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October 7th, 2024

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Jen Singer, Executive Director of [Bright Futures for Youth](#) (BFFY) was our guest speaker today. BFFY is a community-focused nonprofit organization committed to addressing the ever-changing needs of youth, from sixth-graders to those in their mid-20s in Nevada County. The three program areas are [SAFE](#), [NEO](#) and [Friendship Club](#) combined to be BFFY 4 years ago. To meet the growth of the organization, BFFY was able to upgrade to a larger facility a year ago. The organization follows Positive Youth Development practices. Funding for the organization comes from both private and public partnerships.



Jen reported some startling facts for our Nevada County youth. 1 out of 5 live under the poverty level, 1 out of 7 are experiencing food insecurity, and 1 out of 20 are experiencing homelessness. The organization is working hard to help our youth and the need has grown. They went to 75 girls in the Friendship Club to 500+ youth. They are able to provide these children with tutors, counselors and mentors. They have paid internships for kitchen crew who become certified for food handling. They are feeding kids and have served 13,000 meals. They expect that need to increase to 25,000 meals.

There are multiple ways that we can help support BFFY. You can:

Attend the Community Open House to learn more:
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
200 Litton Drive, Grass Valley

Your dollars can make a difference and change a life. [Donate Now!](#)

Volunteers keep us going, from cooking meals to mentoring youth. [Volunteer Now!](#)

[The Cinderella Project](#) offers free prom attire, dresses and gowns for youth. Give a Gown

Lyman Gilmore Students also are planning to walk to school from a nearby Park&Ride on a specified date for Ruby Bridges and her foundation.

Click the image to go to the website



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Your true character is most accurately measured by how you treat those who can do 'Nothing' for you." — Mother Teresa

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Visioning Session - Hospice Conf Rm @ 4:30-9	(RSVP) October 10
Club Meeting - DARK	October 14
Domestic Stepanian @ Nevada County Horseman	October 19
Paws and a Cause	October 20
Club Meeting - District Governor Geare Visit	October 21
World Polio Day - Pints for Polio	October 24
Club Meeting - DARK	October 28
Board Meeting - DARK	October 28
Halloween Book Giveaway - Rood Center and Helling Library	October 31
Country Christmas Faire	November 29 - December 1
Casino Night	February 1
Rotary Presidential Peace Conference	February 20-22
Club Centennial Celebration	March 28
Gold Country Challenge	June 7
Rotary International Convention	June 21-25

UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

Plastic Recycling Project	Ongoing
Gaga Ball Pit Installation at TLC	TBD
Halloween Drive Through BBQ (Trick or Tri-Tip)	October 26
Thanksgiving Dinner for Women Of Worth	November
Beer Pours at County Christmas Faire	November
Salvation Army Bell Ringing	December
Rotary At Work Day	April 25
Grad Breakfast at Chicago Park Middle School	June

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN OCTOBER

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Judy Wirkner	Oct 2	Teresa Conger	1 Yr
Wyn Spiller	Oct 14	Rod Fivelstad	25 Yrs
Pat Ward	Oct 15	Jon Byerrum	35 Yrs
Andrew Jackson	Oct 18		
Lee Osnas	Oct 25		
Ed Pinto	Oct 30		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU the crew that manned Aid Station 5 during the [Heart of Gold Gravel Bike Race!](#)



[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 @ [TJ's Roadhouse](#) 2nd and 4th Thurs at 12:15 pm
Food order RSVP needed the day prior at [ncrotary.org](#). 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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Hurricane Helene made landfall in the Big Bend area of the Florida Gulf Coast as a Category 4 storm late in the evening of September 26, 2024. Helene's largest impacts were across the southern Appalachians where widespread severe and unprecedented flooding occurred with hundreds of fatalities and billions in property damage. Strong wind gusts damaged property and blew trees and power lines down in a swath from the Gulf Coast to the North Carolina mountains.

Hurricane Helene has caused widespread devastation in Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas, leaving countless families in need of urgent assistance. Rotary Zones 33/34 are responding swiftly, and your support is crucial in helping the hardest-hit areas.

Please use the donation link below to contribute to recovery efforts.

Here is the donation link: [Zone 33-34 Foundation](#)

Rotary Zones 33/34 Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization (EIN 81-3880345.)
Donations may be tax deductible for U.S. residents, in accordance with IRS regulations.

Rotary Zones 33-34 is the southeast coastal areas of the US. The next Zones to the west is 30/31.
Rotary Zones 30/31 are still promoting the non-profit foundation of Zones 33/34 to support
Hurricane Helene Relief.

There is also:

[The American Red Cross: Donate to Disaster Relief](#)

[Samaritan's Purse: U.S. Disaster Relief](#)

[Team Rubicon](#)

(D5190 directly supported Team Rubicon in the Grizzly Flat area for Caldor Fire recovery operations)



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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!



Over 2,700 pounds of commercial plastic collected so far this year!

GREAT WORK, KEEP IT UP!



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LIVE MUSIC



NEVADA COUNTY HORSEMEN
PRESENTS:



Rotary will be selling treats for
the fight against Polio!



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
AWESOME MUSIC, INCLUDING
SOME NEW SONGS FROM THIS
LOCAL MOTHER AND SON DUO!



DOMINIC STEPANIAN | KRIS STEPANIAN

19 OCT 2024



7:00 PM

LOCATION: TRAILS END CLUBHOUSE
10600 BUBBLING WELLS RD,
GRASS VALLEY

COVER
PRICE

\$10

PER
PERSON

NO HOST BAR



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024
12:30-4:30PM
PIONEER PARK ~ NEVADA CITY

A tail wagging day of fun
games & competitions,
pet & food vendors,
prizes & raffles, photo booth,
Doggie Yappy Hour, and more...



A FUNdraising event to support
youth & community causes.

Tail wagging
thanks to:



NEVADA COUNTY PROPERTIES
RECREATION REALTY, INC.

Register
More details



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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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TRICK OR TRI TIP

DRIVE THRU BBQ
SANTA MARIA STYLE



Saturday, October 26, 2024
Lyman Gilmore Middle School
4:00pm to 6:00pm

\$25 Per Meal
\$89 Family Meal (serves 4, includes brownies)
Tri-Tip, Garlic Bread, Beans, Salsa, Salad
Tickets at www.gvrotary.org

Event proceeds benefit local schools, youth
programs and projects of Grass Valley Rotary

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Deadline for Meal Purchase is October 23rd.

Register [HERE](#)

Click on the image to the right to check out our
YouTube video with additional information.!





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FAMILY FUN!

NEVADA CITY

HALLOWEEN

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AND

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BOOK GIVEAWAY!

FREE!

October 31, 2024 • 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Government Center, 950 Maidu Ave. & Madelyn Helling Library

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SAVE THE DATE

Healing in a Divided World
PRESIDENTIAL PEACE CONFERENCE

Istanbul, Turkey • 20-22 February 2025
Learn more at [Rotary.org/istanbul25](https://rotary.org/istanbul25)



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June 7th

Ride the beautiful and historic back country of Nevada County.

Nevada County was the heart of California's gold rush. Surrounding the charming mining era towns of Grass Valley and Nevada City, you'll ride through some of the most beautiful landscape California has to offer.

Rides will be fully supported and well-marked

Rides will begin at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds





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2025 International Convention





MAGIC **ALL AROUND**

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