




THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sean Jackson - President
Jesse Wilson - President Elect
Ed Pinto - Vice President
Sandra Barrington - Immediate Past President
Tim McCall - Executive Secretary
Jennifer Malone - Secretary

Bob Long - Treasurer
Heather Thorpe - Director Year 2
Andrew Jackson - Director Year 2
Derek Williams - Director Year 2
Judy Bagley - Director Year 1
P. Scott - Director Year 1
Gina Will - Director Year 1

- Sergeant at Arms - Ed Pinto
- The Spoke Editor - Ryan Sykes
- Photographer - Fred Claessens



President of Rotary International

[Stephanie A. Urchick](#)

March 10th, 2025



www.gvrotary.org

Governor of District 5190

[Dennis Geare](#)

Volume 97, Issue 55

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At today's meeting, Hillary Hodge, from Music in the Mountains (MIM) spoke to our club. Hilary wears many hats. She not only Mayor of Grass Valley, but she is the Marketing Manager as well as the Volunteer Coordinator for MIM.



"At the heart of MIM is the SummerFest classical festival. In the days leading up to July 4th, it's a thriving performing arts festival celebrating music, community, art and culture. The concerts culminate in a joyous celebration of our country's birth."

Click on the MIM Logo to go to their site and get tickets!



We would also like to welcome the incoming Rotary International President! We look forward to this year!



Mário César Martins de Camargo
President-elect 2025-2026
Rotary Club de Santo André
São Paulo, Brazil



2025-2026 presidential message

- The president's emphasis :
- Encourage the power of human connection
 - Collaborate on service projects
 - Expand our global impact.

Beginning in the 2025-26 Rotary year, the traditional annual "presidential theme" will be replaced by a more consistent "presidential message."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gold Country Challenge - Committee Meeting: Roundtable @ 12	March 14
Area Foundation Round Up	March 16
Board Meeting: 12 @ WSMC Conf Rm	March 24
Rotary Club of Grass Valley Centennial Celebration	March 28
Area Community Outreach Event: Film "Join or Die" @ Miners Foundry	April 27
District 5190 Top Gun Conference	May 2-4
Gold Country Challenge	June 7
Rotary International Convention	June 21-25

UPCOMING PROJECTS - PEOPLE OF ACTION

Plastic Recycling Project	Ongoing
Support Lyman Gilmore and Union Hill Schools	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
The Learning Center: Gaga Ball Pit Installation	March 22
Union Hill: Garden Box Construction	March 22
North Star House: Rotary At Work Day	April 25
Chicago Park Middle School: Playground Paint Refresh	May TBD
Chicago Park Middle School: Graduation Breakfast	June 5
Bright Futures: Help with Garden Area Pickle Ball Court	TBD
Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year	TBD
Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence	TBD
Center Stage: Shelves for Costumes for Nutcracker	TBD
Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair	TBD
Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance	TBD

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN MARCH

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
John Peplowski	Mar 14	Lee Osnas	41 Yrs
Stephanie Fischer	Mar 18	Kathleen Egenes	27 Yrs
James Delcour	Mar 23	Bobbie Swanson	23 Yrs
		Sandra Barrington	12 Yrs
		James Delcour	3 Yrs
		Gina Will	2 Yrs

PEOPLE OF ACTION



Thank You to the crew of Rotarians that helped to dismantle old planter boxes at Union Hill. We may be constructing new boxes on May 22nd. We'll sure up the date as warmer weather approaches.



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened." - Winston S. Churchill

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 @ [TJ's Roadhouse](#) 2nd and 4th Thurs at 12:15 pm
Food order RSVP needed the day prior at nrotary.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





The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

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!



3,629 pounds of commercial plastic was collected in 2024.

Let's beat that this year!



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO


- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley

Rotary Clubs of  Western Nevada County

ROTARY FOUNDATION ROUND UP

Rotary Area 4, District 5190

HORSEMEN'S LODGE
10600 Bubbling Wells Rd Grass Valley, CA 95945
Enjoy Heavy Appetizers & No host bar
Sign up with your Club Foundation Chair
\$35 per person

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025
3:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.
Western Attire Encouraged
Wear your Rotary Name Tag

[Please contact Tim to RSVP](#)



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL
AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO
ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



High School

Instrumental Music Contest

Area 4 Rotary Clubs are having a
contest for Solo Instrumentalists and
we invite you to compete...

PRIZES:

1ST- \$500; 2ND -\$250; 3RD \$125

Performances are 3 to 8 minutes long,
rules are listed on the student application
form.. To request an application, contact:

Lindy Beatie

lindybeatie@gmail.com

Text: 916-849-5347

March 22, 2025
Grass Valley United
Methodist Church
236 So Church
Street, Grass Valley
2pm

Rotary



Click [HERE](#) for more info



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



Centennial Celebration Dinner

5:30 Cocktails ~ 6:30 Dinner

Entertainment ~ Cornish Choir
Dom Stepanian Guitarist

\$75 per person

FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2025

GOLD MINERS INN ~ 121 BANK ST. GRASS VALLEY CA

Scan or send check
to:



Rotary Club of
Grass Valley

PO Box 1213
Grass Valley Ca, 95945

Click [HERE](#) for more info



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

Rotary 
Club of Grass Valley

Rotary District 5190  

2025 Top Gun District Conference

Join Us For

The 2025 Top Gun District 5190 Conference
May 2-4, 2025 in Fallon NV.

Rotary District 5190 

Click The Plane To Register Today



Dennis Geare
District 5190 Governor

This year's conference is going to be the don't miss event of the year.

Join us in beautiful Fallon, Nevada, home to the U.S. Navy Top Gun Fighter School.

Come and celebrate all the great moments and memories we made this Rotary year.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



The Spoke Newsletter

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925



June 7th



Ride the beautiful and historic back country of Nevada County.

Nevada County was the heart of California's gold rush. Surrounding the charming mining era towns of Grass Valley and Nevada City, you'll ride through some of the most beautiful landscape California has to offer.

Discover why the [Amgen](#) has selected to ride through Nevada County on multiple occasions.

Visit www.rotarygoldcountrychallenge.com and pick from five different routes

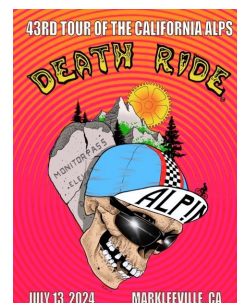
All rides will be fully supported with water, rest stops, lunch and SAG vehicles.

Rides will begin and end at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Afterwards, join us for a delicious, unique hot mealand of course, beer and wine (or chocolate milk if you prefer).

Register now for the Death Ride on July 12th

Train at the Rotary Gold Country Challenge 100 miles with 10,000 feet of climbing, but at the 3400 foot elevation level...

Then [Register](#) for the Gold Country Challenge to train up!





THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

The Spoke Newsletter



Rotary
Club of Grass Valley

Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

2025 International Convention

MAGIC ALL AROUND
21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

Click the image below!



Register [HERE](#)