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Rotary

Club of Grass Valley



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Dennis Geare

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Stephanie Fisher from the Nevada County District Attorney's Office presented on the establishment of the [Family Justice Center \(FJC\) in Nevada County](#). The FJC aims to provide a comprehensive network of trauma-informed services for crime survivors in a single, safe location. This initiative will reduce redundancy among service providers and enhance support for victims.



The FJC is currently forming partnerships and plans to host a strategic planning session in September 2025 to gather insights from stakeholders, partners, and survivors. The information collected will help develop a website, informational materials, and additional partnerships. The goal is to have the FJC operational by March 2026.

Ed Silverster was honored with honorary Emeritus Status for his decades of exemplary service to Rotary and the community. With over 40 years of dedication, he notably established a Disc Golf course at Condon Park in Grass Valley, which is still actively used today and recognized as the 13th best disc golf destination in CA.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONFESSIONS

- [Nancy Chandler from Rotary Grass Valley South announced an area social event hosted by area 4 clubs on April 29th. The event features a trivia night, and this is the last call for attendees. It is from 5:30 to 8:00PM at the Alta Sierra Country Club. Hearty appetizers and desserts will be served and a no host bar is available. The cost is \\$35 per person. Hope to see you there!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Area Community Outreach Event: Film "Join or Die" @ Miners Foundry	April 27
Club Board Meeting: Noon at WSMC Glasson	April 28
Club Meeting: DARK	April 28
Area Social - Trivia Night: Alta Sierra Country Club	April 29
District 5190 Top Gun Conference	May 2-4
Gold Country Challenge	June 7
Rotary International Convention	June 21-25

UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

Plastic Recycling Project	Ongoing
Support Lyman Gilmore and Union Hill Schools	Ongoing
Alzheimer's Garden and Litton Trail: Upkeep and Maintenance	Ongoing
Rotary Magazines in Professional and Business Waiting Rooms	Ongoing
Chicago Park Middle School: Goodie Bag Project	Ongoing
Bright Futures For Youth: Planter Box Assembly	April 26
Chicago Park Middle School: Playground Paint Refresh	May 18
Chicago Park Middle School: Graduation Breakfast	June 5
Bright Futures: Help with Garden Area Pickle Ball Court	TBD
Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year	TBD
Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence	TBD
Center Stage: Shelves for Costumes	TBD
Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair	TBD
Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance	TBD

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN APRIL

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Shauneen Deschaine	April 3	Dave Peeler	16 Yrs
Connie Stone	April 9	Kris Stepanian	25 Yrs
		Patti Ingram Spencer	29 Yrs

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- In regards to the 26th; work starts at 9:00 am. We are building the boxes, filling them, and spreading gravel. Bring gloves, an iron rake, and shovel if you have them.

- The Wild Eyed Pub will host the 4th Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale and Brunch on May 11th. The plant sale runs from 9 AM to 2 PM, followed by brunch from 10 AM to 1 PM.

- Heather shared her joy from a recent trip to Scotland, where she gained a deeper appreciation for the country's beauty. She contributed \$70 as a bell ringer.

[Rotary Club of Grass Valley](#)

P.O. Box 1213
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Meets @ the [Wild Eye Pub](#) on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mon at 12:15 pm

[Area 4 Rotary Clubs](#)

[Penn Valley Rotary](#) meets @ [Players Pizza](#) at 12 pm on every other Tues

[Grass Valley South](#) meets @ the [Courtyard Suites](#) at 7 am on Tues

[Nevada City Rotary](#) meets @ [TJ's Roadhouse](#) 2nd and 4th Thurs at 12:15 pm
Food order RSVP needed the day prior at [ncrotary.org](#). On the 1st and 3rd Thurs, meeting is 5:30 pm at [Round Table Pizza](#)

[49er Rotary Breakfast Club](#) meets @ the [Miners Foundry](#) on Wed at 7 - 8 am





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The Heart of the
Gold Country



Honor Roll of Rotary Service Above Self

Emeritus Honorary Rotary Membership

Established January 2025

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley, Honor Roll of Rotary Service Above Self, has been established to recognize retiring senior club members with more than 25 years of Active Rotary Membership with exceptional records of Rotary Service Above Self. Each member has been awarded Honorary Rotary Membership with Emeritus Member designation.

The special designation of Emeritus Honorary Rotary Membership has been established by the club in recognition of a deserving retiring senior Rotarian's long record of exceptional Rotary Service. Honor roll members have been nominated through the club history committee and have been approved by the club board of directors.

Emeritus Honorary Membership Designation can be awarded to currently retired Honorary Members or deceased members as nominated by the club history committee and approved by the board of directors.

Additional awards will be made as appropriate going forward.

Directory:

Name	Active Rotary Service
Al Alstrand	1974-2021
Jon Byerrum	1989-2022
Chuck Elizondo	1974-2019
George Grayeb	1993-2020
Tom Lathrop	1961-2018
John Peplowski	1982 -2022
Ed Sylvester	1980-2023



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Plastic Recycling Project

Commercial Plastic Wrap is picked-up at the following locations:

- ◆ Nevada County Food Bank
- ◆ AJA Electronics
- ◆ Hills Flat Lumber

The plastic is then recycled and made into [TREX Benches](#)

Next bench will be dedicated to Larry Allen at WSMC Glasson!

Please contact [Bob](#) for more info!



We have collected 1,200 lbs of plastic so far this year!

Great work!



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**Sunday
April 27**

2pm doors open
3pm film starts
4:30pm panel

**Miners Foundry
Cultural Center**
325 Spring St
Nevada City

Tickets (FREE): 49erRotary.org/join

**JOIN
or DIE**

A film
about why
you should join a club
... and why the fate of America depends on it.

- Hosted by 49er Breakfast Club
- Film Screening – "Join or Die"
- Panel of local service organizations
- Club information table
- Free admission
- Contact [Fred](#) for reservation



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ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY SOUTH PRESENTS

**Annual Nevada County
Rotary Clubs Social**



**TRIVIA
NIGHT**



TUESDAY, APRIL 29
5:30 - 8 PM

Alta Sierra Country Club

Hearty appetizers & desserts
No host bar
\$35 per person
Sign up with your club treasurer

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 23

- RSVP to Club by April 23
- Billed by Club
- Bring your knowledge of little-known things



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Rotary District 5190

2025 Top Gun District Conference

Join Us For

The 2025 Top Gun District 5190 Conference

May 2-4, 2025 in Fallon NV.

Rotary District 5190

Click The Plane To Register Today

The poster features a large F-16 fighter jet in flight, a woman with red hair looking out over a desert landscape, and a smaller F-16 on the ground. The Rotary logo is prominently displayed.



Dennis Geare
District 5190 Governor

This year's conference is going to be the don't miss event of the year.

Join us in beautiful Fallon, Nevada, home to the U.S. Navy Top Gun Fighter School.

Come and celebrate all the great moments and memories we made this Rotary year.



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June 7th

Ride the beautiful and historic back country of Nevada County.

Nevada County was the heart of California's gold rush. Surrounding the charming mining era towns of Grass Valley and Nevada City, you'll ride through some of the most beautiful landscape California has to offer.

Discover why the [Amgen](#) has selected to ride through Nevada County on multiple occasions.

Visit www.rotarygoldcountrychallenge.com and pick from five different routes

All rides will be fully supported with water, rest stops, lunch and SAG vehicles.

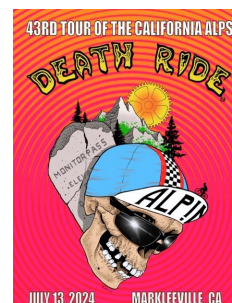
Rides will begin and end at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Afterwards, join us for a delicious, unique hot mealand of course, beer and wine (or chocolate milk if you prefer).



Register now for the Death Ride on July 12th

Train at the Rotary Gold Country Challenge 100 miles with 10,000 feet of climbing, but at the 3400 foot elevation level...

Then [Register](#) for the Gold Country Challenge to train up!





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2025 International Convention





MAGIC ALL AROUND

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Click the image below!



Register [HERE](#)