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Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ed Pinto - President
Heather Thorpe - President Elect
Jennifer Malone - Vice President
Jesse Wilson - Most Recent Past President
Tim McCall - Executive Secretary
Judy Bagley - Executive Treasurer

James Delcour - Director Year 2
Stephanie Fischer - Director Year 2
Sean Jackson - Director Year 2 (Nom)
Tom Stanley - Director Year 1
Cheri Hall - Director Year 1
Debra Plass - Director Year 1

- Sergeant at Arms - Ed Pinto
- The Spoke Editor - Ryan Sykes
- Photographer - Fred Claessens



Spoke Notes were recorded by:
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[President of Rotary International](#)

[Olayinka Hakeem Babalola](#)



[Governor of District 5190](#)

[Kurt Raffetto](#)

August 17, 2026

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At today's meeting there were no visiting Rotarians, nor were there any guests of Rotarians.

Here are a few housekeeping date changes per Pres Ed:

- Casino Night has been changed to February 27
- Club Member Personal Plans 26/27 are DUE
- Club Meeting Location Update - Still Searching

Now on to our Speakers: [David Langness, Board President of Hospitality House](#) (H.H.), and [Debbie McDonald, Hospitality House Director of Development](#) spoke with us today about updates to current programs, as well as operations.

David's Daughter received a Rotary Scholarship some time ago and was able to study abroad in South America. Since that experience, she has gone on to learn multiple other languages.

One mission of the H.H. is to help provide everyone with housing. As of recently, there are 1007 individuals being aided with housing and meals! 394 people were counted as homeless and the H. H. has been focusing on this issue intensely! They have been investing in properties as a strategy to mitigate this factor! Along with housing, providing access to affordable health care is also very important. A more long term solution to Homeless Healthcare is being explored.

H.H. has lofty goals, yet they will remain committed to achieving those them. Their leadership has identified main areas to be focused on and will work diligently to properly address the aforementioned issues!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

Per Anite: Wish Don well, currently recovering in Hospital

Planter Box construction went well! Thanks to All!

Jennifer thanked Rotary for raising community support!

Kathy thanked the Beer Booth volunteers!

Kris had a close encounter with Lenny Kravitz at a show with her son!

Ed auctioned off a 1974 Dinner Menu featuring Elvis for Polio Plus - Marcia stole it for \$26

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: DARK / Board Mtg: Glasson @ 12	Aug 24
Club Meeting: DARK (5th Mon)	Aug 31
Club Meeting: DARK (Labor Day)	Sep 7
Club Meeting @ Grass Valley Moose Lodge	Sep 14
Club Meeting @ Nevada County Media @ 5:30	Sep 21
Club Meeting: DARK / Board Mtg: Glasson @ 12	Sep 28
Club Meeting: TBD	Oct 5

UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

Grange Breakfast: Rough and Ready	4th Saturday
Plastic Recycling Project	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
Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year	TBD
Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence	TBD
Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair	TBD
Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance	TBD
Highway 49 Gateway Sign Rebuild	TBD
Rotary Club Of Grass Valley South: 1st Annual Poker Run	Oct 11th
Casino Night	Feb 27 2027
Rotary District 5190 Conference	May 14-16 2027

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN AUGUST

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Steve Spiller	Aug 7	Alex Zalesky	1 Yr
Cheri Hall	Aug 8	Cheri Hall	1 Yr
David Zucca	Aug 13	Jennifer Breazeale	2 Yrs
Scott Browne	Aug 14	Shauneen Gracey	2 Yrs
Sandra Barrington	Aug 14	Karen Sartori	3 Yrs
Susan Fivelstad	Aug 16	Ed Pinto	5 Yrs
George Grayeb	Aug 18	Susan Fivelstad	17 Yrs
Marcia Salter	Aug 25	Steve Spiller	25 Yrs
Carol Elizondo	Aug 29	George Grayeb	33 Yrs

ROTARY MINUTE



Rotary

10 Reasons to Join A Rotary Club

- The Opportunity to Serve
- Leadership Development
- Citizenship in the World
- Business Development
- Continuing Education
- Personal Growth
- Entertainment
- Community
- Friendship
- Fun

[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 [Litton Bldg, Rm 300](#) at 7am on Tuesday

[Nevada City Rotary](#) meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 5:30pm for our Social meetings
[Contact](#) them for the location that week
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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“HONORARY MEMBERSHIP”

AWARDED TO

Kelly Quinn

In recognition of your exceptional Rotary service and Active membership in the Rotary Club of Grass Valley, CA.
from November 1993 to June 2026.

Your involvement in Rotary and club activities and your dedication to helping others are exemplified as the
best of Rotary “Service Above Self”.

Thank you again for your service to Rotary and the Rotary Club of Grass Valley. We look forward to you
remaining with the club in the future as an Honorary Member.

Presented this 17th day of August 2026

Ed Pino, President, Rotary Club of Grass Valley



Thanks Beth and David
And Laurel



- Our last meeting at the Wild Eye Pub
- Beth and David starting their next adventure
- Many thanks from the club for your support (Seven Years)
- Best wishes and safe travels from all of us



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“CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION”

AWARDED TO

Beth Moore and David Kuczora

In recognition of your exceptional support of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley, CA.
from August 2019 to August 2026.

Your hosting of club meetings and events at your Wild Eye Pub provided exceptional service and flexible
accommodation for club meeting schedules. Allowing the club to use your audio-visual equipment for meeting
support and storage of meeting materials was especially helpful and facilitated club meeting operations. Your
support of our club exemplifies your dedication to helping others and Rotary “Service Above Self”.

Thank you again for your support of Rotary and the Rotary Club of Grass Valley. We wish you well as you begin
your next adventure and safe travels going forward.

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Plastic Recycling Project

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

- ◆ Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital
- ◆ Nevada County Food Bank
- ◆ AJA Electronics
- ◆ Hills Flat Lumber

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



We have collected and recycled almost 2,000 pounds of commercial plastic this year.
We are well on our way to a goal of 4,000 lbs. in 2026

Good Luck, Rotarians!



Rotary "Service Above Self"

Bob Long
Tim McCall
Fred Claessens
Marcia/Tim Salter
Dave Zucca
Ed Pinto

Thank You!





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ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY SOUTH
PRESENTS 1ST ANNUAL

POKER RUN



Proceeds to fund community projects supporting local youth and families

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th

Start at The Red Frog, Colfax
Uncle Sonny's Bar, Grass Valley
Trailblazer Craft Pizza & Brews, Grass Valley
The Tack Room Restaurant & Bar, Penn Valley
Finish at Western Gateway Park, Penn Valley

Registration 10-11am ~ First out 11am ~ Last in 3:30pm

MUSIC ~ DOOR PRIZES ~ BEST HAND AND WORST HAND PRIZES
SWEENIE'S WEENIES & LAZY DOG ICECREAM FOR PURCHASE AT WGP

RIDERS & CARS: \$30
\$10 PER EXTRA HAND

INFO/TICKETS AT GVSROTARY.ORG

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE, USING QR
CODE, OR PAY WITH CASH AT THE EVENT



ALL TYPE OF BIKES AND CARS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE



MORE INFO



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D5190 Foundation Dinner

Hosted by Area 8

6:00 p.m. - November 6, 2026
Atlantis Hotel Casino - Reno, Nevada



District 5190 Foundation Dinner

Nov. 06, 2026 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. [Pacific Standard Time](#)

“THE FUTURE IS NOW”

2026 Rotary District 5190 Foundation Dinner

Hosted by Area 8

Date: Friday, November 6th, 2026
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno, NV

Doors open at 6pm

Dinner at 7pm

Cost: \$60 per person

Keynote Speaker



Carson Costa

Author, Educator

4th Generation Rotarian



Join us as we celebrate

The Rotary
Foundation



[Register](#)

NOTE: Full table is eight guests.

Please contact the event organizer if you need to modify.



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ROTARY DISTRICT 5190

OFF WE GO *into the*
WILD BLUE YONDER

2027 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Early Bird Registration Ends December 31, 2026

**MAY 14-16
2027
LAKE TAHOE**

REGISTRATION