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3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

This week's meeting was conducted via Zoom due to unsafe driving conditions. Almost continuous snowfall over the past four days made for hazardous driving conditions.

Andrew Trygg, Nevada County Fairgrounds CEO, spoke to our club this week.

Mr. Trygg was formerly the Information Officer at the Nevada County Sheriff's Department. Andrew has served as the president of the Directors of the Nevada County Fairgrounds 17th District Agriculture Association since 2013. Andrew is extremely familure with the fair, having worked there as a teenager.



The Nevada County Fairgrounds has been declared as "California's Most Beautiful Fairgrounds," and is covered with hundreds of towering pine trees on almost 90 acres. It is not only home to the annual Nevada County Fair, but the Draft Horse Classic, the Country Christmas Faire, world-class music festivals, and a plethora of community events. There is also a RV Park, Lions Lake, rental facilities, large areas which can accommodate weddings, some of our community's largest outdoor events, and lots of areas to walk.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Club Meeting: DARK	March 6th
Club Meeting: New Members	March 13th
Club Meeting: TBD	March 20th

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Foundation Dinner @ Miner's Foundry	POSTPONED / TBD
Nevada County Schools Speech Tournament	
Preliminary Competition	March 10th
Finals Competition	March 14th
District 5190 Conference	April 28th-30th
Gold Country Challenge Bike Ride	June 3rd

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN FEBRUARY

Birthdays	Rotary Anniversaries
Rod Fivelstad	Feb 04 Jennifer Malone 2 Years
John Voter	Feb 04 Lisa Swarthout 2 Years
Scott McFarland	Feb 08 Jonathon Walker 4 Years
Judy Bagley	Feb 14 Larry McGrath 5 Years
Don Daniels	Feb 15
Diana Gassaway	Feb 15
Derek Williams	Feb 22

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

Larry McGrath confessed about his trip to Antarctica with Scott Browne and friends. Larry has now been to all continents. They saw lots of penguins! Larry is a bell ringer.

Bob Long made an announcement about the [Gold Country Challenge](#) on June 3rd. This is an all hands on deck event for the club. All support is needed. At the next meeting we will send around a sign up sheet and talk more about club needs.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The time is always right to do what is right." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

[Rotary Club of Grass Valley](#)

P.O. Box 1213 Grass Valley, CA 95945

Meets @ the [Wild Eye Pub](#)
on Mondays at 12:15 pm

[Area 4 Rotary Clubs](#)

[Penn Valley Rotary](#) meets @
[Players Pizza](#) every other Tuesday at 12 pm

[Grass Valley South](#) meets @
 the [Litton Bldg](#) on Tuesdays at 7 am

[Nevada City Rotary](#) meets @
[The National Exchange Hotel](#) on the 1st and 3rd
 Thursday at 5:30pm & @ [Bistro 221](#) on the 2nd
 and 4th Thursday at 12:15pm - Please RSVP

[49er Rotary Breakfast Club](#) meets @
 the [Miners Foundry](#) on Wednesdays at 7 - 8 am



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The Nevada County Fairgrounds, also known as the 17th District Agricultural Association, was established in 1884. It came to fruition by legislative action in 1859, which authorized the formation of agricultural districts. The first Nevada County Fair was held in 1938 at Veterans Memorial Building, and has been around since that date. No County Fair was held in 1942 through 1946 due to World War II. The first Nevada County Fair at its current location on McCourtney Road was held in 1947. The first buildings on the grounds were built in 1951.

The Nevada County Fairgrounds is an economic, social, and cultural treasure for Nevada County. In 2015, approximately 270,000 people attended events at the Nevada County Fairgrounds, which created a total spending impact of approximately \$28 million on the local economy and created approximately 240 jobs.

Planning for this year’s fair is well underway!

A tentative theme for the 2023 fair has been chosen: County Roots and Cowboy Boots. The Nevada County Fair directors discussed the lineup for the main event in the stadium which can hold up to 5,000 visitors. A concert planned for Wednesday night; Friday through Sunday will have motor sports; however, ideas are being researched for the Thursday night event. Country Artist Tyler Rich will kick off the fair on August 9th. The community looks forward to these event’s each year and the Nevada County Fairgrounds is proud to be an integral element in the growth in our city!





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FOUNDATION DINNER

WHO: The Rotary Club of Grass Valley, Forty Niner Breakfast, Grass Valley South, Nevada City and Penn Valley

WHAT: A [catered](#) dinner and no host bar

WHEN: **ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9TH, CURRENTLY POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER**

WHERE: [Miners Foundry Cultural Center](#)

WHY: This will be a great opportunity to meet and hear from Rotary International as well as meet more fellow Rotarians

DETAILS:

- Keynote presentation by Rotary International Director Vicki Pulliz
- The cost is \$65 per person
- Please register [HERE](#) by March 1st

Help is NEEDED! Even if you can't attend, you can still support the event with set up or helping with decorations and other needs.

1. Volunteers can help with set up and clean up. Set Up starts at 12:30 at the Miners Foundry and shouldn't take more than a two hours to set tables. Clean up should be from about 8:30 to 9:30pm
2. Volunteers are needed at the registration table to sign people in
3. A volunteer or two are needed to be in charge of table centerpieces and work with Foothill Flowers
4. A volunteer is needed to bring and set up the club banners

2022 FOUNDATION DINNER

