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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Jennifer Malone - Vice President
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- Sergeant at Arms - Don Daniels
- The Spoke Editor - Ryan Sykes
- Photographer - Fred Claessens

The Heart of the Gold Country

Spoke Notes were recorded by: Sean Jackson

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

Monday was a very exciting day for our club. Thank You to Bob, Pam, and Ed for spending your lunch with us. Our Rotary District 5190 Governor, Kurt Raffetto, joined us. Kurt used his time to not only promote Rotary growth, but to recognize members for their proactiveness and accomplishments.



Dave received his High Flyer Award. Thank You for all you do!

Congratulations to all of our new members!

ROTARY CLUB — Cindy — Cindy Leos- Cobian — Healthcare Management — Grass Valley — NEW MEMBER

Western Sierra Medical Clinic
Clinic Manager
Additional Corporate Representative



Kathy received the Quite Rotarian Award

ROTARY CLUB — Sharon — Sharon Russell — Non-Profit - Manager — Grass Valley — ACTIVE MEMBER



Paul Harris Fellow Award



Pam Torkman
Union Hill School



Polio Plus action item donated by Judy. Thank You!

For other exciting news in the club, our previous president, Sandra, got married! Congratulations!

UPCOMING EVENTS

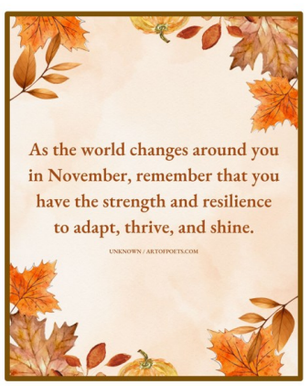
Club Meeting: Grass Valley Fire Department Update	Nov 9
Club Meeting: Club Foundation Drive	Nov 16
Club Meeting: DARK / Board Meeting: 12 @ Glasson	Nov 23
Club Social: TBD	Nov 23
Club Meeting: Polio Plus	Dec 7
Club Christmas Party @ 5:30	Dec 12
Club Meeting: Nevada County Food Bank	Dec 14
Club & Board Meeting: DARK	Dec 21
Club Meeting: DARK	Dec 28

UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

Grange Breakfast: Rough and Ready	4th Saturday
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
Rotary Clubs in Action 2026 @ Truckee Meadows CC	Nov 7
Movie Night: Miners Foundry @ 6:30 - Supports WSMC	Nov 21
Cornish Christmas - Chamber of Commerce Booth	Nov 27-Dec 18
Assist NU Choir – Madrigal Event(s) @ Mt. St. Mary's	Dec 4-5
Salvation Army Bell Ringing	Dec 12&19
Wreaths Across America – St. Patrick's Cemetery @ 12	Dec 19
Casino Night	Feb 27 2027
District 5190 Conference in Tahoe	May 14-16 2027
District 5190 Club Leadership Assembly in Tahoe	May 14 2027
Gold Country Challenge	Jun 5 2027
Rotary International Convention in Spain	Jun 26-30 2027
Viking River Cruise	Aug 18-25 2027
Assist with Food Distribution – NC Food Bank	TBD

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN NOVEMBER

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Heather Thorpe	Nov 23	Pat Ward	34 Yrs
Monty 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



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Meets @ the Elks Event Center on the 1st and 2nd Mon at 12:15 pm
AND
Nevada County Media on 3rd Mon at 5:30

P.O. Box 1213
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Area 4 Rotary Clubs

Penn Valley Rotary meets @ Players Pizza at 12 pm on every other Tues

Nevada City Rotary meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday 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

Grass Valley South meets @ the Litton Bldg, Rm 300 at 7am on Tuesday

49er Rotary Breakfast Club meets @ the Miners Foundry on Wed at 7 - 8 am

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District 5190 Foundation Dinner

Hosted by Area 8

6:00 pm - November 6, 2026

Atlantis Hotel Casino - Reno, Nevada

"The Future is Now"

Join Us as We Celebrate The Rotary Foundation

Keynote Speaker



Carson Costa
Author, Educator
4th Generation Rotarian

"Expanding Our View of the Foundation to Inspire a New Generation of Rotarians"

Doors open at 6pm
Dinner at 7pm

Cost: $60 per person

Rotary District 5190 | AIM HIGH WITH Rotary

Tickets Available at district5190.org

Join us as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation

NOTE: Full table is eight guests.
Please contact the event organizer if you need to modify.

Register

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The Heart of the Gold Country

ROTARY CLUBS IN ACTION 2026

Where Service Meets IMPACT!

Saturday, November 7, 2026 | Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC)
7000 Dandini Blvd., Reno, Nevada

District 5190 Governor Kurt Raffetto and District Governor Elect Richard Forster invite you to **Rotary Clubs in Action** that is designed to be an exciting, fast-paced day of learning, sharing, connecting, and putting ideas into ACTION.

Check out this link to view a map of the campus, the itinerary, and to register!

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Buy Tickets HERE

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GREATER GRASS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- Chamber of Commerce Booth
- Assist with Wine Sales
- Can Promote Casino Night, and Sell Tickets
- Shifts - 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
- Sign Up List - Coming

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ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

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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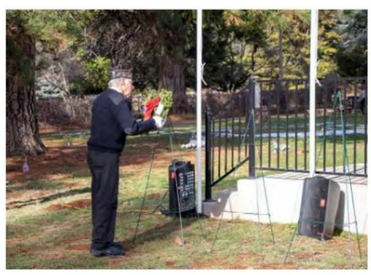
WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Wreaths Across America began unofficially in 1992 at Arlington National Cemetery. Since that time the mission of Wreaths Across America had spread to cemeteries throughout all 50 states and beyond. This year the Wreaths Across America Ceremony will be held on December 19 at over 3500 cemeteries to demonstrate our gratitude and respect for our veterans and the sacrifices they have made. Our ceremony, which commemorates the 34th year of Wreaths Across America, will be held at noon at St. Patrick's Cemetery on Rough and Ready Hwy (next to NID). Ceremonial wreaths will be laid to honor each branch of the U.S. military. Following our ceremony the public will be invited to choose a wreath to place on the grave of a veteran and say the name of the individual. All ages are invited to attend as we Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.



The wreaths are $17 each and the deadline for donations for this year is November 28. All donations must be back to the headquarters in Maine by then.
Our goal is to place wreaths on the graves of veterans at St. Patrick's, Greenwood and Sierra Lawn Cemeteries. To do so we need about 1500 wreaths.You may sponsor a wreath by going directly to : **wreathsacrossamerica.org/CA0231P**



or by mailing a check made out to "Wreaths Across America" to:

Wreaths Across America
BOX 165
Grass Valley, Ca 95945

December 19th
12 Noon
(Cut off for wreath sponsorship is)
(November 28th.)

For questions call Bonnie Magnetti at 530-210-1941

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Yee haw

CASINO NIGHT

DEMIN & DIAMONDS
A TRIBUTE TO DOLLY PARTON

SAVE THE DATE

FEB 27, 2027

NEVADA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
WWW.GVROTARY.ORG

Wear your best pink outfit and blonde wig!

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May 14, 2027 - May 16, 2027 Pacific Daylight Time

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe
111 Country Club Drive
Incline Village, NV 89451
United States of America



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REGISTRATION OPENS 17 SEPTEMBER 2026

Register HERE

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

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.

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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.