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Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A beautiful start to Autumn made for a great day to have a Rotary Meeting at the Wild Eye Pub! Isaac Deeds joined our meeting today as a Guest of Pres. Jesse...WELCOME!

Our speaker today was Andria Mason, from the [Dolly Parton Imagination Library](#) and whom also happens to be a Nevada City Rotarian.



This is a free book program for children from birth to age five. Every enrolled child receives one book per month, regardless of demographic.

The State of California offers a 50% match for all programs in the state, so we're already operating at a wonderful cost reduction. The price per child per year is \$15.50, so the Grass Valley Rotary Club's contribution to this initiative will cover the cost for 32 kids in Nevada County this year! We're creating an annual sustainability plan for fundraising and every dollar invested into the Imagination Library will have lasting impacts on our community for years to come.

The Annual Foundation Drive has officially begun! The Rotary Foundation supports global efforts such as: Aid to Ukraine, Emergency Medical Supplies, Shelter Clean Water Initiatives, and Polio Eradication. Every dollar goes directly to the Foundation's impactful work. Our club has proudly maintained 100% member participation in donations for the past 10 years, making us eligible for district grants. [Please contact Bob](#) for your opportunity to donate.

We welcomed Dr. Peter Van Houten as a new member! Dr. Van Houten is known for pioneering behavioral health integration in medicine and is affiliated with the Western Sierra Medical Group. He also speaks on the health benefits of meditation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONFESSIONS

Andrew – Bell Ringer – Traveling to Mexico
Heather – Bell Ringer – Returned from Iceland
Monty – Bell Ringer – Returned from Colombia and Ecuador
Scott B – Bell Ringer – Returned from Sweden

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rotary Club of GV South - Pints for Polio – BrewHaus	Sunday's in October
Rotary Club of Grass Valley South – Poker Run	October 11
Club Meeting: DARK	October 13
Casino Night Committee Meeting @ 12-1 on Zoom	October 13
Pumpkins For Polio	October 15
Rotary Club of Penn Valley - Pups 4 Polio	October 18
District 5190 Foundation Dinner	November 7
District 5190 – "Rotary Clubs in Action" – Reno – Truckee Meadows CC	November 8
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
Chicago Park Middle School: Playground Paint Refresh @ 10-12	October 11
World Polio Day: Pancakes For Polio (w/ 49er)	October 24
Halloween BBQ Drive Thru – Lyman Gilmore Middle School	October 25
Nevada County Food Bank: Holiday Food Service Days	November
Women of Worth: Thanksgiving Meal Cooking	November
Salvation Army: Bell Ringing	TBD
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: Planter Boxes and Chicken Coop	Spring '26

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN OCTOBER

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
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

"Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."
-Mark Twain

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 2,500 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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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





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2025 Pumpkins for Polio

The creativity around pumpkins is in the air!

Judy's team of artists have begun their magic. These amazing pumpkins are by Nikki Ahrens and Judy!

Pumpkins Painting Workshops



Calling creative artists ~ and want-a-be's! Want to paint pumpkins? **SIGN UP** for **Pumpkin Painting Workshops:**

Saturday, September 13, 2:30-5:30pm
& Thursday September 18, 5:30-8:30pm.

Merchants can sign up to **showcase our painted pumpkins!**

Click for details on our **Pumpkins Palooza - Family Fun and Pumpkin Auction Event** planned for **Thursday, October 15** at Miners Foundry Cultural Center.

A big thanks to all our farmers! Enjoy our **Pumpkin Patch 2025 album.**

[**More Info...**](#)

[**Sign Up...**](#)



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**Rotary Club of Penn Valley & Friends of the Western Gateway Dog Park
Present**



PUPS 4 POLIO

**Service Volunteers Celebrating Service Dogs
At Western Gateway Park on
Saturday, October 18, 2025
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Free Admission — Fun for the Entire Family
Leashed, well-behaved dogs are welcome!**



**Professional Pic with your dog
just in time for the holidays**



**Food Trucks, Vendors &
Live Music**



Working & Service Dog Demonstrations

- Police & Sheriff K-9s
- Guide dogs
- Therapy dogs
- Agility dogs

**Proceeds to benefit youth services and local community projects & Rotary International's mission to
eradicate polio globally**



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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

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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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District 5190



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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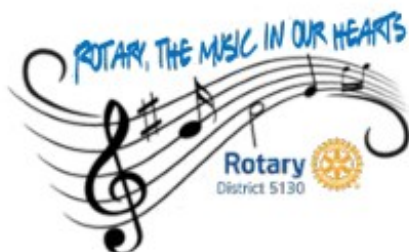
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SAVE THE DATE!

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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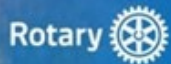
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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



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