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The Heart of the Gold Country

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March 17th, 2025

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Our presentation on Monday centered around a new membership category, "Honorary Emeritus" Status. This award is offered by the Board to members who have more than 20 years in Rotary and have been outstanding members. Mondays honorees were:


George Grayeb – A retired Army Col who is a West Point graduate and spent 27 years in our club. He is a past president, lead a study exchange program visit, and visited and established a Rotary Club in Siberia.

Chuck Elizondo – His award was received by his wife, Carol. Chuck had 43 years of perfect attendance. He is a past Dist. Gov, received the Rotary International Service Above Self Award, and was a major supporter of our hospital in Bwindi.


Al Alstrand – His award was received by his wife, Marylynn. Al was in Rotary for 39 years. He was President when we met at the Swiss House (now the WEP), established the past president's council, and helped plant 60,000 trees after the 49er Fire.

Tom Lathrop – Tom served Rotary for almost 60years. Known as "Mr. Rotary", he served as the club secretary. Many people said that he was the glue that held this club together.

THANK YOU for not only helping Grass Valley, but helping our world be a better place!





George Grayeb




Al Alstrand

Honor Roll of Rotary Service Above Self





Chuck Elizondo



Tom Lathrop

Leading up to our Club's Centennial Celebration, [please watch this video](#) that focuses on the club's charter and 75 years of service.

You will need to click the prompts to acknowledge the disclaimer and ultimately download the video.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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	TBD
Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair	TBD
Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance	TBD

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN MARCH

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>	
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

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



IRISH BLESSING

*As you slide down the banister of life,
May the splinters never point the wrong way.*

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





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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!



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

Let's beat that this year!



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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 

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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

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**Sunday
April 27**

2pm doors open
3pm film starts
4:30pm panel

**Miners Foundry
Cultural Center**
325 Spring St
Nevada City

**JOIN
or DIE**

A film
about why
you should **join a club**
... and why the **fate of America** depends on it.



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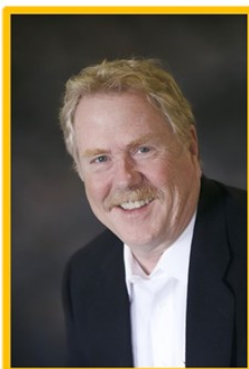
2025 Top Gun District Conference

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.



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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).













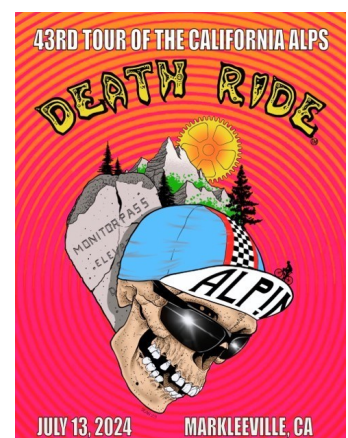




[Register now for the Death Ride on July 12th](#)

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!



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2025 International Convention

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