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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Spring is making it's way to Grass Valley! We all know that these warm days won't last as snow is forecasted next week.

Heather provided preliminary results from Casino Night and feedback from the attendees. This event gets better and better each year! Our club members also provided positive feedback on the success of the evening.



Sandra did a fabulous job on decorations and [Bill's Chuckwagon](#) cooked up some mean BBQ!

After Heather's presentation of the event's financial details, Judy, Tim, and Jesse raffled off the items that did get the required minimum bids that night.



We can't even begin to express our gratitude to EVERYONE for helping to make this possible! It truly takes a village! THANK YOU, Nevada County!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: DARK for President's Day	February 16
Club Meeting: DARK	February 23
Board Meeting	February 23
Nevada County Speech Tournament: Calvary Bible Church	March 13
Area 4 Music Contest: NU Band Rm @ 2	March 21
Area 4 Speech Contest: GVSD Board Rm @ 4	March 24
Area 4 Foundation Celebration: Alta Sierra CC @ TBD	March 27
District 5190 Conference	May 1-3
Gold Country Challenge	June 6
Rotary International Convention	June 13-17

UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

Union Hill School Meal Project – 2 (Volunteers needed)	March 16-17 or 23-24
Union Hill School Meal Project – 3 (Volunteers needed)	April 20-21 or 27-28
Plastic Recycling Project	Ongoing
Alzheimer's Garden and Litton Trail: Upkeep and Maintenance	Ongoing
Rotary Magazines in Professional and Business Waiting Rooms	Ongoing
Chicago Park Middle School: Goodie Bag Project	Ongoing
Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year	TBD
Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence	TBD
Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair	TBD
Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance	TBD
Salvation Army: Build Planter Boxes and Chicken Coop	TBD
Western Sierra Medical Clinic: Planter Boxes	TBD

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 Swarhout	5 Yrs
Judy Bagley	Feb 14		
Don Daniels	Feb 15		
Diana Gassaway	Feb 15		
Derek Williams	Feb 22		

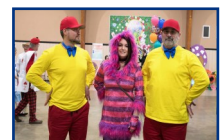
CONFESSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sorry Ladies, he's taken... Seth is officially engaged! Congratulations and thank you for joining the bell ringers!

SETTING THE TONE FOR THE MONTH

Click [HERE](#) to see pics from Casino Night!

SNEAK PEEK...



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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49er Breakfast
Rotary
of Nevada City 



MUSIC CONTEST

2 PM, March 21st

We invite **YOU** to compete in our Rotary
music contest for your chance to **win!**

1ST PLACE: \$500
2ND PLACE: \$250
3RD PLACE: \$125

@ NEVADA UNION HIGH SCHOOL IN
MUSIC ROOM (L2)



SCAN ME!

Contact Liam Apple at (530) 798-8322 for assistance!



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Rotary District 5190 Area 4 Speech Contest



SPEECH CONTEST

2025-26 Theme

**“Unite For Good:
Together We Make
Dreams Come True”**

Tuesday, March 24, 2026
4:00 PM

Grass Valley School District Office
10840 Gilmore Way, Grass Valley, CA

5 – 7 Minute Speech on this Year’s Theme
Open to Students Grades 9-12

No Displays, Props or Prompting Allowed

Winner Must Be Available to Compete at the
District 5190 Conference

May 2, 2026 at Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV

Local Prizes: 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$200,
3rd Place, \$100

District Prizes: 1st Place \$1,000, 2nd Place \$750,
3rd Place \$500, 4th Place \$50

REGISTER NOW!



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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

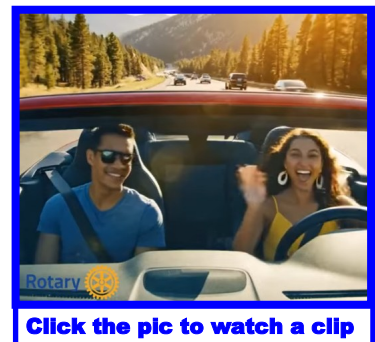
May 01, 2026 - May 03, 2026 [Pacific Daylight Time](#) 🗓️

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

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