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2023-2024 Theme

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June 10th, 2024

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At today's meeting, we had no visiting Rotarians. However, we did have a guest! Kristin brought her son, Harrison.

Marcia brought Milton, who is from Northern Sweden. He is a Rotary Exchange Student and spoke to our club about living here for the past year. He also spoke at the District Conference in South Lake Tahoe.



He is from a very, very small fishing village right on the ocean. He likes American food, and especially likes BBQ. However, seafood in Sweden is fresher. This is most likely due to the ocean temperatures and shorter transit times.

He played American football while attending Nevada Union High School. Playing American Football was always his dream. He also joined the Ski Team. He had never skied before, but did very well at it. He played Lacrosse, too. That was another sport that he had never done before. His school system in Sweden is very different. He tried to take advantage of the many great athletic programs that High School's in American have to offer.

He had the opportunity to visited Southern California, San Francisco, Lake Almanor, and Lake Tahoe. He absolutely loved the topography and the general atmosphere. He will be here for another month and is very excited to be here for 4th of July.

Milton explained how Sweden has a better public transportation system. Moving throughout the area is something that is different. It is easier to get around Sweden without a car.

Hilton really enjoyed his time here and is very thankful for this life changing experience!

UPCOMING EVENTS

RYLA – Week 1	June 16-21
Larry Allen Memorial Service	June 22
Club Meeting - DARK	June 24
RYLA – Week 2	June 23-28
NEW ROTARY YEAR!	July 1
Club Meeting - DARK	July 8
Club Meeting - Program TBD	July 15

CLUB WORKDAYS

Plastic Recycling Project	Ongoing
Goodie Bag Project - Chicago Park School	Ongoing
Trail Maintenance – Litton Trail Chip Spreading	In Progress

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN JUNE

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Kathy Egenes	Jun 06	Monty East	38 yrs
Rich Keene	Jun 07	Jerry Trammell	21 yrs
Larry McGrath	Jun 15	Derek Williams	2 yrs
Patti Ingram-Spencer	Jun 21	Kellie Gruenefeld	2 yrs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starry volunteers are needed! [Contact Sandra](#) if you are interested in working anytime Friday June 28th to the 30th for set up, clean up, or to support the whole night of the event.

Steve shared about the Rotary International Conference in Singapore. It is a wonderful city in a high commercial traffic area through the South China Sea. They enjoyed the conference. Membership was a big topic and our zones are doing well. Calgary is the next International Conference. They also went to Vietnam after the conference for a few days. Steve hadn't been there since the 60's!

Our club has donated over 5k to local organizations or projects this year! Judy has asked for some help with the Donation Committee, as well as the Sunshine Committee. Please [contact her](#) if you're able to provide assistance.

"Your best teacher is your last mistake" - UNK

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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 the day prior at [ncrotary.org](#). 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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Cristine Kelly was our Guest Speaker. She is the interim CEO of the Community Foundation of Nevada County.

One of Cristine's main purposes is to help organizations during their state of transitions and growth.

Community foundations do many things to include; advocacy, grant acquisition, donor services, community initiatives, capacity building, thought leadership, and convening. They also connect nonprofits and cross collaborations.

They help leveraging intermediary funding for rural health and leverage investments to fund community projects. They partner with local government entities, as they have a shared interest in the development of society.

Community foundations are needed for disaster relief. Prior to COVID and the fires of 2020 and 2021, our community didn't have the infrastructure to manage the mass amount of philanthropy available to support community resiliency.

They help to develop a long range plan that will be around for generations.



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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](#)

Please contact [Bob](#) for more info!





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One life lived, many lives changed

Lawrence Richard Allen

May 13, 1952-April 5, 2024

Please join us for a private celebration of his life and legend

June 22, 2024, 2:00-4:30 pm

at The Masonic Lodge in Downieville

206 Commercial Street, on the banks of the Downie River

Feel free to bring a sweet or savory potluck appetizer to share

Questions? Text or call Becky (707)497-4879 or Sarah (503)327-6679

*"When you're sailing into the sunset, and you look behind
you at the ripple you've made, you see the truly great people
in your wake and you know you've lived a good life"*
- Larry Allen





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2025 International Convention





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