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Club of Grass Valley



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February 2, 2026

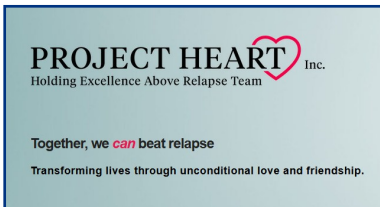
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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We had a visiting Rotarian this week, Armando Salud. He is a Rotarian from Woodland that has recently relocated here as the new Nevada County Clerk Recorder and is trying to find his "Rotarian Home". Scott, a Superintendent at Union Hill School joined us today. Lee and Joann Osnas, who belong to our club, also joined us. Welcome, All!

Our meeting this week included several main focuses. Our first presenter was Jim Amaral, the Executive Director of [Project HEART](#).



PH is a non-profit organization that provides service to individuals who are seeking to re-establish a functioning and stable life from various issues (e.g. homelessness, substance abuse, mental illness). PH was started in 2014 as a group of individuals seeking to help individuals get back on their feet and not fall back into old habits. PH has grown into a non profit organization with a small but growing staff.

PH provides services to address the gap between a persons current state and service providers who can assist with longer term care. PH staff and volunteers work with individuals to help them get started on a program to address their needs. PH also has partnerships with organizations that can help with an individuals needs. This service is free, except for those individuals who are enrolled in a case management program. In these cases, there are expenses needed to provide the services. This may include temporary housing and/or counseling.

Funds to support PH are 95% from government grants. Corporate partnerships also provide some support to assist with individuals who require case management.

Secondly, we addressed several administrative and logistical issues relating to our quickly approaching fundraising event, Casino Night.

## CONFESSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marcia updated on club providing 17 needy families meals. This will be done 2 more times. The funds for this as part of the District Grant that the club was awarded.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Casino Night

Club Meeting: DARK for President's Day

Club Meeting: DARK

Area 4 Music Contest: NU Band Rm @ 2

Area 4 Speech Contest: GVSD Board Rm @ 4

Area 4 Foundation Celebration: Alta Sierra CC @ TBD

[District 5190 Conference](#)

[Gold Country Challenge](#)

[Rotary International Convention](#)

February 7

February 16

February 23

March 21

March 24

March 27

May 1-3

June 6

June 13-17

## UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

### Plastic Recycling Project

Alzheimer's Garden and Litton Trail: Upkeep and Maintenance

Rotary Magazines in Professional and Business Waiting Rooms

Chicago Park Middle School: Goodie Bag Project

Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year

Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence

Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair

Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance

Salvation Army: Build Planter Boxes and Chicken Coop

Western Sierra Medical Clinic: Planter Boxes

Ongoing

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## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN FEBRUARY

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Rod Fivelstad	Feb 4	Larry McGrath	8 Yrs
John Voter	Feb 4	Jennifer Malone	5 Yrs
Scott McFarland	Feb 8	Lisa Swarthout	5 Yrs
Judy Bagley	Feb 14		
Don Daniels	Feb 15		
Diana Gassaway	Feb 15		
Derek Williams	Feb 22		

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

### Alice in Wonderland

Alice: "How long is forever?" White Rabbit: "Sometimes, just one second".

- A single moment of service or a single "Yes" to a project can make an impact that can last forever. The best things may happen when we dare to do the impossible.

### 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!



Last year we collected just over 3,000 lbs of plastic. Let's exceed that number this year!

## Good Luck, Rotarians!





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**Online Auction**  
**Donations Needed**

**Beverage Basket**  
**Auction**  
**Donations Needed**

**Purchase Tickets HERE!**

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**CASINO NIGHT**  
**THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS**  
**SAT 7 FEB 2026**  
 Nevada County Fairgrounds  
[WWW.GVROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.GVROTARY.ORG)



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**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**



## Far West Fest

May 1-3, 2026 - Grand Sierra Resort  
Reno, Nevada

Welcome Rotarians  
District 5130 - District 5170 - District 5190  
District 5220 - District 5230



[REGISTRATION PAGE](#)

## Far West Fest - 2026 Conference Registration

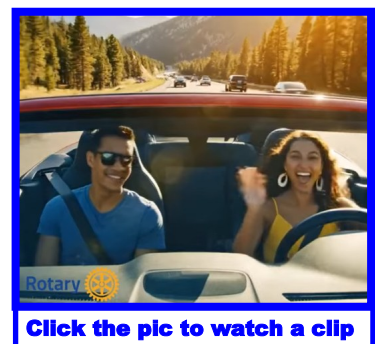
May 01, 2026 - May 03, 2026 [Pacific Daylight Time](#) 🗓️

### Friday, May 1, 2026

- 2:00 PM - Registration Opens
- 5:00 PM - Poolside Welcome Reception and Conference Kick-Off
- Dinner on own at Grand Sierra Resort
- 8:00 PM - Showtime Grand Sierra - Tickets/Pricing TBD - Note: This is not an event organized by the District Conference Committee. Please check the information boards at the hotel to see if there is a show that you would like to see.)
- 9:00 PM - Strike Out Polio Bowling

### Saturday, May 2, 2025

- Mega House of Friendship and Project Fair
- **BREAKOUT/WORKSHOP SESSIONS**
  - D5190 Speech Contest - morning session starting at 9am (All are welcome to attend)
  - D5190 Music Contest - afternoon session (All are welcome to attend)
  - Burners Without Borders - Christopher Breedlove
  - One Degree of Separation - Brad Bonar Jr.
  - Human Trafficking- Awakening
  - Peace Building - Soldiers Song - DG Kristine Redko
  - Empowering Leadership - Barry Posner
- District Breakouts
- Major Donor Reception
- **SATURDAY LUNCH**
  - RYE Students Parade of Flags
  - D5190 Speech Contest Winner
  - D5230 Speech Contest Winner
  - Keynote Speaker Barry Posner - Empowering Leadership
- **SATURDAY DINNER**
  - D5190 Music Contest Winner
  - RYE Parade of Flags
  - Current Presidents & AG parade
  - Keynote Speaker - Brad Bonar Jr. - One Degree of Separation
- After Dinner: District Hospitality Suites



[Click the pic to watch a clip](#)

### Sunday, May 3, 2026

- Interfaith Service
- Gin Fizz/Bloody Mary Mingle - Breakfast
- Mega House of Friendship and Project Fair
- **SUNDAY BRUNCH**
  - President Elects & AG Parade
  - Keynote Speaker - Christopher Breedlove - Burners Without Borders
  - Passing of the DG Line pins/badges - all 5 Districts
- 12:00 PM - Conference Ends



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## June 6th

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.

Benefits youth programs supported in part by the [Rotary Club of Grass Valley](#) and [Bright Futures for Youth](#).

Train here for the [Death Ride](#) on July 11th.

Visit [www.rotarygoldcountrychallenge.com](http://www.rotarygoldcountrychallenge.com)

Rides will be supported and well-marked

Rides will begin/end at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds





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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