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Rotary Theme 2018-2019 Theme
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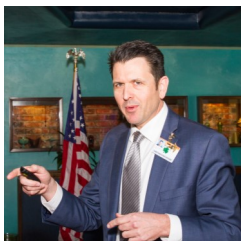
The meeting was promptly called to order by **President Kris Stepanian** who led us in the Pledge to our great country which was followed by **Carol Lenhard** giving a Thought for the Day.

Kimberly Parker, Director of the SNMH Foundation was a visiting Rotarian.

In way of fines, **Fred Claessens** agreed to be a bell ringer for walking his daughter down the plank *err* aisle. (He confessed she was married on a ship.) **Diana Hendry** was also levied a fine.

Monty East outlined a few noteworthy things being done by our club's donation committee. To mention just a few: fundraising for the Food Bank, Salvation Army, 4-H, High School Grad Nights, SNMH Foundation, etc. Monty also stated that \$3500 has already been raised in sponsorships for our Gold Country Challenge with more money projected in the future.

Our speaker today was **Dr. Brian Evans**, MD, President and CEO of Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. His presentation was very interesting and informative since our local hospital is very important to all of us who live and work in Nevada County. Some of the highlights of his presentation were:



- Since 1958 when its doors opened SNMH has been owned by the people of Nevada County.
- The hospital has a budget of \$100 Million with 800 employees who provide wide ranging services to nearly 100,000 community residents, many of whom are seniors.
- The biggest projects at the present time are a modern Diagnostic Imaging Center and a refurbished Emergency Room
- SNMH is classified as a Rural Hospital. With about 100 Rural Hospitals closing each month due in part to Medicare and older populations, SNMH's operating budget is not at a level where it should be and management is taking steps to address the budgetary issue. Without fundraising efforts, community support and affinity relations, the future of SNMH could be in jeopardy.
- To the advantage of the local Nevada County popula-

Upcoming Programs:

3/25 Club Focus Meeting
4/1 RYE student
4/8 Dan Foxx - Project Heart

Dates to Remember:

March 27 Area 4 Music Contest 6pm Peace Lutheran Church
April 4 Area Speech Contest 11:30am GV Methodist Church
April 6 Club Leadership Assembly @ Nugget in Sparks, NV

tion, SNMH is affiliated with six hospitals in the Sacramento area and with 140 throughout the United States.

- The culture within the hospital and the favorable view our population has for it are excellent. Nonetheless, Dr. Evans asked each Rotarian to be ambassadors in support of SNMH both economically and medically.



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George Grayeb held the winning raffle ticket this week but unfortunately drew a white marble.

Lastly, **Fred Claessens** and **Ken Holbrooke** successfully bid on two lovely gift baskets. Unfortunately, they took them away without sharing with anyone!

With the Four Way Test recited, the meeting adjourned promptly at 1:15 pm.



A BIG thank you to Ken Holbrooke, Don Daniels, Larry Faller, Scott Browne and his family for their hard work at the North Star Mining Museum



2019 Community Awards Winners

Business of the Year - The Dental Wellness Center - Dr. Sean Rockwell
Citizen of the Year - Bart Riebe
Volunteer of the Year - Cathy Wilcox-Barnes

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P.O. Box 1213 – Grass Valley, CA 95945
Meeting location: **Monday** at 12:15 PM
[Wild Eye Pub, 535 Mill Street, 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.

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Grass Valley South,
[Grass Valley Courtyard Suites](#) —
6pm social last Tues of month
12:00 Auburn, [Auburn Elks Lodge](#)
12:15 Penn Valley, [Players Pizza](#)
5:00 Auburn Sunset, [Sierra Grill](#)

E-makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. 49er Breakfast Club,
[Trolley Junction, Nevada City](#)

Thursday

12:15 Auburn Gold Country
[The Ridge Golf Course](#)
12:00 Nevada City, [Trolley Junction](#)
Except 1st & 3rd Thurs @
5:30pm