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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sean Jackson - President  
Jesse Wilson - President Elect  
Ed Pinto - Vice President  
Sandra Barrington - Immediate Past President  
Tim McCall - Executive Secretary  
Jennifer Malone - Secretary

Bob Long - Treasurer  
Heather Thorpe - Director Year 2  
Andrew Jackson - Director Year 2  
Derek Williams - Director Year 2  
Judy Bagley - Director Year 1  
P. Scott - Director Year 1  
Gina Will - Director Year 1

- Sergeant at Arms - Ed Pinto  
- The Spoke Editor - Ryan Sykes  
- Photographer - Fred Claessens



Spoke Notes were recorded by: Patti Ingram Spencer

**President of Rotary International**

[Stephanie A. Urchick](#)



**Governor of District 5190**

[Dennis Geare](#)

**December 16th, 2024**

[www.gvrotary.org](http://www.gvrotary.org)

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**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Club President Sean, Marcia and Past District Governor Stacey Graham presented information from the club's previous visioning session which took place in October.



As Sean walked the members through the top ideas for the future of the club, he asked for volunteers to head up the leadership goals. Those members in attendance rose to the occasion for the 3 year master plan.



Election of officers for the 2025-2026 did take place with 2 members voting via telephone with Tim.

We voted on:

- President Elect - Ed Pinto
- Vice President - Heather Thorpe
- Secretary - Tim McCall
- Treasurer - Bob Long
- Board Members - James Delcour, Stephanie Fischer, and Jennifer Melone with 1 board vacancy.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Club Meeting - DARK	December 23
Club & Board Meeting - DARK	December 30
<a href="#">Rotary Peace Conference</a>	January 24-26
<a href="#">Casino Night</a>	February 1
<a href="#">Rotary Presidential Peace Conference</a>	February 20-22
<a href="#">Club Centennial Celebration</a>	March 28
<a href="#">District 5190 Top Gun Conference</a>	May 2-4
<a href="#">Gold Country Challenge</a>	June 7
<a href="#">Rotary International Convention</a>	June 21-25

**UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action**

<a href="#">Plastic Recycling Project</a>	Ongoing
Gaga Ball Pit Installation at TLC	TBD
<a href="#">Salvation Army Bell Ringing</a>	December 14 & 21
Rotary At Work Day	April 25
Grad Breakfast at Chicago Park Middle School	June

**IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN DECEMBER**

<a href="#">Birthdays</a>	<a href="#">Rotary Anniversaries</a>
Kellie Gruenefeldt	Dec 13
Ryan Sykes	Dec 17
Dave Peeler	Dec 20
Bobbie Swanson	Dec 29

**THOUGHT OF 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 [Courtyard Suites](#) at 7 am on Tues

[Nevada City Rotary](#) meets @ [TJ's Roadhouse](#) 2nd and 4th Thurs at 12:15 pm  
Food order RSVP needed the day prior at [nrotary.org](http://nrotary.org). 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!



Over 3,285 pounds of commercial plastic collected so far this year!

**GREAT WORK, KEEP IT UP!**



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## Rotarians Unite!

# ROTARY PEACE CONFERENCE

### Unite for a Better World

January 24-26, 2025

Sonoma Wine Country - Rohnert Park

Learn more: [Peace25.org](https://Peace25.org)



# Key Speakers



Jennifer Jones  
Rotary International  
President 2022-2023



Heidi Kühn  
2024 Nobel Peace  
Prize Nominee  
"Roots of Peace"



Vicki Puliz  
Rotary International  
Director 2021-2023



Michael Collins  
Institute for  
Economics  
and Peace



Mitty Chang  
CEO, President  
Candidate



Hollis Belger  
Award Winning  
Philanthropist



Kimberly Weichel  
Rotary Peace Scholar  
Author, Educator



Francesco  
Lecce-Chong  
Santa Rosa  
Symphony  
"Music as Diplomacy"



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**CASINO NIGHT AT THE**  
*Copacabana*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025**  
**6:30PM**

Nevada County Fairgrounds  
Grass Valley, California

Silent Auction~ Door Prizes ~ Craps  
Blackjack ~ Texas hold 'em ~ Photo Booth  
Prize Wheels ~ Wine & Whiskey Pull

*Live music featuring*  
*Kris & Dominic Stepanian*

\$15 per ticket  
no host bar, food  
21+ and over

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**SAVE THE DATE**

*Healing in a Divided World*  
PRESIDENTIAL PEACE CONFERENCE

*Istanbul, Turkey • 20-22 February 2025*

**Learn more at [Rotary.org/istanbul25](https://Rotary.org/istanbul25)**



Click [HERE](#) for more info



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Rotary District 5190

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

## 2025 Top Gun District Conference

# GET READY FOR TAKE OFF

# ROTARY DISTRICT 5190 2025 TOP GUN CONFERENCE

**AVIATION IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE DESTINATION; IT'S ABOUT THE JOURNEY AND THE EXPERIENCES ALONG THE WAY**

**TAKE OFF DATE: MAY 2-4, 2025**

**DESITINATION: FALLON NV.**

Click [HERE](#) for more info

This year's conference is going to be the don't miss event of the year.

Join us in beautiful Fallon, Nevada, home to the U.S. Navy Top Gun Fighter School.

Come and celebrate all the great moments and memories we made this Rotary year.



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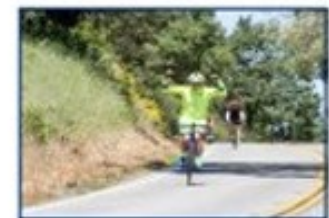
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## June 7th

Ride the beautiful and historic back country of Nevada County.

Nevada County was the heart of California's gold rush. Surrounding the charming mining era towns of Grass Valley and Nevada City, you'll ride through some of the most beautiful landscape California has to offer.



**Early Bird Registration is OPEN**  
Use code: EARLYBIRD2025

[Rotary Gold Country Challenge Online Registration](#)

Rides will be fully supported and well-marked

Rides will begin at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds



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## 2025 International Convention

**MAGIC ALL AROUND**  
21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

Click the image below!



Register [HERE](#)