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Club News

November 1, 2021 Meeting Notes *(provided by Kathleen Shaffer)*

Pledge was led by Area 4 Asst Governor **Lindy Beatie**.

Visiting Rotarians were **Lindy Beatie** from Penn Valley, and **Cecilia Babkirk**, Rotary E Club, San Jose

Announcements:

Congratulations, **Ryan Sykes**! There will be a work day on November 20 at Ryan's new home, being built by Homes for our Troops. The work shift is only about 2 hours, so we hope Rotarians will sign up to help. The home is a custom built house designed for Ryan's special needs. For more information, and to sign up for the work party, [contact Homes for our Troops](#). They will send you the address and put you on the list for lunch and a T-shirt. Don't forget to bring your garden tools and gloves.

We had a "fine time" for those who deserved the honor:

John Voter for all of his good work in the community.

The **Andrew Jackson** family are expecting a child, their first!

Fred Claessens who didn't see the email about the missing "Rotarians at Work" sign which was in his back seat.

Program: **Wyn Spiller** invited her friend and fellow Rotarian, **Cecilia Babkirk**. Cecilia is a long time Rotarian and has numerous awards for her work in Rotary. When she retired from her career as a Mortgage Broker, she joined the Peace Corps where she was assigned to Ethiopia. Her experience there was amazing. She taught at the high school level and became frustrated with learning methods, so she bought textbooks for her classroom. She explained the housing and the transportation system. To acquaint her students with Halloween, she wore a mosquito net to look like a ghost, which did scare them. Unfortunately, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, the Peace Corps decided to withdraw the volunteers and bring them home. It was the first time this has happened in the Corps history. She didn't want to return home but had no choice. Thanks Wyn and Cecilia. It was an outstanding program.

10,000 Meals - Thanks **SPD** for your help!

There was a shortage of green beans at the Food Bank as reported by ED Nicole McNeely. Green beans are really important for a holiday dinner! So the search was on to find as many cans as possible. We hit the jackpot at SPD. We got 850 cans and a generous discount from manager Ben. We were able to get more from Grocery Outlet and SaveMart so now we have about 1,000 cans of green beans. Holiday dinners are saved.

Nov 8, 2021 Meeting Notes: We are zooming again, but with hopes of beginning to gather in person on the horizon, we are aiming for Jan. 3, 2022

Rod Fivelstad reluctantly accepted the challenge of writing this week's Spoke Notes. So here we go-o-o-o...(thank you, Rod!)

Rod led the Pledge of Allegiance. **President Kathleen** took us through our regular preliminaries. There were not guests, except the speaker, **Bill Tobin** of Shelter Box.

The upcoming big event is the 10,000 Meals event at the **Food Bank** on Tuesday, 11/16 starting at Noon. All club members are encouraged to sign-up and participate in the event. (contact Pres Kathleen to get your time slot) We are not meeting on Monday (11/15), so Tuesday is the official club meeting this week. DARK on Monday, Nov. 22. Our meeting with

Upcoming Programs:

Nov 15 No meeting today—Nov 16: 10,000 meals @ Food Bank
Nov 22 DARK—Thanksgiving week
Nov 29 District Governor's visit
Dec 6 Honduran Children's Libraries

Dates to Remember:

Nov 16, 2021 Meet @ Food Bank for 10,000 meals
Nov 18, 2021 Club Board Meeting via ZOOM
Dec 17, 2021 Club Christmas Party @ Horseman's Lodge 5:15 pm
June 4-8, 2022 [Rotary International Convention](#) in Houston, TX
June 11, 2022 Gold Country Challenge

District Governor Anita will be on Monday, 11/29. The Board meets with Anita in the morning. Anita attends our lunch time meeting, which may be a hybrid zoom and in-person. Keep your eye out final plans closer to the 29th. Our Rotary Club of Grass Valley, Christmas party will be at Horseman's Lodge on December 17. Mark your calendars.

Larry McGrath gave an update on the Rotary Foundation Drive. Phone calls are being made and we hope that we will have 100% participation in the drive. Larry encourages that each of us give at least \$100 to the Foundation. 24 of 61 pledges are already in the books.

Other news including a listing of Rotary Anniversaries and Birthday and Rotary Membership Anniversaries. We had a report about our fun Halloween Trick or Tri-tip event. We had fun and made some money too!

Bill Tobin, a California based representative for Shelter Box gave an inspiring and educational talk on Shelter Box, its successes, and its Partner Relationship with Rotary. If you were not able to attend our meeting, visiting the Shelter Box website and learning more about the critical services Shelter Box provides to the world when there is a crisis. The website is www.shelterbox.org.

Bill then led us in the Four-Way Test, and it was time to say good-bye until we meet again.

November Birthdays

Kathleen Shaffer Nov 6
Heather Thorpe Nov 23
Monty East Nov 30

November Anniversaries

Pamela & Robert Mirkin 4 years

November Rotary Anniversaries

Dennis Burbridge 23 years
Kelly Quinn 28 years
Pat Ward 29 years
Pamela Mirkin 3 years
Anita Daniels 26 years
Fred Claessens 12 years
Nancy Palmer 22 years
Wyn Spiller 27 years

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Rotary Club of Grass Valley

P.O. Box 1213 – Grass Valley, CA 95945

Meeting time: **Monday** at 12:15 PM

[Wild Eye Pub](#)

[535 Mill Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945](#)

Area 4 Clubs:

[Penn Valley Rotary](#) meets @ Players Pizza
Tuesday 12 noon every other week

[Grass Valley South](#) meets @ Litton Bldg
Tuesday 7:00 a.m.

[Nevada City Rotary](#) meets @ Litton Bldg

2nd & 4th Thursday noon lunch

1st & 3rd Thursday 5:30 social

49er Rotary meets @ Miner's Foundry
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.