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January 6th, 2025

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

With a confident ring of the bell, our first meeting of 2025 was now underway!



Andy Kramer (Board Chair) and Ray Baddock (Board Member) from [Nevada County Habitat for Humanity](#) were our presenters today.



Founded in Georgia in 1976, Habitat for Humanity operates around the globe and has helped build, renovate, and repair more than 600,000 decent, affordable houses sheltering more than 3 million people worldwide.

Nevada County Habitat for Humanity transforms lives and communities by bringing people together to build affordable homes for working families in need in Nevada County. Nevada County Habitat has built/provided homes to more than 38 families, housing over 160 individuals, including more than 100 children. There is a severe and growing affordable housing crisis in California and in our county.

Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves.

Debra Plass was inducted as a Grass Valley Rotarian, Corporate member for Western Sierra Medical Clinic.

Induction
 Debra Plass
 Vice President of Operations
 Western Sierra Medical Clinic
 Better Health Together



UPCOMING EVENTS

Rotary Peace Conference	January 24-26
Casino Night	February 1
Area 4 Instrument Donation Day (Lyman Gilmore 9-1)	February 8
Rotary Presidential Peace Conference	February 20-22
Area 4 Speech Contest (GVSD Office)	February 25
Club 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 JANUARY

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Dennis Burbridge	Jan 3	Tim McCall	25 Yrs
		Andrew Withers	4 Yrs
		Andrew Jackson	4 Yrs

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONFESSIONS

Marcia shared that over the holidays her pup was wandering the forest at their mountain cabin. As they were searching for the scamp, they noticed he was running at them, while being chased. The beloved pup was being chased by none other than a mountain lion. When the mountain lion decided the gig was up, and it took off. Marcia's dog decided the chase was back on and ran after the mountain lion. Marcia and her husband were then able to get their doggo back inside! They began planning how to keep this from happening again and keeping their pup safe!

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 nicrotary.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 were collected in 2024! Let's far exceed that amount in 2025!

GREAT WORK, KEEP IT UP!



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Rotarians Unite!

ROTARY PEACE CONFERENCE

Unite for a Better World

January 24-26, 2025

Sonoma Wine Country - Rohnert Park

Learn more: Peace25.org



Key Speakers



Jennifer Jones
Rotary International
President 2022-2023



Heidi Kühn
2024 Nobel Peace
Prize Nominee
"Roots of Peace"



Vicki Puliz
Rotary International
Director 2021-2023



Michael Collins
Institute for
Economics
and Peace



Mitty Chang
CEO, President
Candidate



Hollis Belger
Award Winning
Philanthropist



Kimberly Weichel
Rotary Peace Scholar
Author, Educator



Francesco
Lecce-Chong
Santa Rosa
Symphony
"Music as Diplomacy"



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CASINO NIGHT AT THE *Copacabana*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025
6:30PM

Nevada County Fairgrounds
Grass Valley, California

Silent Auction ~ Door Prizes ~ Craps
Blackjack ~ Texas hold 'em ~ Photo Booth
Prize Wheels ~ Wine & Whiskey Pull

Live music featuring
Kris & Dominic Stepanian

\$15 per ticket
no host bar, food
21+ and over

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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



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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

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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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June 7th

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.



Early Bird Registration is OPEN
Use code: EARLYBIRD2025

[Rotary Gold Country Challenge Online Registration](#)

Rides will be fully supported and well-marked

Rides will begin at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds



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2025 International Convention

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21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

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