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Spoke Notes were recorded by: Jen Malone

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Stephanie A. Urchick

January 6th, 2025

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY **Governor of District 5190**

Dennis Geare

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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



Nevada County Habitat for Humanity®



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.

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

<u>Birthdays</u>	Rotary Anniv	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!

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





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

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

Area 4 Rotary Clubs

Nevada City Rotary meets @ TJ's Roadhouse
2nd and 4th Thurs at 12:15 pm
Food order RSVP needed the day prior at
ncrotary.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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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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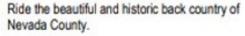




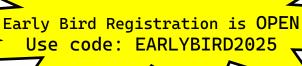








Nevada County was the heart of California's gold rush. Surrounding the charming mining era towns of Grass Valley and Nevada City, you'll ride through some of the most beautiful landscape California has to offer.



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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