



Rotary Club of Grass Valley



The Spoke

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Rotary Theme 2013-2014
Engage Rotary, Change Lives

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July 29, 2013

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Rotary Fellowship BBQ Aug 2, 2013

Thanks to organizer Steve Sauer for all of his hard work in putting this event together. A fun time was had by all in attendance.



Speakers:

Aug 5th Sarah Woerner - Kare Crisis Nursery
Aug 26th District Governor Vicki Poliz
Sept 2nd Dark—Labor Day

Dates to Remember:

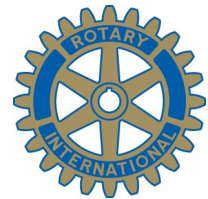
Aug 21 Finance Committee Meeting 5:30 @ Steve's

Birthdays

Sandra Barrington
Scott Browne
Susan Fivelstad
George Grayeb
Glenn Jones
Julia Jordan
Marcia Salter
Steven Spiller

Anniversaries

Marianne & Michael Cartan
Eric & Lorrie Fredrickson
George & Mary Grayeb
Judy & Jon Hess
Bob & Sharyl Long
Scott & Debra Robertson
Marcia & Tim Salter



The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The clock is ticking. Time to get your club survey in to President Steve. Pick one up at the next meeting or fill it in online:



Avenues of Service

Club Service Chair - Steve Spiller
Foundation Chair - Jon Byerrum
International Service Chair - Valerie Logsdon
Membership Chair - Tim McCall
New Generations Chair - Blake Smith
Community Service Chair - GV Rotarian needed
Vocational Service Chair - GV Rotarian needed



Meeting Notes

July 29, 2013

Greeter: Valerie Logsdon; Pledge: Chuck Elizondo;
Thought for the Day: Sandra Barrington

Visiting Rotarians: Rosalyn Bogley- Melbourne, Australia. Members of the Penn Valley and Nevada City clubs were also present

Guests of Rotarians: Past President Tim - Louise Johnson- Superintendent Nevada Union School District



Announcements:

- Steve Sauer- The count is 36 for the upcoming BBQ at Western Gateway Park. Let Steve know soon if you plan to attend.



- Bill Schultz- [fair announcement](#). The club will participate in the annual livestock auction. We budget \$500 to purchase a lamb and sell it back to the auction at market value. If you are interested in having Bill make a purchase on your behalf, contact him after the meeting.

Confessions:

- Anita Daniels spotted Eric Trygg on television for gardening and called him out! Eric-fine \$20
- John Voter- 24th enjoyed an anniversary trip to beautiful Barcelona Spain - \$50
- Peter Lemmon- has a new daughter! 8lbs 2oz- He also reached a milestone and turned the BIG 5-0. Fine- \$50

FEATURED SPEAKER: Lynn Lorenson- [Nevada County Resource Conservation District](#) (NCRS).

Tel 530-272-3417 ext 103 Jan Blake- administrator, 113 Presley Way Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA

The organization was voted into existence in 1944. They are involved in anything that affects air, land, and/or water in Nevada County. Resource conservation districts were established primarily after the 'Dust bowl' of the "Dirty Thirties" where preventing erosion became a primary concern that needed to be addressed. This includes land, forest, animals, habitat, etc. Their funding is based on "Land Value" not anything that exists on the property.



What does the NCRS do? Conserve land, prevent erosion, focusing on natural resource conservation. Recently collected \$1.2 million in funds for Nevada City projects. Size, length, and effectiveness of a project will determine

level of federal vs local funding used on that project. NCRCD offer seminars throughout the years on forest health. They strive to educate the public regarding large land holdings. They have grazing seminars and the importance of grazing.

Latest project(s): In stage of having MOU to work at Condon park. Removing nonnative plants, hazardous trees that are in the area. Plans to put in pathways for people to enjoy. Replanting of native plants to help bring land back to a more natural state.

Erosion control project with Alta Sierra school. Gave people from NRCS what to do to install erosion control methods.

BEST QUOTE: "We are not landscapers. We are a resource conservation office!"

INTERESTING FACT: The Federal Government no longer allows people to have collections of "stuffed birds". NCRS is now working together with the [Audubon Society](#) to house many such birds that can no longer be owned privately.

NASTY PLANTS OF NOTE:

[BLACKBERRIES](#)- Believe it or not, we have a native blackberries in Nevada County. However, these indigenous plants have no thorns at all and can be recognized by the very small berries they produce. The blackberries we have come to know and HATE in Nevada County are the Himalayan blackberry species. These nasty noxious nightmares are non-native (how's that for alliteration) and a fire hazard.

[STAR THISTLE](#)- poisonous plant. Has been here forever and not going anywhere! Contrary to rumor, the 49er fire did not cause this plant to spread. Nothing and no one to blame, it's just a nasty plant!

[PUNCTURE VINE](#)- low growing vine- yellow flowers. Their spiny seed head will literally puncture tires, trees, posts, and even feet!

KEY WEEDING TIP: Always start in the area of LEAST infestation and move toward the center. Don't start where you have the most weeds and work your way out...you may cause the very thing you wanted to get rid of to spread!

Winner of raffle- Bill Schultz - who "punted" the opportunity at the black marble. Instead he donated \$5 to the Rotary Foundation.



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P.O. Box 1213 – Grass Valley, CA 95945
Meeting location: **Monday** at 12:15 PM
The Holbrooke Hotel – 212 W. Main St.

Make Up Meetings

Members who miss a regular meeting may make-up by attending any other Rotary club's meeting within 14 days before or after the missed meeting.

E-makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Nevada County South,
Alta Sierra Country Club
12:00 Auburn, Auburn Elks Lodge
12:15 Penn Valley, Players Pizza
12:15 Marysville, Peach Tree Golf
& Country Club

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. 49er Breakfast Club,
Escaton Lodge

7:00 a.m. Auburn Daybreak,
Sierra Smokehouse Grill
12:15 Yuba City, The Refuge

Thursday

7:00 a.m. South Yuba County Sunrise
Peachtree Restaurant (Marysville)
12:15 Auburn Gold Country,
The Ridge Golf Course
12:15 Nevada City, National Hotel