



THE FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jesse Wilson - President
Ed Pinto - President Elect
Heather Thorpe - Vice President
Sean Jackson - Immediate Past President
Tim McCall - Executive Secretary
Judy Bagley - Executive Treasurer

P. Scott Brown - Director Year 2
Judy Bagley - Director Year 2
Gina Will - Director Year 2
James Delcour - Director Year 1
Stephanie Fischer - Director Year 1
Jennifer Malone - Director Year 1

- Sergeant at Arms - Ed Pinto
 - The Spoke Editor - Ryan Sykes
 - Photographer - Fred Claessens



Spoke Notes were recorded by: Cheri Hall

President of Rotary International

[Francesco Arezzo](#)



Governor of District 5190

[Larry Harvey](#)

January 5, 2026

www.gvrotary.org

Volume 101, Issue 18

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Dr. Kellermann gave a brief history of the mission of [The Kellerman Foundation](#) and it's recent projects in Uganda. Having started with his medical philanthropy just after his residency concluded in the late 1970's, he spent time in Nepal. He spent his time focused on immunizations for the citizens that lacked access to traditional healthcare. During his time in Nepal, he

learned of Rotary and all the good that this organization does and he became a Rotary member upon his return to the US.

His next journey brought him to parts of Africa where the life expectancy was 28 years due in large part to the lack of accessibility to medical care. He began his mission to provide care to this region. Providing mobile health clinics was his first venture, eventually he was able to facilitate the building of a community hospital (2005) with the help from many Rotary clubs. All of the equipment was purchased with funds donated by Rotary. Without Rotary, this venture would not have been possible. Since it's initial construction, there have been many additions, including a maternal ward. Money has been raised for a neonatal ICU equipment, and they are currently looking to expand the neonatal ICU to make it a state-of-the-art facility where mothers can be with their children during the stay. However, more funds are needed. A nursing school was also opened to increase the number of nurses in the area. Construction on a sports complex is underway and expected to be completed this year. To add to the enrichment of the region, a new public library is being proposed. In March, a dental unit was completed which would accommodate multiple dental chairs and technicians.



Dr. Kellermann closed his presentation with the quote: "Service Above Self-Saves Lives".

CONFESSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We need auction items for Casino night; items can be dropped off at Heathers new office.
- Ed announced that he has been the Sergeant at arms for the past 4 years and is looking for a replacement in June. The duties include setting up and tear down for the meetings, [please contact Ed](#) if you would like more information.
- Pat just recently returned from a trip to Omaha to see his eldest granddaughter's college graduation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: TBD	January 12 2026
Club Meeting: DARK - MLK Day	January 19 2026
Club Meeting: DARK	January 26 2026
Board Meeting: Glasson @ 12-1	January 26 2026
Club Social: TBD	January 26 2026
Casino Night	February 7 2026
District 5190 Conference	May 1-3 2026
Gold Country Challenge	June 6 2026
Rotary International Conference	June 13-17 2026

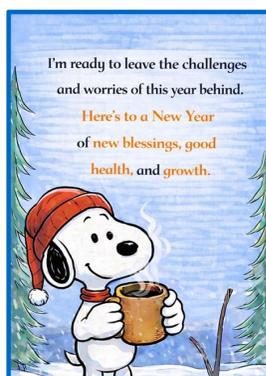
UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

Union Hill: Meals for Families - Prep	January 26 2026
Union Hill: Meals for Families - Serving	January 27 2026
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 JANUARY

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Dennis Burbridge	Jan 3	Tim McCall	26 Yrs
		Andrew Withers	5 Yrs
		Andrew Jackson	5 Yrs
		Debra Plass	1 Yr

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY / ACTIONS FOR THE MONTH



I'm ready to leave the challenges and worries of this year behind.
 Here's to a New Year of new blessings, good health, and growth.



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



The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

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!





THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



Casino Night Beverage Basket Auction

The Heart of the
Gold Country



- Gift baskets of alcoholic beverages will be prepared and offered for auction
- Donations needed - Member contributed – or Solicited
- Basket ideas identified so far:

✓ Beers	✓ Martini
✓ Margaritas	✓ Wine
✓ Full Mixologist	✓ Moscow Mule
✓ Bourbon/Whiskey	✓ Small Batch Whiskey Taster Flight
✓ Bloody Mary	✓ Tiki Vacation
✓ Gin and Tonic	✓ Bar Special Ingredients



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter

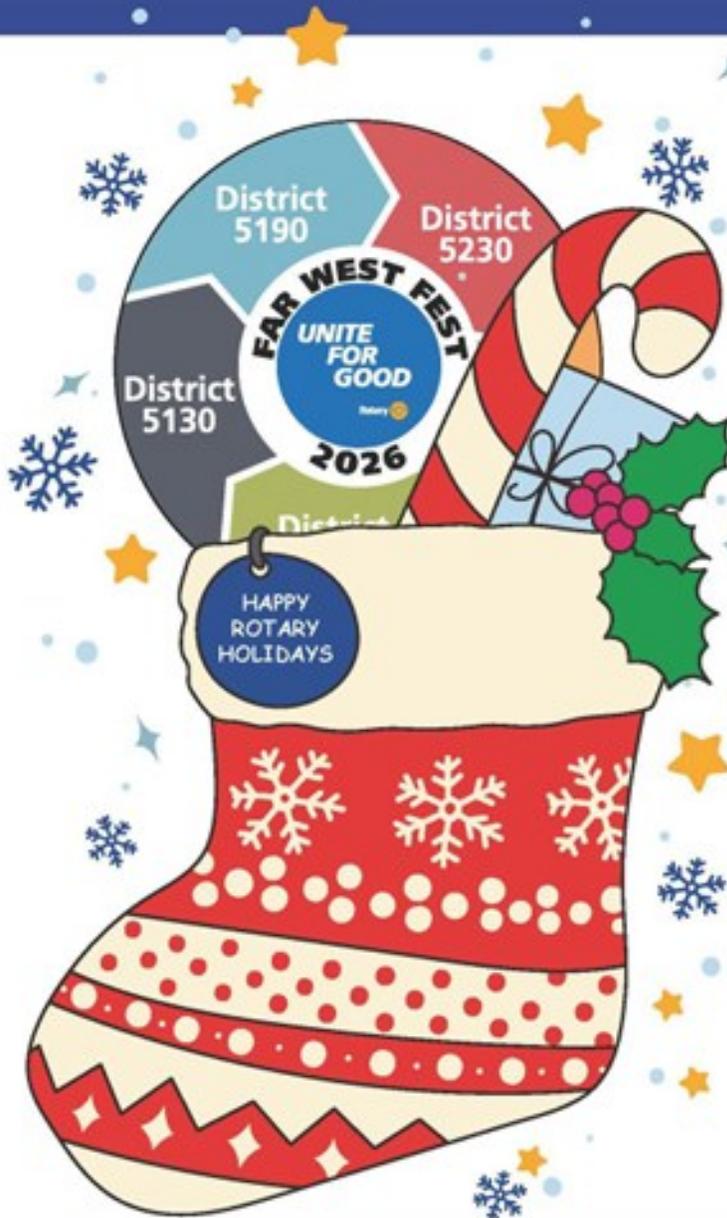


Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



Stuff Your Stocking ...



with a \$\$\$-saving offer:

Register this month to take advantage of the special early-bird District Conference discount rate.

Then join us at the FAR WEST FEST MULTI-DISTRICT CONFERENCE

May 1-3, 2026

Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, where Rotarians from five Districts will

UNITE FOR GOOD

and make a positive impact together!

REGISTER NOW at district5190.org/events/far-west-fest-2026-conference-registration/ or scan the QR code on the right.



Click [HERE](#) for more details



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



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.

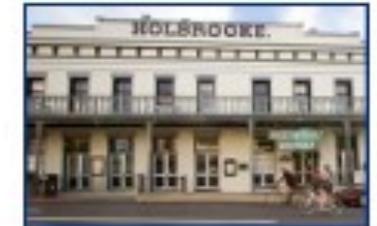
Benefits youth programs supported in part by the [Rotary Club of Grass Valley](#) and [Bright Futures for Youth](#).

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





THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter



Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925



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