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Club of Grass Valley





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<p>Nevada County Media has produced several video's coordinated by Ed Pinto promoting Rotary and our club. Here are the links: Rotary Club of Grass Valley - YouTube Getting to Know You - Grass Valley Rotary</p> <p>Our speaker was Dr. Christine McCormick, assistant superintendent, educational services for the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools. She provided a very interesting and thought provoking topic on Artificial Intelligence. The evolution of AI since Google came into our world in 2006 and has expanded greatly. AI Bots, such as Gemini, Copilot, and ChatGPT have provided fear and excitement. As an example, Ms. McCormick stated you could ask a Bot to provide 5 recipes for a dinner using items in your fridge such as chicken, green beans and brown rice (or what you may have on hand) and it will provide those recipes and more, if asked.</p> <p>AI can also be used in schools. The challenge for the teaching aspect is knowing any student could and most likely does cheat while creating a paper, but as an instructor, asking the right questions and crafting the assignment in such a way the student who uses AI, would also have to engage in critical thinking and put their own flare or personality into the assignment. It does become, over time, easy for the instructor to tell if a student only uses AI and does not add any personal touch to the final product.</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR THAT VALUABLE INFORMATION I THIS EVERCHANGING WORLD!</p>	<p>Club Meeting: Jamie Hanf – County Public Health – Dental Programs June 16 Rotary International Convention June 21-25 Board Meeting (Canceled) June 23 Wildfire Season is Here Event June 26 Club Meeting: DARK June 30 Club Demotion Party (Condon Park) June 30 First Club Meeting of the New Rotary Year July 7 Featuring Jesse Wilson as “El Jefe Nuevo” Starry, Starry Nights July 19 District 5190 Conference May 1-3 2026 Rotary International Conference June 13-17 202</p> <tr><th colspan="2">UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action</th></tr> <tr><td>Plastic Recycling Project</td><td>Ongoing</td></tr> <tr><td>Support Lyman Gilmore and Union Hill Schools</td><td>Ongoing</td></tr> <tr><td>Alzheimer's Garden and Litton Trail: Upkeep and Maintenance</td><td>Ongoing</td></tr> <tr><td>Rotary Magazines in Professional and Business Waiting Rooms</td><td>Ongoing</td></tr> <tr><td>Chicago Park Middle School: Goodie Bag Project</td><td>Ongoing</td></tr> <tr><td>Rotary Club of Nevada City - Lithium Battery Collection</td><td>June 14</td></tr> <tr><td>Chicago Park Middle School: Playground Paint Refresh</td><td>TBD</td></tr> <tr><td>Bright Futures: Help with Garden Area Pickle Ball Court</td><td>TBD</td></tr> <tr><td>Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year</td><td>TBD</td></tr> <tr><td>Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence</td><td>TBD</td></tr> <tr><td>Center Stage: Shelves for Costumes</td><td>TBD</td></tr> <tr><td>Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair</td><td>TBD</td></tr> <tr><td>Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance</td><td>TBD</td></tr> <tr><th colspan="2">IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN JUNE</th></tr> <tr><td>Birthdays</td><td>Rotary Anniversaries</td></tr> <tr><td>Kathleen Egenes June 6</td><td>Monty East 39 Yrs</td></tr> <tr><td>Rich Keene June 7</td><td>Jerry Trammel 22 Yrs</td></tr> <tr><td>Larry McGrath June 15</td><td>Derek Williams 3 Yrs</td></tr> <tr><td>Patti Ingram Spencer June 21</td><td>Kellie Gruenefeldt 3 Yrs</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Kristin Adams 1 Yr</td></tr> <tr><th colspan="2">ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COFESSIONS</th></tr> <tr><td colspan="2">President Sean levied several fines in addition to Bob confessing to his trip to Europe and seeing the beautiful cathedral in Venice, becoming a Bell Ringer. 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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 Courtyard Suites at 7 am on Tues 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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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S GCC ONE OF THE MOST
SUCESSFUL RIDES THAT WE'VE HELD THUS FAR!

Bob reported on a very successful Gold Country Challenge with 289 riders and grossing
\$14,000. He thanked all the volunteers, spouses and significant others for the many days
of time and effort as it definitely paid off!

WE WOULD HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH AND SURPASS OUR GOALS IF IT
WASN'T FOR ALL OF YOUR TIRELESS WORK AND RELENTLESS DEDICATION!

HERE ARE SOME PICS OF SETUP. MORE TO COME...
[Rotary Gold Country Challenge - Support | Rotary Club of Grass Valley](#)



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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](#)

Next bench will be dedicated to Larry Allen at WSMC Glasson!

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



We have collected 1,200 lbs of plastic so far this year!

Great work!



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Three "R" Event:

RECYCLE & REPURPOSE RECHARGEABLE

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.

Saturday
June 14, 2025
10:00am - 2:00pm

DAVE'S AUTO REPAIR
747 Zion St by SPD
Nevada City, CA 95959

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Rotary  **ESRAG**
ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY
ROTARY ACTION GROUP

REDWOOD
MATERIALS



RECHARGEABLE
TOOLS



LOOSE LI-ION OR
NICKEL METAL
HYDRIDE BATTERIES



ELECTRIC
TOOTHBRUSHES



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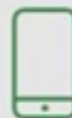
BLUETOOTH
SPEAKERS



SMARTWATCHES



TABLETS



CELLPHONES

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2025 International Convention





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21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

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Ready or Not, Wildfire Season is Here!

Free Community Wildfire Readiness Event

✓ **HANDS-ON EDUCATION STATIONS:**

- Mulch Fire Demo
- DIY Vent Retrofits
- Code Red Signups + Evac Zone Magnets
- Real Go Bags
- Zone 0 demo- what does it look like?
- Mini Defensible Space Dioramas
- Take the Red Flag Warning Readiness Challenge!

✓ **FIREWISE COMMUNITY ADVICE: ASK AN EXPERT, A FWC LEADER!**

- Community Mapping Help
- Start a Firewise Community
- Project Tips & Insights

✓ **FAMILY FUN & FOOD**

- Photos with Smokey Bear!
- Bingo & Booth Scavenger Hunt
- Music by Three Times Through
- Free Food: Chili, Cookie Buffet & Drinks
(Beer & Wine for Sale)

Bring your own
mug & spoon &
save us \$\$



✓ **Pioneer Park, Nevada City**
June 26 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM



DONATIONS WELCOME! ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT WILDFIRE EDUCATION IN NEVADA COUNTY



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Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation

presents

Starry, Starry Nights

Join us for a captivating evening of dinner, dancing & stargazing

July 19, 2025

Thank you to our Super Nova Sponsor

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Group

BAIRD

*Nevada County Fairgrounds
Please wear all bright white apparel
Event Chair: Lisa Swarthout*

Red Rose Society reservations open 8:00 a.m. on May 1st.
Please call in your reservation and then mail the return card.
General attendance reservations open May 12th.

Dress in bright white for Starry, Starry Nights. Experience the magic of this premier summer event as you make lifelong memories and help create an impact on local healthcare. Enjoy gourmet food and wine, live music, dancing, the "famous" dessert tent, and special surprises. This will be an evening you will never forget, while helping to raise crucial funds for our local, nonprofit Hospital.

Become a Starry, Starry Nights Sponsor

\$7,500 - Bar, Stage or Sponsors Reception (table of 8)
\$5,000 - Celestial Sponsor (table of 8)
\$2,500 - Shooting Star Sponsor (4 seats)
\$1,500 - Starburst Sponsor (2 seats)
\$500 - Comet Sponsor

Sponsors are invited to a Sponsors Reception at 5:30 p.m. For additional information on all of the sponsorship benefits, call (530) 477-9700.

Reservations: \$200 per person (\$100 tax deductible), assigned seating for tables of eight or ten, complimentary wine bar featuring Sierra Starr Vineyards.

Reservations include: Hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dinner, wine, beer, dessert, coffee, dancing and stargazing. No host cocktail bar featuring South Fork Vodka Distillery.

Schedule:

5:30	Sponsor and Red Rose Early Entry
6:00	Guest Arrival
7:00	Candlelight Dinner by Chef Antonio's Custom Catering followed by our "famous" dessert tent by Emily's Catering & Cakes
8:15	Dancing to Decades
Dusk-11:00	Stargazing

*Event proceeds benefit vital projects and programs at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation.
Appropriate footwear for a park-like setting recommended.*



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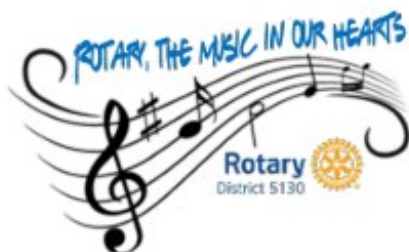
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SAVE THE DATE!

Far West Fest 2026 Early Bird Special!



SPECIAL NOTICE: The conference is still a year away and some of the final details are being finalized. You will receive a special email with how to register your conference specifics such as food and lodging. **COME JOIN US** for this amazing celebration!

Click on the below image for EARLY BIRD registration!



A few tips when filling out the link:

- 1) You will see that the URL has a different District number only because it is managed out of their master ClubRunner account. During the registration process, you will be able to select both your Club and District several times. All monies will be allocated appropriately to each District.
- 2) Please register only Rotarians and adult guests at this time, not YE Students or Rotaractors. We will arrange special registration codes for those audiences at a later date.
- 3) NOTE: We will have plenty of time for District 5130 breakouts, including the obligatory District Business Meeting, District Awards, Special Recognitions, In Memoriam, etc.



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Details to come!