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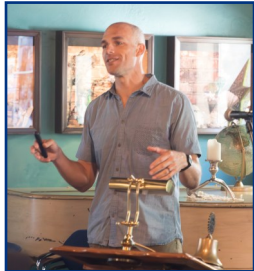
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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Several guests joined us for today's meeting: Robb Tucker, the Nevada County Supervisor, District 2; Aaron Zettler-Mann, Executive Director of SYRC ([South Yuba River Citizens League](#)); and Brett Bentley, Executive Director of the Food Bank of Nevada County.



Aaron was our guest speaker today. He shared some of his professional background with us, as well as an overview about the SYRC.

"The SYRC was founded in 1983 by grassroots activists determined to protect the South Yuba River from dams. Ultimately, SYRC won permanent protections for 39 miles of the South Yuba River under California's Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Today, SYRC is the central hub of community activism to protect, restore, and celebrate the Yuba River watershed. With decades of achievements, 3,500 members, and 1,300 active volunteers, SYRC is doing great things for the Yuba watershed. Together, we are extending our powerful coalition from the Sierra to the sea."

As you may have guessed, this is a multi-faceted organization. However, Aaron was able to condense a large portion of the SYRC into several key topics:

- Restoring Environmental Process
- Educating Stewards and Change Makers
- Inspiring Activism

There are so many upcoming events, trips, and tours that the SYRC has planned for the future. Go to this [link](#) to check them all out!

Now, the Queen of Hearts was able to dip out of the Kingdom for a short bit to help promote our [Casino Night](#)! It's going to be an enchanting night! We hope to see you there!



UPCOMING EVENTS

District 5190 Foundation Dinner	November 7
District 5190 - "Rotary Clubs in Action" - Reno - Truckee Meadows CC	November 8
Club Meeting: Veterans Day Special Recognition	November 10
Area 4 Comedy Show - Monique Marvez - Polio Plus Fundraiser	November 14
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
Global Goals Global Action - San Francisco - United Nations at 80	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
Casino Night	February 7 2026
District 5190 Conference	May 1-3 2026
Gold Country Challenge	June 6 2026
Rotary International Conference	June 13-17 2026

UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

Plastic Recycling Project	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

The Trick or Tri-tip was a success! Our club made over \$3,000, we served 205 meals and provided 42 meals to the Booth House. Big Thanks to everyone!

[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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"IT'S A BIG DEAL!" Save the date for the 2025 Rotary District 5190 Foundation Dinner

Hosted by Area 8

Date: Friday, November 7th, 2025
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno, NV

Doors open at 6pm

Dinner at 7pm

Cost: \$60 per person

Join us as we celebrate

The Rotary Foundation

Registration opens September 15th

The Rotary Clubs in Action event is
Saturday, November 8 at Truckee
Meadows Community College. Consider
being dark that week and
encourage member participation in both
events

Click [HERE](#) to register



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Registration Now Open!!

Rotary Clubs in Action: Where Service Meets Impact!

A District 5190 Leadership & Development Event.

See the Power of People Coming Together!
Rotary Clubs are not just meetings – they are engines of change, filled with energy, compassion, and action. From building homes to fighting hunger, from mentoring youth to supporting hospitals, Rotarians roll up their sleeves and get things done.

November 8, 2025 at Truckee Meadows Community College



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[Contact Truckee Meadows Community College](#)



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

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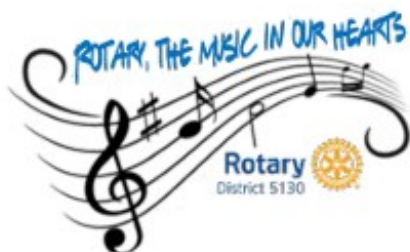
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SAVE THE DATE!

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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