



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

[Andrew Jackson](#)
[Seth Leishman](#)
[Kris Stepanian](#)
[Heather Thorpe](#)
[Derek Williams](#)
[Kim Zwick](#)

OFFICERS

- President -
[Sean Jackson](#)
- Vice President -
[Moe Allen](#)

- Secretary -
[Jennifer Malone](#)
- Treasurer -
[Bob Long](#)

- Sergeant at Arms -
Ed Pinto
- The Spoke Editor -
Ryan Sykes
- Photographer -
Fred Claessens
- Executive Secretary -
Tim McCall



Spoke Notes
recorded by
Jen Malone

President of Rotary International

[Gordon R. McNally](#)



2023-2024 Theme

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD



Governor of District 5190

[Stacy Graham](#)

January 8th, 2024

[www.gvrotary.org](#)

Volume 97, Issue 17

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Today's speaker was Roger McCort, an Officer for the [Grass Valley region Salvation Army](#) and a Rotarian of our club. He was giving us an update to the Red Kettle/Bell Ringer Christmas Fundraiser for Nevada County



A little history first: During WWI, Salvation Army volunteers would bring coffee and donuts to the trenches. The volunteers also became communication conduits between family and troops. In WWII, they continued this tradition in tents and finally the USO evolved out of these efforts.

The Salvation Army was formed in America in 1883. The region covered was from San Francisco to Reno for just one officer.

On to an update: The Red Kettle Annual Fundraiser started in San Francisco when a Salvation Army Officer wanted to feed the homeless population. He, however, did not have the money to do so, so he put a crab pot out and asked for donations and raised enough to feed a thousand people. He continued this every year and had positive outcomes which in turn led to other Salvation Army sites being created. Thus began the bell ringing program you see today. This program has been in effect for over 130 years.

This year's Red Kettle drive in Nevada County raised \$14,750 and it is believed that there will be more Red Kettle checks arriving. They may hit the set goal of \$15,500!

Our Rotary Club raised \$2118.16 this year, a thousand dollars more than last year. Our club raised \$800.00 more than each of the other area rotary clubs! Great Work!!!

In the last 12 months, over 1500 families received various Salvation Army services. Children were able to go to camps, transitional housing was provided, their Clothing Closet was utilized, and their main building was used for gatherings and meetings.

Please don't hesitate to contact them if you're thinking of helping! Help is much needed and highly appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Casino Night
District Conference

February 3
May 17-19

CLUB WORKDAYS

Plastic Recycling Project

Ongoing

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN JANUARY

Birthdays

Rotary Anniversaries

Roger McCort

Jan 01

Andrew Jackson

3 yrs

Dennis Burbridge

Jan 03

Andrew Withers

3 Yrs

Tim McCall

24 Yrs

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

There was a great article written in the January issue of the Rotary Magazine! The article was written by Dr. Scott Kellerman about Ugandan healthcare, as well as the hospital.

Fred recently ran a 5k and came in 2nd in his division!

Bob announced that 42 bike riders have taken advantage of the Early Bird registration for the Gold Country Challenge!

Heather did a Danube River cruise (Europe) and holiday shopped along the way!

Several Rotarians were awarded additional Paul Harris Pins!



Jennifer Malone +2



Kim Zwick +5

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"You have to grow from the inside out. None can teach you, none can make you spiritual. There is no other teacher but your own soul."

- Swami Vivekananda

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 by the day prior at
[ncrotary.org](#). On the 1st and 3rd Thurs,
the meeting is 5:30 pm at [Round Table Pizza](#)

[49er Rotary Breakfast Club](#) meets @ the
[Miners Foundry](#) on Wed at 7 - 8 am



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



Rotary Is Better Together

Multi - District Conference

5150 / 5180 / 5190



*A fabulous venue -
The Grand Sierra Resort in Reno NV*

*Fun for the entire
family*

*Arcade
Bowling
Casino
Escape Room
Golf & Target Golf
Movies
Swimming
Virtual Reality*

*Variety of programs
including*

*Student Speech Contest
Student Music Performance
Comedy Show Presentation
Inspirational Rotary Speaker
House of Friendship
Awards Presentations*

Amazing Savings when you Register Early

Ticket prices/levels and sale dates

- \$245 "**BUY NOW**" from April 28, 2023 to May 5, 2023
- \$295 "**EARLY BIRD**" from May 6, 2023 to December 31, 2023
- \$315 "**REGULAR**" from January 1, 2024 to May 19, 2024

* Prices include conference registration fee and meals. Registration fee is non-refundable.

BUT WAIT!!! - And There's MORE! –

Register by May 5, 2023 and **YOU will be entered** in a drawing to win 1 (one) conference registration including meals! That's a \$245 value!!

Sign up at the 2023 District Conference and be entered into a drawing for 1000 Paul Harris Points (3 winners)!

Stay Tuned for **MORE Exciting Promotions** and fun in the days and weeks to come!!!



Click [HERE](#) for additional information



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

Rotary 
Club of Grass Valley

CASINO NIGHT

THE GREATEST CASINO NIGHT ON EARTH

Silent Auction ~ Door Prizes ~ Raffle ~ Carnival Games
Craps ~ Blackjack ~ Texas hold 'em
The Wheel of Bacon ~ Wine & Whiskey Pull

February 3rd
2024
6:30pm

Nevada County
Fairgrounds

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

www.GVRotary.org





THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

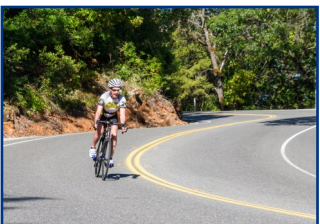
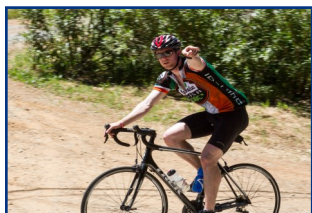
1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925



REGISTER NOW FOR EARLY BIRD SAVINGS.

USE COUPON CODE-- EARLYBIRD2024 TO

GAIN A \$10 SAVINGS

June 1st

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.

Visit the [website](#) and pick from four different events

Rides will be fully supported and well-marked

Rides will begin at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds

