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# The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

**Rotary**  
Club of Grass Valley

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[Dennis Geare](#)

April 7th, 2025

[www.gvrotary.org](http://www.gvrotary.org)

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Spring is in the air! It was a great day for a meeting! There were no Visiting Rotarian at today's meeting, but one guest, Ty Dwek, did join us.

We celebrated the Lyman Gilmore Students of the Month for February and March. Lyman Gilmore principal Lisa Lawell presented individualized awards to each student and thanked Rotary for their continued support for the students, school, and community.



Janel Sunde (Pres), Michelle Tellam (VP), and Erin Fagundes (Manager and Teacher) of [Center Stage Dance Studio](#) presented on their fantastic non-profit work. They have been operating for 20 years and currently have 207 dancers and 14 teachers on staff. They provide an important community service to students and the community with dancer ages ranging from age 5 to age 99. They pride themselves on running a dance program that is accepting of all students and skill levels including those with special learning needs and learning styles. Right now they are in critical need of replacing their dance flooring in the studio. They are hoping to raise just over \$14,000 and would be appreciative of any help our club or individuals could provide.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Area Community Outreach Event: Film "Join or Die" @ Miners Foundry](#) April 27  
[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  
 North Star House: Rotary At Work Day April 26  
 Bright Futures For Youth: Garden Box Build April 26  
 Chicago Park Middle School: Playground Paint Refresh May TBD  
 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONFESSIONS

On that April 26th at 9 we will be assembling planter boxes at Bright Futures for Youth. The site is in the back of the building and can be accessed by driving around to the left of the building.

Project should only take 2 hours. Help at all levels is needed. Just bring gloves.

### 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](http://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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## 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!



3,629 pounds of commercial plastic was collected in 2024.

## Let's beat that this year!



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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](http://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

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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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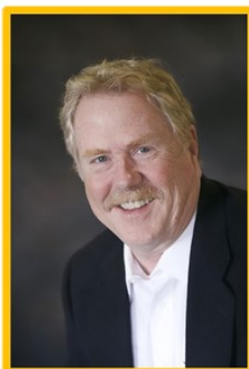
2025 Top Gun District Conference

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



**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](http://www.rotarygoldcountrychallenge.com) and pick from five different routes

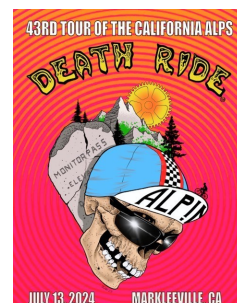
All rides will be fully supported with water, rest stops, lunch and SAG vehicles.

Rides will begin and end at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Afterwards, join us for a delicious, unique hot meal ....and 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!



JULY 13, 2024 MARKLEEVILLE, CA



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## 2025 International Convention

**MAGIC ALL AROUND**  
21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

Click the image below!



# Register [HERE](#)