



### THE FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

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# The Spoke Newsletter



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**Rotary**  
Club of Grass Valley



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February 10th, 2025

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

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

It was a beautiful day in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range! This welcoming environment easily set up today's meeting to be a successful one!

We did have a guest. Holly Williams joined was and was the guest of Jennifer. Dan Happs, from the Penn Valley Rotary and Club also joined us today.



Today, our club's Rotary Youth Exchange Student spoke to us. Her name is Ingrid Mees and she is the outbound 2024-2026 student going to Denmark. She loves traveling; her love started when she went to Thailand with her mom when she was much younger. Last year, Ingrid was a short term exchange student and subsequently got to go to Italy for a month. During that time, she built incredible relationships with people that she plans to stay in contact for the rest of her life. The time she spent traveling has shown her the importance of expanding her educational horizon.

Ingrid strongly believes that being able to explore different lifestyles and educational practices outside of Grass Valley will inspire her to reach dreams she never thought were possible. Her life changed immediately, for the better, when she found out that she was selected to go to Denmark. She had never been more excited for anything in her entire life. Ingrid will be learning a language, meeting so many amazing people, and also gaining independence. All other things aside, this program is very expensive. Her family is in need of financial assistance in order to make this happen.

Please visit her [GoFundMe page](#) and help her out!

Thank You all very much!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Centennial Committee Mtg: Tofanelli's @ 9:30	February 13
Club Meeting: DARK	February 17
Casino Night Committee Meeting: Roundtable @ 12:15	February 21
<a href="#">Rotary Presidential Peace Conference</a>	February 20-22
<a href="#">Rotary Club of Sparks Centennial Celebration</a>	February 22
Club Meeting: DARK	February 24
Club Board Mtg: WSMC Glasson Way @ 12	February 24
Club Social: <a href="#">InConcert Sierra</a> @ 5:30	February 24
<a href="#">Area 4 Speech Contest: GVSD Office @ 4</a>	February 25
Area 4 Foundation Roundup: Horseman's Lodge @ 3:30	March 16
<a href="#">Area 4 Music Contest</a>	March 22
<a href="#">Rotary Club of Grass Valley 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
Rotary At Work Day @ North Star House	April 25
Grad Breakfast at Chicago Park Middle School	June

## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN FEBRUARY

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Rod Fivelstad	Feb 4	Larry McGrath	7 Yrs
John Voter	Feb 4	Jennifer Malone	4 Yrs
Scott McFarland	Feb 8	Lisa Swarthout	4 Yrs
Judy Bagley	Feb 14	Fatima Hagar	1Yr
Don Daniels	Feb 15		
Diana Gassaway	Feb 15		
Derek Williams	Feb 22		

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONFESSIONS

The Instrument Donation went very well. We received over 80 instruments!

James needs help with concrete work at Kare Crisis. [Please contact him.](#)

There are a few outstanding projects to be completed at Union Hill. [Please contact Marcia.](#)

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Wherever you are, be there". - John Rohn

### [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 [ncrotary.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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**Jessica Malone (daughter of Jennifer) joined us today!  
Jessica is a professional musician. She has performed at  
many festivals and concerts all over Northern CA.**

**[Her new album is Gold Flowers of the West.](#)**

**She is currently teaching music here in Grass Valley.  
She has made it her priority to mentor young girls in this  
profession. She knows how important it is to start the  
musical journey with a solid foundation!**

**She will soon be performing at the Wild Eye Pub!**

**[Contact her](#) to set up music or singing lessons!**

**Please go to her website and listen to her great music!**



**Jessica Malone**

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[@jessicamalonemusic](https://www.instagram.com/jessicamalonemusic)  
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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!



3,629 pounds of commercial plastic has been collected so far!

**GREAT WORK, KEEP IT UP!**



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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)

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**Rotary**   
 Club of Sparks  
 Centennial Sunrise

*Please join us in celebrating our*



**FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

THE RESORT AT RED HAWK - EVENT CENTER  
 6600 N. WINGFIELD PKWY  
 SPARKS, NV 89436

[CLICK for directions...about 2hrs away](#)

**5:00 - NO HOST BAR**

**6:00 - DINNER AND PRESENTATION**

**\$60.00 PER PERSON**

RSVP TO SUSAN DAY BY 2/14/2025

775-848-7040 OR

[SDAY@AFNCORP.COM](mailto:SDAY@AFNCORP.COM)

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## Rotary Clubs of Western Nevada County High School Speech Contest 2025

This event is open to all high school students in grades 9-12 who reside within the Nevada County Region (Rotary 5190 boundaries).

**Theme:**

The "Magic of Rotary" is dedicated to Rotary International's seven causes:



*"How have you or how will you 'Work your Magic' in your own community in one or more of the seven areas that Rotary supports?"*

**When/Where:**

The Local Speech Contest is planned for 4:00pm on Tuesday, February 25th at the Grass Valley School District Office - 10840 Gilmore Way, Grass Valley

The District Competition is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd in Fallon Nevada.

**Applicants must express interest by Wednesday, February 12th.** Additional details and reminders will be provided to all applicants after they have submitted their interest form. Questions? - Please email Andrew Withers at: [awithers@gvsd.us](mailto:awithers@gvsd.us) or call at 530 273-4483.



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*High School*

## *Instrumental Music Contest*

Area 4 Rotary Clubs are having a  
contest for Solo Instrumentalists and  
we invite you to compete...

**PRIZES:**

1ST- \$500; 2ND -\$250; 3RD \$125

Performances are 3 to 8 minutes long,  
rules are listed on the student application  
form.. To request an application, contact:

Lindy Beatie

[lindybeatie@gmail.com](mailto:lindybeatie@gmail.com)

Text: 916-849-5347

March 22, 2025  
Grass Valley United  
Methodist Church  
236 So Church  
Street, Grass Valley  
2pm

**Rotary**



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## *Centennial Celebration Dinner*

5:30 Cocktails ~ 6:30 Dinner

Entertainment ~ Cornish Choir  
Dom Stepanian Guitarist

\$75 per person

**FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2025**

**GOLD MINERS INN ~ 121 BANK ST. GRASS VALLEY CA**

Scan or send check  
to:



Rotary Club of  
Grass Valley

PO Box 1213  
Grass Valley Ca, 95945

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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**

**DESITNATION: 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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## 2025 International Convention

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

Click the image below!



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