



Rotary Club of Grass Valley



The Spoke



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Rotary Theme 2013-2014
Engage Rotary, Change Lives

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Photos from 12-9 meeting



Guest David Lund



Rotarian David Peeler



Speaker John Peplowski



Ken Holbrook & John



Speaker Kim Zwick



Merry Christmas!

Speakers:

Dec 16 Lyman Gilmore Christmas Choir
Dec 23 Dark
Dec 30 Dark
Jan 6 Sacramento Kings

Dates to Remember:

Dec 14 Club Christmas Party 6:00 pm—[Osnas home](#)
Jan 12 Sacramento Kings Rotary Night
Feb 8 Casino Night—Fairgrounds
May 10 1st annual Gould Country Bicycle Challenge

Click here to view: [District 5190 Newsletter December 2013](#)

Rotary District 5180 (Sacramento Area) is collaborating with the Sacramento Kings NBA Basketball Team to sponsor a "Rotary Night at the Kings" basketball game with the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday, January 12th 2014. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales (\$5 \$9 per ticket sold) will be donated by the Kings to the Rotary END POLIO NOW Campaign. [Visit here for more information](#)

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Avenues of Service

Club Service Chair - Steve Spiller
Foundation Chair - Jon Byerrum
International Service Chair - Valerie Logsdon
Membership Chair - Tim McCall
New Generations Chair - Blake Smith
Community Service Chair - GV Rotarian needed
Vocational Service Chair - GV Rotarian needed

December is Rotary Family Month

The always warm and welcoming Don Daniels served as greeter. Bob Long led the pledge and George Grayeb shared the thought for the day. George acknowledged a long-standing debt to Bill Schultz for an unfortunately long series of Army losses to Navy amounting to some \$60. As an aside, Army and Navy play this Saturday. Army stands 3 and 8, Navy, 7 and 4. George will report on Monday the outcome and promises a gift of the outstanding debt to Polio Plus if should Army fall to Navy once more. George also shared a part of the Navy hymn in a salute to Bill.

Pat Ward introduced visiting Rotarian Michael Vasquez, 49er Rotary. Michael heads the local River Valley Community Bank, new to our community. Michelle Belmonte introduced her guest and husband, David Lund. A warm welcome to both!

Fred Claussens served as photographer, Ken Holbrooke as SAA.

Announcements and confessions:

- ◆ Bob Long led the Casino Night update: posters and donation letters have been sent to all by email. Larger posters are also available. Kathy Egenes passed out our Silent Auction donation lists and urged everyone to sign up and follow up. The Silent Auction provides a major portion of our Casino Night revenue and needs all of our support. Every member is to bring an item or contribute \$50 (billed).
- ◆ Our new event, the Gold Country Challenge bike ride, is May 10. The web page is up although still under construction. The Registration system is nearly complete.
- ◆ The Lyman Gilmore Interact Sock Drive needs socks – please bring them to the meeting on Monday and the Club will deliver them to the Interact Club.
- ◆ Steve Spiller announced our election of Club Officers 2014-15 is next Monday, Dec. 16th. Nominations are open and you may nominate yourself. Steve announced the slate of officers: Steve for President, Bob Long President-Elect, Peter Lemmon Vice-President, Marcia Salter, Treasurer, and Tom Lathrop, Executive Secretary (forever). The Secretary slot is open as Larry Faller, having fulfilled his term, is now passing the baton. Directors are elected for two-year terms. We have three Directors continuing, Lori Burkhart-Frank, Blake Smith and Peter Lemmon. We need three new ones, four if Peter is elected as Vice President. We have four members willing to stand for election so far. Please contact Steve if you are interested in serving – including in the office of President!
- ◆ President Steve announced that John Sullivan from the Rotary Club of Jackson has been named our District Governor Nominee Designate. Assuming no challenge, John will serve as District Governor 2016-17.
- ◆ Dave Peeler led the collection for our server Diane, something Bill Schultz had always done. We are so very appreciative of Diane!
- ◆ Ken Holbrooke confessed to some sketchy turkey hunting escapade

involving John Peplowski...\$20 seemed a well-deserved fine. Dick Panzica volunteered to donate \$10 for his new Labradoodle Annie but President Steve determined \$25 to be more appropriate!

Eric Trygg announced our Program of Craft talks– always one of our favorites.

John Peplowski was born in Chicago, attended Catholic High School and began his career delivering furniture for Sears. In 1968, John traveled to CA with a friend – a journey that included losing a shoe on a Hwy 80 look-out and realizing winter in CA was not a 30 degree and under proposition. After a particularly hard Chicago winter, John moved to CA in 1969, on his birthday March 14. Beginning in furniture delivery and then construction, John followed his uncle's lead into the insurance business. John joined Mutual of Omaha at a time the company was bucking tradition and hiring young, single people. John has remained in and continues to enjoy the insurance business. John met (and chased around the desk) Carol, his wife of 35 years, who was working as office manager. John joined the Rotary Club of San Jose South and served as President in 1989-90. He moved to Grass Valley in December of 1989 and joined Grass Valley Rotary in 1991. John brought Casino Night to us from his San Jose Club! John loves to hunt and fish and especially enjoys sharing these pleasures with his grandson who turns 10 this month.

Kim Zwick noted that four of their five children, ranging in age from 18 to 25, graduated this past spring and one is now employed! Previously, Kim and husband Andy shared a wonderful program on their bike ride from Golden Gate Park to Ocean City, Maryland. Kim had expected they would have been ready to throw their tandem bike in the Atlantic at the end of the ride, but they actually missed the adventure. Kim and Andy have begun a new biking quest: Mexico to Canada. They began Chapter 2 this past summer biking from Yosemite to Quincy through the Tioga Pass and via Lake Tahoe, climbing 24,000 feet during the journey. As in the previous trip, there were those passers-by who shouted, "She's not pedaling!" This coming April, they will ride Chapter 1 from the Mexican border to Fish Camp, some 890 miles. We cannot wait for that program!

Kim was born in St. Louis MO. She attended and thoroughly enjoyed Colorado College, which offers a unique schedule of one class at a time, 3.5 weeks per class. Later, she was an Air Force wife moving 13 times in 10 years, the last time to Beale Air Force Base. She visited Grass Valley-Nevada City for the first time in 1992-93 and fell in love with the area. She relocated, remarried and began her CPA practice in Grass Valley. Andy works in the business too and they feel very blessed to be here.

Great program! Dick Panzica drew the white marble so \$50 remains in the kitty.

This week's spoke notes submitted by Wyn Spiller

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P.O. Box 1213 – Grass Valley, CA 95945
Meeting location: **Monday** at 12:15 PM
The Holbrooke Hotel – 212 W. Main St.

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

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