



Rotary Club of Grass Valley



The Spoke

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Casino Night—February 8, 2014

Tickets are on sale now. Your help is needed to make this Casino Night one of our most successful events ever! Be sure to bring your donation items to the Monday meeting or drop off during business hours at Tri-Counties Bank in downtown Grass Valley

Speakers:

Feb 3 Jessica Hudson - County Librarian - Tech Center

Dates to Remember:

Feb 8 Casino Night—Fairgrounds
May 10 1st annual Gould Country Bicycle Challenge
May 15-18 District Conference—Nugget in Sparks, NV

Click here to view: [District 5190 February 2014 Newsletter](#)

Only 5 Days til our biggest fundraiser of the year



The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Avenues of Service

Club Service Chair - Steve Spiller
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23rd Annual Casino Night
PRESENTED BY
The Rotary Club of Grass Valley

Invite your friends for an evening of fun!

No-host Cocktails & Food
Silent Auction – over \$20K in items
Door Prizes & Raffle

February 8, 2014
Nevada County Fairgrounds
6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets at the door
\$20 general admission
Adults only please

Dance to Live Music by SoLS
Nevada County's Favorite Band

Proceeds benefit programs for Nevada County Youth and Seniors

Tickets available at





February is Rotary World Understanding Month

President Elect – Steve Spiller was at the helm! Chuck Elizondo acted as Greeter; pledge led by Dick Panzica; thought for the day was presented by Bobbie Swanson; and Judy Bagley solicited to take spoke notes. Visiting Rotarians of Ginny Trapani from the 49er Club and Dave Bungee from the Nevada City club were introduced by Tom Lathrop. Ken Holbrook introduced his guest, John Senekal, a teacher.

Carol Lenhard received her pin for 17 years perfect attendance! Judy Bagley, Kathy Egenes and Tim McCall addressed the upcoming Casino Night. We are only at a little over \$11,000.00 worth of items for the silent auction and need at least twice that amount. Everyone encouraged to get their items in by the end of the week if at all possible in order for Kathy and Kris to prepare the program and bid sheets and the district school office to print them. This is a lot of work and everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Bobbie Swanson announced that she received a Pace Maker on January 2nd and is doing well. She encouraged anyone who is told they need one to not hesitate as it is a "piece of cake!" Kelly Quinn confessed that he had been in Maui snorkeling, scuba diving and zip lining. Since Kelly is a bell ringer, his \$50 fine was passed to his good friend, Keith Royal!

Ginny Trapani brought three Lyman Gilmore Interactors (Bailey, Pres., Gracie, Vice-Pres. and Grace) to our meeting to promote their upcoming fundraiser for the Special Olympics, to be held February 21 and they are soliciting items for their silent auction and hope to have 500 people in attendance. The Interactors meet every Thursday morning and members are invited to drop in and attend their meeting. Bailey and Grace also attended the last REGLE leadership program and spoke to the things they got out of it – "Yoga Whip", "Get To It" attitude and "Kool" items, i.e. nice, friendly, and loyal.



Our program was Lynn Lorseenson, President of the Resource Conservation District and a Master Gardener who spoke about our drought situation. She is also a defensible space advisor. The drought is what it is and there is nothing you can do about it! In the backyard, triage your plants. If you have plants you don't really care for, shovel prune them and get rid of them so

that moisture can enter the leaves of the plants you do like. If you are thinking of planting a water efficient landscape this year – DON'T DO IT! It takes 3 years to establish new growth, so don't try to change things during a drought. A member asked about Manzanita being flammable and she stated they are not has bad as some things and depends on if they are young and healthy or have a lot of dead wood in them. Do not have them under trees or near the house, but a young, nice looking one can be a good specimen and worth keeping in the proper place. Speaking to irrigation – none of the plants need water every day. Every 10 days is adequate especially with good mulch, not "gorilla hair", but light pine needles, wood chips or gravel. Maple trees need it about every 10 days and fruit trees more like 15 days. When plants have had enough "chill" time then they will bloom; however there are no bees right now and no fruit and if the fruit sets it may still abort. It will most likely not be a good year for fruit. In the backwoods the forest should be burnt every 10-15 years and this is not practiced anymore like when the Indians let the fires burn until winter and our climate was always smoky because of it. Bark beetles will kill trees and especially when there is not enough moisture to make pitch which will ooze out and suffocate the beetles, so it is expected that many trees will be killed by beetles. Foresters do have a forest treatment plan that is met with quite a bit of resistance, however sunlight to the forest floor is necessary to refurbish the growth and this is accomplished by thinning out the trees. As to your lawn, it will not die. Leave it longish and it will survive, but it will not look good this year. Gray water is not worth the time to capture as only the washer water can be used. Sink water, etc., could be used for flushing toilet or mopping floor. There are more trees in CA today than 200 years ago, but less big trees. The White Firs in the mountains will probably die out which leaves more room for the Jeffrey Pines which were there originally.



The raffle was held with Carol Lenhard being the lucky, but unlucky, winner as she pulled the white marble. Lee Osnas had 2 consolation prizes of bags of his almonds which he is also going to offer up at Casino Night!Meeting Adjourned.

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P.O. Box 1213 – Grass Valley, CA 95945
Meeting location: **Monday** at 12:15 PM
The Holbrooke Hotel – 212 W. Main St.

Make Up Meetings

Members who miss a regular meeting may make-up by attending any other Rotary club's meeting within 14 days before or after the missed meeting.

E-makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Nevada County South,
Alta Sierra Country Club
12:00 Auburn, Auburn Elks Lodge
12:15 Penn Valley, Players Pizza
12:15 Marysville, Peach Tree Golf
& Country Club

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. 49er Breakfast Club,
Escaton Lodge

7:00 a.m. Auburn Daybreak,
Sierra Smokehouse Grill
12:15 Yuba City, The Refuge

Thursday

7:00 a.m. South Yuba County Sunrise
Peachtree Restaurant (Marysville)
12:15 Auburn Gold Country,
The Ridge Golf Course
12:15 Nevada City, National Hotel