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Rotary

Club of Grass Valley



Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sean Jackson - President  
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Gina Will - Director Year 1

- Sergeant at Arms - Ed Pinto  
- The Spoke Editor - Ryan Sykes  
- Photographer - Fred Claessens



Spoke Notes were recorded by:  
Seth Leishman

### President of Rotary International

Stephanie A. Urchick



### Governor of District 5190

Dennis Geare

**May 19th, 2025**

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

**Volume 97, Issue 62**

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

What a beautiful day for a Rotary Meeting! The Wolf Creek behind the Wild Eye Pub was babbling, the birds were chirping, and the sun was shining!

Several weeks ago we had the opportunity to recognize the hard working Lyman Gilmore Students Of The Month! You all have continuously worked very hard to reach your academic goals and were unaware that your positive perseverance and determined work ethic would garner such recognition. Great Work! Gilmore Strong!



Tim Salter was our guest...THANK YOU for joining us!

Our guest speaker was one of our very own members, Shauneen Deschaine. She spoke to us about the true meaning of property taxes, how they can be collected, and she gave us a breakdown of the property taxes within county. She also provided us with a great [website](#) that has many great links, including a link to pay your property taxes.



Shauneen Deschaine

Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector  
County of Nevada

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COFESSIONS

Polly went to the UK for a week. The trip was initially going to be with her son for Spring Break, but he got a concussion just prior and was unable to fly. So, Polly and her husband enjoyed London, kid free!

Rod and Susan went to Disneyland!

Seth and the family also went to Disneyland. Seth also celebrated the end of Tax Season by going Bear Hunting. Although it was a very active season at Disneyland, the bears were inactive and most likely in hibernation mode.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Strawberry Music Festival at the Nevada County Fairgrounds later this month. Please [email](#) the Fair Foundation for volunteer opportunities!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: DARK	May 26
Joint Board Meeting (Tentative)	May 28
Club Meeting: Hollie Grimaldi Flores - ABCs and DDs of Getting Older (New Book)	June 2
<a href="#">Gold Country Challenge</a>	June 7
Club Meeting: Christine McCormick - Artificial Intelligence	June 9
Club Meeting: Jamie Hanf – County Public Health – Dental Programs	June 16
<a href="#">Rotary International Convention</a>	June 21-25
Board Meeting (Tentative)	June 23
Club Demotion Party (Tentative and details are TBD)	June 23
Club Meeting: DARK	June 30
<a href="#">Starry, Starry Nights</a>	July 19
<a href="#">District 5190 Conference</a>	May 1-3 2026
<a href="#">Rotary International Conference</a>	June 13-17 2026

### UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

<a href="#">Plastic Recycling Project</a>	Ongoing
Support Lyman Gilmore and Union Hill Schools	Ongoing
Alzheimer's Garden and Litton Trail: Upkeep and Maintenance	Ongoing
Rotary Magazines in Professional and Business Waiting Rooms	Ongoing
Chicago Park Middle School: Goodie Bag Project	Ongoing
Chicago Park Middle School: Graduation Breakfast	June 5
Chicago Park Middle School: Playground Paint Refresh	TBD
Bright Futures: Help with Garden Area Pickle Ball Court	TBD
Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year	TBD
Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence	TBD
Center Stage: Shelves for Costumes	TBD
Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair	TBD
Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance	TBD

### IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN MAY

<a href="#">Birthdays</a>		<a href="#">Rotary Anniversaries</a>	
Andrew Withers	May 2	Jesse McKenna	1 Yr
Seth Leishman	May 2	Seth Leishman	9 Yrs
Jennifer Malone	May 3	Ryan Sykes	12 Yrs
Anita Daniels	May 7	Marcia Salter	17 Yrs
Tim McCall	May 9	John Peplowski	17 Yrs
Fred Claessens	May 13	Tom Stanley	18 Yrs
Bob Long	May 14	John Voter	23 Yrs
Sean Jackson	May 19	Carol Elizondo	23 Yrs
Kris Stepanian	May 20	Scott Browne	29 Yrs
Jon Peek	May 21	Jon Peek	43 Yrs

### [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

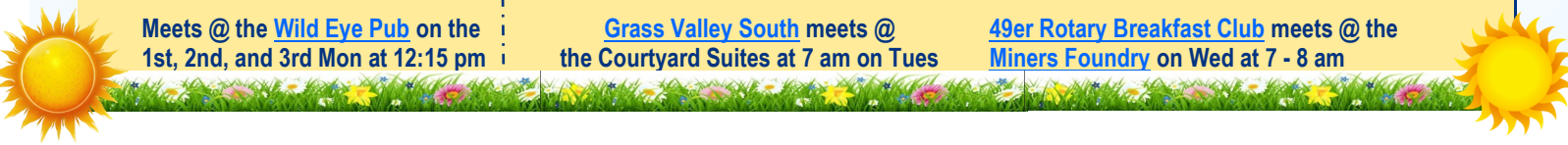
### [Area 4 Rotary Clubs](#)

[Penn Valley Rotary](#) meets @  
[Players Pizza](#) at 12 pm on every other Tues

[Grass Valley South](#) meets @  
the Courtyard Suites at 7 am on Tues

[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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We inducted a new member today! Please welcome, Ty Zwick!

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**Ty Zwick**  
Principal  
Full Circle Financial  
CFP®, M.S. Advisor

## Induction



**Kim**



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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!



We have collected 1,200 lbs of plastic so far this year!

## Great work!





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## June 7th

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.

Visit [www.rotarygoldcountrychallenge.com](http://www.rotarygoldcountrychallenge.com) and pick from five different routes

All rides will be fully supported with water, rest stops, lunch and SAG vehicles.

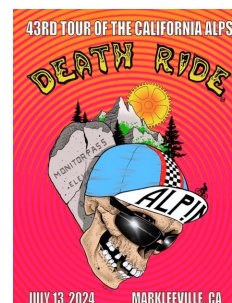
Rides will begin and end at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Afterwards, join us for a delicious, unique hot meal ....and of course, beer and wine (or chocolate milk if you prefer).



Register now for the Death Ride on July 12th

Train at the Rotary Gold Country Challenge 100 miles with 10,000 feet of climbing, but at the 3400 foot elevation level...

Then [Register](#) for the Gold Country Challenge to train up!





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## 2025 International Convention





# MAGIC ALL AROUND

21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

Click the image below!



Register [HERE](#)





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## Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation

presents

### Starry, Starry Nights

*Join us for a captivating evening of dinner, dancing & stargazing*

**July 19, 2025**

*Thank you to our Super Nova Sponsor*

Meyers  
Investment  
Group

BAIRD

*Nevada County Fairgrounds  
Please wear all bright white apparel  
Event Chair: Lisa Swarthout*

Red Rose Society reservations open 8:00 a.m. on May 1st.  
Please call in your reservation and then mail the return card.  
General attendance reservations open May 12th.

**Dress in bright white** for Starry, Starry Nights. Experience the magic of this premier summer event as you make lifelong memories and help create an impact on local healthcare. Enjoy gourmet food and wine, live music, dancing, the "famous" dessert tent, and special surprises. This will be an evening you will never forget, while helping to raise crucial funds for our local, nonprofit Hospital.

#### **Become a Starry, Starry Nights Sponsor**

\$7,500 - Bar, Stage or Sponsors Reception (table of 8)  
\$5,000 - Celestial Sponsor (table of 8)  
\$2,500 - Shooting Star Sponsor (4 seats)  
\$1,500 - Starburst Sponsor (2 seats)  
\$500 - Comet Sponsor

Sponsors are invited to a Sponsors Reception at 5:30 p.m. For additional information on all of the sponsorship benefits, call (530) 477-9700.

**Reservations:** \$200 per person (\$100 tax deductible), assigned seating for tables of eight or ten, complimentary wine bar featuring Sierra Starr Vineyards.

**Reservations include:** Hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dinner, wine, beer, dessert, coffee, dancing and stargazing. No host cocktail bar featuring South Fork Vodka Distillery.

#### **Schedule:**

<b>5:30</b>	Sponsor and Red Rose Early Entry
<b>6:00</b>	Guest Arrival
<b>7:00</b>	Candlelight Dinner by Chef Antonio's Custom Catering followed by our "famous" dessert tent by Emily's Catering & Cakes
<b>8:15</b>	Dancing to Decades
<b>Dusk-11:00</b>	Stargazing

*Event proceeds benefit vital projects and programs at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation.  
Appropriate footwear for a park-like setting recommended.*



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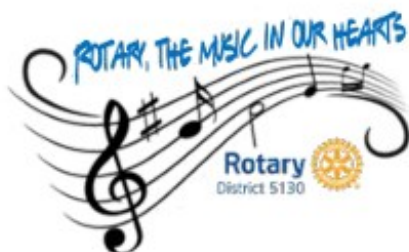
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## SAVE THE DATE!

# Far West Fest 2026 Early Bird Special!



**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The conference is still a year away and some of the final details are being finalized. You will receive a special email with how to register your conference specifics such as food and lodging. **COME JOIN US** for this amazing celebration!

Click on the below image for **EARLY BIRD** registration!



A few tips when filling out the link:

- 1) You will see that the URL has a different District number only because it is managed out of their master ClubRunner account. During the registration process, you will be able to select both your Club and District several times. All monies will be allocated appropriately to each District.
- 2) Please register only Rotarians and adult guests at this time, not YE Students or Rotaractors. We will arrange special registration codes for those audiences at a later date.
- 3) NOTE: We will have plenty of time for District 5130 breakouts, including the obligatory District Business Meeting, District Awards, Special Recognitions, In Memoriam, etc.





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Details to come!