



# Rotary Club of Grass Valley



# The Spoke



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## 4 Star Rating for the Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation earned a 4-star rating from [Charity Navigator](#), the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States.

The 4-star rating, the highest that Charity Navigator awards, recognizes sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. Charity Navigator evaluates thousands of nonprofits each year, and only one of four earns 4 stars.

This year's top distinction marks the Foundation's sixth straight, placing it in the top 3 percent of U.S.-based charities. In a letter to the Foundation, Ken Berger, the president of Charity Navigator, wrote, "This 'exceptional' designation differentiates The Rotary Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

*From RI News*



**Rotary is at work in our community!** Grass Valley Rotarians complete another phase of the Lyman Gilmore Amphitheater project. Work on pouring the concrete for the stage was completed on October 19.

## Speakers:

Nov 4 Foundation Drive  
Nov 11 DARK—Veteran's Day  
Nov 18 Sid Salcedo -Salvation Army  
Dec 16 Lyman Gilmore Christmas Choir

November is Rotary Foundation Month

## Dates to Remember:

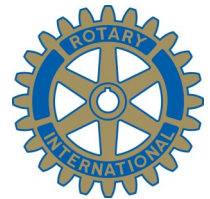
Nov 14 Foundation Dinner—Miner's Foundry 5:30pm  
Dec 14 Club Christmas Party 6:00 pm—Osnas home  
Feb 8 Casino Night—Fairgrounds  
May 10 1st annual Bike Race

Click here to view: [District 5190 Newsletter October 2013](#)

## The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



## Avenues of Service

Club Service Chair - Steve Spiller  
Foundation Chair - Jon Byerrum  
International Service Chair - Valerie Logsdon  
Membership Chair - Tim McCall  
New Generations Chair - Blake Smith  
Community Service Chair - GV Rotarian needed  
Vocational Service Chair - GV Rotarian needed



[Want to learn a little about daylight savings?](#)

**VP Steve Spiller**, ran the meeting, in President Steve's absence

**Keith Royal** led the Pledge.

**Monty East** gave the Thought for the Day.

**Fred Claessens** Photographer for the Day

**Scott Browne** was conscripted to do Spoke Notes

**Visiting Rotarians: Nate Beason** –

Visiting Rotarian from 49'er club.

### Announcements:

- **President Steve Sarantopolous** was absent to further his career. He is taking a professional exam.
- **Wyn Spiller** announced Chuck Pyle concert to benefit the RYE and Polio Plus at Nevada City Winery. Starts at 7 pm on Friday and tickets are \$25. Theme is Country Western.
- **Jon Byerrum** announced the Foundation Dinner is going to be November 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm at the Miners Foundry
- **Scott Browne and Valerie Logsdon** volunteered to help with the bar
- **Larry Fallor** advised the club of his recent river cruise from Amsterdam to Vienna and Prague.
- **Rich Toothman** confessed about recent trips to Alaska and Amsterdam and volunteered to become a Bell Ringer.



- **Jon Peek** bragged about the NU Miners. Jon is the kicking coach, and states that his players did very well – even though the team lost the game badly.
- **Lee Osnas** confessed that he also went to Alaska and is going to be leaving for Cambodia shortly. Lee also reminded the Club about the **Christmas party** at the Osnas residence on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**Program: Pat Ward and Dick Panzica** talked about the Homecoming for the Vietnam War POWs in 1973

**Pat** introduced the **guest speaker**

Rotarian **Dick Panzica** who was personally involved in the reception of American POW's repatriated from North Vietnam in 1973. Dick showed a touching video about the event. Pat and Dick then talked about the homecoming event. There were 591 POWs released from North Vietnam, and a total of 660 prisoners including those that were held in South Vietnam. Dick and Pat were in the Air Force stationed in Okinawa at the time and Dick was selected out of his unit to greet and escort a POW home, along with some 107 other escorts.



Dick met his POW, "Jerry" when he arrived at Clark AFB and Jerry talked all night about his time in the "Hanoi Hilton" in North Vietnam. He told Dick that POW's were tortured regularly as part of the North Vietnamese efforts to break them down. Jerry was also kept in solitary confinement for 2 years. The prisoners would communicate between their cells by tapping out messages using a simple code.

Dick spent time with Jerry in Okinawa and then rode back with him to New Jersey and spent a week with him, while Jerry re-acclimated. It wasn't easy and Dick was glad he was there to help Jerry out during this difficult transition.

Dick never spoke to Jerry after that. It was not a part of the program and most POW's just wanted to forget everything associated with their experience.

Pat and Dick then showed a video from the Nixon Presidential Library about a huge party President Nixon threw for the POWs in 1973 on the White House lawn and a 40 year commemoration of that event held at the Nixon Presidential Library.

It was a remarkable tale of courage and patriotism, that with 40 years of hindsight we can see was not properly appreciated by the American public at the time.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.



### Rotary Club of Grass Valley

P.O. Box 1213 – Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Meeting location: **Monday** at 12:15 PM  
The Holbrooke Hotel – 212 W. Main St.

### Make Up Meetings

Members who miss a regular meeting may make-up by attending any other Rotary club's meeting within 14 days before or after the missed meeting.

### E-makeup: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

#### Tuesday

- 7:00 a.m. Nevada County South, Alta Sierra Country Club
- 12:00 Auburn, Auburn Elks Lodge
- 12:15 Penn Valley, Players Pizza
- 12:15 Marysville, Peach Tree Golf & Country Club

#### Wednesday

- 7:00 a.m. 49er Breakfast Club, Escaton Lodge
- 7:00 a.m. Auburn Daybreak, Sierra Smokehouse Grill
- 12:15 Yuba City, The Refuge

#### Thursday

- 7:00 a.m. South Yuba County Sunrise Peachtree Restaurant (Marysville)