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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Our club met at the Elks Lodge on Monday at 12:15 went beautifully! This will be a wonderful place to hold our meetings at!

Thank You to Sharon Russell for joining us! Hope to see you next week!

Members of the [Nevada County Sheriff's Animal Control Humane Emergency Animal Rescue Team \(H.E.A.R.T.\)](#) spoke with us today . [Check out their recent article in The Union.](#)

HEART was started in the aftermath of the Camp Fire. There are over 120 volunteers that mobilize during a crisis to give HEART the power to aid our community during its time of need. Our area has faced many natural emergencies. People are far more likely to seek shelter for themselves if they are able to flee with their animals and HEART works to ensure the animal's safety. The PETS Act of 2006 requires counties and states provide for evacuation and the care for animals during an emergency event. HEART currently has two main evacuation locations; the [Horseman's](#) and the [Fairgrounds](#). There are several different animal rescue groups out there, however HEART is well trained and able to seamlessly integrate with CAL Fire behind the fire line. Check out their website and make plans now for the future. "Failing to plan is planning to fail". You can also go to their website to apply to become a HEART volunteer!



Pat received his
Paul Harris x6 pin today!
Congrats!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: Nevada County Magicians Guild - Magicians and Magic Tricks -	Oct 12
Club Meeting: Robert Freeman - The Global Uplift Program	Oct 19
Club Meeting: Kurt Raffetto - Annual District Governor Visit	Nov 2
Club Meeting: Grass Valley Fire Department - Fire Department Update -	Nov 9
Club Meeting: Scott Browne - Club Foundation Drive Update	Nov 16

UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

Grange Breakfast: Rough and Ready	4th Saturday
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
Rotary Club Of Grass Valley South: 1st Annual Poker Run	Oct 11th
Rotary Club of Nevada City: Pumpkin Palooza	Oct 15th
Casino Night	Feb 27 2027
Rotary District 5190 Conference	May 14-16 2027
Rotary International Convention	Sept 17-21 2027
Gold Country Challenge	Jun 5 2027
Viking River Cruise	August 18-25 2027

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN OCTOBER

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Judy Wirkner	Oct 2	Jon Byerrum	37 Yrs
Wyn Spiller	Oct 14	Rod Fivelstad	27 Yrs
Pat Ward	Oct 15	Teresa Conger	3 Yrs
Andrew Jackson	Oct 18	Peter Van Houten	1 Yr
Lee Osnas	Oct 25		
Ed Pinto	Oct 30		

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

CONGRADULATIONS TO LYMAN GILMORE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



President Ed is asking all club members to find time in their schedules to attend the meeting. We are starting a new meeting experience and your attendance at club meetings is encouraged.

Dave did the Tunnels to Towers race in NYC! Awesome Work!

Bob recently returned from a 24 day Tuscany Trip. Everyone knows about how lovely Italy is, but few highlight the Chianti!

Diana's Grandchild started school where she used to be principle!



[Rotary Club of Grass Valley](#)

Meets @ the [Elks Event Center](#) on the 1st and 2nd Mon at 12:15 pm
AND
[Nevada County Media](#) on 3rd Mon at 5:30

P.O. Box 1213
Grass Valley, CA 95945

[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 Thursday 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:

- ◆ Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital
- ◆ Nevada County Food Bank
- ◆ AJA Electronics
- ◆ Hills Flat Lumber

The plastic is then recycled and made into [TREX Benches](#)



We have collected and recycled almost 2,000 pounds of commercial plastic this year.
We are well on our way to a goal of 4,000 lbs. in 2026

Good Luck, Rotarians!



Rotary "Service Above Self"

Bob Long
Tim McCall
Fred Claessens
Marcia/Tim Salter
Dave Zucca
Ed Pinto

Thank You!





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ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY SOUTH
PRESENTS 1ST ANNUAL

POKER RUN



Proceeds to fund community projects supporting local youth and families

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th

Start at The Red Frog, Colfax
Uncle Sonny's Bar, Grass Valley
Trailblazer Craft Pizza & Brews, Grass Valley
The Tack Room Restaurant & Bar, Penn Valley
Finish at Western Gateway Park, Penn Valley

Registration 10-11am ~ First out 11am ~ Last in 3:30pm

MUSIC ~ DOOR PRIZES ~ BEST HAND AND WORST HAND PRIZES
SWEENIE'S WEENIES & LAZY DOG ICECREAM FOR PURCHASE AT WGP

RIDERS & CARS: \$30
\$10 PER EXTRA HAND

INFO/TICKETS AT GVSROTARY.ORG

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE, USING QR
CODE, OR PAY WITH CASH AT THE EVENT



ALL TYPE OF BIKES AND CARS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

MORE INFO



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Pumpkins Palooza Family Celebration



Pumpkin Auction & Restaurant Raffle Bonanza Miners' Foundry Cultural Center

Thursday, October 15, 2026 ~ 5:30-8:00pm

A fun-filled community event featuring **painted pumpkin auctions, family activities,** and our **Restaurant Raffle** drawing!

Restaurant Raffle Grand Prize:

\$1,000 Taste of the Town at 10 Restaurants

Plus, Smaller Bite Drawings for even more chances to win!

Unbeatable odds for food lovers ~ only 100 tickets at \$100 to be sold!

Come for the fun, stay for the cause supporting:

- Local youth and community service projects
- Rotary's mission to end polio

Just in time for Halloween!

Costumes are encouraged, not required!

Entry fee \$10/adult with students and kids free



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In partnership with the
City of Nevada City,
Nevada City Public Arts Commission, &
Nevada City Chamber of Commerce

SCAN FOR DETAILS



NevadaCityRotary.org
Pumpkins Palooza



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District 5190 Foundation Dinner Hosted by Area 8

6:00 pm - November 6, 2026
Atlantis Hotel Casino - Reno, Nevada

“The Future is Now”

Keynote Speaker

Join Us
as We Celebrate

The
Rotary
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Carson Costa

Author, Educator
4th Generation Rotarian

*“Expanding Our View of
the Foundation to Inspire a New
Generation of Rotarians”*

Doors open at 6pm
Dinner at 7pm

Cost: \$60 per person

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Tickets Available at district5190.org

Join us as we celebrate
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[Register](#)

NOTE: Full table is eight guests.

Please contact the event organizer if you need to modify.



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ROTARY DISTRICT 5190

OFF WE GO *into the*
WILD BLUE YONDER

2027 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Early Bird Registration Ends December 31, 2026

MAY 14-16
2027
LAKE TAHOE

REGISTRATION



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
BARCELONA, SPAIN | 26-30 JUNE 2027
SAVE THE DATE

Rotary   **BARCELONA**
2027



REGISTRATION OPENS
17 SEPTEMBER 2026

[REGISTER HERE](#)



SPECIAL DISCOUNT
UP TO US\$300 OFF!
17-21 SEPTEMBER 2026 ONLY

From **17-21 September**, register for the 2027 Rotary International Convention at the **lowest** available registration rate.

Imagine thousands of Rotary members from around the world gathering in one extraordinary city—sharing ideas, building friendships, finding inspiration, and experiencing the energy that happens when Rotary comes together.

Your invitation to be a part of it is here: convention.rotary.org.

Registration opens **17 September at 12:01 a.m. (Chicago time)** at convention.rotary.org. Be sure to secure your place by **11:59 p.m. on 21 September (Chicago time)** to take advantage of the **special five-day rate**.

Barcelona. Rotary. The world together. Your convention starts here.



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Come cruise with us PARIS TO NORMANDY

Aug. 18–25, 2027
VIKING
Exploring the World in Comfort



This fabulous adventure includes:

- an 8-day cruise with a river-view stateroom;
- 6 guided tours;
- a visit to one UNESCO World Heritage Site;
- all onboard meals, including regional specialties;
- a Culture Curriculum (lectures on Joan of Arc and French Impressionists, learn to say a few words en français, learn how to make tarte au citron);
- beer, wine, and soft drinks with onboard lunches and dinners;
- free Wi-Fi (connection speed may vary); and
- port taxes and fees.

Pre- and post-tour options mean more days to explore and discover. Choose from three nights in Paris with a choice of three tour options or three nights in the English countryside exploring Oxford and Highclere Castle. *Some restrictions may apply.*

Average temperatures during our cruise:
Paris 77 high / 56 low
Rouen 72 high / 54 low

Set sail with your Rotary friends on a memorable Viking River Cruise, our third such adventure! We had a wonderful time in November 2025 with 36 Rotarians and their families and friends, so we've scheduled an 8-day Viking River cruise from Paris to the Heart of Normandy aboard a small longship with a 190-passenger capacity. If you've never sailed on a river cruise, you must give it a try. It's so different from ocean cruising, and there are no rough seas! **Please consider joining us, August 18–25, 2027.**



PARIS & THE HEART OF NORMANDY 8 DAYS • ROUNDTrip PARIS

ENJOY PARIS & NORMAN TREASURES. Dock in the heart of Paris, admiring views of the Eiffel Tower and a replica of the Statue of Liberty from your ship. Experience history firsthand at the Normandy beaches and delight in Rouen's Gothic architecture. Explore Giverny and the charming house and gardens where Claude Monet lived and worked, the setting inspiring many of his masterpieces. This voyage celebrates history, art, food and customs in France's most alluring urban and pastoral settings.

DAY	LOCATION	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	INCLUDED TOUR
1	Paris	Embark	Overnight	
2	Paris		Evening	Panoramic Paris
3	La Roche Guyon Vernon	Morning Afternoon	Afternoon Overnight	Monet Foundation Scenic Cruising
4	Seine River Rouen		Overnight	Rouen Walking Tour
5	Rouen		Overnight	Normandy Beaches
6	Les Andelys	Morning	Afternoon	Château Gaillard Walk
7	Le Pecq	Morning	Afternoon	Napoleon's Château Malmaison
	Paris	Evening	Overnight	
8	Paris		Disembark	

Call PDG Anita Daniels at 530.272.6036 for more details or to reserve your cabin.