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July 7th, 2025



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

This was a special meeting of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley, with the induction of new president, Jesse Wilson.



The meeting was started by President-Elect, Ed Pinto. Anita lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Diana gave us the Thought for the Day.



Sean Jackson presented Jesse Wilson with his President's pin. Jesse then pinned the President-Elect pin on Ed Pinto.

Don announced guests and Rotarians from other clubs.

Fellow Rotarians from [Penn Valley](#) and [Nevada City](#), were in attendance. Wynn Spiller introduced a guest, Jennifer, who was from Australia. We also had a special guest from [Toast Masters](#).



Lisa Swarthout introduced her guest, Alex, from [Waste Management](#).

Jesse Wilson was the speaker for this week. He spoke to his profession, as the [Nevada County District Attorney](#). It was a great talk with many questions at its conclusion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COFESSIONS

Steve discussed the recent the Alberta Rotary Convention and other conventions to be had in the near future.

Pat referenced our Rotary Magazine/new member campaign, which we have been doing for a few months with increasing participation.

There was a special video that was played at the meeting, that starred Wynn Spiller, discussing Rotary and the importance of our organization.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: Sierra College Update	July 14
Starry, Starry Nights	July 19
Club Meeting: TBD	July 21
Club Meeting: DARK / Board Meeting: W.E.P. @ 12	July 28
Club Social: TBD	July 28
Casino Night	February 7 2026
District 5190 Conference	May 1-3 2026
Gold Country Challenge	June 6 2026
Rotary International Conference	June 13-17 2026

UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

Plastic Recycling Project	Ongoing
Support Lyman Gilmore and Union Hill Schools	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
Union Hill: Back To School Dinner	August 14
REGL Camp: Drivers NEEDED	September 19
World Polio Day: Pancakes For Polio (w/ 49er)	October 24
Chicago Park Middle School: Playground Paint Refresh	Fall '25
Bright Futures: Help with Garden Area Pickle Ball Court	TBD
Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year	TBD
Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence	TBD
Center Stage: Shelves for Costumes	TBD
Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair	TBD
Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance	TBD

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN JULY

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>	
Larry Faller	July 11	Bob Long	27 Yrs
Lisa Swarthout	July 23	Don Daniels	23 Yrs
Kelly Quinn	July 24	Rich Keene	22 Yrs
Kath Thomas	July 27	Kath Thomas	13 Yrs
		Diana Gassaway	8 Yrs
		Joanne Osnas	8 Yrs
		Connie Stone	8 Yrs
		Heather Thorpe	7 Yrs
		Sean Jackson	7 Yrs

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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 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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Farewell Message from DG Dennis:



Thanks for a Wonderful Rotary Year!
A Message of Gratitude and Reflection from DG Dennis

As the Rotary year comes to a close, I want to take this moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each member of our Rotary community who has contributed to making this year truly exceptional. Together, we have forged ahead with determination, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to service above self achieving milestones that will leave a lasting impact.

A Year of Growth and Achievement

This Rotary year has been marked by remarkable accomplishments across our clubs and districts. We have seen projects that brought clean water to communities in need, empowered young minds through education, and extended a helping hand to those affected by adversity. Each initiative has stood as a beacon of hope and a testament to the extraordinary power of collective action. Special thanks to all those in District leadership, and to the Governor Line; IPDG Stacy, DGE Larry Harvey, DGN Kurt Raffetto, and DGND Richar Forster for their unwavering support and friendship!

Celebrating Our Members

To our club leaders, members, volunteers, and supporters: thank you for your dedication, ingenuity, and tireless efforts. You have exemplified the values of Rotary and brought our motto to life. You have inspired others with your energy and passion, and together we have made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals.

Looking Forward

While we take pride in reflecting on our achievements, let us also look ahead with renewed enthusiasm for the opportunities the coming year will bring. I encourage you to continue dreaming big, innovating boldly, and working collaboratively to build a better world. Each of us has a role to play in driving positive change, and I have no doubt that the Rotary spirit will propel us to even greater heights.

Closing Remarks

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your District Governor during this incredible journey. I am humbled by the strength and unity of our Rotary family and the profound impact we have created together singing all those beautiful songs! Thank you for your unwavering support, your vision, and your commitment to making the world a better place.

Let us celebrate this past year, cherish the friendships we have formed, and move forward with hope in our hearts and service in our hands. Here's to another inspiring Rotary year ahead under Larry Harvey's leadership and support from the DG Line and our extraordinary Club Presidents and District Leaders.

With gratitude, warm regards, a song in my heart, and love to you all!
Dennis



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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!



We have collected 1,905 lbs of plastic so far this year!

Great work!



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Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation

presents

Starry, Starry Nights

Join us for a captivating evening of dinner, dancing & stargazing

July 19, 2025

Thank you to our Super Nova Sponsor

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*Nevada County Fairgrounds
Please wear all bright white apparel
Event Chair: Lisa Swarthout*

Red Rose Society reservations open 8:00 a.m. on May 1st.
Please call in your reservation and then mail the return card.
General attendance reservations open May 12th.

Dress in bright white for Starry, Starry Nights. Experience the magic of this premier summer event as you make lifelong memories and help create an impact on local healthcare. Enjoy gourmet food and wine, live music, dancing, the "famous" dessert tent, and special surprises. This will be an evening you will never forget, while helping to raise crucial funds for our local, nonprofit Hospital.

Become a Starry, Starry Nights Sponsor

- \$7,500 - Bar, Stage or Sponsors Reception (table of 8)
- \$5,000 - Celestial Sponsor (table of 8)
- \$2,500 - Shooting Star Sponsor (4 seats)
- \$1,500 - Starburst Sponsor (2 seats)
- \$500 - Comet Sponsor

Sponsors are invited to a Sponsors Reception at 5:30 p.m. For additional information on all of the sponsorship benefits, call (530) 477-9700.

Reservations: \$200 per person (\$100 tax deductible), assigned seating for tables of eight or ten, complimentary wine bar featuring Sierra Starr Vineyards.

Reservations include: Hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dinner, wine, beer, dessert, coffee, dancing and stargazing. No host cocktail bar featuring South Fork Vodka Distillery.

Schedule:

- 5:30** Sponsor and Red Rose Early Entry
- 6:00** Guest Arrival
- 7:00** Candlelight Dinner by Chef Antonio's Custom Catering followed by our "famous" dessert tent by Emily's Catering & Cakes
- 8:15** Dancing to Decades
- Dusk-11:00** Stargazing

*Event proceeds benefit vital projects and programs at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation.
Appropriate footwear for a park-like setting recommended.*



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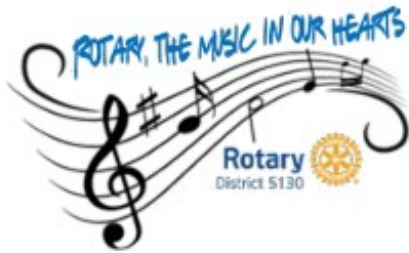
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SAVE THE DATE!

Far West Fest 2026

Early Bird Special!



[Click HERE](#)

Welcome to the Far West Fest 2026 Registration Website

SPECIAL NOTICE: This is a special offer for Rotarians wanting the best price for the conference. The conference is still a year away and some of the final details have not been determined at this time. We are planning an amazing celebration of our amazing contributions to our communities and the world with amazing speakers and entertainment options. When all of the details are finalized you will receive a special email with how to register your conference specifics such as food and lodging. **JOIN US!**

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL PRICING
EXTENDED THROUGH JULY 12th,
2025!**



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Details to come!