



Rotary Club of Grass Valley



The Spoke

Chartered March 16, 1925

Board of Directors

Lori Burkart-Frank Peter Lemmon
Valerie Logsdon Tim McCall
Scott McFarland Blake Smith

Officers

President Steve Sarantopoulos
President Elect Steve Spiller
Vice President Bob Long
Secretary Larry Faller
Treasurer Marcia Salter

Sergeant at Arms Ken Holbrook
Executive Secretary Tom Lathrop
The Spoke Editor Kathy Egenes

President, Rotary International
Ron Burton - Norman, Oklahoma, USA

Rotary Theme 2013-2014
Engage Rotary, Change Lives

District Governor
Vicki Poliz

July 8, 2013

www.gvrotary.org

Volume 88, Issue 1

Meet Rotary International President Ron Burton



Dear fellow Rotarians,

This is an incredibly exciting time to be a Rotarian. This Rotary year can be one of the greatest years we have yet experienced in Rotary – but it is up to each one of us. We are now writing the last chapter in our fight against polio. While it has been a long, hard journey, we have learned many valuable lessons. We have learned that as a group we can move mountains, we can change people's lives for the better, and we can honestly make a difference in our world. Perhaps the greatest lesson has been that the more we challenge ourselves, the more we can achieve.

We are also embarking on a new chapter in the storied history of our Rotary Foundation. We have the rare privilege of launching an entirely new grant structure we've come to know as Future Vision. It gives us the opportunity to challenge ourselves to do the absolute most we can, with all of our resources. Just think how much more we can do with a stronger Foundation, with stronger clubs filled with more Rotarians who are fully engaged in Rotary service.

It's time for us to recognize that the real challenge we face isn't just bringing new members into Rotary. It's turning all members into true Rotarians. It's helping members get engaged in Rotary – helping them realize the potential they have, and how their Rotary service can change lives. We need to make sure that every member is active and contributing, and making a real difference – because when you're doing meaningful work in Rotary, Rotary is meaningful to you.

When we realize what we can achieve in Rotary – when we really engage Rotary – that's when lives change. We change the lives of the people who need us. That is inevitable. And along the way, our lives are changed as well. That is also inevitable. That's what our theme is all about in 2013-14: *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*.

It's time to open our eyes to the potential each of us has through Rotary. Rotary lets us reach higher, do more, and be a part of something larger than ourselves. No matter how much we give to Rotary, we get more in return. And that, too, is inevitable.

In 2013-14, let's turn all of our potential into reality. It's up to us. We can do it by engaging in Rotary service, by getting involved, by staying inspired, and by remembering every day the gift we have in Rotary. Together, we will *Engage Rotary, Change Lives*

Ron D. Burton
President, Rotary International

Speakers:

July 15th Lori Burkart-Frank *NCCLI*
July 22nd Wyn & Steve Spiller—*International Service*

Dates to Remember:

July 23 International Committee 5:30 p.m. NC Winery
July 24 Bocce Play at Western Gateway Park 6:00
July 25 Board Meeting—Steve's office 5:15 p.m.
Aug 2 Area 4 BBQ Western Gateway Park 5:00 pm
Aug 21 Finance Committee Meeting 5:30 @ Steve's

Birthdays

Ray Enneking
Larry Faller
MaryAnn Cartan
Kelly Quinn
Peter Lemmon
Kat Thomas

Anniversaries

Lori Burkart-Frank and Ken
Larry Faller and Judy
Kris Stepanian and Stephen



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

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:

[GV Rotary 2013-2014 Club Survey](#)



Click here to view: [District 5190 Newsletter July 2013](#)



Meeting Notes

July 8, 2013

President Steve started out the first meeting of his term with an innovative twist – he rang a digital bell. It seems his went missing at Tim’s demotion bbq. But no worries! Steve, being the organized engineer type, had his meeting outlined for the club and projected on screen at the front of the room, which, by the way, was arranged in a slightly different configuration.

Club members stepped up to the plate and helped perform the various duties...

- Chuck Elizondo – Greeter
- John Peplowski – Pledge
- Dave Johnson – Thought for the day
- Ken Holbrooke – Sergeant-at-Arms
- Fred Claessens – Photographer
- Kathy Egenes – Spoke notes

Our visiting Rotarians included Pres. Kimberly Parker NC 49er, Pres. Allison Swartzendruber NC South, Pres. Dennis Geare Nevada City, Pres. Bob Barbaro Penn Valley, Assistant Governor Doug McDonald. Dan Portand was visiting as a guest of Peter Lemmon. Pete, however, was not in attendance. It seems he was otherwise occupied encouraging his wife as they awaited the birth of their baby.



RYE student Belle from Brazil attended her final meeting of the year. She presented President Steve with her sponsoring club’s Rotary flag, thanked us once again for her great year in Grass Valley and told us she will be heading home very soon. Great job Belle! We’ll miss you!

New member Oz Butterfield was inducted today. He is a transfer from the Tahoe City Rotary Club. Welcome Oz!



Chuck Elizondo received a 39 year perfect attendance pin. Great job, Chuck!



Announcements:

Next week Lori Burkart-Frank will give a presentation on the Nevada County Community Leadership Institute – NCCLI. Many of our club’s members have been through the program and can attest to

its value for our community.

In the coming weeks, the international committee will give a presentation on the Lisbon Convention.

Play Bocce with fellow Rotarians at Western Gateway Park, Wednesday July 10 6:00 p.m. All are welcome, no experience necessary.

Confessions:

President Steve proclaimed this week to be Fine Free, though he followed that up by having a “pin check”

Rod and Susan Fivelstad recently returned from a 6 week tour overseas. They spent 4 weeks traveling around the UK before heading to Lisbon, Portugal for the remaining 2 weeks.

Bob Long was so excited to announce the birth of twin grandbabies last Sunday that he pledged \$50 to Polio Plus.

Jon Byerrum and Holly just returned from a bike riding trip in Oregon. Despite the fact of riding for 8 days from the Rogue River to the Coast, thru rain storms and blazing heat, up to 20,000 ft elevation and countless miles, their bikes could not seem to pass a single bakery on the route so they ended up gaining 5 lbs each.

President Steve shared with us the new faces of Rotary this year and



introduced the Presidents of the other 4 clubs in our Area. Allison Swartzendruber of Nevada County South took advantage of the multimedia equipment and showed us a glimpse of what we might expect from Steve this coming year. It appears he can do a “mean” Harlem Shake, complete with a lamp shade on his head – oohhhh yeaaaaah! Allison also threw out a

challenge for a friendly Harlem Shake dance competition among the local clubs.

Steve let us know a few of the things that have been going on behind the scenes at the club level and told us about the board’s idea of a new bike race fund raiser in the spring. He plans to keep communication open between the board and club members with updates on membership and other important decisions. He asked that we all take the time to express our ideas and concerns. One of his goals is to Engage - Have fun – Have more fun!

The winning raffle ticket was held by Bob Barbaro of Penn Valley, but alas, he did not pick the black marble.

Steve ended the meeting by ringing his bell, yes - HIS bell, which was returned by Dick Geare of the Nevada City Rotary Club. I sense a story there... so this may be continued.



Respectfully submitted by Kathy Egenes

Rotary Club of Grass Valley

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