-1999 President Jon. It eventually found its way home after an appropriate ransom was paid.

The 1999-2000 Rotary year was an important and very significant year for our club. We celebrated the 75th anniversary of our club charter, dedicating our activities this year to the 75 years of service of past club members to Rotary and the Grass Valley community. Club heritage activities were marked by the "Night to Remember" 75th Anniversary Charter Dinner and celebration at the Nevada City Elks Club in March. The history of the club was captured in an outstanding video and an updated club history recalling the highlights of past years. It was a great event that recognized our past achievements and set the stage for the millennium ahead.

This year also was a time for bringing together our activities of the past few years and organizing the club for the future. Each club director was assigned as a co-team leader and direct responsibility for specific Avenue of Service projects and programs.

In Club Service, a new membership development program was implemented to place additional emphasis on focused recruitment and orientation of new members. The Presidents Committee, consisting of past presidents of the club, was formed to provide mentoring of new members and guide them through a formal orientation program. Other new programs in Club Service saw the development of the club web site, a revived public relations program, a membership recognition program, and the sponsorship of a golf tournament between area Rotary clubs.

Vocational Service was also very busy, leading club activities in our Adopt-a-School Program, speech contest, and RYLA and scholarship programs.

It was also a very active year for Community Service projects. Work on the Rotary ball fields at Sierra College was completed, a new community sign project was initiated, and work began on our "Read to Kids" program, offering reading materials to children through pre-school reading programs. Several trail maintenance work parties along the Independence Trail were also accomplished. Casino Night was our major fundraiser for the year and, once again, was very successful. Planning also began for a new softball tournament to augment our fundraising efforts.

A busy year of activities also marked the International Area of Service. Our Foundation campaign resulted in over \$9,000 in contributions to the Rotary Foundation and six new Paul Harris Fellows. We also hosted the Area 4 Foundation Dinner in November. Our international project in Mexico, rehabilitation of a medical clinic in Tijuana, was finally approved and activities began. Our Vice President, George Grayeb, led the district GSE team to the Philippines in March.

All in all, it was a busy and exciting year for the Rotary Club of Grass Valley as we completed our 75th year of Rotary service and moved forward into the 21st Century.

The site of the Rotary International convention was Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 4-7, 2000 with 14,301 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was provided by Pat Ward

2000 - 2001

President: WYN SPILLER

President-Elect: George Grayeb

Vice-President: Judy Hess

Secretary: Tom Lathrop

Treasurer: Julie Frenzel

Directors: Pat Ward, Tom Conley, Kathy Egenes, Neal Hamre, Teri Paulus-Bershaw, Peter Smit, Jake Covert

President of R.I.: Frank Devlyn, Mexico City, Mexico

Governor Dist. 5190: Charles Elizondo, Grass Valley, CA

I had the pleasure of sharing my first meeting with new District Governor and Grass Valley Rotarian, Chuck Elizondo. Chuck's theme, *Be A Proud Rotarian*, resonated with all of us and set an inspirational tone for the new Rotary year.

Frank Devlyn was our RI President and his theme was *Create Awareness, Take Action...in our club, in our community, in our world*. We did just that! Highlights of the year in each avenue of service:

CLUB SERVICE

- ❖ Great Casino Night that exceeded budget goal of \$14,000 and netted approx. \$15,636.
- ❖ Held a wonderful Christmas Party.
- ❖ Enjoyed an outdoor MIM Concert at Western Gateway Park.
- ❖ Celebrated Mardi Gras with an authentic King Cake & crowned newly engaged Patti Ingram as Queen, also recognized Monty & Kathy Casino Night Co-Chairs
- ❖ Honored Bill Beck and Patti Ingram as Quiet Rotarians of the Year.
- ❖ Tried out a new (fun but unsuccessful) fund-raiser, the Mountain Ball Tournament.

- ❖ Organized and Hosted the Area IV Rotary Annual Golf Tournament.
- ❖ Participated in the first annual Area IV Valentine Meeting.
- ❖ Began the planning for the first Area-wide newspaper insert that was published in George's year.
- ❖ We sang as a Club several times during the year, despite a few howls of protest.
- ❖ Peter Smit and Kris Stepanian played and sang so beautifully at our District Conference.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ❖ Completed Rotary Fields; Fields accepted by Sierra College and the City of Grass Valley; play on them began fall 2000.
- ❖ Rang Bells for the Salvation Army.
- ❖ Cooked Breakfast for 320+ participants and families attending Lyman Gilmore's Invitational Wrestling Tournament at NU.
- ❖ Provided 9 new mentors to be trained for Lyman Gilmore's Mentoring Program.
- ❖ Funded and Participated in a new project with GV Ladies Relief and other local Rotary Clubs giving Dictionaries to 5th graders; we presented Dictionaries with GV Rotary bookmark to children, for their own, at Scotten, Union Hill, Chicago Park, Cottage Hill.

- ❖ Provided a set of classroom dictionaries for a 7th grade Lyman Gilmore Class.
- ❖ Awarded two academic and three vocational scholarships to graduating seniors.
- ❖ During Literacy Month provided books to the Library in the names of our weekly Guest Speakers.
- ❖ Provided funding and a Work Day at the Adventure Playground Skateboard Park.
- ❖ Honored Lyman Gilmore Students of the Month the first Monday of each month.
- ❖ Launched "Read to Kids" Program: books checked out to parents in the Preschool Program, encouragement and follow-up by teachers; program designed to complement "Read me a Story" program, serving children not reached by that and other programs.
- ❖ Donations: Memorial contributions for Ernie Wood and Laura Wilcox; Memorial contribution to the local Laura Wilcox Scholarship Fund; Scholarship for 6th grade Environmental/Science Camp; Scholarship for Angel Tree Camp at Wolf Mountain which serves children who have been victims of crime, directly or indirectly; Adopted a Month to help keep the Bowman-Solinsky Pool open for disabled clients; support for Grad Night for both BR and NU; Gave needed funds to Golden Empire Boy Scouts of America; sponsored Vals and Sals evening for honor graduates, supported MIM Youth Musicians Award, GV 4th of July Parade, Veterans Stand Down, and two Destination Imagination teams to attend nationals.
- ❖ Gave funding support to KARE Crisis Nursery, a major project of Soroptimist International of Grass Valley.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

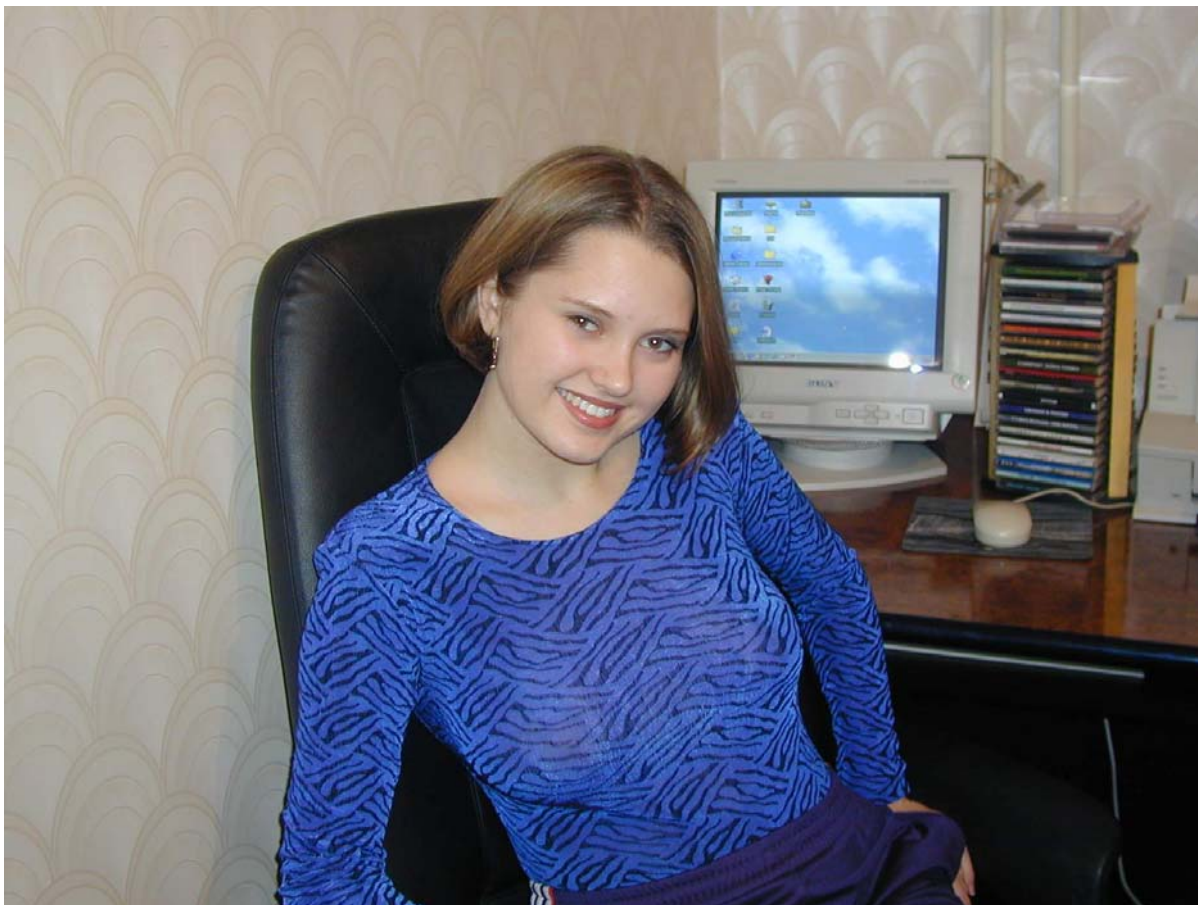
- ❖ Visited members' workplaces: Hank Weston and the new Fire Station & Joe Boeckx and Nevada Union High School.
- ❖ Participated in planning of a 4-Way Test Project: presentation of 4-Way Test plaques for each 5th grade classroom, discussion of the 4-way test, essay contest with prize money going to winning classrooms. Good project although not implemented.
- ❖ Area IV Speech Contest.
- ❖ Stayed in touch with our Ambassadorial Scholar to Wales, Mary Volmer.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- ❖ Hosted two Russian Business Interns: the specific goal of this project is "to share with Russian business students the inner workings of American businesses and to expose the managers-to-be to volunteerism and Rotary."
- ❖ Group Study Exchange – Interviewed and sent several team candidates to the District selection committee; hosted the incoming GSE team from France.
- ❖ Clinica Filadelfia outside of Tijuana: continued working on our matching grant project along with Penn Valley Rotary; also contributed funds to help get a truckload of donated hospital equipment to the clinic.
- ❖ Participated in the Cameron Park's 3-H Grant for MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) Immunizations in Vladivostok by contributing matching funds.
- ❖ Participated in the Area IV Foundation Dinner. Of special note: Peter provided music, our Scout Troop provided the Color Guard. Supported the Foundation this year with 1 new Benefactor, 10 new PHF, and 10 new Sustaining PHF and over \$10,600 in contributions.

The year was over in a flash. There was a standing joke about my losing my marbles, literally and figuratively, but despite that, what a wonderful year of service it was! It was an honor to have been President and a joy to have worked with each and every member of our outstanding club. *Wyn Spiller*

The Rotary International Convention was held in San Antonio, TX on June 24-27, 2001 with 24,902 Rotarians and guests in attendance.



Anastasia Rizman, Russian Intern 2005

2001 - 2002

President: GEORGE GRAYEB

President-Elect: Judy Hess
Vice-President: Tom Conley
Secretary: Nancy Palmer
Treasurer: Lee Kennedy

Directors: Jake Covert, Bob Long, Anita Daniels, Jack Emery, Del Lunde, Teri Paulus-Bershaw, Hank Weston, Wyn Spiller

President of R.I.: Richard D. King, Fremont, CA
Governor Dist. 5190: Dave Denny, Nevada City, CA

The beginning of my year as President of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley was no different from that of the previous Presidents in that each of us laid down our various goals for the year and organized the club to match the goals. I did the same. My goals were truly optimistic, perhaps even unrealistic in a few cases, but when measured by the actual results at the end of the year we were pretty much on target.

The following is the end-of-the-year track record of our club's success in attaining these goals:

Membership- **Goal:** Greater than five new members, net, by the end of the year.
Actual: Net gain in membership was 15 new members for a club total of 86

Public Relations- **Goal:** Enhanced PR using all forms of media, and occasionally in concert with other Rotary Clubs. **Actual:** Over the year our Club's free coverage in the Union Newspaper was substantial. A 16-page newspaper insert that extolled the many achievements of Rotary was published in the Union Newspaper. Additionally, free monthly radio broadcasts on KNCO's "On the Town" program were aired

Attendance- **Goal:** Greater than 85% per meeting. **Actual:** Our Club's attendance per meeting never dropped below 86%

Foundation Contributions- **Goal:** All members either a Paul Harris Fellow or a Sustaining Member, with an average of \$200 per member. **Actual:** Our Club missed this goal, but we came very close to being 100% and we had the most dollar per member contribution of any Club in the District

Continue Projects- **Goal:** These projects to be continued: Adult Literacy, Read-to-Kids, Boy Scout Troop #856 Support, Adopt-A-School, Dictionary Project, Adventure Playground, 4-Way Test, RYLA, Speech Contest, Scholarships, Russian Interns/Mexico Clinic Projects, GSE, RYE. **Actual:** All were continued

President's Project- **Goal:** Establish these new projects: Jobs Shadowing, ROTARACT and Senior Support. **Actual:** Job Shadowing and Senior Support projects were accomplished throughout the course of the year. However, ROTARACT never could get off the ground due to the difficulties of forming such an activity in our community

Fund Raisers- **Goal:** Casino Night is to raise \$20K and start planning for another fund raising event. **Actual:** Casino Night was a highly successful event. While our Club missed the \$20K target, a record \$18.5K profit was achieved. Planning for a Community BBQ was initiated

Fellowship- **Goal:** The Club will plan the following fellowship events: Golf Tournament, Christmas Party, Blood Drive, Halloween Party, Valentine Luncheon and Foundation Dinner. **Actual:** Unfortunately, the Golf Tournament, Blood Drive and

Halloween Party were victims of the 09/11 disaster. The Foundation Dinner, Christmas Party and the Valentine Luncheon were highly successful events

Member Involvement- **Goal**: Everyone in the Club to participate in some Club activity and make the TEAM concept work. **Actual**: Many more Club members were involved in Club activities than has been the case in the past. The TEAM concept worked well thereby engaging more of the membership in Club activities

Have Fun- **Goal**: Rotary should be productive, but it should also be fun and this was the goal for our Club. **Actual**: Whether or not the 2001-2002 Rotary year was fun, I leave to the Club Historian to determine!

If the measure of a Rotary Club's effectiveness is in the comparison of initial goals and end-of-year results then it can be said that the Rotary year 2001-2002 was highly successful. But, this doesn't tell the whole story. The organization whereby the Club got the job done was also a factor in our Club's success. All members were assigned to a specific committee that fell under one of the Avenues of Service, i.e., Service, Community, Vocational and International. Strong committee leadership was the key to making the committee function and in getting the maximum member participation. There were also a few Special committees that had specific, important functions such as Membership, Public Relations, Foundation, Casino Night, etc. Most important, was the TEAM concept, which entailed six teams. Every member of our Club was on one of the teams that performed the following functions for two months of the year: develop the month's program; assign a team member to do the pledge, invocation, announce the visitors and be the greeter; assign a guest editor for the weekly newsletter; perform a simple team project in support of our community seniors; and, bring into the Club one new member. To help make the TEAM concept work a strong Team Leader Supervisor was appointed.

Even with the two measures of our Club's success, above, the effectiveness picture is incomplete. At the District Conference each year our Rotary District makes awards to its outstanding Clubs. At the 2002 District Conference, in addition to receiving the Club Service, Attendance and the Per Capita Foundation awards, our Club took away the coveted Club of Excellence award for large Clubs. Our Club was the single best large Club in District 5190 for the Rotary Year 2001-2002!

However, more than these measurements of effectiveness are able to tell the story, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley is a great Club year after year because of the hard work and dedication of its members. Without this component none of the successes of the Rotary Year 2001-2002 would have come to pass...George Grayeb, Past President, 2001-2002.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Barcelona, Spain on June 23-26, 2002 with over 17,000 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

The above information was supplied by George Grayeb.

2002 - 2003

President: JUDY HESS
Classification: Banking

Vice President: Patti Ingram
Secretary: Nancy Palmer
Treasurer: Lee Kennedy

Directors: Anita Daniels, Tim McCall, Hank Weston, Jack Emery, Bob Long, Scott Browne, George Grayeb

President of R.I.: Bhichai Rattakul, Bangkok, Thailand
Governor Dist. 5190: Paul Lumos, Carson City, NV



Over the last 78 years, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley has committed itself to making our community a better place to live. Today, our community finds evidence of our 82-member Club's work throughout our city. Whether it is the beautiful new Community Event sign located at Hennessy School, the Rotary Soccer Fields, the Rotary Disc Golf Course, the hundreds of dictionaries in the hands of 5th graders or the book bags in a local preschoolers hands, our membership continues to find ways to serve. We support our graduating high school seniors with scholarships (\$5,000 this year) and encourage them to learn about other parts of the world through Rotary Youth Exchanges. Our Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars complete advanced education in other countries and help promote a better worldwide citizenry. This year we began a two-year, Area-wide Rotary Club commitment to help make a Robotic Observatory a reality on our local Sierra College campus. And finally, Rotary members in all five of our community's clubs have joined together to help the fight in eradicating Polio throughout the world. We thank our community for their part in helping us.

Projects:

In addition to our on-going support of regional and international programs such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Group Study Exchanges (GSE), Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE), International Intern Programs and local Speech Contests, the Grass Valley Club continues to support our adopted school, Lyman Gilmore Middle School. We provide bags of books and read stories to preschoolers, support a Boy Scout Troop and help seniors with special projects like building new fencing at the Adult Day Care Center. In addition, we share the funds we raise with over 20 organizations annually.

Examples of our special projects for this Rotary year included:

- Adopt-a-School – The Rotary Club of Grass Valley adopted Lyman Gilmore Middle School in Grass Valley nine years ago. In addition to hosting Students-of-the-Month at our regular Club meetings, this year our support included donating \$1,100.00 toward new graduation gowns for the 8th graders. We continue to enjoy tours of the school during our annual Club meeting and BBQ held on campus.
- Read-to-Kids - This year our Club took an already great program a step further. We took our traditional Read-to-Kids project of putting books into the hands of low-income preschool children and actual began reading to children ourselves at the

Grass Valley State Preschool. Four times each week, Rotarians were scheduled for 30-minute reading sessions with 3-5 year-olds who always have a favorite book they want to hear. Three years ago our Club established this project to encourage parents to read to their children. The teachers see the parents at least twice weekly. This contact is important as it permits regular discussion with the parents about the books and provides encouragement for parents to read to their children. This contact allows for the project to be monitored, as well. The books were chosen by the Grass Valley School District and are age and interest appropriate. Books are packed in clear plastic bags with a Rotary emblem on them recognizing our contribution. We get praises from both parents and the educational community.

- Polio Eradication – Eradicating Polio became an instant Area 4 Project as soon as PETS was over for the five Presidents-Elect. An Area campaign began with tin cans popping up everywhere asking our community to donate “\$1 to vaccinate 3 children”. The cans remained in local stores, doctor’s offices, fire stations, banks, etc. Other fundraising efforts included marching in parades and street fair stunts as well as excellent radio and print coverage. The Grass Valley Rotary Club pledged \$21,000 for Polio Eradication over the next three years, an average of \$247.00/member.
- Culminating Projects – While a two-year project for a new Robotic Observatory at Sierra College was just beginning (our Club committed to \$10,300.00) this Rotary Year saw two other multi-year projects end – the City of Grass Valley Events Sign and the World Community Project that supported Clinica Filadelfia in Tijuana. It took four years of planning and a lot of blood, sweat and cheers to finish the construction of our beautiful events sign at the primary entrance to the City of Grass Valley. Located at the busy corner of Hennessey School and the freeway off ramp, it is the perfect place to keep our community informed and keep Rotary awareness at the forefront. The \$7,000 project endured at least 5 Rotary president terms!

Clinica Filadelfia was a +4-year project to support a small full-service clinic in a disadvantaged area of Tijuana, Mexico. The Clinic serves 500,000 people and is owned and operated by a state approved Mexican civil association. Our Foundation Grant request for \$15,000 supported the purchase of an ultrasound machine as well as customs expenses and insurance charges. Our Club worked with the Foundation, the Penn Valley Rotary Club and the Tijuana West Club to bring surgeon and medical director, Dr. Hazael Hatchet, to SNMH in Grass Valley to learn how to operate the machine. The Clubs then worked to transport the machine to the Clinic in May 2003.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Brisbane, Australia on June 1-4, 2003.

The above information was supplied by Judy Hess.

2003 - 2004

President: TOM CONLEY

Vice President: Kathy Egenes

Secretary: Nancy Palmer

Treasurer: Gary Woodward

Directors: Scott Browne, Tim McCall, Bob Long, Anita Daniels, Jack Emery, Kyle Daugherty, Judy Hess

President of R.I.: Jonathan B. Majiyagbe, Kano, Nigeria

Governor Dist. 5190: Bob Hartsfield, Tahoe City, CA

2003/04 was a fun year, which continued many of the programs of the past and introduced some new ideas. We ended the year with 82 members (a net gain of 1). We raised \$27,000 and donated \$37,000 to the various projects that we worked on during the year. The following is a list of our major activities. None of projects would have happened without the leadership of the committee chairs and the hard work of the membership.

Project Title: Major Fund Raiser – Annual Casino Night

The 13th annual Casino Night raised \$21,000. The evening was complete with “play money”, chips, a silent auction, raffle, door prizes, great refreshments and sensational music. To promote safe play and safe driving, we expanded our food services with “heavy” hors d’oeuvres, donating any remaining food to our Senior Center and Adult Day Care Center. After selling advanced tickets, approximately 99% of the members either tended bar, functioned as dealers, waiters, or announcers, sold raffle tickets or just made sure everyone had a great time. Approximately 300 member of the community attended.

Project Title: Public Relations – Insert in The Union Newspaper

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley continues its great efforts in bringing Rotary awareness into our community with our 3rd annual Rotary Insert. Our club took a lead role in this publication with one of our members on the Union newspaper’s staff. All five Area 4 clubs participate and feature their collective community efforts – profiling major events and the spirit of Rotary.

Project Title: Lyman Gilmore Intermediate School “Student-of-the-Month”

Each month the Grass Valley Rotary Club honors a 6th, 7th, and 8th grader at Lyman Gilmore Middle School. The school faculty selects the students based on academic, leadership or other special accomplishments. The award ceremony is a very special event where the students are presented certificates of achievement in front of their parents and the club members. It is a great way to focus on young people who are making a difference at their school and encourage them keep up the good work.

Project Title: Employee Recognition Day

This was a new project for the Vocation Service Committee. The purpose of the day was to provide club members an opportunity to recognize excellent employees in their businesses. We honored our guests with personalized recognition certifications and shared why their employer values them. Many club members honored their employees

throughout the day in the workplace by sending flowers and company-wide messages about employee.

Project Title: Scholarship Program

The Grass Valley Rotary Club awarded 8 scholarships totaling \$5,000 to graduating seniors from Western Nevada County High Schools. We included both academic and vocational scholarships. The Club President personally presented them at the individual's high school ceremonies.

Project Title: Senior Citizens

Title 22 required that the adult day care center have a protected outdoor area for their patients. The club provided fencing for the outdoor area and provided appropriate signage.

Project Title: Robotic Observatory

This is multi-year Area-4 project to construct a Robotic Observatory at Sierra College. The project included a 350 square foot building to house the robotic telescope and a 1,085 square foot concrete pad with mounts for manual telescopes. The robotic telescope is controlled by a computer with movement of the telescope directed and images from the telescope downloaded via the Internet. The ground breaking took place during 2003/04 the club donated \$10,347 towards this \$118,600 project.

Project Title: Community BBQ

The 1st annual Community BBQ sponsored by Grass Valley Rotary was held in August at the Nevada County Fair Grounds and lasted 3.5 hours. We honored volunteers and community leaders with awards. There were children activities, live entertainments and old fashioned fellowship. The spirit of the event surrounded family fun and gave our club the venue to recognize and award "heroes" from our community.

Project Title: Dictionary Project

In cooperation with the Ladies Relief Society and the other Area 4 Rotary Clubs, our Club has been donating personal dictionaries to 5th graders in Nevada County School. Our Club members stamp each book with a Grass Valley Rotary message, insert a 4-Way Test bookmark and then help distribute the dictionaries. Our club has donated over \$3,500 to this project since inception.

Project Title: Read-to-Kids

This is a four year old project to encourage parents to read to their children. Book chosen by the Grass Valley School District and paid for by the club are packaged by club members and distributed during the Down-Town Association's annual Halloween event.

Project Title: Adopt-A-School

Our adopted school is Lyman Gilmore Middle School. We donated \$3,300 to buy graduation gowns for the 8th graders and paid and helped build a bike corral.

Project Title: Rotary Youth Exchange – Inbound and Outbound

Grass Valley Rotary Club had both an inbound and an outbound student. Our inbound student was Moritz Bruewer from Germany. Our out bound student was Vincent Oliver who went to Argentina.

Project Title: Group Study Exchange

As an Area 4 project, Grass Valley Rotary helped host the visiting GSE team from Korea. Later in the year a Russian study group focusing on education was hosted and finally the District GSE that went to Korea was led by club member Nancy Palmer.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Osaka, Japan on May 1-4, 2004.



Rotarian Mike Johnson dealing Blackjack at Casino Night 2004

The above information was supplied by Tom Conley

2004 - 2005

President: PATTI INGRAM

Vice President: Bob Breck

Secretary: Nancy Palmer

Treasurer: Lee Kennedy

Directors: Kathy Egenes, Judy Bagley, Anita Daniels, Kyle Daugherty, Jack Emery, Larry Goodfriend, Jim Moss, Tom Conley

President of R.I.: Glenn Estess, Sr., Shades Valley, AL

Governor Dist. 5190: Steve Snyder, Auburn, CA

Patti Ingram began Grass Valley Rotary's 80th year of providing selfless service, as a Centennial President, with Rotary International celebrating its first 100 years. Patti is the great granddaughter of the club's first President, Thomas Ingram, who guided the club in 1925 with 25 inaugural male members.

During the fall of 2004, the 81 member club was hard at work hosting the second annual Community BBQ which honors local "heroes" in the area of public service, public safety, health service and community service while offering an evening filled with fun, delicious food and activities for families and members of the community. The club also worked diligently in February of 2005 at the annual Casino Night, the club's number one fundraiser. Money garnered from these two fundraising events allows the club to continue with essential community projects and assistance.

Patti's president's project was to help the Nevada County Fairgrounds with its reforestation program. In December of 2002, a series of powerful windstorms damaged and destroyed dozens of trees at the fairgrounds. The fair board established a Reforestation Committee which determined the cost to replace the dead, dying and down trees would run between \$9,000 and \$15,000 per year. With the assistance of a matching simplified grant and funds allocated from Casino Night, a contingent of club members with two backhoes, shovels, pick axes and sore muscles, planted a total 25 trees during the year.

Additionally, the five area Rotary clubs completed the Robotic Observatory at the Nevada County Campus of Sierra College and were a unified group, monetarily and personally, with a new and continuing international project, On to Uganda. Grass Valley participated in the area project by raising money, packing and shipping X ray equipment and other essentials for a clinic founded by Dr. Scott Kellerman in Uganda. The clinic serves the improvised Batwa Pygmies. Many members of the Grass Valley Club have traveled to Uganda to help Dr. Kellerman with his clinic.

During the year, the Grass Valley Club continued to provide for the needs of the community by supporting, among other causes, Lyman Gilmore Middle School, the Boy Scouts of America, the Senior Center, local high school scholarships, Youth Leadership Awards, and the Wheelchair project.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Chicago, IL June 19-22, 2005 with 39,460 Rotarians and guests in attendance. President Elect Kathy Egenes represented our club.



Grass Valley Rotarians participate in tree planting at the Nevada County Fairgrounds

BEALE FIELD TRIP



Tour of beale AFB: last Friday club members took advantage of an inside look at the base and posed for this photo in front of the retired SR71 Blackbird

The above information was supplied by Patti Ingram

2005 – 2006

President: KATHLEEN EGENES
Classification: Computer Sales

President Elect: BOB BRECK
Vice President: JACK EMERY
Secretary: TOM LATHROP
Treasurer: LEE KENNEDY

Directors: Judy Bagley, Rick Blakemore, Bobbie Swanson, Patti Ingram, Don Daniels, Jim Moss, Kyle Daugherty

President of R.I.: Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Goteborg, Sweden

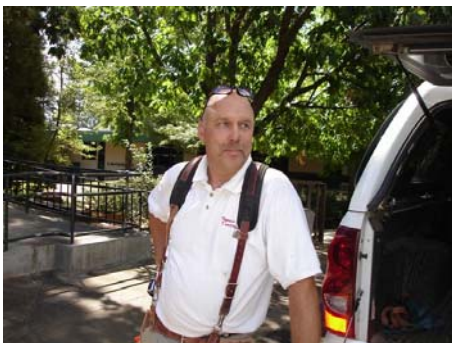
Governor District 5190: Dave Bianchi
Reno, NV



The 2005-2006 Grass Valley Rotary Year was action packed, providing lots of opportunity to demonstrate the year's motto: Service Above Self.

We held fairly steady to 79 members during the year at the Holbrooke Hotel and had several fellowship outings that helped build teamwork and friendships. In May we attended a Sacramento Rivercats ball game, Scott Browne opened his home for a fabulous Christmas party, we toured Beale Air Force Base and were treated to a behind the scene view of the Global Hawk training center.

Our Adopt-a-School program continued with Lyman Gilmore Middle School Student of the Month which we took one step farther this year and built a storage shed in the school yard. Much fun was had by everyone who participated and we are very grateful to our project manager, Scott Spencer.



Scott Spencer



Finished Storage Shed

We took advantage of the many international Rotary alumni in our area and invited several to be speakers at our noon meetings. A former Ambassadorial scholar, a former GSE team member and a former RYE student told their stories about how the time they spent abroad changed their lives.

This year's annual fund raiser, Casino Night, was one of our most successful ever. Combine the total with the amount raised at our community BBQ and we netted \$40,000 to give back to the community. Some of our more memorable contributions were:

- New carpeting at the Adult Day Care Center
- \$6,000 in scholarships to high school seniors
- \$7,000 in donations to community groups
- Adopt a family for Christmas through the Salvation Army
- Contribute to the Wheelchair Foundation to provide chairs to the needy
- Dictionaries to 5th grade students in Nevada County
- Books to the First 5 Pre-school
- \$15,000 in total contributions to the Rotary Foundation
- \$1,500 District Simplified Grant to help restore the Disc Golf Course originally built under President Ed Sylvester's year.
- Participated in a service project with other Area 4 clubs to aid Hurricane Katrina victims
- Hosted Anastasia Rizman, a Russian intern, for 1 month
- Participated in an area wide newspaper insert to promote Rotary
- Club video was transferred to DVD and given to new members and guests

The Rotary International Convention was held in Malmo, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark on June 11-14, 2006

The above information was provided by Kathy Egenes.



*Demotion of Pres. Kathy at Condon Park, June 27, 2006
Passing the president's pin to Bob Breck.*

2006 – 2007

President: BOB BRECK
Classification: Radio

President Elect: Jack Emery
Vice President: Don Daniels
Secretary: Judy Bagley
Treasurer: Lee Kennedy / Teri Ellis

Directors: Rick Blakemore, Bobbie Swanson, Rod Fivelstad, Lori Burkhart-Frank, Rich Bodine, Ralph Anderson, Kathy Egenes

President of R.I.: William Boyd
Pakuranga, New Zealand

Governor District 5190: Bob Dorr
Cameron Park, CA



No surprise, this is the year of the Radio. At 8:30 AM, on the first Friday of the Month, Rotary is on the air. Club personalities are interviewed, discussing the highlights of the five, area clubs projects. A great way to promote Rotary. Casino night was again a success both filling our bank account and attracting 325 guests to the Fair Grounds and a night of high stakes gambling, auctions, and live entertainment. And not to take a back seat in the entertainment world; our help with new cooking equipment at Lyman Gilmore Home Economics Dept led to a "Chef's in Training" dinner at Main Street Café in Grass Valley.

Our Community BBQ was again a success. Awards were presented to: Dan Kemp, Bear River HS; Bob and Shelly Rogers, Recovery Alumni Association; and Dr. Peter Van Houten, at Sierra Family Medical Clinic. We continued our Student of the Month awards to Lyman Gilmore scholars. We concluded our Avenues of Service with the awarding of 8 scholarships to both academic and vocational high school students.

Rotarians were kept very busy this year with many projects. Many weekends were spent at the Memory Garden cleaning and landscaping the park. Many of the trail walkers stopped to tell how much they like the garden and to say thanks for all of our work. This year, Christmas was better for a family of 7. With the help of the Salvation Army, our club provided presents and a Christmas dinner for this family. The Annual BBQ was again a success, feeding 500 guests. The clowns, youth centered games, and displays from the fire and police departments are always fun; but, the highlight is the honoring of volunteers, community leaders, and the community at large. Finally, we learned again, a little bit goes a long way. Along with other area clubs, we purchased a solar powered refrigerator for the Batwa Pygmy clinic in Uganda. This little fridge is storing blood and saving lives that would otherwise be lost to malaria. We again contributed to the Wheelchair fund. We will soon have the funds to fill a shipping container.

And lastly, we must recognize our youth activities. RYLA was again a success, highlighted by Joey Goodnight being accepted to attend the International RYLA convention in Salt Lake City. Our Dictionary program is alive and well. And our RYE student Bara, from the Czech Republic, left hoping to return.

All-in-all a busy year and looking forward to our future.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Salt Lake City, UT on June 17 – 20, 2007 with 15,439 Rotarians and guests in attendance.



Memory Garden near Litton Trail

The above information was supplied by Bob Long.

2007 – 2008

President: JACK EMERY
Classification: Physical Therapy

President Elect: Don Daniels
Vice President: Rod Fivelstad
Secretary: Judy Bagley
Treasurer: Teri Ellis

Directors: Bob Breck, Jason Auld, Steve Smith,
Scott Spencer, Lori Burkhardt-Frank, Rich Bodine,
Ralph Anderson

President of R.I.: Wilfrid Wilkinson
Trenton, Ontario, Canada



Governor District 5190: Vic Slaughter, Sparks, NV

Rotary on the Radio continues. With all five clubs sharing the spotlight (really, it is radio) the Grass Valley area was informed about the collective efforts and programs of our area clubs.

The highlight of the year is always our Casino night. This year the attendance rose to 500 guests. Food, play money, and live entertainment were the background for the real purpose of the night – the Silent Auction. It is the proceeds from this which allow us to continue with our focus on youth. Lyman Gilmore Student of the Month is always a hit the first Monday of the month. Highlighting the four way test we are paving the way for future Rotarians. Our community BBQ was again a success. Seven community members were nominated for the two awards.

Construction is again a focus of our club. Three bus shelters are targeted to be rebuilt in downtown locations. These shelters are used by local residents, senior citizens, and handicapped individuals. The Memory Garden again received our attention. All materials are donated, making this a worthwhile and efficient project. Christmas was again made special for a family; both filling stockings and their fridge for the holiday season. A floating library took the forefront in our international project. Initial funding to build a boat to house the library was sent to the Philippines. Once construction is complete an expanded role of providing medical supplies will be studied.

Youth is again front and center for the Grass Valley Rotary. 8 scholarships to graduating high school seniors, RYLA involvement, the Dictionary Programs for fifth graders, and RYE absorb most the funds raised at Casino night. Hearing back from the students in these programs, seeing their progress in post High School Studies, watching them grow; always makes the efforts of fund raising and organization worthwhile. Past President Kathy Egenes had the privilege of participating in RYLA this year as a camp counselor.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Los Angeles, CA on June 15 – 18, 2008 with 18,702 Rotarians and guests in attendance.



2008 Incoming Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil

The above information was supplied by Bob Long.

2008 – 2009

President: DON DANIELS
Classification: Private Investigator

President Elect: Rod Fivelstad
Vice President: Kyle Daugherty
Secretary: Kim Zwick
Treasurer: Teri Ellis

Directors: Dave Johnson, Valerie Logsdon, Tim
McCall, Jason Auld, Steve Smith, Scott Spencer,
Jack Emery

President of R.I.: Dong Kurn Lee
Seoul, Korea

Governor District 5190: Wyn Spiller
Grass Valley, CA



Life in downtown Grass Valley continues through this year. Our club continued to support the District Speech contest, Career Day at Lyman Gilmore, a recognition day at the club for professionals, and members toured a business. Scholarships continued to be awarded, RYLA was supported both by supporting students and sending club members as mentors, our Interact Club continued to grow, and our RYE student enjoyed his time at Nevada Union HS. Three benefactors joined the Paul Harris foundation, Foundation giving closed in by cents of \$200 per member, and our club met the Polio Challenge.

Fund raising is always a big part of our year and this year was no different. Casino Night and the BBQ continued to be successful. But this year the club turned green; we supported an E-waste Day. While it was not a big money maker, we did remove a lot of e-waste from the normal garbage stream.

Service projects took a new turn this year. We collaborated with the 4-H Club to produce an educational video about the raising of goats for the Uganda Goat and water project. The video instructed the Batswana people about raising and caring for goats. This herd would provide milk and cheese, focusing on the needs of the children. Bus stops were again on the work list after 20 years. Old bus stops were salvaged and two new bus stops are under construction.

Many club members and spouses spent a great evening of fellowship aboard the Delta Queen on the Sacramento River, enjoying a beautiful dinner and watching the shoreline pass by. A great time was had by all who attended.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Birmingham, England on June 21 – 24, 2009 with 17,909 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

Our club faced new challenges this year and another year of great service to the Grass Valley area.



Bob and Anna Breck with Ken Holbrooke and Cheryl Rellstab onboard the Delta Queen



AG Day at the Nevada County Fairgrounds

The above information was supplied by Bob Long.

2009 – 2010

President: RODNEY (ROD) FIVELSTAD
Classification: Education, Superintendent

President Elect: Kyle Daugherty
Vice President: Anita Daniels
Secretary: Marcia Salter
Treasurer: Teri Ellis

Directors: Dave Johnson, Valerie Logsdon, Tim McCall, Richard Bannister, Jeff Pylman, John Peplowski, Steve Smith, Don Daniels

President of R.I.: John Kenny
Grangemouth, Scotland



Governor District 5190: Janice Gage, Auburn, CA

2009 – 2010 is a throw-back year. In 1973 – 74 our club adopted the North Star Mining Museum. The museum had been located on Mill St, but due to a large donation of equipment it had to move to its present site. In 1974 our club received the First Place for Community Service at District 5190 Conference. In one year we rebuild walls and the roof, and, made a museum. We have not been back in many years and much works was needed, due to a lack of funding by the City. We organized a Rotary at Work day and moved in. More than half the club helped to restore the building and grounds.

Fund raising also took a turn. Our Casino Night and BBQ continued to be a success and well attended. But this year we added a ball drop. The event coincided with the BBQ and required Jason and Scott to ride 50 feet into the air and drop over 1300 golf balls. The lucky winner was ball # 16.

Membership activities included the usual this year – Fireside Chat, A Rotary Minute, and Craft Talks. But the highlight was the new Past Presidents Council. 20 past presidents participated to advise the current president.

Vocational Services were active with a Speech Tournament, Student of the Month, Music contest, and our Community Awards Program at the BBQ. We also saw Rotarians back at the Halloween book Give-Away.

The bus stop project continued. The old wooden shelters were demolished and were replaced with modern steel and glass structures. They should last a long time. We also saw our Rotary Family adopt a family through the Salvation Army.

Grass Valley also welcomed a GSE team from Italy late last year and look forward to the team from India this May.

A great Rotarian, Gordon Moyer, passed away on October 5, 2009. He had a long and distinguished history in service to Rotary with 64 years of perfect attendance.

Youth were again the focus of our Club. We welcomed a RYE student from Chile as we said good-bye to our outbound student. Our club returned to their second grade experience with the introduction of the Apple Dumpling Adventure Literacy and Youth Ethics Project at three of our school districts. This project encourages reading and emphasizes the Four Way Test.



President Rod Fivelstad singing to the students at Union Hill School

The Rotary International Convention was held in Montreal, Canada on June 20-23, 2010 with 17,909 Rotarians and guests in attendance



Rotary at Work Day 4/24/2010 – North Star Mining Museum

2010 – 2011

President: KYLE DAUGHERTY
Classification: Insurance Sales

President Elect: Anita Daniels
Vice President: Tim McCall
Secretary: Larry Faller
Treasurer: Marcia Salter

Directors: Scott McFarland, John Peplowski, Paul Rohrer, Steve Sarantopoulos, Steve Smith, Steve Spiller, Rod Fivelstad

President of R.I.: Ray Klingensmith
Kirksville, MO



Governor District 5190: Steve Lewis, Carson City, NV

Another Rotary year begins with successful fund raising efforts. The Casino Night saw a significant increase in revenue and the Ball Drop continued its success. These projects not only fuel our Service Projects; but are themselves an opportunity to showcase what Rotary does and means, and, are a source of fellowship among club members.

Some things are a tradition with our club. Our Christmas party was again highlighted by the Nevada Union Choir, our Rotary minute at each meeting, paying for your blue badge, and adopting a family at Christmas. Other things we revisit periodically; such as, the Alzheimer Memory Garden and our sign at Hennessy School. Both of these sites occupied Rotarians on a Saturday to update their appearance. And some things are always new to the club, such as our latest GSE team from India.

Youth Services always takes a forefront in our club year. This year we partnered with the Nevada County Fair Foundation, the 4-H, and FFA to produce the Community Halloween Festival. It was an afternoon event which culminated with our Golf Ball Drop. We continued the very successful Apple Dumpling Adventure project at three local grammar schools. This program emphasizes the Four Way Test. But the highlight of the year was our ability to take Interact to Lyman Gilmore School. Our club brought the Youth Act Club to Lyman Gilmore many years ago. We were among the first clubs to transition to Interact.

And finally this year's service project found us at the Habitat for Humanity site at Heritage Oaks. Club members completed a myriad of jobs including caulking windows, clearing brush, erecting scaffolding, siding buildings, and reorganizing the construction trailer. Boy Scout Troop 4 provided lunch.

And another great Rotary year ends with a successful Demotion Party at Condon Park's picnic area.

The Rotary International Convention was held in New Orleans, LA on May 21-25, 2011 with 17,487 Rotarians and guests in attendance. President Elect Anita Daniels and husband Don Daniels attended as representatives of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.



Rotarians Bill Schultz and Glenn Jones speaking to the GV Rotary Club 11/11/2010

The above information was supplied by Bob Long.

2011 – 2012

President: ANITA DANIELS
Classification: Banking

President Elect: Tim McCall
Vice President: Steve Sarantopoulos
Secretary: Larry Faller
Treasurer: Marcia Salter

Directors: Scott McFarland, Paul Rohrer, Steve Spiller, Scott Browne, Jon Byerrum, Susan Fivelstad, Kyle Daugherty

President of R.I.: Kalyan Banerjee Vapi
Gujarat, India



Governor District 5190: Alan Cain, Alturas, CA

We began the Rotary year with 69 members and ended with 71. Overall we had an average attendance of 84%, meeting weekly at the Holbrooke Hotel. 100% of our membership contributed to the Rotary Foundation this year with a total of \$12,445 being pledged by the membership.

It was a very busy year on all areas of service. Between our 2 fundraisers, Casino Night and the Golf Ball Drop, we netted close to \$24,000. This money helps us to better serve the community.

Club Service had us attending some outstanding events. President Anita organized a theater night of fellowship in which Rotarians from all 5 Area 4 clubs attended a special evening presentation at Broadstreet Theater in Nevada City. Her daughter Kris, also a GV Rotary member, had a lead musical part in the play. It was a very fun night and all agreed we should do it again. The annual Christmas party was well attended by Rotarians and guests at the home of Scott Browne and Rich Toothman. It was a potluck event that cost the club a total of \$300. That included a \$100 donation to the Nevada Union choir who provided the entertainment with a beautiful choral performance. A Fireside Chat was held at Nevada City Winery for all new members and those wanting to learn more about Rotary in general. The demotion party was held at Condon Park.

Community Service projects were many. We affixed the Rotary emblem to the Rotary Fields sign near Sierra College. Ken Holbrook fabricated and installed the emblem along with Al Alstrand. Work began on the Lyman Gilmore amphitheater. Project manager Scott Spencer along with 16 volunteers began the groundwork that would kick off a 3 phase project to install a much needed gathering place in the front of the school. We helped with a much needed garden renovation at Union Hill School. Work parties installed fencing and raised garden beds over the course of several weekends. Marcia and Tim Salter took the lead on this project. We joined with the Nevada County Fairgrounds to host an annual family friendly Halloween event at the fairgrounds and members of Grass Valley Rotary were also present to hand out books to pre-school children at the downtown Grass Valley annual Halloween Trick or Treat event.

The Youth Service's Avenue also had an extremely busy year in 2011 – 2012. We sponsored five 8th grade students to REGLE, the Rotary 8th grade leadership program. Three high school juniors attended RYLA camp at Grizzly Creek Ranch in Portola, CA. We sponsored both inbound and outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students. Our support continued for a local Boy Scout Troop. The Dictionary Giveaway at Hennessy School on February 27, provided dictionaries to 60 students at the cost of \$300 to the club. We supported Lyman Gilmore Middle School with a \$1,500 Technology Grant to upgrade iMac computers in the multimedia Lab and computer classroom and continued our popular Student of the Month program. We also co-hosted the Nevada County Schools Speech Tournament. Both academic and vocational scholarships were given to high school seniors and we continued the high school speech and music contests at our club level. The winners went on to compete at the area level.

Kyle Daugherty, Rich Keene and Ken Holbrook participated in Bowl for Kid's Sake. Jon Byerrum Emceed the event in which GV Rotary raised \$500 for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Nevada City Rotary Club challenged the guys to a friendly competition to see who would have the high score. We won!

The Rotary International Convention was held in Bangkok, Thailand on May 6-9, 2012 with 33,104 Rotarians and guests in attendance.



Ken Holbrook

Monty East

John Peplowski

Work day at the Memorial Garden

The above information was supplied by Kathy Egenes

2012 – 2013

President: TIM McCALL
Classification: Water Resources

President Elect: Steve Sarantopoulos
Vice President: Steve Spiller
Secretary: Larry Faller
Treasurer: Marcia Salter

Directors: Scott McFarland, Rich Toothman,
Valerie Logsdon, Scott Browne, Jon Byerrum, Susan
Fivelstad, Anita Daniels

President of R.I.: Sakuji Tanaka
Yashio, Saitama, Japan



Governor District 5190: Sam Wilbanks, Loyalton, CA

A new experience for our club – The year of the Engineer – numbers, numbers, numbers and yet a surprising sense of humor.

Our club broke the \$200 per member giving in our Foundation drive this year. The first time in many a year. And every member donated as well. Our Polio Plus push was equally successful with more than \$2,000 collected.

This year Public Relations came to the forefront. Our website was updated, Facebook rose to the surface, and we increased our efforts to publicize our signature activity. Rotary enters the digital age.

Vocational Service was busy as usual with the District speech contest, adult literacy, and scholarship for our local high school students.

Community Service was front and center this year. Our annual Rotary at Work Day was better defined as a Rotary at Work MONTH. The County Fair Grounds received a makeover. Our Club organized an area project including all five clubs, Boy Scouts, and volunteers. More than 200 participated. We poured 20 yards of concrete, planted 10 trees, painted the stripes in the main parking lot, built benches, re-roofed sheds, and raked more pine needles than I thought possible. The whole day was capped off by a BBQ. Great job done.

And last but not never least is our Youth Services. RYLA, Regal, Scholarships, RYE (both inbound and outbound), Interact, and members participating as counselors was, as always, the best part of the year. It is always a pleasure to meet our future movers and shakers.

And so yet another organized, mathematical year comes to an end. President Tim's demotion was held at Condon Park on

The Rotary International Convention was held in Lisbon, Portugal on June 23 – 16 2013.

2013 – 2014

President: STEVE SARANTOPOULOS

Vice President: Bob Long
President Elect: Steve Spiller
Secretary: Larry Faller
Treasurer: Marcia Salter

Directors: Valerie Logsdon, Scott McFarland,
Richard Toothman, Lori Burkhart Frank, Peter
Lemmon, Blake Smith, Tim McCall

President R.I. Ron Burton
Norman, OK

Governor District 5190: Vicki Puliz
Sparks, NV



As in all other Rotary years, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley proves its commitment to Service above Self. We continued to meet at the Holbrooke Hotel for lunch. 100% of the club participated in the annual giving program to the Rotary Foundation with an average of \$218 pledged. The club participated in the Polio Plus campaign, inching Rotary closer to the ultimate goal of polio eradication. Several members of the club participated in the Rotary Leadership Institute. We finished the year with an average attendance record of 80%.

The newly formed IT committee met regularly to implement new strategies for promoting our club on social media and to discuss revamping the club website and the overall technology used during our meeting presentations. Sandra Barrington took the lead to keep our Facebook pages current for both the club's site and the inaugural Bike Challenge.

Our Rotary at Work Day involved painting the lobby at the Grass Valley Police Station. Our continued support of Lyman Gilmore Middle School involved the monthly presentation of Student of the Month awards. Additionally, we provided an upgrade of the video equipment used at the Gilmore News Network program. They were also the recipient of our service project for the year. The next phase of the amphitheater was toured when we had one of our weekly meetings on their campus.

RYE, RYLA, REGLE, scholarships, speech and music contests, these are just some of the many and varied ways in which we continue to support the youth in our community.

It was a busy and productive year that ended with a demotion party for President Steve at Condon Park picnic area.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Sidney, Australia on June 1 – 4, 2014.

The above information was supplied by Kathy Egenes



Grass Valley Rotarians meeting at Lyman Gilmore Middle School May 27, 2014

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY

CLUB SERVICE:

- ◆ Weekly fining program to raise working funds
- ◆ Mother's Day special programs
- ◆ Club Anniversary programs - Dinner/Dance
- ◆ Inter-city Rotary club meetings sponsored
- ◆ Inter service club meeting sponsored
- ◆ Hosted District Conference –
- ◆ Erected "Service Clubs" signs
- ◆ Weekly raffle to raise project funds
- ◆ Annual Golf Tournament
- ◆ Excellent weekly programs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Youth Service

- ◆ Boy Scouts
- ◆ Girl Scouts
- ◆ 4-H club support
- ◆ Future Farmers
- ◆ Junior livestock auction
- ◆ Little league
- ◆ Babe Ruth League
- ◆ Scholarships for NUHS graduates
- ◆ Band Uniforms
- ◆ Reflectors for bicycles
- ◆ Assist in furnishing BSA camp kitchen
- ◆ Christmas gifts for children in foster homes
- ◆ Speech contests

Community betterment projects

- ◆ Annual cleanup of Memorial Park
- ◆ Floodlight for park playgrounds
- ◆ Waiting Station for rides to Auburn and Sacramento
- ◆ Bleachers for Hennessy School
- ◆ Ball Diamond at Fair Grounds
- ◆ B.B.Q. at Memorial Park
- ◆ Furnished room at New Nevada Memorial Hospital
- ◆ Lighting for Nevada County Airport
- ◆ Drinking- Fountain in Memorial Park
- ◆ Help purchase mobile Iron Lung
- ◆ Participate in landscaping at NUHS
- ◆ Fence and backstop at Condon Park
- ◆ Bike rack at Lyman Gilmore School
- ◆ Storage shed at Lyman Gilmore School

- ◆ Books and shelves at Nevada County Library
- ◆ Sponsor Marine Band Concert
- ◆ Sponsor Museums at North Star Mine Power House & Empire Mine
- ◆ Sponsor Don Cossack Dancers-Singers
- ◆ Secured Dermatome for burn victims
- ◆ Put up light standards in parking lot on So. Auburn St.
- ◆ Rest benches and litter cans in downtown area
- ◆ Contributed to fund for G.V School District Closed circuit TV
- ◆ Purchase portable steam table for Senior Citizens
- ◆ Nature Trail at Lyman Gilmore School
- ◆ Started Mining Museum in Golden Rule Store.
- ◆ Operation Identification to help police and firemen locate small children in event of home fire.
- ◆ Memorial Chapel in Nevada County Memorial Hospital
- ◆ Bleachers —Condon Park, Memorial Park, Union Hill School
- ◆ Sprinkler system in playgrounds
- ◆ Bus Stop Shelters
- ◆ Assist with Gold Country Meals
- ◆ Classes for Senior Citizens
- ◆ Little Lending Libraries around town

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

- ◆ Farmers day programs
- ◆ Established Farmer's Market
- ◆ 4-Way test plaques in NUHS
- ◆ Vocational Guidance seminars
- ◆ Speech contests
- ◆ Dental Work for needy Children.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:

- ◆ Y.E.S. Students
- ◆ Red Cross support
- ◆ American Field Service
- ◆ United China Relief
- ◆ District projects with Mexico
- ◆ Books for the Philippines
- ◆ Sponsored Institute for International Understanding
- ◆ Neckties for Europe
- ◆ Support of Eye Camp project in India
- ◆ Collected used glasses
- ◆ Rehabilitation of a medical clinic in Tijuana, Mexico
- ◆ Goat project in Africa

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley has been privileged to have in its membership four Past District Governors of District 519, R.I. Kenneth Casper, Chuck Elizondo and Wyn Spiller were all members of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley at the time they were selected to serve as Governor. Gordon Moyer was a member of the Rotary Club of Tahoe City, CA at the time he served as Governor.

P.D.G. Kenneth J. Casper joined the Rotary club of Yorba Linda, California on 1 March, 1947 where he served as a member of the Board of Directors. He moved to Nevada County in 1956 and became a member of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley on 1 July, 1956. He served on various committees and on the Board of Directors of the Club. In 1967-68 he served as President of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley.

In 1974 Kenneth and Evelyn Casper attended the Rotary International Assembly in Lake Placid, New York, the training session for all incoming Rotary International Officers, in preparation for his year as Governor of District 519. His term of office started on 1 July, 1974 and continued through June 30, 1975. Following the International Assembly Ken and Evelyn attended the Rotary International Convention in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota (1974). At the end of his year as Governor, Ken attended the R.I. Convention in Montreal, Canada.

At the District Conference held near the conclusion of his year as District Governor, Ken made Evelyn a Paul Harris Fellow. This was the first time, in District 519, that a Rotarian and his wife were both Paul Harris Fellows. A few years later, Ken made his granddaughter a Paul Harris bellow, another first within District 519.

Ken has been very active in supporting and promoting The Rotary Foundation and was responsible for the Rotary Club of Grass Valley being top within District 519 in contributions to The foundation and the club's top rating within the District in percentage of members being Paul Harris Fellows.

As District Governor Al Sessargo's Special Representative for Extension, Ken reactivated the Rotary Club of Truckee, California. In 1979 the Rotary Club of Incline Village, Nevada was chartered as a result of Ken's efforts as Special Representative in Extension for District Governor Frank McBride. The Rotary Club of S. Yuba County (Linda), California was chartered during Ken's year as Governor.

Ken continues in his support of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley and the promotion of contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Past District Governor Gordon D. Moyer joined the Rotary Club of Walnut Creek, California in September of 1944 with the classification of Ranch Management. He was the youngest member of his club, having been given the classification of his Rotarian father who had passed away in 1943. Gordon's wife, Marian, also had a Rotary background in that her father, Dr. William H. Mayhew, was a Past-President of the Rotary Club of Oakland, CA (the # 3 club in Rotary International). Her grandfather was also an early member of the Rotary Club of Oakland.

With his family Gordon moved to his own Walnut ranch in Sutter County in 1950 and became a member of the Rotary Club of Marysville. He served on several committees including the Organizing Committee for the formation of a new Rotary Club in Yuba City. As a Charter Director of this new Rotary Club he served on several major committees.

In 1957 they moved to Tahoe City, CA where he soon became a member of the Rotary Club of Tahoe City, serving on the Board of Directors, as club president (1961-62), club secretary and bulletin editor. Active in the affairs of District 519 he served as chairman of the District Rotary Information Institute in 1963 and District Conference Chairman in 1965.

In 1965 Gordon and Marian attended the Rotary International Assembly at Lake Placid, New York to prepare for his year as Governor of District 519. Following the Assembly he and Marian attended the R.I. Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. When he made his official visit to the Rotary Club of Grass Valley, George Hutchins was President of the Club.

In 1970 an executive position was offered to Gordon at the Central Office of Rotary International where he served from June 1970 until November 1982 when he retired as Manager of the USCB Department of the Service Division and as Assistant Treasurer of R.I. While on the staff of Rotary International he assisted in the training of incoming District Governors at nine International Assemblies and attended six International Conventions.

In 1967 Gordon and Marian attended the International Convention in Nice, France as a member of the R.I. Youth Exchange Committee and served on the Sergeant at Arms committee.

Immediately following, his retirement, Gordon returned to California, joining the Rotary Club of Grass Valley on 1 July, 1984. Combined donations from the Rotary Clubs of Grass Valley, Tahoe City, Yuba City, Marysville and members of his family, he was made a Paul Harris Fellow in 1983.

In 1986 Marian and their oldest son, Warren, were made sustaining members in the Rotary Foundation.

Gordon Moyer passed away October 5, 2009 just a few days short of his 92nd birthday. Gordon had a profound record of 64 years of perfect attendance in service to Rotary.

Charles "Chuck" Elizondo joined the Rotary Club of Grass Valley in 1974. He served the club as Sergeant at Arms, Bulletin Editor, Director and the President in 1979-1980. Subsequently, he served at the District level on the District Training Committee, as Governor's Special Representative for formation of the Penn Valley club, Governor's Area Representative, PETS Sergeant at Arms, International Service Chair, District Governor 2000-2001, P.E.T. 2002 General Chair. He chaired the Rotary Open World Committee involving eight districts in bringing civic leaders to the United States. Chuck was the 2003-2006 District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman. In 2006 he was selected the RI President's Representative to the District 7350 Conference. He served as the District Advisory Council Chairman for 2008-2010. Chuck has 36 years of perfect attendance. Chuck is a recipient of the Rotary International "Service Above Self Award" which is the highest honor given to a Rotarian.



His business career began in 1955 with Macy's California. Over a span of 18 years he held supervisory positions in the Hillsdale and Stanford stores, and then operation management positions in the San Francisco Division Headquarters. In 1973 he and Carol bought a grocery store in Grass Valley that dated from 1922, expanded it to include a delicatessen, and operated it for 17 years. In 1991 they bought their first apartment complex and are currently in the apartment and commercial property rental business.

His civic and social contributions have been with the Nevada County Chamber of Commerce, National Federation of Independent Businesses, California Grocers Association, Grass Valley Elks and Grass Valley Little and Major Leagues.

Chuck and Carol are parents of a son, Jon and daughter, Mary Grace and have five grandsons. Carol is Past Inner Wheel District Chair, 1998-1999. Chuck, Carol, Jon, Mary Grace and 5 grandsons are Paul Harris Fellows. Chuck and Carol are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society. Chuck enjoys golf, fishing and cooking."



Wyn and her husband Steve are natives of Louisiana, although Steve grew up in Marin County. The two met in Baton Rouge and were married there. Wyn taught middle school while Steve pursued his law degree. Following graduation from law school, they moved to California and made their home in Nevada City. Wyn is the Chairman and CEO of Nevada City Winery. Steve, also a member of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley, practices law in Nevada City and serves on the Winery's Board as Vice-President.

Wyn joined the Rotary Club of Grass Valley in 1994 and has served in a variety of Club and District roles including President, Assistant Governor, District Grants Chair, and District Governor (2008-2009). Wyn is currently a trainer for the Ethics Initiative program, assisted with the District Governor Seminar at Zone Institute 2009, was a PETS Instructor 2010 and is now serving on the Zone Institute 2010 Executive Committee. Wyn and Steve were honored to be RI President's Representatives in 2010. Wyn currently serves as D5190's Rotary Youth Exchange Chair, Future Vision liaison and is an Assistant Rotary Coordinator for Zone 25.

Wyn and Steve are Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation as well as Paul Harris and Bequest Society members. They share a deep interest in our Foundation's humanitarian work, have traveled to Uganda on a Matching Grant project and recently returned from India where they participated in a polio immunization day.

Wyn and Steve have three grown children, Lindsay, Katherine and Ross, who are pursuing careers in Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco. The family enjoys traveling together, especially by catamaran. All of the children are Paul Harris Fellows.