

# Rotary Club of Grass Valley



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# The Spoke



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## Meeting Notes from 8/10/15

## Speakers:

Excitement hung in the air as we entered the Holbrooke eagerly anticipating the District Governor's visit. Most of us instantly recognized DG Gayle "Virus" Ellingwood as she circulated about the room, but a dapper gentleman who looked only vaguely familiar accompanied her. Turns out it was our own President Bob, masquerading as a dignitary. (In fact, Bob wears a suit so infrequently that he had to borrow a tie from Past President Steve Spiller...no wonder we didn't recognize him).



Nonetheless, the meeting got off to a smooth start with the pledge being led by Carol Lenhard. Next, Pat Ward shared a thought for the day featuring quotable gems from prominent business leaders. A great sigh of relief was heard around the room as Pat stopped just short of using any quotes from Presidential hopeful, Donald Trump.

President Bob orchestrated the meeting using three bells and two gavels! It gave the meeting a kind of church-like quality. Eric Trygg introduced the many Rotary luminaries in the room including DG Nominee Doug McDonald and his wife Karen, ADG Dennis Geare, and DG Gayle's husband, Dan. President Bob thanked Scott McFarland and the many volunteers who helped at Saturday's immunization clinic. Once the dust settled and the tears dried, 55 children and one President Elect were immunized; 22 children received dental screenings. Thank you President Bob and Scott for working so hard to make this day a success.

The NC Fair is just around the corner. John Voter said that the Food Bank needs volunteers to help in the tempura booth. President Bob described Demolition Derby assignments for Sunday. August 21<sup>st</sup> is the River Cats game. Tickets are still available. We will be dark on September 28<sup>th</sup> to allow for a five-club gathering that evening at the National Hotel to greet the incoming vocational team from Kazakhstan. More details later. Bobbi Swanson shared that our incoming RYE student is arriving this week from Argentina. One more host family is needed for the winter months. Anita Daniels was fined \$5.00 for shamelessly promoting Tri-Counties Bank (which is, of course, her job). Blake Smith confessed that he got a new vehicle for his rapidly expanding young family. He ended up buying a 66 passenger Crown school bus explaining that it was the only thing he could find that would accommodate all of those car seats and still allow enough space between him and the kids to hear the radio.

ADG Dennis Geare introduced DG Gayle citing her many years of service to Rotary. DG Gayle began by recognizing our club's PDG's...Wyn "Mad Dog" Spiller and Chuck "Condo" Elizondo (Gayle's quotes, not mine) and their spouses, Steve and Carol. She then recognized Fred Claessens as Rotarian of the Month for his stellar work on our website, social media, and photo taking (I think we appreciated Fred all the more



**Aug 17 Lt. Alex Gammelgard GV PD**

## Dates to Remember:

**Aug 16 Destruction Derby at NC Fair**  
**Aug 21 River Cats Game**  
**Sept 7 DARK—Labor Day**  
**Sept 28 Area 4 Joint Meeting at National Hotel 5:00 p.m.**

as John Peplowski fumbled with Fred's camera attempting to capture the moment, but complained that he couldn't find the "trigger"). Next, PDG Chuck Elizondo was recognized for 41 years of perfect attendance. Bobbi Swanson was awarded the "Quiet Rotarian" for her years of excellent work in the RYE program. Finally, Tim McCall and Lee Osnas were commended for receiving their PHF +3 pin.



DG Gayle listed many of the accomplishments of our club from its inception (the fourth club to form in District 5190) to present day events. She described some of the services offered to clubs through the district. She urged us all to attend the District Conference May 13-15, 2016 (with President Bob standing directly behind her lip syncing the words, "Gold Country Challenge, Gold Country Challenge..."). DG Gayle ended by highlighting the on-going generous support given the Foundation by our club. She shared that Nigeria, a perennially polio-endemic country, has reported no new cases in the past year. Two more such years will make the entire continent of Africa polio free... a major milestone in our fight to eradicate this terrible disease!

Judy Bagley's number was drawn entitling her to select a white marble, and DGN Doug led us in the 4 Way Test to close the meeting.

## Notes from President Bob

Our first community service project is in the books and a success. We provided vaccinations to 55 students and dental exams to another 25. 22 Rotarians helped, 1/3 of our club – a great turnout.

Our District Gov visited Monday and gave your board high marks for their organization and planning. She was impressed with our Fellowship planning and involvement with our Area 4 clubs.

GREAT NEWS ---Africa's last polio case occurred in Somalia on August 11 last year. Nigeria reached one year without a reported case on July 24. The World Health Organization (WHO) may soon remove Nigeria from the list of polio endemic countries. When Africa goes three years without a case of polio, WHO will certify the region as polio-free. We are "this close" to eradicating another deadly virus from the planet

On a sadder note – we have had three resignations from the club. Shawna McDonald, Ralph Anderson, and Suzie Gemignani.

## Rotary Club of Grass Valley

P.O. Box 1213 – Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Meeting location: **Monday** at 12:15 PM  
Holbrooke Hotel, 212 W. Main St, GV

## Make Up Meetings

Members who miss a regular meeting may make-up by attending any other Rotary club's meeting within 14 days before or after the missed meeting.

**E-makeup:** [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

## Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Grass Valley South,  
151 Mill Street, Grass Valley  
12:00 Auburn, Auburn Elks Lodge  
12:15 Penn Valley, Players Pizza  
12:15 Marysville, Peach Tree Golf  
& Country Club

## Wednesday

7:00 a.m. 49er Breakfast Club,  
Escaton Lodge

7:00 a.m. Auburn Daybreak,  
Sierra Smokehouse Grill  
12:15 Yuba City, The Refuge

## Thursday

7:00 a.m. South Yuba County Sunrise  
Peachtree Restaurant (Marysville)  
12:15 Auburn Gold Country,  
The Ridge Golf Course  
12:15 Nevada City, National Hotel