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**November 17, 2025**

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Another beautiful Autumn day in Grass Valley made for another great day for a Rotary meeting! We had several guests join us today; Scott Mikal-Heine, Superintendent at Union Hill Elementary School District, and Robb Tucker, Nevada County District 2 Supervisor. Welcome and we hope to see you both next week!



Leslie Lovejoy, Executive Director of Gold Country Senior Services, and Tessa Marmorstein, Board Member, spoke to our club today.

The mission on the organization is "... Gold Country Senior Services provides a range of programs and services that support the health, well-being, and independence of older adults in our community.



Definitely explore their website to learn more about the great programs that they have to offer this community! Some of the key programs that they spoke to are:

- [Senior Nutrition](#)
- [Senior Firewood](#)
- [Pet Food Pantry](#)
- [Case Management](#)
- [Sierra Gold Community Senior Center](#)

They also highlighted their Annual Fundraising Gala - "Aging Well" a wine, cheese and chocolate event, will be held on 2/1/2026. Contact them for details!

## THOUGHT(S) FOR THE DAY

"Strive to find things to be thankful for, and just look for the good in who you are." - Bethany Hamilton

"It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart." - Anonymous

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Club Meeting: DARK  | November 24     |
| Board Meeting - CANCELED  | November 24     |
| Casino Night Committee Meeting - Zoom @ 12  | November 24     |
| Club Meeting: TBD   | December 1      |
| Club Meeting - Bear Yuba Land Trust – Monarch Meadow Program                      | December 8      |
| - Lyman Gilmore: Students of the Month  | December 8      |
| <a href="#">Global Goals Global Action – San Francisco – United Nations at 80</a> | December 11     |
| <a href="#">Wreaths Across America – St. Patrick's Cemetery @ 12</a>              | December 13     |
| <a href="#">Nevada County Toy Run</a>   | December 13     |
| 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, 29 |
| <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      |
| <a href="#">Madrigal Dinner: St. Joseph Cultural Center – NU Choir</a> | December 5, 6   |
| Salvation Army: Bell Ringing @ Raleys                                  | December 12, 13 |
| 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

Kellie shared highlights about her recent Yosemite Trip and fined herself.

[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 [Litton Bldg, Rm 300](#) at 7am on Tuesday

[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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**NEVADA UNION CHOIR**

# MADRIGAL DINNER

**SAINT JOSEPH'S CULTURAL CENTER**

**DEC 5 7PM & DEC 6 5PM**

**410 South Church Street Grass Valley, CA. 95945**

Hear ye! Hear ye! Lords and Ladies of the 21st Century, You are hereby invited, nay, commanded, to enjoy Royal Entertainment as honoured guests at the Feaste of Christmas. Ye shall enjoy the finest food and drink His Majesty's stores have to offer and be entertained by the finest musicians and actors the realm has ever seen. Not one will be allowed to leave without a full belly and a joyous heart. The King himself has commanded it!

**Ticket Price - \$50 per Person**

Wine by the glass or the bottle will be available for purchase at the event.  
\$10 a glass, \$30 a bottle  
His majesty demands you pay in cash!  
\*We will not be accepting credit cards for alcohol purchases.

Madrigal Dinner is an event that defies description. It is part concert, part history lesson, part dinner, part comedy routine, and so much more. But there is one thing that Madrigal Dinner is for sure: completely transportive. Transportive to not just another place, but another time. A time of knights and knaves, of wizards and jesters, and of Kings and Queens.

Please purchase all dinner tickets for your party in one transaction to ensure table seating together.  
\*Minimum age recommendation of 12 due to length and content of program.

Click [HERE](#) for more info!



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## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

WWW.WREATHSACROSSAMERICA.ORG/CA0231P



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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Click [HERE](#) to hear an invitation from the RI President

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## 34th Annual Nevada County Toy Run



### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

RAIN OR SHINE - ALL BIKES WELCOME

★ ORIGINAL ROUTE ★

Arrive at Eric Rood Center - 950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City, CA  
Leave Rood Center at Noon & Proceed to Nevada County Fairgrounds

**For more info visit:**

**NEVADACOUNTYTOYRUN.COM**

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## Casino Night Beverage Basket Auction

The Heart of the  
Gold Country



- Gift baskets of alcoholic beverages will be prepared and offered for auction
- Donations needed - Member contributed – or Solicited
- Basket ideas identified so far:

|                   |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ✓ Beers           | ✓ Martini                           |
| ✓ Margaritas      | ✓ Wine                              |
| ✓ Full Mixologist | ✓ Moscow Mule                       |
| ✓ Bourbon/Whiskey | ✓ Small Batch Whiskey Taster Flight |
| ✓ Bloody Mary     | ✓ Tiki Vacation                     |
| ✓ Gin and Tonic   | ✓ Bar Special Ingredients           |



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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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