

# Rotary Club of Grass Valley



## The Spoke



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April 5, 2021

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### Club News

**The Great Gold Country Community Auction** is LIVE now! If you haven't done so yet, visit <https://www.32auctions.com/rotaryclubofgrassvalley> to sign up and bid on some great items. Share the link with family and friends to get them involved and help one of our club's major fundraisers of the year. The auction will conclude with a live zoom event on April 8th starting at 5:30pm. We will celebrate the winners, sponsors, auction donors, and the great work our club does in the community.

Our heartfelt congratulations to Navy PO1 Ryan Sykes who has been selected to receive a specially adapted custom home from Homes for our Troops! You are invited to join the ZOOM [community kick-off event](#) on April 24, 10:00 a.m. Visit [www.hfotusa.org/Sykes](http://www.hfotusa.org/Sykes) to receive the link!

On a different topic, yet still related to Ryan, this incredible man will be traveling to Huntsville, AL the weekend of April 17-18 to participate in the 2021 U.S. Paralympics Cycling Open. We're rootin' for you, Ryan!!!

### Meeting highlights March 29, 2021

President Seth led us in the pledge as the meeting began at 12:15 p.m. He's excited to be an official "short-timer" with only 3 months left of his presidency.

### Announcements:

- The fairgrounds has challenged local service clubs to pass the hat for much needed renovations at the fairgrounds. The club stepped up and raised over \$1,375 in less than a few minutes. If you would like to contribute, there is still time to get your pledge in to Treasurer **Bob Long**. Message him and he'll sign you up.
- Pat and Judy Ward** gassed up the RV and headed to Bodega Bay for the weekend. \$50 was levied toward his fine limit
- Bob Long and Wyn Spiller** met with Rotarians from the Kampala Rotary via ZOOM regarding the medical facility in Uganda. The ICU Building is scheduled to be finished soon.
- Scott Browne & Larry McGrath** just returned from a trip. First stop was NYC where they visited museums and such, then on to Puerto Rico, with a final stop in St. Croix for some R&R in the sun. \$70 made Scott a bell ringer.
- Marcia Salter** announced the birth of **Silas Eggleton**, son to **Andrea and Christian**. Congratulations to the family! We can't wait to meet the little guy.
- Monty East** boasted that his daughter was just named Woman of the Year for Butte County. He was happy to contribute \$100 for that honor.

### Upcoming Programs:

- April 5 Beth from Wild Eye Pub : Running a restaurant in the midst of a pandemic
- April 12 Prof. Bevin Ashenmiller-Economics of climate change
- April 19 Patrick Eidman—Nevada County Fairgrounds

### Dates to Remember:

- March 25-April 8 The Great Gold Country Community Auction
- April 22 Board of Directors meeting via ZOOM @ 5:15pm
- April 30-May 8 [RALLYE Week](#) \$59 Online  
(Rotary Awards, Learning, Leadership Yearly Event)
- June 12-16 International Conference Taipei, Taiwan
- Sept 11, 2021 Gold Country Challenge @ NC Fairgrounds
- Sept 11 District Vibrant Club Workshop

Take a virtual tour of the Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois

[District 5190 April Newsletter](#)



- Speaker: Tom Oats**— Toys for Tots coordinator for the Grass Valley area.
- Personal Bio: Tom worked in IT at the Grass Valley Group for many years. He currently is at the County in the IT department. He was the project manager that the Whispering Pines Medical Covid Clinic. He has been married for 35 years and is a USMC Veteran.
- Atria was the largest donation location for Toys for Tots. This year, they lost that because of the Corona Virus pandemic.
- They partnered with the Food Bank and the Salvation Army to have a very successful year. They found they can do a lot more working together as a team to help the community.
- They work off a master list compiled by the Salvation Army to serve local families which simplifies the paperwork and ultimately serves more people.
- [Grass.valley.ca@toysfortots.org](mailto:Grass.valley.ca@toysfortots.org)

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. with the Four Way Test

### Birthdays

Connie Stone	April 9
Christian Eggleton	April 17
Bob Lenhard	April 19

### Anniversaries

Tim & Chris McCall	50 years
Ron & Kathy Egenes	43 years
Fred & Ellie Claessens	19 years

### Rotary Anniversaries

David Peeler	12 years
Scott Spencer	16 years
Kris Stepanian	21 years
Patti Ingram-Spencer	25 years

Let's Celebrate

