

# The Spoke Newsletter



**Rotary**  
Club of Grass Valley

**SERVE TO  
CHANGE LIVES**

Chartered March 16, 1925

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Serve to Change Lives

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**August 9, 2020**

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## Club News

President Kathleen began the meeting at 12:15 p.m. followed by Larry Faller's passionate musical greeting on the trombone. Pat Ward led the Pledge to the flag and Kathy Egenes inspired with a quote by Maya Angelou "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."



Guests in attendance were soon-to-be new member Ed Pinto and Cory Clemons of Sierra Energy Logs.

On Zoom: Viv Tipton, Pam Mirkin, Andy Withers, Wyn Spiller, Ryan Sykes, Larry McGrath, and others.

Confessions: Tim McCall confessed traveling to Fort Bragg to see his daughter and bringing his grandson back home for a visit. Oh, and they got in a little fishing time, too.

Program: Foundation Committee Chair Scott Browne gave an update of the Foundation Drive. A lot of progress has been made. Larry McGrath has also been calling on donors, and he has good results soon to be reported.



Avenues of Service Chairs: Community Service Chair, Larry Faller, reported on the Projects Committee he is putting together. We will hear from the other 4 Chairs, Andrew Jackson and Viv Tipton - Club Service, Andrew Withers - Youth Service, Jonathan Walker - Vocational, and Wyn Spiller - International in a later program.

Volunteer Service: Rotarians have been volunteering at the Fairgrounds as the fair staff gets ready to open on August 11. Soon-to-be new member Ed Pinto and President Kathleen Shaffer volunteered to help the Horticultural Entrants set up the judging cards.

The meeting concluded at 1:15 with the Four Way Test and another musical number by Larry.

It has been a tense week for many in Nevada County. On the afternoon of August 4, a fire broke out near the Bear River Campground, not far from Dog Bar Rd and Magnolia Rd. Over the course of the next few hours, the fire, known as the **River Fire**, grew in size and intensity and put the new ZONE system to the test. Neighborhoods were put on mandatory evacuation while others were put on a warning to evacuate. The entire community was on pins and needles, not knowing which way the wind would blow.

At the time of this writing, CAL FIRE has reported the River Fire has destroyed 88 structures and injured 3 persons. It is holding at

## Upcoming Programs:

Aug 9 Don Rogers—The Union Newspaper  
Aug 16 Robin Galvan-Davies—Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Aug 23 TBA  
Aug 30 Bob Branston—Grass Valley City Councilman  
Sept 20 Jesse Wilson, Nevada Co. District Attorney  
Sept 27 Jennifer Malone CEO Western Sierra Medical Clinic  
Oct 18 Doug McDonald PDG and retired CEO of Boy Scouts

## Dates to Remember:

August 17, 2021 Community Service committee meeting @ Larry Faller's house 6:00pm  
August 26, 2021 Rotary Board Meeting  
August 28, 2021 5 club Social @ Condon Park 6-7:30 p.m.  
Sept 11, 2021 Gold Country Challenge @ NC Fairgrounds  
Sept 18, 2021 District Vibrant Club Workshop  
Nov 29, 2021 District Governor's visit  
June 4-8, 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston, TX

2,619 acres and is 65% contained. The estimated date of containment is 8/13/21. The community is very grateful to the first responders, the emergency personnel and numerous volunteers who provided food and shelter for the evacuees as well as many animals that were evacuated to the fairgrounds.

A [GoFundMe](#) page has been created to help our neighboring community of Greenville, CA which was almost completely destroyed in the 440,000 acre Dixie Fire. As the crow flies, Greenville is just 63 miles to our north.

## Facts about Rotary International

- 1.2 Million members
- 35,000 clubs worldwide
- 16,000,000 volunteer hours each year
- 2.5 Billion children vaccinated against polio
- Our causes: Promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, saving mothers & children, support education, grow local economies, protect the environment

## August Birthdays

Cheryl Rellstab Aug 01  
Steve Spiller Aug 07  
Sandra Barrington Aug 14  
Scott Browne Aug 14  
Susan Fivelstad Aug 16  
George Grayeb Aug 18  
Marcia Salter Aug 25  
Carol Elizondo Aug 29

## August Anniversaries

George & Mary Grayeb 60 years  
Marcia & Tim Salter 42 years  
Moe & Sherrie Allen 24 years  
Bob & Sharyl Long 49 years  
Becky & Cristian Sibaja 21 years

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## August Rotary Anniversaries

George Grayeb 28 years  
Steve Spiller 20 years  
Susan Fivelstad 12 years  
Jeanne Molineaux 3 years  
Cheryl Rellstab 2 years



**Rotary Club of Grass Valley**  
P.O. Box 1213 – Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Meeting time: **Monday** at 12:15 PM  
[Wild Eye Pub](#)  
[535 Mill Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945](#)

**Area 4 Clubs:**  
[Penn Valley Rotary](#) meets @ Players Pizza  
Tuesday 12 noon every other week  
[Grass Valley South](#) meets @ Litton Bldg  
Tuesday 7:00 a.m.

[Nevada City Rotary](#) meets @ Litton Bldg  
2nd & 4th Thursday noon lunch  
1st & 3rd Thursday 5:30 social  
49er Rotary meets @ Miner's Foundry  
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.