

Rotary Club of Grass Valley



The Spoke



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Rotary Theme 2019-2020 Theme
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Upcoming Programs:

President Marcia began our ZOOM meeting promptly at 12:15

Pledge: David Peeler
Thought for the Day: Larry McGrath
Greeter: John Voter
Photographer: Fred Claessens



Featured Food to Go: Café Corvus, gluten-free bakery and restaurant in downtown Grass Valley

Secretary Tim McCall: We attained a quorum for the vote on the Club Constitution and By-laws. The Constitution need to be updated for our meeting place—it is currently noting the Holbrooke and it need to be updated to the Wild-eyed Pub. Both passed. By-law changes are approved by the Board prior to review by club members.

RI International Virtual Convention (June 20-26) in process. Breakout sessions are available through the month of July. Several members are involved, either leading breakout sessions or working in the virtual rooms. Pat Ward suggested visiting the House of Friendship breakout, Rod F. is performing with International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians. All attested it is a great event and a job well done by RI.

Announcements & Confessions:

- Diana Hendry's daughter is engaged and will be married on August 1, 2020.
- Kathleen Shaffer will give a bottle of wine to anyone who brings a guest to the next meeting.
- Kathy Egenes is perfecting the perfect loaf of pepperoni bread while in quarantine.
- Chris Walsh celebrated Father's Day with his three kids on a boat trip. Chris also just graduated from the Nevada County Community Leadership Institute.
- Congratulations to Wyn and Steve Spiller on becoming first time grandparents!
- President Marcia rang the bell making everyone a bell ringer for the end of her term.

Speaker: Nevada County Code Enforcement—Jeff Merriman, Program Manager

Jeff emphasized the Nevada County Code Compliance department is focused on education not enforcement. Their staff consists of Jeff, four compliance officers, two cannabis compliance officers and a part-time assistant. NCCC enforces local and state codes: Building Code Violations, CA Sate Housing Laws, Solid Waste Violations, Zoning Requirements, inoperable vehicles. NCCC attempts to obtain voluntary abatement, but if this is not achieved then administrative citations may be issued ranging from \$130 and \$1300 per violation.

The Abandoned Vehicle Program tows approximately 200 to 300 vehicles a year and is funded by a \$1 DMV registration. Vehicles



July 6 Incoming president Seth Leishman

Dates to Remember:

June 29 DARK
July 4 Independence Day
July 6 New Rotary Year!
July/Aug Demotion of Marcia Salter date TBD



must be abandoned for at least 72 hours and can be towed after 10 days of notification; vehicles that pose the greatest danger are towed immediately.

Cannabis Compliance reviews permit applications, performs site inspections, enforces local cultivation ordinances, collaborates with CDA departments and state agencies, and provides outreach to the community and local cannabis organizations. The purpose of Cannabis compliance is to reduce public health and safety risks, reduce environmental impacts, improve county appearance, improve property values and increase tourism. Jeff said Compliance Officers will respond to complaints, but they do not seek out violators; they also will not violate property owners' rights in order to investigate complaints. Jeff showed pictures of violations, raging from hoarders to illegal grows. In cases of hoarding, Officers will work with mental health agencies to get help for violators. In the case of abatement, the county will hire contractors to clear the land of solid waste and put a lien on property. In regard to illegal cannabis grows, NCCC will also work with the Water Board for unpermitted grows, to mitigate the environment impact. Illegal growers are given a 5-day notice to abate and generally take their plants and leave behind debris, waste and chemicals to be cleaned up at the expense of the county.

Please keep Al and Marilyn Alstrand in your prayers. They are both battling the Covid-19 virus. Many of you will remember that Al was president of our club 88-89.

Join us July 6 to welcome incoming club President Seth Leishman as he takes over the helm for 2020-2021

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June Birthdays

Ed Sylvester Jun 01
Kathy Egenes Jun 06
Rich Keene Jun 07
Larry McGrath Jun 15
Patti Ingram-Spencer Jun 21
Becky Sibaja Jun 22

Rotary Anniversaries

Monty East 34 years
Jerry Trammell 17 years
Eric Trygg 16 years

June Anniversaries

Steve & Wyn Spiller 48 years
Jon Byerrum & Holly Hermansen 11 years
Ed & Bernadette Sylvester 62 years
Viv & Mike Tipton 19 years
Connie Stone & Michael Keating 19 years
Seth & Tara Leishman 15 years
Rod & Susan Fivelstad 50 years