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This week's spoke notes by: Steve Spiller

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March 21, 2016

Rotary Theme 2015-2016 Be a Gift to the World

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March 14, 2016 Meeting Notes

President Bob Long opened the meeting with Bobby Swanson by leading the club in the pledge and Dick Panzica giving the thought for the day. Thanks to "Slim" Daniels, our Greeter, and Ken Holbrook and his crew for setup.

The meeting was begun President Bob and Brandon auctioning off several cases of stale beer and hard cider to clear the decks for fresh liquid refreshments for our Gold Country Challenge on May 14, 2016. Condolences to Rod, George, Fred, Kathy, and Kris who bought the old stuff.

Four days prior to Saint Patrick's Day, our club was visited by a Rotary Leprechaun hiding Bob's "baby" Bell under his Irish hat bell possession will probably be quite temporary. (note from Pres Bob: Thank you to the Leprechaun who returned my bell. I will do my best to keep it safe and pass it on to Eric at the demotion party.)

Bob announced that half of the computers have been purchased for the "Girls Who Code" Area 4 Rotary project, and that many more students than expected have expressed interest in learning to write computer code. One of our missing Rotary Bus Stops was located. Ken, with the help of some strong volunteer backs, will retrieve it for repair and redeployment.

Our President gave well deserved Paul Harris recognitions to Carol & Bob, Monty, Kyle, Larry and Terry. GVR has great record of giving to our Foundation - keep it up!

Scott Spencer reappeared (still recovering his sea legs) after surviving a 5 day ocean sailing trip with his son and Harry Auld (49'er Breakfast) around Baja California to La Paz.

John Paul (49'er Breakfast) was our program speaker to tell us about the plans for turning Western Nevada County into a Gigabit Community. John Paul is the owner of Spiral Internet and recipient of a \$16 million dollar grant to connect our homes and businesses with a gigabit speed fiber optic cable to the Internet. Spiral's project is call the Bright Fiber Network will provide orders of magnitude higher upload and download speeds than even cable modems cannot match. These are speeds that are not even matched in the Bay Area. Go on the Internet and map your location at spiral.com/fiber, and watch the inspiring video at spiral.com/light. The project will begin this spring with the undergrounding of the fiber cable along Greenhorn Road (how did Marcia, Scott B. and Scott S. luck out?) and proceed over several years to other parts of Western Nevada County. John's message is that Google selected Kansas City and Spiral chose Nevada County.

Speakers:

Mar 21 Rob Riley, manager Sierra Nevada Ambulance - re: 911

Mar 28 Adam Weiss re: the drought - yes it is still there

Apr 4 Student of the Month and Jasmine our RYE student

Apr 11 Jenn Singer from the Friendship Club

Dates to Remember:

April 2 Clean up of Memory Garden District Assembly Reno April 9

April 10 Area Music Contest - 7th Day Adventist Church

April 16 Home repair with Habitat for Humanity April 18 Annual visit to Lyman Gilmore School

May 14 Gold Country Challenge

May 12-15 District Conference Atlantis Resort Hotel Reno May 28 Rotary International Convention Seoul, S. Korea

Paul Harris Fellows





Larry Faller

Kyle Daugherty

Bobbie Swanson

Pres Bob with Bell

Carol & Bob Lenhard

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Speech contest participants

Ken Holbrook



March Students of the Month



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P.O. Box 1213 - Grass Valley, CA 95945 Meeting location: Monday at 12:15 PM Holbrooke Hotel, 212 W. Main St, GV

Make Up Meetings

Members who miss a regular meeting may make-up by attending any other Rotary club's meeting within 14 days before or after the missed meeting.

E-makeup: www.rotaryeclubone.org

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Grass Valley South, 151 Mill Street, Grass Valley Auburn, Auburn Elks Lodge 12:15 Penn Valley, Players Pizza 5:30 p.m. Auburn Sunset, Sierra Grill

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. 49er Breakfast Club, **Escaton Lodge**

7:00 a.m. Auburn Daybreak, Sierra Smokehouse Grill 12:15 Yuba City, The Refuge

Thursday

7:00 a.m. South Yuba County Sunrise Peachtree Restaurant (Marysville) Auburn Gold Country, 12:15

The Ridge Golf Course

Nevada City, National Hotel 12:15