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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ed Pinto - President
Heather Thorpe - President Elect
Jennifer Malone - Vice President
Jesse Wilson - Most Recent Past President
Tim McCall - Executive Secretary
Judy Bagley - Executive Treasurer

Cheri Hall - Director Year 1
James Delcour - Director Year 2
Stephanie Fischer - Director Year 2
Sean Jackson - Director Year 2
Tom Stanley - Director Year 1
Debra Plass - Director Year 1

- Sergeantat Arms - Don Daniels
- The SpokeEditor - Ryan Sykes
- Photographer - Fred Claessens

Spoke Notes were recorded by: Marcia Salter

President of Rotary International
Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

CREATE LASTING IMPACT Rotary
AIM HIGH WITH Rotary

Governor of District 5190
Kurt Raffetto

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to Randy for joining us this evening to cheer on her husband, President Ed. It was also nice to see Larry, who has been out on a medical leave. Welcome back!

Scott, our club member and Co-Chair of our Club Foundation Committee, spoke with us. He spoke about The Rotary Foundation and The Club Drive.

Scott gave a wonderful overview of how the Foundation works when we give our funds separate from Rotary International and they are then managed by a separate Board of 15 Trustees.

Funds are invested for 3 years and then put to work in the form of District and Global Grants. There are various funds which include Polio Plus, the Annual Fund, the Endowment Fund and the Disaster Response Fund.

Scott mentioned a number of members are using Rotary Direct, which is set up on the MyRotary for an automatic donation through a credit card or bank. A pledge can also be billed to your Club account and will still be credited to your Rotary donation account. If each member donated a minimum of $25 and our club overall averages $100 per capita, our club then qualifies for an additional bonus amount on top of the any District grant amounts for projects which we apply for.

If you have not yet done so:
Please consider making a pledge today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

Jerry sustained a head injury while unloading horses at an event in Oklahoma City. As of this meeting, he was not doing well. Please keep him in your thoughts!

Rod let us know that Susan was recovering from pneumonia and that prior to that they had an vehicle accident. They were shook up, but not hurt. They can't say that for the vehicle, unfortunately.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: Dark	Nov 23
Board of Directors Meeting: Glasson @ 12pm	Nov 23
Cornish Christmas Serving at Chamber of Commerce Wine Booth	Nov 27+
Club Meeting: Dark	Nov 30
Club Evening Social: 5 @ Pete's Pizza	Nov 30

UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

Alzheimer's Garden: Upkeep & Maintenance	Ongoing
Litton Trail: Upkeep and Maintenance	Ongoing
Rotary Magazines in Professional and Business Waiting Rooms	Ongoing
Chicago Park Middle School: Goodie Bag Project	Ongoing
Assist NU Choir – Madrigal Event(s) @ Mt. St. Mary's	Dec 3-5
Club Christmas Party @ Scott Browne's Home	Dec 12 @ 5:30
Assist w/ Food Distribution: 7th Day Adventist Church	Dec 17 @ 9-1
Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Raley's	Dec 12 & 19
Wreaths Across America St Patrick's Cemetery	Dec 19 @ 12
Club Meeting Dark for the Holidays	Dec 21 & 28
Casino Night	Feb 27 2027
Rotary District 5190 Conference in Tahoe	May 14-16 2027
Gold Country Challenge	Jun 5 2027
Rotary International Convention in Spain	Jun 26-30 2027
Viking River Cruise	Aug 18-25 2027

MEMBER DATES IN NOVEMBER

Birthdays!		Milestones!	
Heather Thorpe	Nov 23	Pat Ward	34 Yrs
Montey East	Nov 30	Kelly Quinn	33 Yrs
		Wyn Spiller	32 Yrs
		Anita Daniels	31 Yrs
		Dennis Burbridge	28 Yrs
		Fred Claessens	16 Yrs
		Stephanie Fischer	3 Yrs

THOUGHT OF THE DAY



Rotary Club of Grass Valley
P.O. Box 1213
Grass Valley, CA 95945
1st & 2nd Mon at 12:15 @ the Elks Event Center
3rd Mon at 5:30 @ Nevada County Media
4th Mon - Club Social

Area 4 Rotary Clubs
Grass Valley South meets @ the Litton Bldg, Rm 300 on Tues at 7am
Penn Valley meets @ Players Pizza at 12 - Every other Tues
49er Rotary Breakfast meets @ the Miners Foundry on Wed at 7am
Nevada City Rotary meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 5:30pm for Social Mtgs
*Contact the NC Rotary for the location that week

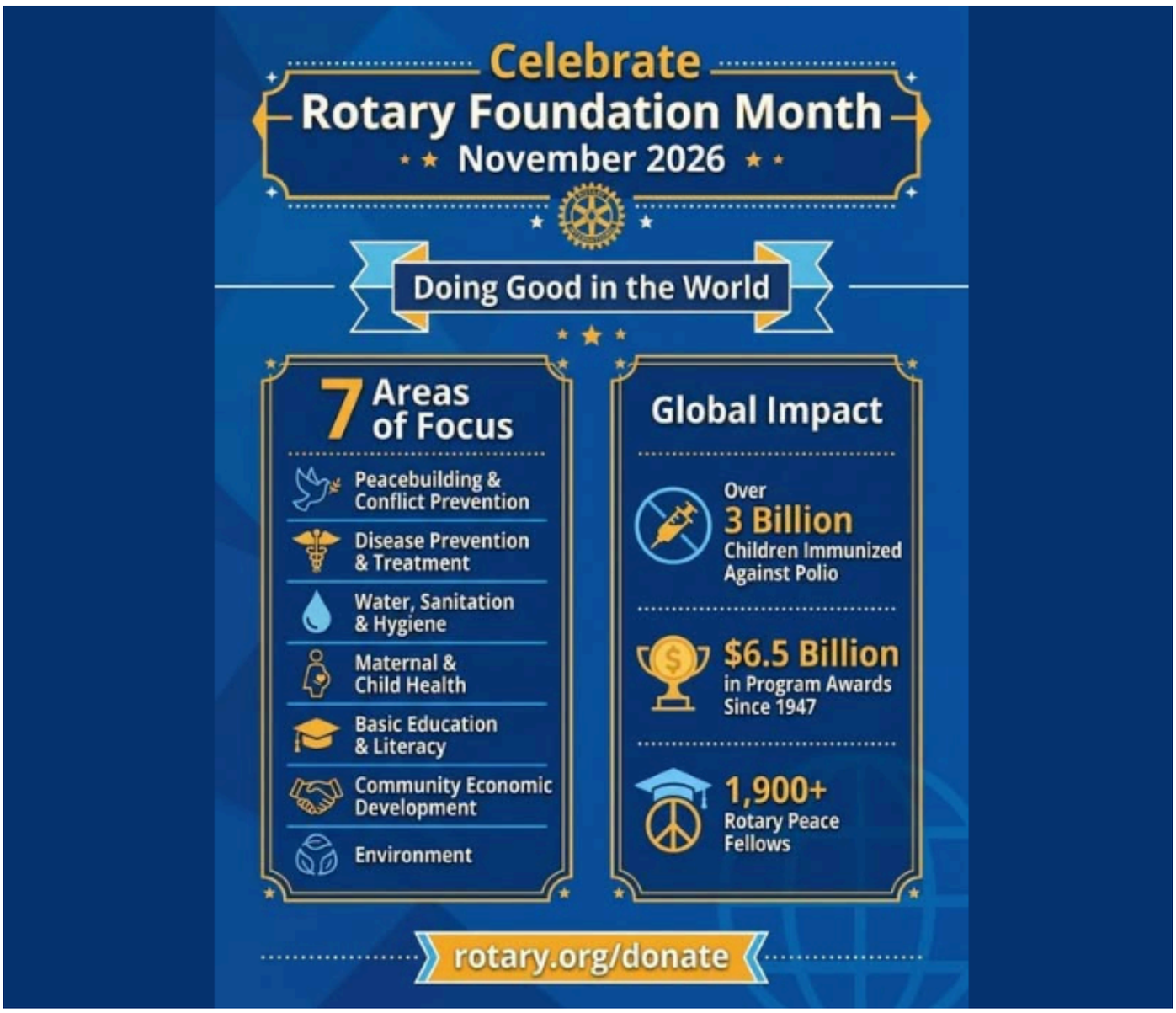
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ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 5:30pm -?

Scott Browne's Residence

Who's Invited: Fellow Rotarians and Guests

What to Bring: A potluck dish for 20
A "White Elephant" Exchange Item

What to Wear: Christmas Casual

What's the Entertainment: It's a surprise, BUT YOU'LL LOVE IT!

What will it Cost: $15 per person to cover the entrees,
Decorations, music, etc.

What are the Entrées: Turkey and Ham provided by the club*

*We will need volunteers to cook the turkey and ham that will be provided by the club; a sign-up sheet will be circulated soon.

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REGISTRATION OPENS 17 SEPTEMBER 2026

REGISTER HERE

SPECIAL DISCOUNT UP TO US$300 OFF! 17-21 SEPTEMBER 2026 ONLY

From **17-21 September**, register for the 2027 Rotary International Convention at the **lowest available registration rate.**

Imagine thousands of Rotary members from around the world gathering in one extraordinary city—sharing ideas, building friendships, finding inspiration, and experiencing the energy that happens when Rotary comes together.

Your invitation to be a part of it is here: convention.rotary.org.

Registration opens **17 September at 12:01 a.m. (Chicago time) at convention.rotary.org.** Be sure to secure your place by **11:59 p.m. on 21 September (Chicago time)** to take advantage of the **special five-day rate.**

Barcelona. Rotary. The world together. Your convention starts here.

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Come cruise with us

PARIS TO NORMANDY

Aug. 18–25, 2027

VIKING
Exploring the World in Comfort®



Set sail with your Rotary friends on a memorable Viking River Cruise, our third such adventure! We had a wonderful time in November 2025 with 36 Rotarians and their families and friends, so we've scheduled an 8-day Viking River cruise from Paris to the Heart of Normandy aboard a small longship with a 190-passenger capacity. If you've never sailed on a river cruise, you must give it a try. It's so different from ocean cruising, and there are no rough seas! **Please consider joining us, August 18–25, 2027.**



This fabulous adventure includes:

- an 8-day cruise with a river-view stateroom;
- 6 guided tours;
- a visit to one UNESCO World Heritage Site;
- all onboard meals, including regional specialties;
- a Culture Curriculum (lectures on Joan of Arc and French Impressionists, learn to say a few words en français, learn how to make tarte au citron);
- beer, wine, and soft drinks with onboard lunches and dinners;
- free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary); and
- port taxes and fees.

Pre- and post-tour options mean more days to explore and discover. Choose from three nights in Paris with a choice of three tour options or three nights in the English countryside exploring Oxford and Highclere Castle. *Some restrictions may apply.*

Average temperatures during our cruise:
Paris 77 high / 56 low
Rouen 72 high / 54 low

PARIS & THE HEART OF NORMANDY
8 DAYS • ROUNDTRIP PARIS

ENJOY PARIS & NORMAN TREASURES. Dock in the heart of Paris, admiring views of the Eiffel Tower and a replica of the Statue of Liberty from your ship. Experience history firsthand at the Normandy beaches and delight in Rouen's Gothic architecture. Explore Giverny and the charming house and gardens where Claude Monet lived and worked, the setting inspiring many of his masterpieces. This voyage celebrates history, art, food and customs in France's most alluring urban and pastoral settings.

DAY	LOCATION	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	INCLUDED TOUR
1	Paris	Embark	Overnight	
2	Paris		Evening	Panoramic Paris
3	La Roche Guyon	Morning	Afternoon	
4	Vernon Seine River	Afternoon	Overnight	Monet Foundation Scenic Cruising
	Rouen	Afternoon	Overnight	Rouen Walking Tour
5	Rouen		Overnight	Normandy Beaches
6	Les Andelys	Morning	Afternoon	Château Gaillard Walk
7	Le Pecq	Morning	Afternoon	Napoleon's Château Malmaison
	Paris	Evening	Overnight	
8	Paris		Disembark	

Call PDG Anita Daniels at 530.272.6036 for more details or to reserve your cabin.