



# Rotary Club of Grass Valley



# The Spoke



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## History of Father's Day in US

Modern version of Father's Day celebration originated in United States of America and thereafter the tradition spread in countries around the world. The world owes thanks to **Ms Sonora Louise Smart Dodd** a loving daughter from Spokane, Washington as it is because of her struggle that Father's Day saw the light of the day.

The idea of Father's Day celebration originated in Sonora's mind when she per chance listened to Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Fairly mature at the age 27, Sonora pondered if there is a day to honor mother then why not for father? Sonora felt strongly for fathers because of the affection she received from her own father Mr William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran. Sonora's mother died while childbirth when she was just 16. Mr Smart raised the newborn and five other children with love and care.

Inspired by **Ms Anna Jarvis's** struggle to promote Mother's Day, Ms Dodd began a rigorous campaign to celebrate Father's Day in US. The Spokane Ministerial Association and the local Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) supported Sonora's cause. As a result Spokane celebrated its first Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Though there was initial hesitation the idea gained gradual popularity all over US and Fathers Day came to be celebrated in cities across the country.

## Speakers:

Jun 16   **Betsy Perez - Manager Raley's Supermarket**  
Jun 23   **TBA**  
Jun 30   **Demotion Dinner—Condon Park**

## Dates to Remember:

7/4/2014   **Independence Day—parade in Nevada City**  
5/9/2015   **2nd Annual Gold Country Cycling Challenge**

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## Father's Day cont'd:

Looking at the heightened popularity of Father's Day in US, President Woodrow Wilson approved of this idea in 1916. President Calvin Coolidge too supported the idea of a national Father's Day in 1924 to, "establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations". After a protracted struggle of over four decades, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day in 1966. Then in 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. Sonora Smart Dodd was honored for her contribution at the World's Fair in Spokane in 1974. Mrs. Dodd died in 1978 at age 96.



# Meeting Highlights June 9, 2014

Spoke notes  
by Bob Long



Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>. The bell rang, Pres Steve stepped up to the microphone, and the digital projector died. Some comment about the Holbrook ghost having purchased it ☺

**Suzie Gemignani** led us in the pledge, after finding her glasses (the flag is up front Suzie) and **Steve Rosenthal** presented the thought for the day. Our greeter was Steve R., **Bob Long** has the Spoke note duties, and our photographer is **Fred Claessens**. Our sgt at arms was conspicuously absent.

Our Rotary Minute today was devoted to **Ginny Trapani**, who retired from Lyman Gilmore at the close of this semester. Our club honored her for her involvement with Interact and the arts, by presenting her a Paul Harris Fellowship, her fourth. Ginny thanked our club for providing a positive adult role model to kids at Lyman Gilmore who often are disappointed by lack of follow through. The real role model here is Ginny. Good teachers are hard to find; good teachers of the arts are even rarer. Lyman Gilmore has lost a great asset. We in Rotary are lucky to know that she will continue to be one of us.



June 16<sup>th</sup> the club will vote on a by-law change. PP **Tim McCall** explained the amendment is meant to authorize the Board to create policy that will support the existing by-laws.

Bob did not mention the Gold Country Challenge on MAY 9<sup>th</sup> of 2015; rather he asked for volunteers to work the Nevada City Classic on Father's Day and a YBONC mountain bike race the same weekend.

**Monty East** is just back from Maui. In spite of no sun, no mun, no fun; he still paid the price to be a bell ring-

er. **John Voter** confessed his trip to Cabo – something about a 62 foot yacht and all expense paid wedding???? Bob Long, who thought he had already rung the bell, was volunteered to pay the fine. Instead he announced that Emily, his twin granddaughter took her first steps, with her much younger brother (by one minute) cheering her on. **John Peplowski** announced his grandson is triple A champ in Lincoln. **David Peeler** silently rang the bell. And not yet done, **John Voter** gave another \$50 to thank all the donors to Bear River HS.



Our guest speaker today was **Floyd Banyai** our interim Post Master. In 2004 the US Postal Service had 707,000 employees, today 480,000. In 2004 they handled 206.1 Billion pieces of mail, today 158 Billion. The times they are a changing. USPS is getting into the parcel business with Amazon and in approximately 4 weeks will deliver packages on Sunday. Soon we will no longer have Saturday mail delivery; but the PO will still offer counter service. And finally the age old question of where does Grass Valley mail go was answered ... Sacramento. This is necessary because they have the facilities to quarantine suspect mail – more of the changing times theme. If you are wondering why your delivery person arrives when they do, thank a computer programmer. The routing scheme is so sophisticated that they route drivers to maximize right hand turns. (and I still have the 12:00 flashing on my VCR) General feeling was we would like Floyd to stay.



**Monty East** held the winning ticket with **Anita Daniels** pulling a white marble on his behalf.



## 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](http://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