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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

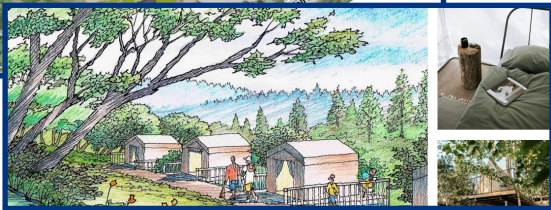
Our weekly meeting at the [Wild Eye Pub](#) was off to a great start this Monday. We had no visiting Rotarians, nor did we have any guests of Rotarians in attendance. Our speakers were Leslie Barbazette and Jay Morgan. They are the founders of:

Wolf Craft School and Collective

The school provides a number of classes to learn craft skills that include agriculture, fiber arts, pottery, blacksmithing, woodworking, and painting.



Click on the above link to explore their website, and see all of the crafts that they have to offer. The school currently has 40 students and is open for ages 16 to 100, plus lodging options! A key step for the school this year is to obtain the required permits to continue their buildout plans. Their projected build-out with accommodations looks amazing! This will definitely be a benefit to the community!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Area 4 Instrument Donation Day	February 8
Club Meeting: Presenter is yet TBD	February 10
Centennial Committee Mtg: Tofanelli's @ 9:30	February 13
Club Meeting: DARK	February 17
Rotary Presidential Peace Conference	February 20-22
Rotary Club of Sparks Centennial Celebration	February 22
Club Meeting: DARK	February 24
Club Board Mtg: WSMC Glasson Way @ 12	February 24
Area 4 Speech Contest: GVSD Office @ 4	February 25
Area 4 Foundation Roundup: Horseman's Lodge @ 3:30	March 16
Area 4 Music Contest	March 22
Rotary Club of Grass Valley Centennial Celebration	March 28
District 5190 Top Gun Conference	May 2-4
Gold Country Challenge	June 7
Rotary International Convention	June 21-25

UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

Plastic Recycling Project	Ongoing
Gaga Ball Pit Installation at TLC	TBD
Rotary At Work Day	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		

Lyman Gilmore Students of the Month

Congratulations to this month's hard working Lyman Gilmore Students of the Month!



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much". **Helen Keller**

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 [nrotary.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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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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Musical Instrument Drive

Rotary 
Clubs of Penn Valley, Nevada City,
Nevada City 49ers, Grass Valley and
Grass Valley South

Do you have any musical instruments that aren't being played? Western Nevada County Rotary Clubs are collecting instruments to refurbish and give to our local middle school music programs.

How can you help?

Bring your used instruments (or funds toward repair)

DONATION DAY: Saturday, February 8, 2025
Lyman Gilmore School 9 am to 1 pm
10837 Rough and Ready Hwy, Grass Valley



For more information call
661-618-7357

Rotarians Make Beautiful Music!

Special thanks to Kiwanis for their support.



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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

Click [HERE](#) for more info



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 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

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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 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

Text: 916-849-5347

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

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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

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21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

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