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# The Spoke Newsletter



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**Rotary**  
Club of Grass Valley



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Spoke Notes were recorded by:  
Mia Yoder & Sean Jackson

## President of Rotary International

[Francesco Arezzo](#)



## Governor of District 5190

[Larry Harvey](#)

June 8, 2026

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At today's meeting, we had several guests join us. Mia accompanied Ryan and helped out with the Spoke Notes, and Karry from REMAX also attended our club meeting.

Our very own James Delcour gave us a presentation of [LivingWell Medical Clinic](#) in Grass Valley.



They offer free STI testing, pregnancy tests, and limited ultrasounds to confirm a pregnancy and determine how far along a Mom is. Their mission is to provide compassionate care and answer questions about abortion, adoption, and parenting. They pride themselves on being a "judgement-free" zone and at the same time work to promote sexual health.

These services are 100% donor funded! They receive over 30k annually from churches. They speak at schools to spread awareness and hold large events which help gain attention and increase the knowledge base which encompasses LivingWell's mission.

They are affiliated with multiple pro-life movements, and bring very pertinent and influential people within those movements to speak at their events.

They also offer life coaching during this difficult time as well as material support. Their goal is to help the Mother and Father succeed during this extremely difficult time. They also sponsor a memorial wall at a local church which is utilized to commemorate the baby's life and help bring some type of closure to the parents. LivingWell also offers retreats to aid parent's mental recovery that have had abortions in the past.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

The 3rd Annual Viking Cruise is coming up during late August. Currently, 18 Rotarians have signed up. Email [Anita Daniels](#) for additional details.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Joint Board Meeting: <a href="#">Ed's House</a> @ 6:30-8:30	June 11
<a href="#">GV Thursday Night Market...Contact Ed to help</a>	June 11 – July 9
<a href="#">Rotary International Convention</a>	June 13-17
Club President Demotion Event	TBD
RYLA Camp at Grizzly Creek Ranch	June 21-26
<a href="#">Grass Valley Rotary South - Burgers, Bingo, and Ball Drop</a>	June 27
Club Meeting: DARK	June 22+29
4th of July Parade – Nevada City – Rotary Clubs Marching	July 4
Club Meeting: DARK	July 6
Club Meeting: TBD	July 13
Club Meeting: TBD	July 20
Club Meeting: DARK / Board Meeting: 12 @ Moose Lodge	July 27

## UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

<a href="#">Plastic Recycling Project</a>	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
Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year	TBD
Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence	TBD
Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair	TBD
Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance	TBD
Highway 49 Gateway Sign Rebuild	TBD
Salvation Army: Build Planter Boxes and Chicken Coop	Spring '26
Western Sierra Medical Clinic: Planter Boxes	Spring '26

## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN JUNE

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Kathy Egenes	June 6	Monty East (Senior Club Member)	40 Yrs
Rich Keene	June 7	Jerry Trammell	23 Yrs
Larry McGrath	June 15	Derek Williams	4 Yrs
Patti Ingram-Spencer	June 21	Kellie Gruenefeldt	4 Yrs

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

*"Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other."*

RANDY PAUSCH

## Rotary Club of Grass Valley

P.O. Box 1213  
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 [Litton Bldg, Rm 300](#) at 7am on Tuesday

[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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Hosting the 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast at Chicago Park School was successful! Thank You to everyone for your help!



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## People of Action

### Chicago Park 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Breakfast

June 4, 2026



The Heart of the  
Gold Country








The GCC Ride was a great event! Along with over 180 riders, we sold a large amount of GCC merchandise!

Thank you to the 38 Rotarians who contributed over 650 hours of time last week to make this a successful event. Just five of these Rotarians on Saturday took more than 85,000 steps and spent 50 hours on their feet.

### PICTURES ARE COMING!

#### Awards were given to:

- Sandra** - "There is life at Oh dark Thirty"
- Sean** -- "Arrow Award"
- Ed** -- "Rag merchant"
- Tim** -- "Reach out from Afar"
- Daniel** -- "I didn't sign up for this" Award
- Dave** -- "I'll never say yes to Bob" Award
- Dave and John** -- "Out from Honorary status"
- Kathy** " Retire from Retirement"
- Seth** -- "I don't have enough to do" Award



Here are some statistics from the event that may interest you:

- ◆ The youngest rider was 22
- ◆ The oldest rider was 83...of note...3 riders were over 80 and 1 rode the 100 mile route
- ◆ The average age of the riders was 61
- ◆ 3 riders came from Texas, 18 from Nevada, 41 from the Bay Area, and 12 from Grass Valley



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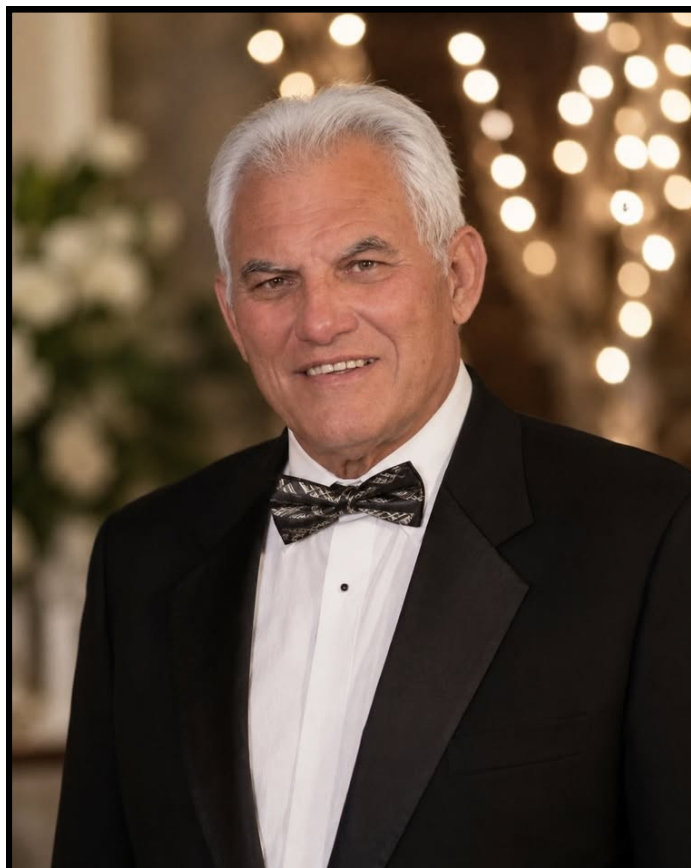
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## **Kenneth Leonard “Ken” Holbrook** November 10, 1949 – May 24, 2026

After a life well lived, Kenneth Leonard “Ken” Holbrook passed away on May 24, 2026, at his Lake Wildwood home, surrounded by loved ones. Please click the below link to read about his beautiful life in his obituary.

**HOOPER & WEAVER**  
MORTUARY





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## Plastic Recycling Project

Commercial Plastic Wrap is picked-up at the following locations:

- ◆ Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital
- ◆ Nevada County Food Bank
- ◆ AJA Electronics
- ◆ Hills Flat Lumber

The plastic is then recycled and made into [TREX Benches](#)



We have collected and recycled almost 2,000 pounds of commercial plastic this year.  
We are well on our way to a goal of 4,000 lbs. in 2026

## Good Luck, Rotarians!





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## Rechargeable Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling

### Rechargeable Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling

**Saturday May 30, 2026**  
**9am-12noon**

Peace Lutheran Church Parking Lot  
828 West Main St, Grass Valley

[MAP](#)

Eligible items include cell phones, tablets, laptops, electric toothbrush handles, e-shavers, vapes, wireless headphones and earbuds, Bluetooth speakers, power tool batteries, e-bike batteries, video game controllers, etc.

Peace Lutheran does a regular CRV bottles/cans collection event, on Saturday May 30. The public can make it a one-stop recycling day at the church to drop off your CRV bottles and cans (along with plastic #1, 2, and 5) then leave all your Lithium Ion (rechargeable) devices and batteries with the Nevada City Rotary team.









### Lithium-Ion batteries & devices

Do you have old rechargeable devices or lithium-ion batteries you no longer use? Less than 5% of these devices are recycled today. Bring them in to recycle with Redwood Materials.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ROTARY ACTION GROUP

**REDWOOD**  
MATERIALS

 RECHARGEABLE TOOLS	 LOOSE LI-ION OR NICKEL METAL HYDRIDE BATTERIES	 ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSHES	 WIRELESS HEADPHONES
 BLUETOOTH SPEAKERS	 SMARTWATCHES	 TABLETS	 CELLPHONES

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Rotary Club of Grass Valley South  
presents annual



# BALL DROP FUNDRAISER



# \$1000 Grand Prize

**\$20 per ticket**

Need not be present to win

**We invite you to participate in the event!**

 **Nevada County Country Club**  
1040 E Main St, Grass Valley

 **Saturday, June 27, 2026**  
5:00 PM

**\$10**

## Event includes:

**Dinner, bingo & prizes, Ball Drop finale**

**Please RSVP by June 20**

rotarygvs@gmail.com or 530-687-2080



## All proceeds to fund local community projects and organizations

Some of the organizations we support include the Nevada County Toy Run, Nevada County Law Enforcement and Fire Protection Council, Bright Futures for Youth, Interfaith Food Ministry, Alta Sierra Elementary School Garden Project, and much more!



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## Program Overview

- General Sessions will take place Sunday-Wednesday, 14-17 June 2026
- Breakout Sessions will take place Monday-Wednesday, 15-17 June 2026
- The House of Friendship will be open Saturday-Wednesday, 13-17 June 2026



Click [HERE](#) for more info