



Rotary Club of Grass Valley



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In the News

Did you know that the Rotary Club of Grass Valley has a group membership with the Cal Star Air Ambulance organization. For \$35 per year, your family can sign up for this valuable service.

Visit <http://calstar.org> and see the details under the "membership" tab.

If you have an idea for an interesting program or field trip, contact Eric Trygg our program director extraordinaire.

Dave Peeler will be participating in the [United Way's BBQ Battle](#) this Saturday, Aug 16th at Western Gateway Park. The competition begins at 12:30. Come on out and support a great Rotarian and his team.

Meeting Highlights from August 4, 2014

President Steve started the meeting on time at 12:15 pm. **Pat Ward** led us in the Pledge to our Flag and **George Grayeb** did the Thought for the Day, a quote stating the need for individual initiative, hard work and personal responsibility in accomplishing life goals and making the country strong and secure for our children and future generations. George asked if anyone could guess who the author of the quote was. No one knew it was Abraham Lincoln who wrote this still timely message.

Don Daniels was the greeter and **Judy Bagley** reported there were no visiting Rotarians today.

We did have several guests however. **George Grayeb** introduced **Del Lunde** a long-time former club member who now lives in Palm Desert, CA. Del was back in town for a grandson's wedding. It was good to see him again and reminisce about old times and his success as club membership chair.



Speakers:

Aug 18 District Governor's visit
Aug 25 TBA
Sep 1 DARK
Sep 8 Club Assembly—Membership

Dates to Remember:

8/16/14 [United Way BBQ Penn Valley](#)
8/23/14 [Reno Aces ball game - Reno](#)
9/27/14 [Club Barbecue at Osnas home](#)
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](#)

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Meeting Highlights cont'd August 11, 2014

Notes by
Pat Ward

Chuck Elizondo introduced **Michael Pecoler**, **Eric Trygg's** nephew from Anaheim, CA who is in town for his annual summer trip and second visit to the club.

Bobbie Swanson also introduced our club-sponsored RYE student, **Zelda Brownwood**, who recently returned from her year abroad in Spain, just outside of Madrid. Zelda's Sister Zoe was also at the meeting and hopes to be selected for a future RYE assignment.



Marcia Salter announced that she just picked up our incoming RYE student, **Charlotte Sacre** from Belgium. She enrolled at Nevada Union the next day and is presently getting settled-in to her new surroundings. Marcia will bring her to a meeting and introduce her to the club in the near future.

Jon Peek announced to the club that a past RYE student, **Ella Peterson**, from Denmark who stayed with them during her RYE assignment was back in town for a visit. Jon said it was good to see



her again and mentioned she is involved in Rotary in Denmark. Jon also offered club members the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for \$10.00 each for a one-in-five hundred chance to win \$1,000. All proceeds from the raffle would go to support upkeep of the Catholic Church in Downieville, CA.

In other announcements, **Anita Daniels** said there will be a membership committee meeting on August 25th following the club meeting to prepare for a club membership presentation on September 8th. She encouraged anyone interested in joining the committee to contact her. Anita additionally announced that the club purchased two hogs at the 4H auction at the county fair. She said they still needed to raise \$500 to cover the cost of the purchase and asked that interested club members contact her in they are interested in purchasing some of the pork.

John Voter announced an upcoming Chamber of Commerce mixer and **Bob Long** reported on the recent Rotary-sponsored demolition derby at the Fairgrounds during the fair saying we probably made around \$2,000 but the final tally is not yet in. He did announce donations from the proceeds were made to the Salvation Army and the Food Bank. Bob also announced that SNMH's quick response to his wife's recent medical emergency was instrumental in providing needed medical care that prevented serious complications from the incident.



John Peplowski, in his new role as Club Fellowship Committee

Chair, announced there will be a club End of Summer BBQ for club members, family and friends at the **Osnas residence** on September 27th. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs with drinks available for donations. Those attending will be asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. The sign-up list went around and will continue to circulate at each upcoming meeting. Thanks Lee & Joanne!

To complete the announcements, **Judy Bagley** was presented her 12-year perfect attendance pin and **Wyn Spiller** referenced two upcoming District webinars dealing with financial management for youth and the other about the Rotary Leadership Academy.



Our program today was presented By **Rich Johansen**, owner of The Johansen Ranch in Orland and Penn Valley. Rich has a long history of involvement in local and regional agricultural issues serving on several agricultural advisory boards and working with the county farm advisor and others on agricultural issues.

He related the many challenges facing the family farmer today, citing heavy-handed Federal, State and local regulations that perhaps are well-intended but in implementation and enforcement are often lacking in common sense and understanding of local conditions and situations. He also referenced the difficulty of the small family farmer in obtaining financing for the purchase of farmland, to upgrade facilities and equipment as well as other farming costs. Additionally, he said that competition from out-of-area corporate agricultural interests with significant financial resources are driving up prices for water and farmland as it becomes available. Rich also said that the water crisis this year in CA is real and is going to get worse, as even a good winter rainy season will not make-up for the serious draw-down of groundwater aquifers and the lack of carry-over water storage.



Rich also talked about the organic farm products he grows and how small farmers can sell their products either through direct sales to customers, farmers markets and off-site farm stand locations.

At the completion of the program, **Al Alstrand** had the lucky ticket but alas, he drew the white marble. We are getting close, I think there only about two white and the winning black marble left.

President Steve adjourned the meeting a little after 1:15 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

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

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