

Rotary Club of Grass Valley



The Spoke



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Club News

Vice President Sandra Barrington filled in for President Seth on December 14. Joining the meeting were the Student of the Month recipients from Lyman Gilmore Middle School.

Announcements and Confessions:

- Christian and Becky Sibaja of the Salvation Army thanked Rotary for our participation in this year's bell ringing. Between the red kettle collections and the virtual kettle, we raised about \$2,400 for the community.
- Tim McCall confessed he mixed up his days and instead of helping Pat Ward ring the bell at their appointed time, he was, well, he was doing something else. For this misstep he was fined \$25.
- Kris Stepanian and mom, Anita Daniels, led the club in a Christmas Sing-a-long. We got in the holiday spirit with Jingle Bells, Rudolph and Silent Night.

Club Elections report for the year 2021-2022:

President—Kathleen Shaffer
President Elect—Sandra Barrington
Vice President—Sean Jackson
Secretary—Pam Mirkin
Treasurer—Bob Long

For the Board of Directors seats: Heather Thorpe, Kris Stepanian and Becky Sibaja will serve a 2 year term. Kathy Egenes will step in and serve a 1 year term on the seat vacated by Pam Mirkin.

Rod Fivelstad shared a beautiful version of John Williams Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas performed by Music in the Mountains. [Check it out here on YouTube](#)
The meeting ended a bit early with all reciting the Rotary 4 Way Test.

Speaking of YouTube... please send along to this [newsletter editor](#) any of your favorite YouTube channels you regularly watch to keep yourself entertained, informed, and educated. I'll compile a list and perhaps we can all find a new "favorite" channel.

December 21, 2020 Christmas Evening Social

This was an evening of reflection and gratitude. Many members stepped forward and expressed how grateful they are for the opportunity to serve our community during this incredibly challenging year.

Kathleen Shaffer and the committee are kicking off the April 2021 Great Gold Country Community Auction. This online event will take the place of our famous Casino Night fundraiser, which has been very good to our club and our community. The money raised during this online auction will fund the donations we make

Upcoming Programs:

Jan 4 Lori Nunnik / Victim Witness Program
Jan 11 Bonnie Sirower - Rotary Groups
Jan 18 DARK - Martin Luther King Day
Jan 25 Craft Talks

Dates to Remember:

Jan 7 Fundraising committee meeting via ZOOM 12:15
Jan 28 Board of Director's ZOOM Meeting 5:15pm
Jan 29 Grants Management Training (online)
Jan 30 Pre-PETS (online)
April 29-May 2, 2021 Rotary RALLYE @ Harrah's in Lake Tahoe
June 13-13, 2021 Rotary International Convention Taipei, Taiwan
September 11-12, 2021 Gold Country Challenge

to various organizations throughout the year. Stay tuned for more details as they become available. In the meantime, if you have a talent for making something incredible—a dinner, art, furniture, an experience—you get the idea, something folks would pay money to have, send a message to Kathleen so she can add it to the auction.

The evening ended with Kathy Egenes sharing the story of How the Angel got on top of the Christmas Tree, a club tradition originated by the late, great Rotarian Bill Schultz.

New Photo Albums on our club website

Our photographer, Fred Claessens, has been working hard to keep us current on our community service. Check out the new albums he posted recently

[Wreaths Across America](#)

[Food Bank](#)

January Birthdays

Dennis Burbridge Jan 3
Chris Walsh Jan 13
Jim Belluomini Jan 25

Rotary Anniversaries

Ed Sylvester 41 Years
Tim McCall 21 Years



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January Anniversaries

Jerry & Judy Trammell 56 yrs
Kelly & Teresa Quinn 22 yrs