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Club of Grass Valley



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Today's meeting was chaired by our new Rotary President for our 2026-2027 Rotary year. Ed Pinto, best of luck to you and we look forward to reaching our Rotary goals under your leadership!

We started the meeting with a song:

**LET'S ROLL IT OUT FOR
A BRAND-NEW ROTARY
YEAR - 26/27**

SING IT LOUD AND CLEAR!



ROLL OUT THE BARREL

ROLL OUT THE BARREL
CAUSE WE'LL HAVE A BARREL OF FUN.
ROLL OUT THE BARREL
WE'VE GOT THE BLUES ON THE RUN.
SING ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY
RING OUT A SONG OF GOOD CHEER
NOW IT'S TIME TO ROLL OUT THE BARREL
FOR THE GANG'S ALL HERE!!!



We had several guests today...

Thank You for joining us Tim and Pablo. Rotarians from around the area also joined us at today's meeting and to also show their support to a surrounding club.

Lauren Engelking from Grass Valley South, Andrea Mason from Nevada City Rotary, Leanne Apple from the Rotary Breakfast Club and Laurie Hope from the Penn Valley Rotary Club. Guests of Rotarians were Pablo, Carrie and Terry.

Ed was our featured speaker and he talked about how he wants to make our club better and more efficient. Heather Thorpe talked about our three largest fundraisers; Casino Night and the [Gold Country Challenge Bike Race](#). This upcoming year we will not have the Trick or TriTip fundraiser. The bike race will be on June 5, 2027, so start early getting sponsors. Jen M, the Chairman of Casino Night, challenged us to think of new and exciting themes for next year's event. Standby! The wheels are turning!

Finally, Beth and her husband, owners of the Wild Eye Pub, announced they are selling the restaurant and it is in escrow. The new owners will open it as an Italian Restaurant and upstairs will be a hotel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

Scott announced that he just returned from a beautiful and successful fishing trip in Cordova, Alaska.

Kathy reminded us of the upcoming Fairgrounds Foundation Event that is very quickly approaching. Please [contact her](#) for additional information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: Hilary Hodge - Mayor of Grass Valley	July 20
Club Meeting: DARK / Board Meeting - 12 @ Moose Lodge	July 27
Club Meeting: The Life & Times of Mark Rodda	Aug 3
Club Meeting: Robin Davies - GV Chamber of Commerce	Aug 10
Club Meeting: Update on Hospitality House	Aug 17
Pool Party and BBQ @ Ed's House...RSVP	Aug 27

UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

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
Highway 49 Gateway Sign Rebuild	TBD
Volunteer at Fairground Foundation Station	Aug 12-16

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN JULY

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Larry Faller	July 11	Larry Faller	65 Yrs
Lisa Swarthout	July 23	Kris Stepanian	36 Yrs
Kathy Thomas	July 27	Sean Jackson	16 Yrs

- PIN CHECK for POLIO PLUS-

Starting July 20,
please be sure to
proudly wear a
visible Rotary Pin
to our meeting.

TIM MCCALL WILL BE LOOKING FOR
THOSE NOT WEARING A ROTARY PIN.

THERE WILL BE A \$1.00 FINE FOR THOSE
NOT WEARING A PIN. COLLECTED FINES
WILL GO TO POLIO PLUS.

[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



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A Message from District Governor Larry Harvey



Dear Rotary District 5190 Family, A Message of Gratitude

As my year as your District Governor comes to a close, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you.

This year, I had the privilege of sharing the message, "Make Dreams Come True." Throughout District 5190, I witnessed countless examples of Rotary clubs bringing those words to life through extraordinary service and an unwavering commitment to others.

Whether it was rebuilding bicycles to give to children in need, providing clean water to villages across the globe, supporting students through scholarships, responding to disasters, or helping families facing difficult times, you transformed hope into reality. Through your generosity and dedication, you truly made dreams come true for those who needed it most.

These acts of service remind us that Rotary is much more than an organization—it is a force for good that transforms lives, inspires hope, strengthens communities, and creates lasting change. Every project, every volunteer hour, and every act of kindness reflects the very best of Rotary and demonstrates the power of Service Above Self.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve alongside you this year as your District Governor. Thank you for your passion, your leadership, and your unwavering commitment to making a difference. Together, we have made dreams come true, and together we will continue creating a brighter future for those we serve.

Looking Ahead

As we look ahead, I am excited to support incoming District Governor Kurt Raffetto as he begins his year of service with Rotary International's message, "Create Lasting Impact," and his District theme, "Aim High with Rotary." I know District 5190 will continue to thrive under his leadership.

This is not goodbye—it's simply "see you soon." I now begin my role as your Immediate Past District Governor, where I look forward to supporting Kurt, our District leadership team, and the many committees that help make our district successful. As Past District Governor Roberta Pickett often reminds us:

"Joy is in the JOurneY."

2025–2026 Highlights

- Membership: +45 net members; 1 new Rotary Club; 2 new Rotaract Clubs.
- Rotary Foundation: Over \$1 million in giving; 35 Major Donors; 13 Major Gifts.
- Youth: 7 new Interact Clubs; expanded Youth Exchange; continued success of RYLA, REGL, and ABO.
- Far West Fest: Outstanding evaluations and strong support for future multi-district conferences every 3-5 years.

Closing Thoughts

As I reflect on this incredible year, I am filled with gratitude and pride. I have been inspired by your compassion, your leadership, and your willingness to step forward whenever your communities needed you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Governor. It has truly been one of the greatest honors of my Rotary journey.

Together, we made dreams come true.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Larry Harvey



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When: Saturday, August 22
Where: Ed and Randy Pinto's
Time: 2pm to 5pm
Style: Potluck
Sign up sheet to be distributed next meeting.

- FEATURES HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS; AND WHATEVER ELSE IS BROUGHT TO THE PARTY
- SCINTILLATING DISCUSSION WILL BE ON HAND.
- SWIMMING POOL FOR KIDDOS AND ADULTS.
- IF SANDRA REMEMBERS TO BRING IT, WE WILL HAVE 'CORN HOLE' GAME
- ETC...ETC...ETC...

Hi Everybody:

This will be a potluck, with everybody bringing something to the party. Drinks, hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

Please indicate if you plan to go and what you will bring. Children welcome.

I'll also have a sign up sheet at meetings.

PLEASE RSVP BY 8/15/26.



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Plastic Recycling Project

Commercial Plastic Wrap is picked-up at the following locations:

- ◆ Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital
- ◆ Nevada County Food Bank
- ◆ AJA Electronics
- ◆ Hills Flat Lumber

The plastic is then recycled and made into [TREX Benches](#)



We have collected and recycled almost 2,000 pounds of commercial plastic this year.
We are well on our way to a goal of 4,000 lbs. in 2026

Good Luck, Rotarians!

