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President of Rotary International

Francesco Arezzo



Governor of District 5190

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December 8, 2025

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Our Vice President filled the President's position today and called the meeting to order. Dave Zucca joined us today. He entered the Wild Eye Pub as a future member, and left as a new Rotarian! Welcome, Dave!



Annette and Julia from the [Bear Yuba Land Trust](#) were our presenters today. The organization was founded in 1990 and its mission is to create and maintain public trails and preserve lands in their natural state. Their motto is "Community Conservation in Action". One of their current big projects is developing a trail connecting Truckee to Nevada City.

Julia spoke about another major project: Developing lands with milkweed plants to provide food for the migratory Monarch butterflies. The Monarch population has been declining and there is an urgent need to protect and develop suitable lands to increase their population. The Trust is organizing students and volunteers to work on the project. They will be approaching local organizations to contribute to the development of these areas.

This December meeting is the annual meeting for election of officers. Tim announced that a quorum of the club was present and that a valid election can take place. At the end of the meeting Tim announced that the candidates had all been elected unanimously!

CONFESSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Area Clubs have been challenged to provide food and cash contributions to the Nevada County Food Bank this Christmas Season. Bob announced that the Club had raised over \$1100 and collected a truck full of donations!

Ed is organizing members to assist the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce at their fund raiser wine booth at Cornish Christmas on December 19th. Please contact Ed for volunteering opportunities.

Mrs. Drew announced Lyman Gilmore Students of the Months for November and December. She praised each student for their unique accomplishments and academic achievements.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- [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
- [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](#) TBD

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN DECEMBER

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Kelly Gruenefeldt	Dec 13		
Ryan Sykes	Dec 17		
Dave Peeler	Dec 20		
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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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

WWW.WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG/CA0231P



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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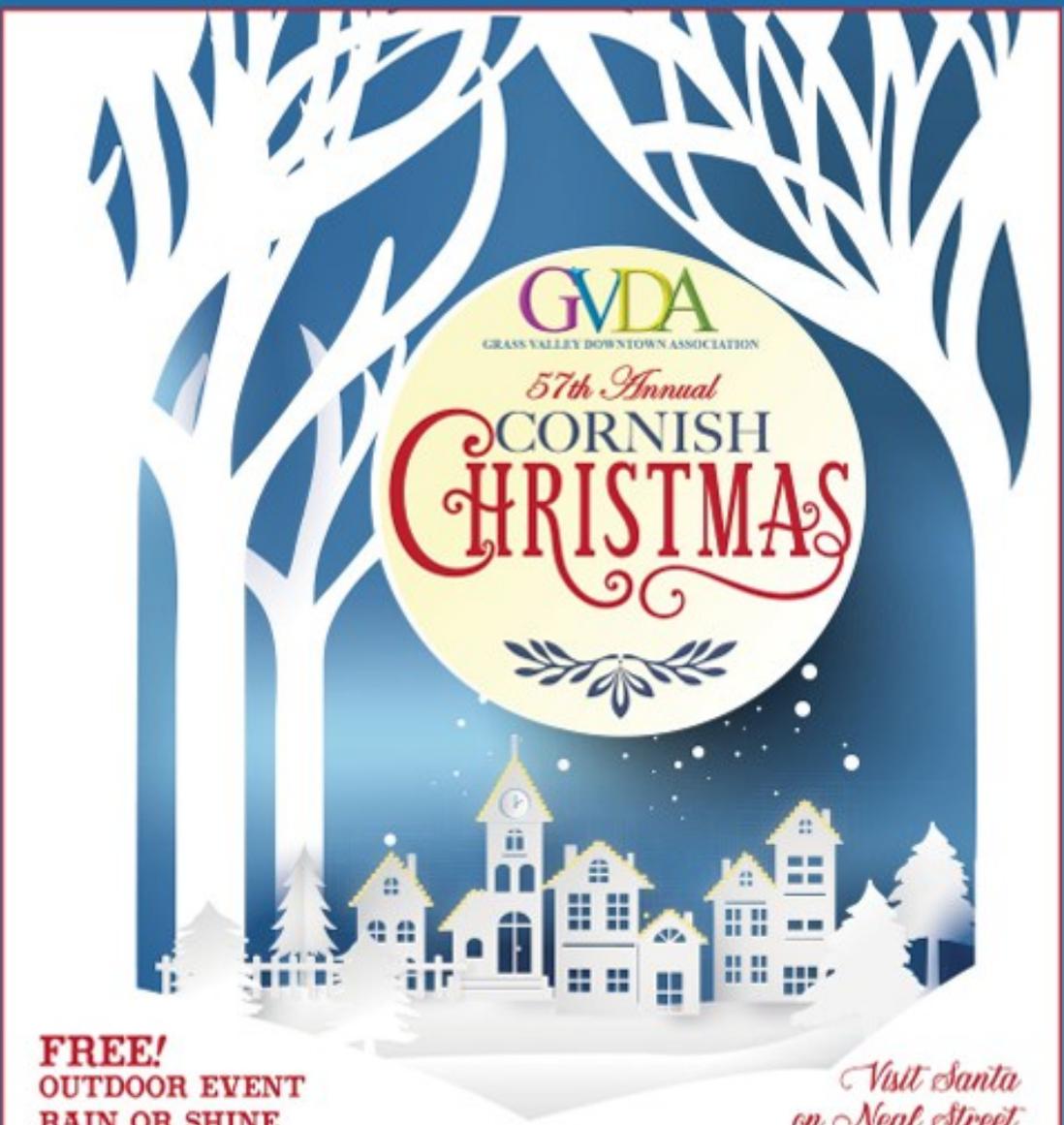
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GVDA
GRASS VALLEY DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

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

13

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 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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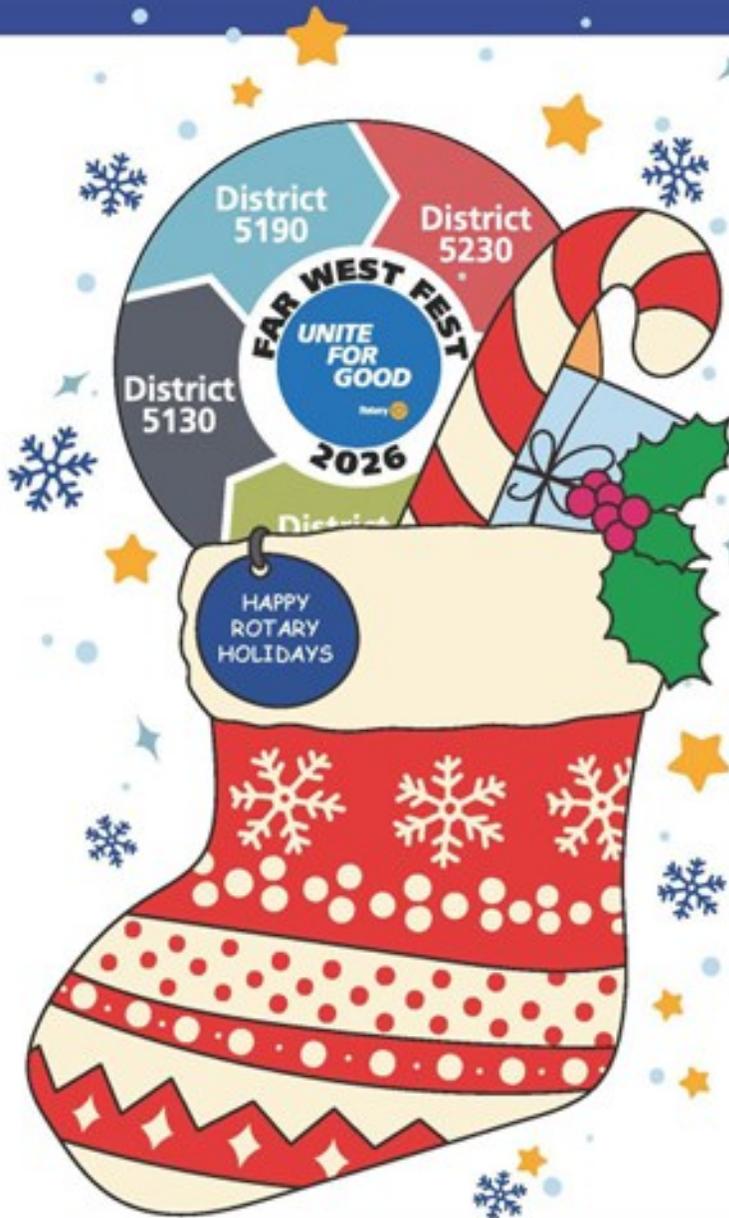


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Stuff Your Stocking ...



with a \$\$\$-saving offer:

Register this month to take advantage of the special early-bird District Conference discount rate.

Then join us at the FAR WEST FEST MULTI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE

May 1-3, 2026

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, where Rotarians from five Districts will

UNITE FOR GOOD

and make a positive impact together!

REGISTER NOW at district5190.org/events/far-west-fest-2026-conference-registration/ or scan the QR code on the right.



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Program Overview

- General Sessions will take place Sunday-Wednesday, 14-17 June 2026
- Breakout Sessions will take place Monday-Wednesday, 15-17 June 2026
- The House of Friendship will be open Saturday-Wednesday, 13-17 June 2026



Click [HERE](#) for more info