



Rotary Club of Grass Valley



The Spoke



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Rotary Friendship Trees

Rotarians have planted trees in the name of fellowship, friendship, and community service since the early 20th century. These trees, which can be found worldwide, have grown into enduring monuments of Rotary's ideals.

As president emeritus, Harris traveled extensively during the 1920s and 1930s, often accompanied by his wife Jean. During these trips, the nature-loving Harris planted trees to symbolize goodwill and friendship.

In the fall of 1932, Harris embarked on a five-week tour of European Rotary clubs and planted trees along the way.

"Wednesday forenoon I planted my first tree of friendship in European soil. It seemed to me especially appropriate that it took place in Germany—in its metropolis—Berlin. The planting occurred in a sports platz formerly devoted to war purposes, and a large number including Rotarians, city officials, and others were in attendance." Harris also planted trees in Tallinn, Estonia, and Göteborg, Sweden, during this trip.

Planting trees soon became a hallmark of his travels, including in Australia, Brazil, Estonia, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand. In *My Road to Rotary* Harris recalled:

"With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and good-will."

Other RI presidents also observed the tradition. In 1931-32, then-RI president Sydney W. Pascall planted trees at the sites of Rotary clubs he visited, reportedly at Paul Harris's suggestion.

Not all of the trees were planted outside the United States. The Harrises often entertained visiting Rotarians and dignitaries in their home, Comely Bank, and planted trees with their guests to mark the occasion. They called the garden their Friendship Garden.

Today, Rotarians continue to plant trees to symbolize enduring friendships and fellowship, to beautify parks and communities, and to contribute to a greener world.

Speakers:

May 12 RYE student Nuria Mathieu
May 19 Field Trip to Lyman Gilmore School
May 26 DARK Memorial Day
Jun 30 Demotion Dinner—Condon

Camp RYLA
2014 Dates

June 16-21
June 23-28
July 14-19

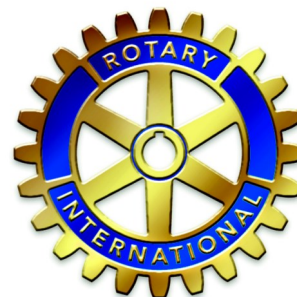
Dates to Remember:

May 10 1st annual Gold Country Cycling Challenge
May 15-18 District Conference—Nugget in Sparks, N
Jun 1-4 Rotary International Convention, Sydney
5/9/2015 2nd Annual Gold Country Cycling Challenge

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Saturday, May 10, 2014



Meeting Highlights May 5, 2014

Rotary Club Of Grass Valley
Spoke Notes for May 5, 2014

President Steve called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. **Anita Daniels** lead the pledge to our flag. **Tim McCall** shared a thought for the day. **President Steve** then reminded the club of some upcoming dates:

- Gold Country Cycling Challenge May 10
- District Conference May 15 – 18
Nugget Hotel in Reno, NV
- Demotion Dinner June 30 – Condon
Park (added by author)
- Gold Country Cycling Challenge #2 May 9, 2015



President Steve acknowledged **Carol Lenhard** as our greeter and **Monty East** as Sargent at Arms. There were no visiting Rotarians and no guests of Rotarians

President Steve then went through a long list of birthdays and anniversaries. Of note: Don and Anita Daniels married 51 years this May, and Pat and Judith Ward married 52 years. That is amazing! **Kris Stepanian** led the club in a song honoring all the May birthdays.

President Steve geared up to hand out fines for confessions. **Kris Stepanian** plugged her participation in the Cash and Cline music extravaganza playing at the Veterans Hall in Grass Valley. **Marcia Salter** confessed her appointment to the prestigious position as President of the Association of County Auditors. She is already a bell ringer, so **George Grayeb** paid her fine. **Jon Peek**'s grandson played baseball in a showcase game; and for that **Jon** was made a Bell Ringer.

President Steve introduced the principal of Lyman Gilmore Middle School, **Chris Roberts**, who introduced and read glowing reports for each of the Students of

the Month. They included:

- John Stanley** 5th Grade
- Isabel Luke** 6th Grade
- Tynan Douros** 7th Grade
- Michel McFall** 8th Grade



Each of the students received a framed certificate, a bag of school supplies, and a standing ovation; all of which were well deserved by these outstanding students. Each recipient then introduced their parents in the audience.

Judy Bagley informed the club that **Larry Faller**'s wife, **Judy**, was in a hospital in Florida with possible pneumonia, and awaiting a pacemaker. (A subsequent email following the meeting passed on the good news that Judy does not have pneumonia, has received her pacemaker, and is doing very well.) Also reported was **Dick Panzica**'s amazing progress. **Dick** is coming home after receiving a heart valve and a four-way bypass. Let's keep them both in our prayers.

For our program, **Bob Long**, our fearless leader of our first annual Gold Country Cycling Challenge, led the club in a very effective assembly outlining all of the import dates, times, and duties necessary to make the event a great success. Our club is very lucky to have such talent and dedication in our ranks.



Spoke notes submitted by: Tim McCall



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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