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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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- Photographer - Fred Claessens



Spoke Notes were recorded by: Marcia Salter

## President of Rotary International

[Francesco Arezzo](#)



## Governor of District 5190

[Larry Harvey](#)

November 10, 2025

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Our meeting this week was called to order by our President Elect, Ed Pinto. John Spencer, US Army Veteran, joined us. He is the husband of Patti Ingram Spencer, who is a member.

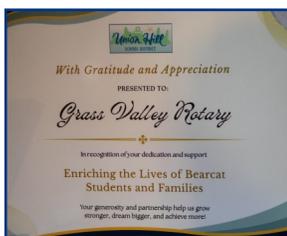


In honor of Veteran's Day falling the day after this meeting, David West, the Nevada County Veterans Officer gave a brief talk. He covered several key benefits, as well as stressed the importance of getting Veteran's enrolled with mental health services.

Member Kelly Quinn was present and acknowledged for his military service with the Army as a helicopter pilot with the 101st Airborne. John Voter briefly spoke of his service with the Air Force and how he ended up in Marysville at Beale AFB.

Our club has 12 Veterans. They were involved with conflicts ranging from The Cold War, to Vietnam, to Afghanistan. On behalf of this great nation, we Thank You!

Colonel (Ret) Pat Ward spoke about his nearly 30 years of service. He flew in over 200 missions and was honorably retired in 1988.



Marcia shared a certificate of appreciation from Union Hill School which was presented at their Community Partners recognition breakfast.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: Gold Country Senior Services	November 17
Club Meeting: DARK	November 24
Board Meeting - WSMC Glasson: 12 -1 pm	November 24
Club Meeting: TBD	December 1
Club Meeting – Bear Yuba Land Trust – Monarch Meadow Program	December 8
<a href="#">Global Goals Global Action – San Francisco – United Nations at 80</a>	December 11
Club Christmas Party – Scott's House	December 13
Club Meeting: DARK	December 15
Board Meeting - WSMC Glasson: 12 -1 pm	December 15
Club Meeting: DARK	December 22
<a href="#">Casino Night</a>	February 7 2026
<a href="#">District 5190 Conference</a>	May 1-3 2026
<a href="#">Gold Country Challenge</a>	June 6 2026
<a href="#">Rotary International Conference</a>	June 13-17 2026

## UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

<a href="#">Plastic Recycling Project</a>	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
Nevada County Food Bank: Holiday Food Service Days	November
Women of Worth: Holiday Meal Cooking	December 4
Salvation Army: Bell Ringing	December
Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year	TBD
Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence	TBD
Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair	TBD
Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance	TBD
Salvation Army: Build Planter Boxes and Chicken Coop	Spring '26

## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN NOVEMBER

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Fatima Hagar	9th	Pat Ward	33 Yrs
Heather Thorpe	23rd	Kelly Quinn	32 Yrs
Monty East	30th	Wyn Spiller	31 Yrs
		Anita Daniels	30 Yrs
		Dennis Burbridge	27 Yrs
		Fred Claessens	15 Yrs
		Stephanie Fischer	2 Yrs

## CONFESSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed told of his recent trip to Arizona. He was full of Tales of the Old West

## 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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## 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 3,000 lbs of plastic so far this year!

## Great work!





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## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

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ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY

*Saturday December 13*

WREATH CEREMONY:

12:00 NOON

WREATHS PLACED IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING CEREMONY



CONTACT: BONNIE MAGNETTI: 530-210-1941 OR BANDBMAGNETTI@YAHOO.COM  
SALLY KNUTSON: 530-478-0192 OR SALLYH11847@GMAIL.COM

Can't make it there?

Click [HERE](#) to find out how to purchase wreaths online to have them placed!

### Location Where Your Wreaths Will Be Placed

CASPGV - St. Patrick's Cemetery

10844 Rough and Ready Hwy

Grass Valley, CA 95945, United States

Full Ceremony

Accepting Grave Specific

December 13, 2025 at 12:00 pm (Wreath

Placement Immediately Following Ceremony)



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**CASINO NIGHT**  
**THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS**  
**SAT 7 FEB 2026**  
Nevada County Fairgrounds  
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## SAVE THE DATE!

# Far West Fest 2026

## Early Bird Special!



[Click HERE](#)

Welcome to the Far West Fest 2026 Registration Website

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** This is a special offer for Rotarians wanting the best price for the conference. The conference is still a year away and some of the final details have not been determined at this time. We are planning an amazing celebration of our amazing contributions to our communities and the world with amazing speakers and entertainment options. When all of the details are finalized you will receive a special email with how to register your conference specifics such as food and lodging. **JOIN US!**

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL PRICING  
EXTENDED THROUGH JULY 12th,  
2025!**



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