

# Rotary Club of Grass Valley



# The Spoke



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## Meeting Notes for December 8, 2014

The meeting began with President Steve thanking today's team: **Don Daniels**, Greeter, **Keith Royal**, Flag Salute, **John Peplowski**, Thought for the Day, and **Anita Daniels**, Spoke Notes. There were no Visiting Rotarians. However, **Scott McFarland** was re-introduced having returned from his leave of absence. We were all glad to see him. **Gordon Sakaue** was introduced as a guest of **Steve Sarantopoulos** by **Marcus Moore**. Gordon will play a significant part in the establishment of a video network at Union Hill School.



Announcements included a plug for our Casino Night on February 7th at the new Foothills Event Center. **Kathy Egenes** will chair the Silent Auction portion of this event and encouraged everyone to begin gathering items of "value" (not used items) that can be dropped off at Tri Counties Bank at 305 Neal Street in Grass Valley. Kathy will be sending out last year's list of merchants that gave items, and suggested that we contact our same merchants in 2015. **Bob Long** announced that there will be a Bike Challenge meeting on Tuesday, December 9th. **John Peplowski** was recognized for 21 years of Perfect Attendance. **Bob Lenhard** was recognized for 14 years of Perfect Attendance. **Bob Long** also thanked the bartenders from the recent Western Sierra Medical Center Gala event. Our club netted over \$900 for their efforts. **Don Daniels** announced that we'll be passing the hat for our Holbrooke waitress at our meeting next Monday, December 15th as is the long-term tradition previously conducted by Bill Schultz.

Program: Our speaker today was **Dan Castles**, CEO of [TeleStream](http://TeleStream), a video company. Dan described the challenges faced today in the "creating of content". Everyone has different devices for creating and viewing and the end-user wants instant viewing regardless of content origination. Telestream works with the creators in the automation and transfer of data to viewers. They employ 240 people in 5 locations worldwide and have been in operation over 17 years. Finding good talent has been their major focus in a hugely critical engineering culture. Candidates for employment look to Nevada County and scrutinize what our community has to offer in regards to education for their families, heritage and cultural activities, and the community's score on crime.....they even read The Union. Dan commented particularly on the pot issue here, declining enrollment in our schools, lack of ethnic areas,



## Speakers:

Dec 15 Rick Toles - Alkali - meeting at Holiday Inn  
Dec 22 DARK  
Dec 29 DARK

## Dates to Remember:

Dec 13, 2014 Club Christmas Party @ Ken & Cheryl's  
Jan 29, 2015 Fireside Chat NC Winery 6-7:30 p.m.  
Feb 07, 2015 Casino Night - @ Foothill Event Center  
May 09, 2015 2nd annual Bike Ride Challenge

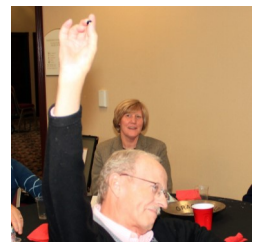
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and California's taxation levels.

On the bright side, Nevada County schools are superior to most areas of our state, and our community "spirit" is alive and well with many incredible non-profits, rich history and the beautiful foothills. Dan closed with a message that his company is always looking for software engineers and people that can "write code". They have 115 employees here in Nevada County and 8 openings locally.

Closing Announcements:

- President Steve announced that a special meeting would take place immediately following our regular meeting to have an open discussion regarding the Facilities committee's findings. The committee is offering three venue options: The Holbrooke Hotel, Club 151, and the Holiday Inn. (Caterers would provide the food for the latter two. All three are at the same cost.) Election next Monday, December 15th will include selection of club officers for 2015-2016 AND a vote of the membership to select our new meeting location. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL MEMBERS BE IN ATTENDANCE.
- President Steve also reminded everyone of our Christmas Party on December 13th at **Ken Holbrooke and Cheryl Relstab's** home.
- Jon Peek** had the winning ticket and YES, he drew the black marble for \$68.



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P.O. Box 1213 - Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Meeting location: **Monday** at 12:15 PM  
Holiday Inn Express, 121 Bank St., GV

### 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](http://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