



Rotary Club of Grass Valley



The Spoke



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SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, May 10, 2014

[Register for the event, get more information, help by becoming a volunteer](#)

GOLD COUNTRY CHALLENGE TO FEATURE BIKE RODEO

Now is the time to get the word out about our bike Rodeo. Our club, with the support of Youth Bicyclists of Nevada County and the Calif Highway Patrol, is sponsoring a Bike Rodeo on May 10th at the fair grounds beginning at 11:00. It is free for kids. The participants and their families are invited to the BBQ and entertainment after the Rodeo. BBQ tickets for adults are \$15 and for kids 10 and under it is \$5.

YBONC's bike rodeo program allows youths to pedal on a bike paved and/or dirt path, practice bike safety skill stations and introduces riders to beginner level mountain biking features. Participants receive a goodie bag with race plate no., water bottle, Cliff bar, and a "Bike Safety Skills Completion" certificate.

Other related activities include a recycling bike parts: Key ring Station, recycle bike chains, T-Shirt Stations, & make bike art imprints

March is Rotary Literacy Month

Speakers:

Mar 31 **Peggy Devine - Cancer 101**
Cancer Information & Support Network

Dates to Remember:

Mar 29 **Celebration of Life, Paul Rohrer Carmel, CA**
Apr 1 **Area Speech contest—GV Methodist Church**
Apr 5 **District Assembly - Atlantis Hotel, Reno**
May 10 **1st annual Gold Country Cycling Challenge**
May 15-18 **District Conference—Nugget in Sparks, NV**

Click here to view: [District 5190 March 2014 Newsletter](#)

Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary of Grass Valley has participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange program for many years. Ideally, a student is hosted in three different homes during their ten month visit. We currently have a student from the Canary Islands, and one in Spain. We have a qualified student who will be going to Italy in August, which obligates our club to host another Incoming Student for 2014-2015. I am grateful that Marcia, our Treasurer, has volunteered to be the first Host Family, however, we will need at least another two families to provide a home and family to that student.

Please speak with your spouse, or significant other about hosting a student next year. Single parents are not excluded, nor is being a senior or not having children at home, a barrier. These students are always grateful for the opportunity to be here, and generally quite bright and independent. It is an experience you will not regret. If you are interested, or would like more information, please call me at [530-477-2803](tel:530-477-2803).

Bobbie Swanson, Youth Exchange Officer,
Rotary of Grass Valley



Spring has Sprung! We were all greeted by a smiling Ralph Anderson and started off our meeting with the pledge (to what I am not sure since the Flag had not made an appearance yet) led by Marcia Salter, followed by a thought from Carol Leonard. President Elect Steve Spiller stepped up to the plate and filled in for President Steve Sarantopoulos and Vice President Bob Long as they were both out-of-town.



need as our scheduled program had to cancel at the last minute. Ken kept us all on the edge of our seats with a fascinating walk through the history of a local invention that changed the way electricity was generated forever, the Pelton Wheel. Ken's roots run deep in our

We were visited by fellow Rotarians, Doug McDonald from the Penn Valley Club and Mike Vasquez from the Nevada City 49er club. Dick Panzica brought Mayor Dan Miller to say hello and let everyone know he is up for the District 5 County Supervisor. Eric brought his beautiful better half, MaryAnn Trygg and Ken Holbrook brought his friend John Censil to listen to his craft talk.

community and he shared wonderful anecdotes about his ancestry's connection to the inventor, Lestor Pelton. We were taken on a riveting ride through our community's history and learned about some of the great men and women that made prosperous the cities we call home. Unfortunately, Kenny only had a half hour to tell a lifetime worth of stories. He had to cut us loose, for feat that we were getting bored. Quite contrary was the fact that we all thoroughly enjoyed his stories and appreciate his willingness! All in all... a good meeting.

Anita presented a great idea before the club to invest in a nice display for our booths at local events and district assembly and conference. Everyone agreed it was a good idea and Anita will follow up. We had the opportunity to welcome our newest blue badge member, as President Elect Steve presented Sid Salcido with his shiny new blue badge.

Submitted by Blake Smith

Last but not least, Eric Trygg had to turn to our quietest rotarian, Ken Holbrook, in his time of



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

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.rotaryclubone.org

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Nevada County South,
Alta Sierra Country Club
12:00 Auburn, Auburn Elks Lodge
12:15 Penn Valley, Players Pizza
12:15 Marysville, Peach Tree Golf
& Country Club

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)
12:15 Auburn Gold Country,
The Ridge Golf Course
12:15 Nevada City, National Hotel