

# Rotary Club of Grass Valley



## The Spoke



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May 20, 2019

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## Club News from 5/13/2019

The District conference this weekend was so inspirational! President Kris will share all of the many awards our club received because, well, we are a truly awesome group of amazing Rotarians! If you have a moment, check out this TED Talk by one of the keynote speakers at the conference. **Lisa Kristine** is an international humanitarian photographer who spoke about her quest to bring the atrocities of modern day slavery to the light. WOW!



### Announcements and confessions:

- Bob Long** had lots of news and updates:  
Gold Country Challenge - 70 riders so far! Look for an email on volunteering from Bob. Auburn Honda is the premier sponsor and they are helping to raffle off a bike. Tickets are \$5. The actual Bike is mounted to a car at Auburn Honda. If you test drive a Honda you get a ticket. Bob has tickets for sale and you can also stop by Sandra's office to purchase at 140 Litton Drive, Suite 200 in Grass Valley. She'll even make you a cup of coffee if you stop by and buy a ticket! Our new storage space at the airport is organized and looking great. Thanks Ken!!! Bob needs volunteers to help clean out the old storage space and move the bike ride items to the airport.
- President Kris announced a thank you letter from SNMH Foundation for the Emergency Department project and welcomed the club into the Red Rose Society. There is a Red Rose Society educational event June 11th at the hospital. Call Sandra at 530-477-9700 for more information.
- Larry on behalf of Ken Holbrook: Ken will be on the panel discussion about the Nevada County historical society and the history of the Miner's Foundry held this Thursday at the Presbyterian church in Nevada City.
- Kim Zwick confession: She and Andy did their tandem bike ride on the continental divide for 560 miles of chapter one. Chapter two is in July. Bell ringer!

**Don Daniels** introduced the speaker. **Jake Sjolund** is the Battalion Chief for the Grass Valley air attack base.

And wow did he talk fast but we managed to get some highlights from his talk. The goal of the Air Attack Base is to coordinate air assets over a fire. The Napa fire had



## Upcoming Programs:

5/20 Lexie Alford - Youngest person to visit EVERY country  
5/27 **DARK - Memorial Day**

## Dates to Remember:

June 1 Gold Country Challenge - NC Fairgrounds  
June 1-5 Rotary International Convention—Hamburg, Germany  
July 1 Demotion at Condon Park - 5:30 pm

many aircraft come out of Nevada County. Cal Fire, Forest Service and BLM coordinate together. They can be anywhere in the state in 20 minutes. 95% of all fires at 10 acres or less is the goal. Aircraft don't put it out but help control for the ground crews to put out the fire. The largest and most damaging fires happened last year. Paradise has been the most devastating in California and the only fire ever declared a natural disaster. The base can provide 120k gallons of retardant a day. Defendable space is key. 30Ft clearance and 100 foot reduction around the house. Retardant can't make it to the ground if there is too much under brush. It takes only take three minutes to refuel and the plane can go up to two hours before refueling. The base just purchased 30 drones.



Tim pulled the black marble! \$68

Come to Monday's meeting and be inspired by Lexi Alford. She is on track to becoming the youngest person to travel to every sovereign nation.

Only 14 days til the GCC and we need your help! It's going to be a GREAT cycling weekend in Nevada County.

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May 2019



Rotary Club of Grass Valley is associated with  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Nevada County project...

**Gold Country**  
Cycling CHALLENGE

Choose between 4 beautiful road rides and 3 gravel/bike options on Saturday. Stay for the Nevada City Brewfest Saturday evening and the exciting Nevada City Classic race on Sunday.

**June 1, 2019**  
and register online at: [RotaryGoldCountryChallenge.com](http://RotaryGoldCountryChallenge.com)

• 100, 75, 55, & 35 mile road options • 40, 40 and beginner gravel options.  
• Excellent ride support and post ride meal. • Saturday evening Nevada City Brewfest  
• Sunday's premier Nevada City Classic pro race.

Take the CHALLENGE.

### Rotary Club of Grass Valley

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](http://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