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Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

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Club of Grass Valley

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**Spoke Notes**  
recorded by  
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**2023-2024 Theme**

**CREATE HOPE in the WORLD**



**Governor of District 5190**

[Stacy Graham](#)

**February 12th, 2024**

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

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Red Badge Member, Stephanie Fischer, addressed the group. She is the Executive Director of [Community Beyond Violence](#). Raised in Grass Valley, she joined Community Beyond Violence in 2010. She enjoys working with other community leaders to improve our community as a whole. This is one of the many reasons she joined Rotary!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

At our meeting on Monday, we inducted Fatima Hagar. Her husband, Jonathan, also joined us her. She is sponsored by Derek Williams. She moved to the US from the Philippines in 2006 and has a Bachelors Degree in Education. She is a Correctional Officer with the Sheriffs Dept. for and has worked with them for 16 years now.



We received another recent update to our Casino Night. Funds are trickling in, as of the 11th, we have made over 20K!

We have one item that needs to be re-bid for. It's a one night stay at an inn located in Carmel.

Contact [Marcia](#) if interested.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting - DARK - Presidents' Day	February 19
Memorial Service – PDG Doug McDonald	February 19
Rotary Leadership Institute session	February 24
Club Board Meeting – Club Evening Social (W.E.P)	February 26
Club Meeting – Craft Talk - Seth Leishman	March 4
Club Meeting – Big Brothers Big Sisters	March 11
Rotary Leadership Institute	March 16
Club Meeting – SoM – Nevada County Media	March 18
Club Board Meeting – Club Social – WSMC Maternity Clinic	March 26
Club Meeting - DARK - Easter	April 1
Club Meeting – Chris Enz – Female Physicians of the West	April 8
Area 4 Music Contest	April 14
Club Meeting - SoM – RYE Student Kellie G.	April 15
Club Board Meeting – Club Social	April 22
Club Meeting – Bear Yuba Land Trust	May 13
District Conference	May 17-19
Club Meeting – SoM	May 20
Club Meeting - DARK – Memorial Day	May 27
Gold Country Challenge	June 1
RYLA – Week 1	June 16-21
RYLA – Week 2	June 23-28
Demotion (Tentative)	June 24

## CLUB WORKDAYS

Plastic Recycling Project Ongoing

## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN FEBRUARY

<a href="#">Birthdays</a>		<a href="#">Rotary Anniversaries</a>	
Rod Fivelstad	Feb 4	Jenn Malone	3 Yrs
John Voter	Feb 4	Lisa Swarthout	3 Yrs
Scott McFarland	Feb 8	Larry McGrath	6 Yrs
Judy Bagley	Feb 14		
Don Daniels	Feb 15		
Diana Gassaway	Feb 15		
Derek Williams	Feb 22		

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!'” - Audrey Hepburn

[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 by the day prior at [ncrotary.org](http://ncrotary.org). On the 1st and 3rd Thurs, the 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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## Rotary Is Better Together

Multi - District Conference

5150 / 5180 / 5190



A fabulous venue -  
The Grand Sierra Resort in Reno NV

*Fun for the entire family*

Arcade  
Bowling  
Casino  
Escape Room  
Golf & Target Golf  
Movies  
Swimming  
Virtual Reality

*Variety of programs including*

Student Speech Contest  
Student Music Performance  
Comedy Show Presentation  
Inspirational Rotary Speaker  
House of Friendship  
Awards Presentations

### Amazing Savings when you Register Early

Ticket prices/levels and sale dates

- \$245 "**BUY NOW**" from April 28, 2023 to May 5, 2023
- \$295 "**EARLY BIRD**" from May 6, 2023 to December 31, 2023
- \$315 "**REGULAR**" from January 1, 2024 to May 19, 2024

\* Prices include conference registration fee and meals. Registration fee is non-refundable.

### BUT WAIT!!! - And There's MORE! –

Register by May 5, 2023 and **YOU will be entered** in a drawing to win 1 (one) conference registration including meals! That's a \$245 value!!

Sign up at the 2023 District Conference and be entered into a drawing for 1000 Paul Harris Points (3 winners)!

Stay Tuned for **MORE Exciting Promotions** and fun in the days and weeks to come!!!



Click [HERE](#) for additional information





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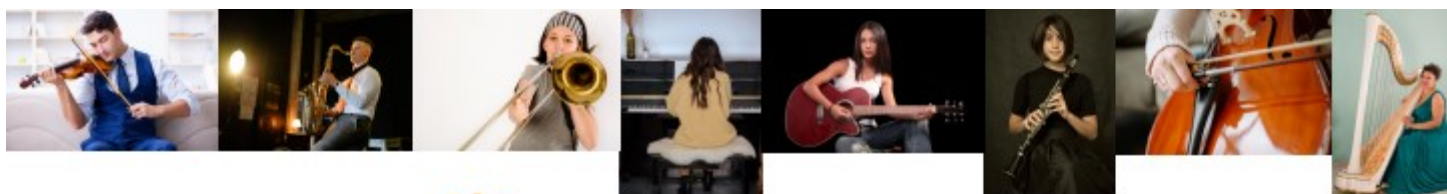
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## Annual High School Youth Instrumental Music Contest

Area 4 Rotary Clubs (Nevada City, 49er Breakfast Club of Nevada City, Grass Valley, Grass Valley South, and Penn Valley) are having a contest for Solo Instrumentalists and we invite you to compete.

**April 14, 2024, 2:00 pm**  
**Peace Lutheran Church**  
**828 W. Main Street, Grass Valley**

**PRIZES: 1st prize: \$250 2nd prize: \$150 3rd prize: \$75**

**Performances are 3 to 8 minutes long, rules are listed on the student application form.**

**If you win 1st prize at the Area contest April 14, you will go on to compete for \$1,000.00 at the District Conference in Reno, Nevada on Saturday, May 18.**

To request an application or more information contact  
Derek Williams at [dmw@derekwilliams.com](mailto:dmw@derekwilliams.com) or text 530-205-3336.







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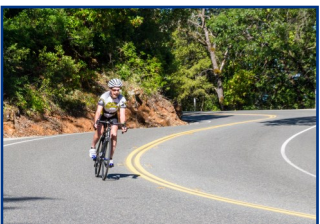
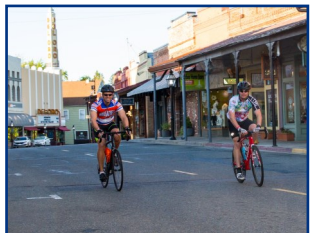
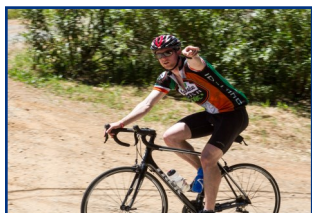
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**June 1st**

**REGISTER NOW FOR EARLY BIRD SAVINGS!**

**USE COUPON CODE:**

**EARLYBIRD2024**

**TO GAIN A \$10 SAVINGS**

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. Discover why the [Amgen](#) has selected to ride through Nevada County on multiple occasions.

Visit the [website](#) and pick from four different events

Rides will be fully supported and well-marked

Rides will begin at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds

