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[Francesco Arezzo](#)



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[Larry Harvey](#)

December 1, 2025

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The clock struck 12:15 and our first meeting of December was off to a great start! Sheridan and Dave joined our meeting today. Dave is attending for his second meeting in anticipation of becoming a member! Maudie and Lauren are fellow Rotarians from Grass Valley South Rotary Club and also today's guest presenters! Montey also joined us from GV Rotary Club South.

[Lauren Engelking](#) is with [Farlow Scientific Glass Blowing](#).

They are a local glass blowing company that specializes in manufacturing precision glass anatomical models and medical instrument glass parts.



She showed the Club a glass model of human skeleton with its internal circulatory system all made of glass tubes. Models like the one pictured below are used in medical education and in testing of new



intravenous medical devices. All of the glass must be hand blown to precise specifications. They are one of very few companies in the world that make such specialized glass.

Lauren also shared that she is a local girl and is now the president-elect of the Grass Valley South Rotary Club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting - Bear Yuba Land Trust – Monarch Meadow Program	December 8
- Lyman Gilmore: Students of the Month	
- Club Elections for 2026-2027	
Global Goals Global Action – San Francisco – United Nations at 80	December 11
Wreaths Across America – St. Patrick's Cemetery @ 12	December 13
Nevada County Toy Run	December 13
Club Christmas Party – Scott's House	December 13
Club Meeting: DARK	December 15
Board Meeting - WSMC Glasson: 12 -1 pm	December 15
Club Meeting: DARK	December 22, 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
Food Bank of Nevada County – Area 4 Rotary Food Drive	December 1-12
Women of Worth: Holiday Meal Cooking	December 4
Madrigal Dinner: St. Joseph Cultural Center – NU Choir	December 5, 6
Salvation Army: Bell Ringing @ Raleys	December 12, 13
Cornish Christmas: Chamber of Commerce Booth	December 19
Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year	TBD
Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence	TBD
Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair	TBD
Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance	TBD
Salvation Army: Build Planter Boxes and Chicken Coop	Spring '26

CONFESSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anita announced that she and quite a contingent of Club and District Rotarians all just completed a wonderful Viking cruise from Prague to Berlin. Though the weather in Germany was cold, the group enjoyed many beautiful sights and warm companionship on the Viking Longship.

Scott shared that his stay in Berlin had been unexpectedly extended. His travel companion, Wendy (an honorary member of the club for all of her work for the club) fell ill in and had to be hospitalized there for 5 days. Wendy recovered to the point that they were both able to fly home on Thanksgiving day. Scott reported that Wendy should make a full recovery very soon.

BRING YOUR FOOD DONTATIONS TO THE CLUB ON MONDAY.

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN DECEMBER

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Kelly Gruenefeldt	Dec 13	No anniversaries as of Nov 30, 2025.	
Ryan Sykes	Dec 17	However, today we inducted our first December member!	
Dave Peeler	Dec 20	Welcome, Shari!	
Bobbie Swanson	Dec 29		

THOUGHT(S) FOR THE DAY



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 [Litton Bldg, Rm 300](#) at 7am on Tuesday

[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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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 3,000 lbs of plastic so far this year!

Great work!





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NEVADA UNION CHOIR

MADRIGAL DINNER

SAINT JOSEPH'S CULTURAL CENTER

DEC | 5 | 7PM & DEC | 6 | 5PM

410 South Church Street Grass Valley, CA. 95945

Hear ye! Hear ye! Lords and Ladies of the 21st Century, You are hereby invited, nay, commanded, to enjoy Royal Entertainment as honoured guests at the Feaste of Christmas. Ye shall enjoy the finest food and drink His Majesty's stores have to offer and be entertained by the finest musicians and actors the realm has ever seen. Not one will be allowed to leave without a full belly and a joyous heart. The King himself has commanded it!

Ticket Price - \$50 per Person

Wine by the glass or the bottle will be available for purchase at the event.
\$10 a glass, \$30 a bottle
His majesty demands you pay in cash!
*We will not be accepting credit cards for alcohol purchases.

Madrigal Dinner is an event that defies description. It is part concert, part history lesson, part dinner, part comedy routine, and so much more. But there is one thing that Madrigal Dinner is for sure: completely transportive. Transportive to not just another place, but another time. A time of knights and knaves, of wizards and jesters, and of Kings and Queens.

Please purchase all dinner tickets for your party in one transaction to ensure table seating together.
*Minimum age recommendation of 12 due to length and content of program.

Click [HERE](#) for more info
[Marcia](#) has 4 tickets for Dec 6 at the Club Table



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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

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ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY

Saturday December 13

WREATH CEREMONY:

12:00 NOON

WREATHS PLACED IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING CEREMONY



CONTACT: BONNIE MAGNETTI: 530-210-1941 OR BANDBMAGNETTI@YAHOO.COM
SALLY KNUTSON: 530-478-0192 OR SALLYH11847@GMAIL.COM

Can't make it there?

Click [HERE](#) to find out how to purchase wreaths online to have them placed!

Location Where Your Wreaths Will Be Placed

CASPGV - St. Patrick's Cemetery

10844 Rough and Ready Hwy

Grass Valley, CA 95945, United States

Full Ceremony

Accepting Grave Specific

December 13, 2025 at 12:00 pm (Wreath

Placement Immediately Following Ceremony)



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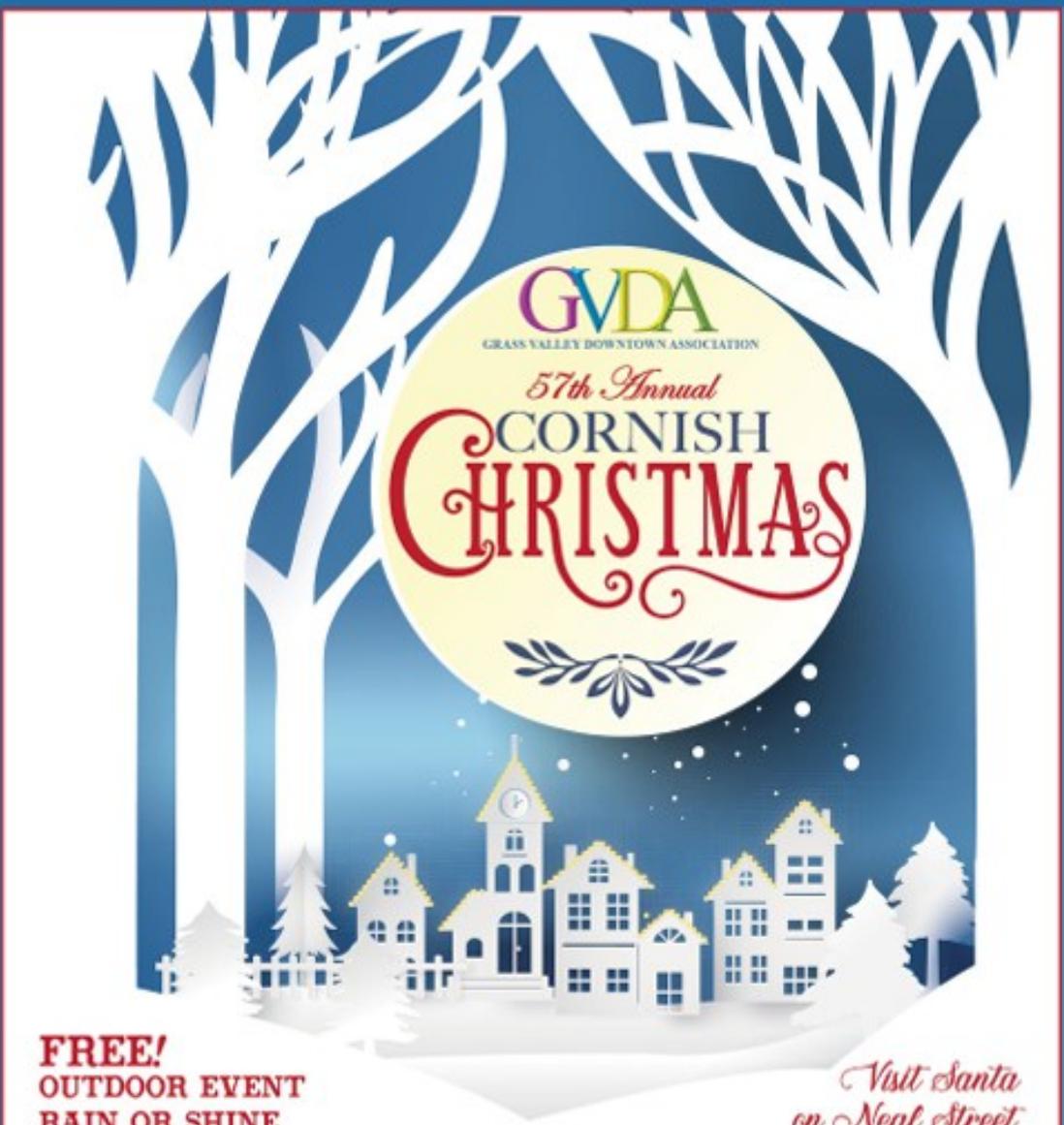
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GVDA
GRASS VALLEY DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

57th Annual
CORNISH CHRISTMAS

FREE!
OUTDOOR EVENT
RAIN OR SHINE

*Visit Santa
on Neal Street*

DOWNTOWN MAIN AND MILL STREETS
FRIDAY NIGHTS · NOV 28 - DEC 19 · 6-9PM
HAND CRAFTED GIFTS · OLD FASHIONED TREATS · HOLIDAY CHOIRS
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



- Chamber of Commerce Booth
- Assist with Wine Sales
- Can Promote Casino Night, and Sell Tickets
- Shifts - 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm



Contact [Ed](#) for more details!



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34th Annual Nevada County Toy Run



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

RAIN OR SHINE - ALL BIKES WELCOME

★ ORIGINAL ROUTE ★

Arrive at Eric Rood Center - 950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City, CA
Leave Rood Center at Noon & Proceed to Nevada County Fairgrounds

For more info visit:

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JOIN US FOR OUR

Rotary Holiday Party

Please bring a dish to share
& a gift for a white elephant
gift exchange (*optional*)

RSVP to Sandra Barrington
Text: 530-575-1456
sandrabarrington@gmail.com

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December

at 530 PM

**We also need a few people to help set up
on Friday the 12th at about 10am**

[Please contact Sandra](#)



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CASINO NIGHT

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

SAT 7 FEB 2026

Nevada County Fairgrounds

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Casino Night Beverage Basket Auction

The Heart of the
Gold Country



- Gift baskets of alcoholic beverages will be prepared and offered for auction
- Donations needed - Member contributed – or Solicited
- Basket ideas identified so far:

✓ Beers	✓ Martini
✓ Margaritas	✓ Wine
✓ Full Mixologist	✓ Moscow Mule
✓ Bourbon/Whiskey	✓ Small Batch Whiskey Taster Flight
✓ Bloody Mary	✓ Tiki Vacation
✓ Gin and Tonic	✓ Bar Special Ingredients



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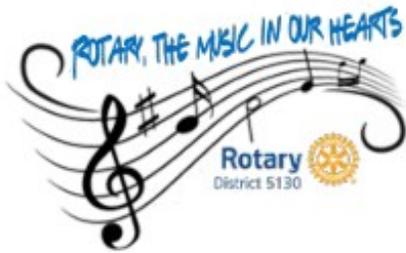
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SAVE THE DATE!

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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