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Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925



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2023-2024 Theme

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD



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February 5th, 2024

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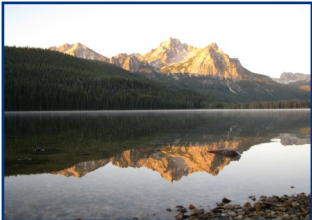
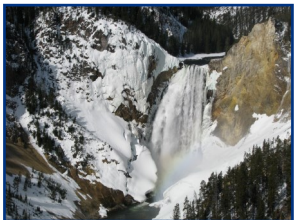
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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A very substantial amount of rain fell over the past 48 hours. With that being the case, many tree branches and actual tree's fell. That subsequently took out surrounding powerlines, and left over 35,000 residents of Nevada County without power. Grass Valley was largely impacted by the recent weather event, as well as the previously mentioned energy issues. However, much of downtown Grass Valley was able to conduct business as usual on Monday with focused assistance from PG&E.

Despite some of the roads being blocked by fallen trees and/or live wires, many Rotarians were able to make it to Wild Eye Pub for our weekly meeting. However, our scheduled presenter was not so lucky. Lisa Davies, from Chapa-De Indian Health, needed to reschedule for a different day. Luckily, our President was able to fill the gap with his Craft Talk.

Sean Jackson is the President of [Jackson & Sands Engineering, Inc.](#) He graduated from NUHS and CSU-C. He is also a Father, Husband, Boy Scout, Basketball player, and a Rotarian President. Sean presented a slide show that featured multiple adventures in bridge building from Grizzly Bear encounters to creative navigation in bridge design in difficult terrain all over the U.S. Here are some pictures from his travels:



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Program - L.G. SoM, RYE Student, Craft Talk	February 12
Club Meeting - DARK - Presidents' Day	February 19
Rotary Leadership Institute session	February 24
Club Board Meeting – Club Evening Social (TBD)	February 26
Area 4 Music Contest	April 7
District Conference	May 17-19

## CLUB WORKDAYS

Plastic Recycling Project	Ongoing
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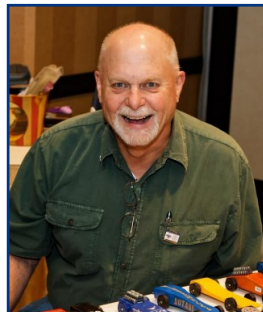
## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN FEBRUARY

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
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		

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

Our Casino Night is finally over! Thank You to everyone for making this a successful year! Please send any After Action notes to Jesse.

Our dear friend and a fellow Rotarian (Nevada City), Doug McDonald passed away Saturday, February 3. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, February 19 at 10:30am at St Canice Catholic Church in Nevada City. A reception will follow at Nevada County Horsemen Lodge at 10600 Bubbling Wells Rd, Grass Valley, CA 95945. Wear your Scottish plaid and kilts to celebrate Doug!



## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

**“There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness you may encounter.”**

[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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**Douglas "Doug" Robert McDonald**  
**May 27, 1949 - February 3, 2024**



Doug McDonald passed away on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at his home in Penn Valley, California. He was 74. Douglas Robert McDonald was born on May 27, 1949 in San Francisco, California to Shirley Beine and Robert McDonald. Doug grew up in Petaluma with two brothers Keller and Bill.

Doug graduated from Stanford University (BS, 1971) and Santa Clara University (MBA, 1974). Doug and Karen Bachanas married in 1978 and raised two children, Jennifer and Cameron, while Doug excelled in his professional career with Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Doug's love of Scouting and Rotary were fostered by his father Bob at a young age and continued throughout his life. After retiring from his professional capacity with the BSA, Doug enjoyed and was honored to take on a number of volunteer positions with both organizations.

Doug will be remembered for his charismatic personality; his quick and booming laugh was contagious. In his last days, Doug's advice to us was "Always treat people with respect and they'll love you for it." 10-4, Big Guy. Doug leaves behind his wife of 45 years, Karen, daughter Jennifer (Mick) Pryor of Lander, Wyoming, son Cameron (Alia Al-Sharif) McDonald of San Francisco, grandchildren Caroline and Charlotte Pryor and Malik McDonald, mother Shirley McDonald of Santa Rosa, California, brother Keller (Marcia) McDonald of Santa Rosa, California, and brother Bill (Shirley) McDonald of Stockton, California. He is preceded in death by his father Bob McDonald.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Redwood Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America and The Rotary Foundation through the Rotary Club of Nevada City. Photos celebrating Doug's life will be presented at his Celebration of Life reception and compiled into a Shutterfly book for the family after the reception. Rotarians and friends are invited to provide a few selected favorite photos of Doug along with a sentence or two about the photo. Please forward high-resolution (full size if from your cellphone) photos to Robin Milam, Nevada City Rotary at [robin@the-milams.com](mailto:robin@the-milams.com).





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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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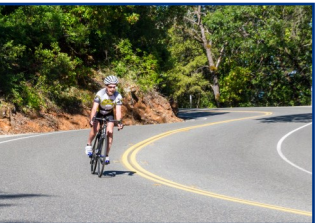
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**June 1st**

**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

