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# The Spoke Newsletter

Rotary

Club of Grass Valley



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jesse Wilson - President  
Ed Pinto - President Elect  
Heather Thorpe - Vice President  
Sean Jackson - Immediate Past President  
Tim McCall - Executive Secretary  
Judy Bagley - Executive Treasurer

P. Scott Brown - Director Year 2  
Judy Bagley - Director Year 2  
Gina Will - Director Year 2  
James Delcours - Director Year 1  
Stephanie Fischer - Director Year 1  
Jennifer Malone - Director Year 1

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



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[President of Rotary International](#)

[Francesco Arezzo](#)



[Governor of District 5190](#)

[Larry Harvey](#)

August 18th, 2025

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

What a beautiful day for our meeting! We got a slight reprieve with the weather this morning. Although it is forecasted to climb back into the mid-high 90's by the end of the week.

Several guests joined our meeting today. A new corporate member nominee, Peter Van Haute, and a GV South Rotary Club member, Nancy Chandler.

To add to the positive atmosphere, we were honored to host the Rotary District 5190 Governor, Larry Harvey.



One of Larry's goals is to better fulfill Rotary's current theme, which is "Make Dreams Come True ". Larry explained four main categories on how to accomplish this:

Collaborate, Develop, Elevate, and Advocate

Our club is strong in these areas. Ideas and projects that we self-generate are noticed by others clubs, and thus is starts a very positive and productive rippling effect.

Larry added another note; our Zone was the number one giver for Polio Eradication in the world! Great Work, Rotarians!

Here is some of Larry's Background:

He has 35 years of experience in Human Resources and Risk Management with John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino .

Larry considers himself to be semi-retired now. He has held multiple leadership roles with the Rotary Club of Sparks, he is a Paul Harris Fellow and a major donor to the organization.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to all else it will be know by what it achieves". Paul Harris

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: DARK	August 25
Club Board Meeting: WSMC Glasson @ 12	August 25
Club Social: Gold Vibe Kombuchary	August 25
Club Meeting: DARK	September 1
Club Meeting: Guide Dogs for the Blind	September 8
Club Meeting: Ayurveda College	September 15
Casino Night Committee Meeting: Roundtable Pizza @ 12	September 19
Club Meeting: DARK	September 22
Club Board Meeting: WSMC Glasson @ 12	September 22
Club Social: Bright Futures for Youth	September 22
Club Meeting: Laughter Shock Improv	September 29
Casino Night	February 7 2026
District 5190 Conference	May 1-3 2026
Gold Country Challenge	June 6 2026
Rotary International Conference	June 13-17 2026

## UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

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
REGL Camp Grizzly: Portola	September 19-21
Rotary Club of Nevada City – Paws and a Cause	September 27
World Polio Day: Pancakes For Polio (w/ 49er)	October 24
Halloween BBQ Drive Thru – Lyman Gilmore Middle School	October 25
Nevada County Food Bank – Holiday Food Service Days	TBD
Salvation Army – Bell Ringing	TBD
Chicago Park Middle School: Playground Paint Refresh	TBD
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: Help Repairing Dance Floor	TBD
Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair	TBD
Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance	TBD
Salvation Army: Planter Boxes and Chicken Coop	TBD
Women of Worth: Thanksgiving Meal Cooking	November 2025

## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN AUGUST

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Steve Spiller	Aug 7	George Grayeb	32 yrs
Scott P. Browne	Aug 14	Steve Spiller	24 yrs
Sandra Barrington	Aug 14	Susan Fivelstad	16 yrs
Susan Fivelstad	Aug 16	Ed Pinto	4 yrs
George Grayeb	Aug 18	Karen Sartori	2 yrs
Marcia Salter	Aug 25	Shauneen Deschaine	1 Yr
Carol Elizondo	Aug 29	Jennifer Breazale	1 yr

[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 the 1st and 3rd  
Thursdays 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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We also gave out multiple awards today:



New Members  
Lisa S sponsoring Alex Z  
- Larry Harvey -  
Cheri H sponsored by Jen M



Rotary Dream Maker: Kellie G



Paul Harris Fellow Awards:  
Richard K x3  
Kathy x5



Quiet Rotarian Award: Stephanie F

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

Jon stated that preparing the Baked Potatoes at the Nevada County Fair was quite the experience

More informative fliers are currently being produced for the Halloween Drive Thru Tri Tip BBQ

WSMC's 50th Anniversary and Founders event is Sep 5th at 7:15 at the Northstar House



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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!



We have collected 2,350 lbs of plastic so far this year!

## Great work!





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## SAVE THE PLAY DATE

### PIONEER PARK, NEVADA CITY

September 27, 2025 1~4pm

Play, learn and compete!

- Local Veterinarians
- Dog Trainers
- Pet Stores & Supplies
- Animal Rescue
- Wellness Specialists
- Fun Contests
- Agility Circuits
- Lassie tales and wellness  
from Timmy (Jon Provost)  
and more...



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DRIVE THRU BBQ  
BILLS CHUCKWAGON



SAVE THE DATE  
OCTOBER 25, 2025  
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## CASINO NIGHT

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

**SAT 7 FEB 2026**

Nevada County Fairgrounds

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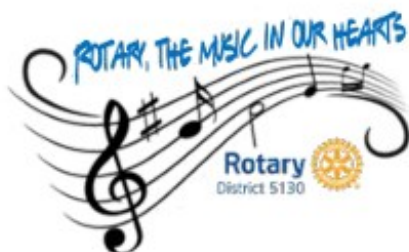
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## SAVE THE DATE!

# Far West Fest 2026 Early Bird Special!



[Click HERE](#)

Welcome to the Far West Fest 2026 Registration Website

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** This is a special offer for Rotarians wanting the best price for the conference. The conference is still a year away and some of the final details have not been determined at this time. We are planning an amazing celebration of our amazing contributions to our communities and the world with amazing speakers and entertainment options. When all of the details are finalized you will receive a special email with how to register your conference specifics such as food and lodging. JOIN US!

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL PRICING  
EXTENDED THROUGH JULY 12th,  
2025!





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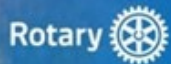
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## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



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