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# The Spoke Newsletter



**Rotary**  
Club of Grass Valley



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October 20th, 2025

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Rotary Club of Grass Valley met up at our weekly meeting location, the Wild Eye Pub. The meeting was called to order and presided over by our Vice President, Mr. Ed Pinto. We did have one guest at today's meeting, David Zucca of Nevada City. Welcome! We hope to see you again at our next meeting in November!

We received an update from representatives of the [Grass Valley Police Dept. Pink Patch Project](#). Throughout the month of October, law enforcement departments across the county are raising funds in support of [Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#). All proceeds will benefit the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation to support breast cancer imaging services.



Today's speakers were Jamie Hanf and Shannon Glaz from the Nevada County Public Health Department, representing the [Clear the Air Nevada County Coalition](#). They shared information on the importance of smoke-free housing and the health risks associated with both [Second-Hand Smoke \(SHS\)](#) and [Third-Hand Smoke \(THS\)](#).

They highlighted that chemical residue from tobacco smoke can remain on clothing, skin, furniture, walls, and other surfaces long after smoking has occurred, increasing the risk of cancer and other serious health conditions. The coalition recommends the adoption of smoke-free policies for all multi-unit housing, including balconies, patios, and shared common areas, as the most effective way to reduce SHS and THS exposure.



**Public Health**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<a href="#">Rotary Club of GV South - Pints for Polio – BrewHaus</a>	Sunday's in October
<a href="#">Club Meeting - DARK</a>	October 27
<a href="#">Board Meeting - WSMC Glasson @ 12 - 1</a>	October 27
<a href="#">District 5190 Foundation Dinner</a>	November 7
<a href="#">District 5190 – "Rotary Clubs in Action" – Reno – Truckee Meadows CC</a>	November 8
<a href="#">Global Goals Global Action – San Francisco – United Nations at 80</a>	December 11
<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
<a href="#">Alzheimer's Garden and Litton Trail: Upkeep and Maintenance</a>	Ongoing
<a href="#">Rotary Magazines in Professional and Business Waiting Rooms</a>	Ongoing
<a href="#">Chicago Park Middle School: Goodie Bag Project</a>	Ongoing
<a href="#">World Polio Day: Pancakes For Polio (w/ 49er)</a>	October 24
<a href="#">Halloween BBQ Drive Thru – Lyman Gilmore Middle School</a>	October 25
<a href="#">Nevada County Food Bank: Holiday Food Service Days</a>	November
<a href="#">Women of Worth: Thanksgiving Meal Cooking</a>	November
<a href="#">Salvation Army: Bell Ringing</a>	December
<a href="#">Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year</a>	TBD
<a href="#">Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence</a>	TBD
<a href="#">Grass Valley Charter School: Sign Repair</a>	TBD
<a href="#">Wolf Creek Trail - Glenn Jones Park : Signage and Maintenance</a>	TBD
<a href="#">Salvation Army: Build Planter Boxes and Chicken Coop</a>	Spring '26

## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN OCTOBER

<u>Birthdays</u>		<u>Rotary Anniversaries</u>	
Judy Wirkner	Oct 2	Teresa Conger	2 Yrs
Wyn Spiller	Oct 14	Rod Fivelstad	26 Yrs
Pat Ward	Oct 15	Jon Byerrum	36 Yrs
Andrew Jackson	Oct 18		
Lee Osnas	Oct 25		
Ed Pinto	Oct 30		

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity;  
an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty".  
- Winston Churchill

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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BREWBILT BREWING  
**BrewHaus**  
NEVADA CITY CALIFORNIA

# PINTS FOR POLIO

**SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER**



WE ARE PROUD TO PARTNER WITH  
**THE ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY SOUTH**  
THIS MONTH TO SUPPORT "PINTS FOR POLIO".  
EVERY SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, WE WILL DONATE  
**\$1 FROM EACH PINT OF BEER SOLD TO**  
SUPPORT THE **GLOBAL FIGHT TO END POLIO.**



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**DRIVE THRU BBQ**

Featuring

**BILLS CHUCKWAGON**

\$25 per meal, \$89 Family Meal (Serves 4)  
Tri-Tip, Beans, Garlic Bread, Brownie & Salad

**OCTOBER 25, 2025**

Lyman Gilmore Middle School

4pm to 6pm

**WWW.GVROTARY.ORG**

Proceeds benefit local schools, youth programs,  
and club projects.



We are also supporting the Salvation Army Grass Valley Corps once again by donating BBQ meals to Booth House residents. Our goal is 50 donated meals. If you would like to donate a meal or more to the Salvation Army, you can do that outside of the online registration process. Just contact the club.

**Register [HERE](https://www.gvrotary.org)**





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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**



**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**



[Contact Truckee Meadows Community College](#)





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## CASINO NIGHT

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

**SAT 7 FEB 2026**

Nevada County Fairgrounds

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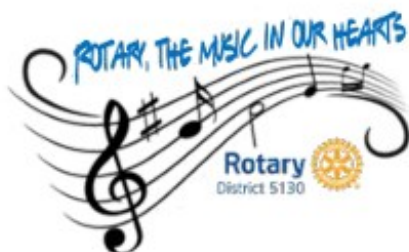
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## SAVE THE DATE!

# 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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## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026

Rotary 

 **TAIPEI**  
2026

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