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2023-2024 Theme

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD



Governor of District 5190

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March 11th, 2024

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The March team deftly guided us through the Pledge and the Thought for the Day. There were no guests or visiting Rotarians.

President Sean provided information about the Nevada County Schools (4-8 Grade) Speech Contest. This year's theme was: "How have you volunteered towards promoting HOPE in the world and how did you see HEARTS impacted through the experience."

All had a great time! The picture on the right captured the successful smiles of the kiddos!





Jessie McLeod, the program Manager for [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Sierra](#) was our presenter today. They have an office on Brunswick and are looking for volunteers. They have several youth looking eagerly for a Big Brother or Big Sister. Please consider this opportunity!

Want to help? You can become a mentor!

• If being a mentor isn't in the cards for you, here are other ways that you could support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Sierra.

- Volunteer for Events:
 - We host several events throughout the year and if you are more into setting up, staging, handling registration, and cleaning up, we would be glad to have you!
- Sponsoring Events:
 - If you would like to see your business be highlighted from Big Brothers Big Sisters, we would love to have your sponsor one of our events. We have several different levels of sponsorship, but truly every little bit goes a long way to keeping our youth supported.
- Fund a Match:
 - We love the idea of creating memorable experiences for our Matches and with your help we could take the burden off the families and the volunteer by providing them with a fully funded match.
- Business for Matches:
 - Do you own a business that could create a memorable experience to a Match? Provide a free cooking class? Offer a discount membership at local gym? Free arts and crafts classes? Renting equipment for free? Discount at a restaurant?



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CLUB WORKDAYS

Plastic Recycling Project Ongoing

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN MARCH

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
John Peplowski	Mar 14	Gina Will	1 Yr
Stephanie Fischer	Mar 18	Jamie Jones	2 Yrs
James Delcour	Mar 23	James Delcour	2 Yrs
		Sandra Barrington	11 Yrs
		Bobbie Swanson	22 Yrs
		Kim Zwick	25 Yrs
		Kathleen Egenes	26 Yrs
		Lee Osnas	40 Yrs

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

There will be a tulip walk for area 4 Rotarians and family at Anada's Crystal Hermitage Gardens on Tyler Foote Road. Suggested \$10 donation per person. The tour is at 5:30 pm on Monday April 15. To RSVP contact Cathy Wilcox-Barnes or Mai Lee at 310-621-3721.

Larry McGrath shared a little about his travels in Africa and passed his \$80 fine on to some eager Rotarian volunteers.

[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](#)

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

[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





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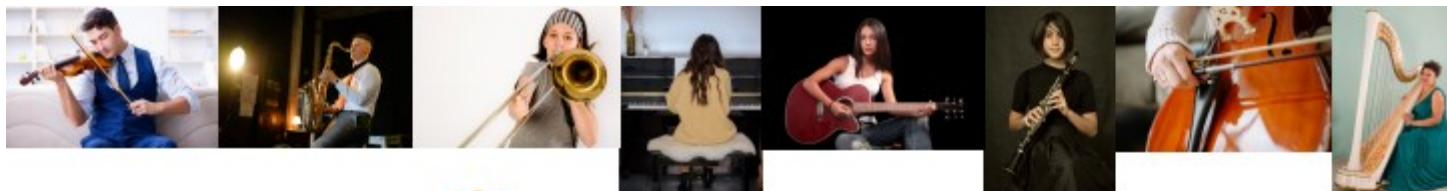
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Annual High School Youth Instrumental Music Contest

Area 4 Rotary Clubs (Nevada City, 49er Breakfast Club of Nevada City, Grass Valley, Grass Valley South, and Penn Valley) are having a contest for Solo Instrumentalists and we invite you to compete.

April 14, 2024, 2:00 pm
Peace Lutheran Church
828 W. Main Street, Grass Valley

PRIZES: 1st prize: \$250 2nd prize: \$150 3rd prize: \$75

Performances are 3 to 8 minutes long, rules are listed on the student application form.

If you win 1st prize at the Area contest April 14, you will go on to compete for \$1,000.00 at the District Conference in Reno, Nevada on Saturday, May 18.

To request an application or more information contact
Derek Williams at dmw@derekwilliams.com or text 530-205-3336.





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Mission Statement

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education.



No ray of sunshine is ever lost, but the green which it awakens into existence needs time to sprout, and it is not always granted for the sower to see the harvest.
—Albert Schweitzer



What are people saying about RLI courses?

- “I found the day very informative and fun.”
- “The program was very well planned and presentations (leaders) were excellent.”
- “A very effective seminar.”
- “Enjoyed the focus on the chosen issues—great interaction.”
- “I have learned quite a bit about leadership qualities and the “nuts and bolts” of Rotary.”
- “I definitely learned a lot from today's leadership training that will be beneficial to my club—instructors were all great.”
- “I only wish that our district had joined RLI earlier!!”

Contact your RLI Chair—visit the web site for a current list of divisions and chairs:
www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

RLI is a recommended program, but not an official program, of Rotary International.



The Rotary Leadership Institute

INTERNATIONAL RLI

Established Spring 1992

www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

Why we need

The Rotary Leadership Institute

It is generally agreed throughout the Rotary world that the success or failure of a Rotary Club depends on the quality of club leadership. It has been said that poor club leadership is the primary cause of membership losses. Because of the annual turnover of club officers, Rotary needs a constant influx of knowledgeable Rotarians who have the leadership skills necessary to move a club forward. It is difficult to learn enough about the exciting world of Rotary with its more than 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Furthermore, leadership skills in a voluntary organization are often different from business leadership skills. RLI provides an opportunity for quality Rotary education that is usually not otherwise available.

What is the philosophy of RLI?

RLI believes that having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership. An effective Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now going and a vision of what Rotary can be.

What is the

“recommended curriculum”?

RLI provides to its divisions a recommended curriculum annually for a basic course in three full days. The three days are called Parts I, II and III and are generally not taken consecutively in order for the participants to gain perspective through their club activities in between the Parts. RLI also recommends a program of graduate seminars for those who have completed the three basic Parts. Since the founding of RLI, the curriculum has been continually reviewed, updated and revised as the result of experience and the evaluations of the attendees.

What are the teaching methods?

The Institute believes in course sessions with as much discussion/participation as possible. Discussion breakout sessions are limited to approximately 15 persons. Lectures are strictly limited. Course methods include discussion groups, role-playing, problem solving workshops and creating projects. Everyone participates during one of the Institute's sessions. Course materials including session outlines, the daily program, faculty listings and resource materials are provided to all participants.

Who are the faculty?

Faculty members are carefully selected for their teaching abilities. Many are present and past R.I. directors, district governors, presidents and those with experience in special areas. Each new faculty member must attend a full day training program and various periodic reorientation programs. The results of course evaluations help to improve the course content and instruction.

Who should attend RLI courses?

Although any Rotarian may attend RLI courses, RLI recommends that Rotary Clubs encourage Rotarians who have the potential for future club leadership, not necessarily as club presidents, to attend. The ideal candidate is early in their Rotary career, has a strong interest, and is prepared to be exposed to the larger world of Rotary outside of the club. Clubs are expected to pay the fees for their members attending the courses.

What are the costs and where are classes held?

Courses are normally held in hotels, colleges, schools, public buildings, etc. conveniently located for club members. The course fees are set by each Division Executive Committee based on site costs, meals, materials, and other necessary expenses. Within a Division the curriculum is the same at any course site so participants may take the various Parts at different sites and dates.

What is an RLI division?

For administrative purposes, RLI creates “divisions” that may consist of one or more Rotary districts, countries, zones, etc. Each division works with RLI to arrange course schedules, set policies, and handle finances. Each division pays modest dues to RLI. Divisions are formed by written agreements signed by district governors and RLI officers. RLI has divisions/districts in every Continent of the world except Antarctica.

Should our club participate?

If your club cares about its future, it will want the best leadership possible. This is an outstanding opportunity for each club to improve the Rotary knowledge of its key people, who will also be exposed to new ideas of leadership. The exchange of ideas with other experienced Rotarians alone makes the courses worthwhile.

RLI Officers



PRID Michael K. McGovern
Intl. Chair
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Dear Rotarians:

The Rotary Leadership Institute was founded to assist in improving the Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of future Club leaders. We believe that excellent leadership is the key to successful service by our clubs to our communities and the world. Rotary is blessed with members of high quality, but all Rotary clubs depend on outstanding leadership to harness the talents and skills of our membership to high levels of accomplishment. The rapid turnover of leadership positions in Rotary caused by annual elections requires constant effort to prepare more and more Rotarians for the responsibilities of leadership. Through the dedicated efforts of our international and division officers and faculty members, the Rotarians of our member districts have a unique opportunity for quality Rotary education. We invite all clubs of our member districts to join with us to build a greater Rotary.

—Michael K. McGovern PRID, International Chair

For more information about our leadership team including division chairs and advisors, see:
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Rotary Is Better Together

Multi - District Conference

5150 / 5180 / 5190



A fabulous venue -
The Grand Sierra Resort in Reno NV

Fun for the entire family

Arcade
Bowling
Casino
Escape Room
Golf & Target Golf
Movies
Swimming
Virtual Reality

Variety of programs including

Student Speech Contest
Student Music Performance
Comedy Show Presentation
Inspirational Rotary Speaker
House of Friendship
Awards Presentations

Amazing Savings when you Register Early

Ticket prices/levels and sale dates

- \$245 "**BUY NOW**" from April 28, 2023 to May 5, 2023
- \$295 "**EARLY BIRD**" from May 6, 2023 to December 31, 2023
- \$315 "**REGULAR**" from January 1, 2024 to May 19, 2024

* Prices include conference registration fee and meals. Registration fee is non-refundable.

BUT WAIT!!! - And There's MORE! –

Register by May 5, 2023 and **YOU will be entered** in a drawing to win 1 (one) conference registration including meals! That's a \$245 value!!

Sign up at the 2023 District Conference and be entered into a drawing for 1000 Paul Harris Points (3 winners)!

Stay Tuned for **MORE Exciting Promotions** and fun in the days and weeks to come!!!



Click [HERE](#) for additional information



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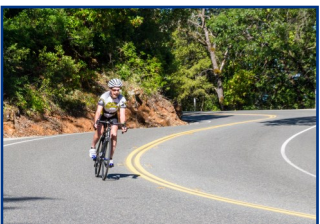
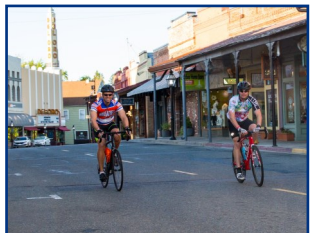
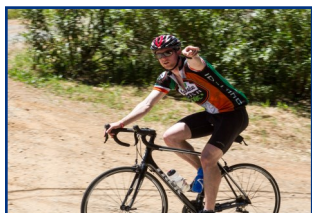
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June 1st

PEDAL IN STYLE WITH OUR CYCLING JERSEYS!

RIDE IN STYLE WITH OUR JERSEYS ON SALE!

MANY OF YOU ASKED AND NOW THEY ARE HERE



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 the [website](#) to sign and gear up!

Rides will be fully supported and well-marked!

Rides will begin at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds

