

# Rotary Club of Grass Valley



# The Spoke



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### A fascinating read from August 2014 Rotarian

### [A rocket scientist is born, with help from Rotary.](#)

Early on, Kenneth Wilson realized that raising his son Taylor would require some creative parenting. Toys never interested him; he preferred the real thing. So, at age eight, when Taylor dreamed of becoming an astronaut, he didn't just want to ride in a rocket, he told his dad – he wanted to build one too. He set up a chemistry lab in the garage and began designing his own rockets and making his own fuel.

The next year, on Thanksgiving, Taylor wore his monogrammed lab coat and, armed with a handful of medical lancets, announced that he wanted to draw blood for “comparative genetic experiments.” Each member of the extended family duly offered a finger to be pricked. Taylor brought the samples to his lab, then returned with a chart listing everyone's blood types.

“Where does it come from?” Wilson, a fourth-generation Rotarian, often asks himself. He's a Coca-Cola bottler, a skier, an ex-football player. His wife, Tiffany, is a yoga instructor. “Neither of us knows a dang thing about science,” he says. Wilson, in his late-50s, is solidly built, with hair that's transitioning to gray. He has the kind of easy sociability acquired over a lifetime of Southern barbecues.

When Taylor, now 20, was young, the couple did everything they could to nourish his curiosity while keeping him safe and the house intact. Neither suspected that they would look back on those days as uncomplicated, a time when their scary-smart son was into relatively simple things – like rocket science.

This was before Taylor would transform the garage into a mysterious, glow-in-the-dark cache of radioactive materials and machines. Before he would build a reactor that could fling atoms together in a 500-million-degree plasma core, becoming, at 14, the youngest individual to achieve nuclear fusion. Before he would conceive new ways to use subatomic particles to confront some of the biggest challenges of our time, including cancer and nuclear terrorism.

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### Speakers:

Aug 11 John Paul - navigating thru the internet

Aug 18 District Governor's visit

### Dates to Remember:

6/26 - 8/14 [GVDA - Thursday Night Market](#)  
8/23/14 [Reno Aces ball game - Reno](#)  
10/3-5/14 [REGLE session 1 Grizzly Creek Ranch](#)  
Feb 7, 2015 [Casino Night 2015](#)  
May 9, 2015 [2nd Annual Gold Country Cycling Challenge](#)

Click here to view: [August 2014 District 5190 Newsletter](#)



**President Steve** called the meeting promptly to order at 12:15. **Dave Peeler** was the Greeter; **Judy Bagley** led us in the Pledge; **Fred Claessens** related an old Chinese happiness proverb as the Thought for the Day which he likened to a Rotary connection. It ended with "happiness over time is by helping someone else". Fred is also our club photographer. Thank you, Fred! Then since August is membership month for Rotary, our President had everyone standup, shake hands with his/her neighbor and state just how proud we are to be Rotarians!

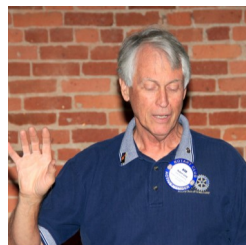
Over the past weekend **President Steve, Tim McCall, Bob Long, Wyn Spiller, John Peplowski, Anita and Don Daniels** attended a District Membership and Public Image meeting in Incline Village. Our Club had the highest attendance of any Club in the District!



**Eric Trygg** introduced his 20-year old nephew, **Michael McChord** who is visiting from Santa Anita where he attends college. Eric has also agreed to take over the duties of *Club Vice President*. THANK YOU, ERIC! **Lee Osnas** introduced his wife **Joanne**.

**Sid Salcedo** introduced his wife **Reyna** who is an officer in our local Salvation Army office.

Plans for our May 9, 2015 Bike Ride are gearing up (?). **Bob Long** already has an extensive group of committees that are starting work to make next Spring's bike ride even more successful than our first try at such an event which in itself was an excellent ground breaker for the bikers, our community and our Club!

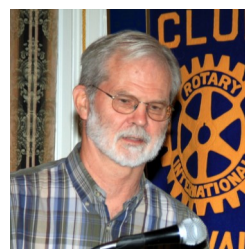
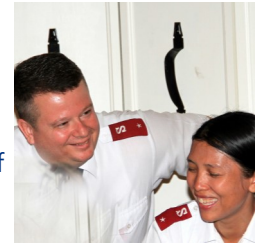


**John Voter** made an appeal for paper bags for the Food Bank.

**Bobbi Swanson** announced our club is sponsoring an in-bound RYE Student, a young woman from Belgium. Bobbi

needs someone to be a coordinator for this young Exchange student. It's a great Rotary program and Bobbi needs our help!

**Sid Salcedo** explained the significant nature of the Salvation Army shield on its logo. It symbolizes the Salvation Army's primary mission of protecting people from adversity and their own self-destruction. To this end, Sid needs money to help defray the cost of their homeless shelter, the Booth Family Shelter. It is especially needed now as the usual Federal grant for this project has been denied. The Shelter houses 23 families for six months after which through the good work of the Salvation Army 87% find new homes. Since it costs \$37 per night for each room, our Salvation Army is appealing for funds to continue this worthy project.



**Lee Osnas**, with the capable assistance of his wife Joanne, performed a craft talk that wasn't exactly a craft talk; it was a travel-log. Lee had an extensive slide show presentation of the Osnas recent visit to Norway and Sweden where Lee's many relatives and Nordic heritage exists. The Osnas seemed to wind their way through the scenic beauty of well kept homes, clean cities, mid-summer celebrations, majestic vistas, green countrysides, ancestors galore, ancient churches/buildings/artifacts and much more. Lee characterized their visit as "eating and drinking their way through Norway and Sweden". The many colorful slides and Lee's eloquent presentation gave each of us a better understanding of this part of the world. Thanks from all of us Lee and Joanne. Well Done!

Lottery ticket #276 was drawn and **Judy Bagley** was the holder, but alas she drew a white ball. There is still something on the order of \$135 for someone to win, maybe next week?



The Four Way Test was recited and President Steve adjourned the meeting.

## Rotary Club of Grass Valley

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

### 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. Nevada County South,  
Alta Sierra Country Club  
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