



# The Spoke Newsletter



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**August 22nd, 2022**

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The Heart of the Gold Country



Spoke Notes  
By  
[Larry McGrath](#)

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Derek Williams gave us his craft talk. Living in multiple locations, he has decided to call California home since 1966. He is a Mac computer consultant and prior to that he worked as a banker for 14 years. Even though he was raised in land-locked Iowa, he served the Naval Reserves for over 2 decades and spent and 3 years active duty.

He serves as the President of Nevada County Art Council and also has also spent some time teaching at Sierra College. During his time teaching there he developed new curriculum for computer classes, modernizing the course.

Derek was also presented with his Blue Badge.



BLUE BADGE PRESENTATION

Following the presentation, Larry Allen gave us his craft talk. Larry is a lawyer by trade. He was born in Oregon, moved to California, and spent some time in the Bay Area before calling Northern California home. The city life made things convenient, but he does not miss the crowds!

Larry worked for the Shasta County District Attorney's Office, the Sierra County DA's Office, and a Northern California area specialist in Environmental Law. He joined a Rotary Club in Loyalton, where he served as President several times. He is currently an active member and Vice President of this Rotary Club. He attributed part of his success with the DA's Office to being an active Rotarian.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**August 29th** [Economic Resource Council](#)  
**September 5th** **DARK for Labor Day**  
**September 12th** [Falls Prevention Coalition](#)  
**September 19th** [Sierra Youth & Families](#)

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

[BSM Triathlon Volunteer Opportunity](#) **September 18th**  
**Foundation Dinner @ Miner's Foundry** **March 9th**  
[Gold Country Challenge Bike Ride](#) **June 3rd, 2023**

## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES

August Birthdays		August Rotary Anniversaries	
Steve Spiller	Aug 7th	George Grayeb	28 Years
Sandra Barrington	Aug 14th	Steve Spiller	20 Years
Scott P Browne	Aug 14th	Susan Fivelstad	12 Years
Susan Fivelstad	Aug 16th	Joshua Robinson	1 Year
George Grayeb	Aug 18th		
Marcia Salter	Aug 25th		
Carol Elizondo	Aug 29th		
August Anniversaries			
George & Mary Grayeb	60 Years		
Bob & Sharyl Long	49 Years		
Tim & Marcia Salter	42 Years		
Moe & Sherrie Allen	24 Years		

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONFESSIONS

Becky Peters had a Birthday and celebrated it at the river with her son.

Heather Thorpe received her Certified Planner Certificate.

Kris Stepanian thanked everyone for attending the Patsy Cline event. Her son had pneumonia and was in the hospital for a week. There will be another concert with her son, Dominique, on 11/19 at the Nevada Theater.

Sandra Barrington was able to hire a new employee in her office. The addition to the workforce will definitely be appreciated by all.

## Thought of the Day

**"Life's better when you make space for what you love. This world can rob you of your happiness if you let it. You have to be intentional about giving yourself something to look forward to. Prioritize your joy!" - Michelle Clark**

[Rotary Club of Grass Valley](#)

[Area 4 Rotary Clubs](#)

[P.O. Box 1213 Grass Valley, CA 95945](#)

[Penn Valley Rotary](#) meets @ [Players Pizza](#) on every other Tuesday at 12 pm

[Nevada City Rotary](#) meets @ the [Litton Bldg](#) on the 1st & 3rd of every Thursday at 5:30 pm & on the 2nd & 4th of every Thursday at 12 pm

Meets @ the [Wild Eye Pub](#) on Monday at 12:15 pm

[Grass Valley South](#) meets @ the [Litton Bldg](#) on Tuesday at 7 am

[49er Rotary Breakfast Club](#) meets @ the [Miners Foundry](#) on Wednesday at 7 - 8 am