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March 30, 2026

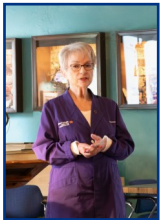
[www.gvrotary.org](http://www.gvrotary.org)

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Another gorgeous day in Grass Valley brings yet another beautiful Monday for a Rotary Meeting. We had no visiting Rotarians at this week's meeting. However, Issac joined us as a guest and is well on the path to become a Rotarian!

Laurie and Katy from the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Auxiliary explained the work of the hospital volunteers. They work the gift shop, front lobbies, patient floors, emergency department, infusion center, and the cancer center. They serve with compassion and empathy for patient care and support. Laurie shared funny stories of her experience volunteering including a gift shop experience and a gentlemen with an open gown. Laurie joked that she was the "flight attendant" of the nursing floor serving drinks and smiles.



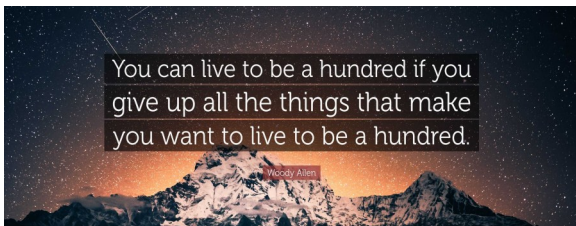
Click the [HERE](#) to see a short clip and click below [{SNMH Auxiliary}](#) to go to the webpage

The volunteers specifically enjoy comforting children when they are in the hospital and proving blankets to comfort them. Volunteers help guide people to proper areas and ensure they are welcomed and are able to efficiently navigate the hospital. Over the years, the Auxiliary has helped the hospital retain over \$1 Million which was applied towards direct patient care needs. If this program is of interest to you, please fill out an [application](#) or call (530) 274-6000 x 5109.

Click [HERE](#) to see the Rotary Minute



## THOUGHT OF THE DAY



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<a href="#">District 5190 Conference</a>	May 1-3
<a href="#">Chicago Park 8th Grade Grad Breakfast</a>	June 4
<a href="#">Gold Country Challenge</a>	June 6
<a href="#">Rotary International Convention</a>	June 13-17

## UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

<a href="#">Plastic Recycling Project</a>	Ongoing
<a href="#">Alzheimer's Garden and Litton Trail: Upkeep and Maintenance</a>	Ongoing
<a href="#">Rotary Magazines in Professional and Business Waiting Rooms</a>	Ongoing
<a href="#">Chicago Park Middle School: Goodie Bag Project</a>	Ongoing
<a href="#">Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year</a>	TBD
<a href="#">Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence</a>	TBD
<a href="#">Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair</a>	TBD
<a href="#">Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance</a>	TBD
<a href="#">Salvation Army: Build Planter Boxes and Chicken Coop</a>	Spring '26
<a href="#">Western Sierra Medical Clinic: Planter Boxes</a>	Spring '26

## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN MARCH

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
John Peplowski	Mar 14	Gina Will	3 Yrs
Stephanie Fischer	Mar 18	James Delcour	4 Yrs
Alex Zalasky	Mar 20	Sandra Barrington	12 Yrs
James Delcour	Mar 23	Bobbie Swanson	24 Yrs
		Kathleen Egenes	28 Yrs
		Lee Osnas	42 Yrs

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

All hands on deck for [Gold Country Challenge!](#)  
Many hands make small, successful work.

We had a very successful Union Hill Meal Project. We had 30 8th graders preparing the meals. Kids did an amazing job and great turnout with the family and enough left over for staff to enjoy.

Foundation event awards were given out:

Every Rotarian Every Year - for Sean's year and average giving award. The club was recognized for End Polio Now giving. NU Interact club was honored for their work in the community.

## 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 [Litton Bldg, Rm 300](#) at 7am on Tuesday

[Nevada City Rotary](#) meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 5:30pm for our Social meetings  
[Contact](#) them for the location that week  
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!



Last year we collected just over 3,000 lbs of plastic. Let's exceed that number this year!

## Good Luck, Rotarians!





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## Far West Fest

May 1-3, 2026 - Grand Sierra Resort  
Reno, Nevada

Welcome Rotarians  
District 5130 - District 5170 - District 5190  
District 5220 - District 5230



[REGISTRATION PAGE](#)

## Far West Fest - 2026 Conference Registration

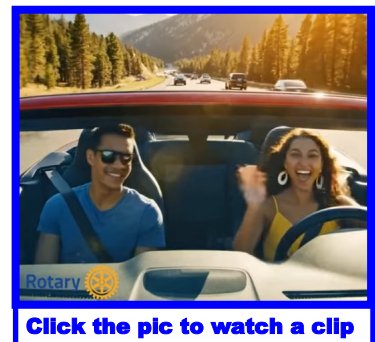
May 01, 2026 - May 03, 2026 [Pacific Daylight Time](#) 🗓️

### Friday, May 1, 2026

- 2:00 PM - Registration Opens
- 5:00 PM - Poolside Welcome Reception and Conference Kick-Off
- Dinner on own at Grand Sierra Resort
- 8:00 PM - Showtime Grand Sierra - Tickets/Pricing TBD - Note: This is not an event organized by the District Conference Committee. Please check the information boards at the hotel to see if there is a show that you would like to see.)
- 9:00 PM - Strike Out Polio Bowling

### Saturday, May 2, 2025

- Mega House of Friendship and Project Fair
- **BREAKOUT/WORKSHOP SESSIONS**
  - D5190 Speech Contest - morning session starting at 9am (All are welcome to attend)
  - D5190 Music Contest - afternoon session (All are welcome to attend)
  - Burners Without Borders - Christopher Breedlove
  - One Degree of Separation - Brad Bonar Jr.
  - Human Trafficking- Awakening
  - Peace Building - Soldiers Song - DG Kristine Redko
  - Empowering Leadership - Barry Posner
- District Breakouts
- Major Donor Reception
- **SATURDAY LUNCH**
  - RYE Students Parade of Flags
  - D5190 Speech Contest Winner
  - D5230 Speech Contest Winner
  - Keynote Speaker Barry Posner - Empowering Leadership
- **SATURDAY DINNER**
  - D5190 Music Contest Winner
  - RYE Parade of Flags
  - Current Presidents & AG parade
  - Keynote Speaker - Brad Bonar Jr. - One Degree of Separation
- After Dinner: District Hospitality Suites



[Click the pic to watch a clip](#)

### Sunday, May 3, 2026

- Interfaith Service
- Gin Fizz/Bloody Mary Mingle - Breakfast
- Mega House of Friendship and Project Fair
- **SUNDAY BRUNCH**
  - President Elects & AG Parade
  - Keynote Speaker - Christopher Breedlove - Burners Without Borders
  - Passing of the DG Line pins/badges - all 5 Districts
- 12:00 PM - Conference Ends



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## June 6th

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.

Benefits youth programs supported in part by the [Rotary Club of Grass Valley](#) and [Bright Futures for Youth](#).

Train here for the [Death Ride](#) on July 11th.

Visit [www.rotarygoldcountrychallenge.com](http://www.rotarygoldcountrychallenge.com)

Rides will be supported and well-marked

Rides will begin/end at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds





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## Program Overview

- General Sessions will take place Sunday-Wednesday, 14-17 June 2026
- Breakout Sessions will take place Monday-Wednesday, 15-17 June 2026
- The House of Friendship will be open Saturday-Wednesday, 13-17 June 2026



Click [HERE](#) for more info