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Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



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- Sergeant at Arms - Ed Pinto
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- Photographer - Fred Claessens



Spoke Notes were recorded by: Sean Jackson

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[Kurt Raffetto](#)

September 14, 2026

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

[Moose Lodge 2217](#) was gracious enough to host us this week in their dinning hall. After quickly ironing out A/V issues, we were good to go! Sharon Russell and her partner, Ed were several Rotarians that joined us this week! Welcome and Thank You!

[Our Rotary Club member and Attorney at Law, Richard \(Rich\) Keene, was or presenter today.](#)

“Rich is a native of California. He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1986, and earned his law degree from Santa Clara University in 1992. In addition to family and professional life, Mr. Keene is very involved in the community and has served on the boards of local nonprofit organizations, been involved in coaching youth sports, Boy Scouts of America, and been an active Rotarian as time allows. Rich has been practicing law continuously since 1992. Rich values the interaction with individuals and families that working as an estate planning attorney brings.”

His presentation mainly focused on Estate Planning. It is primarily most beneficial to begin this process long before the days leading up to an individual becoming incapacitated or immediately following that individual’s death. This is a very important process that needs to happen sooner rather than later to insure the proper allocation of assets and monies.

This is a process and the executor of a person’s estate should be organized, honest, and ethical. This will help to move the process along smoothly during an already difficult time!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

- | New Club Meeting Location – Grass Valley Elks Lodge
- First Meeting – October 5th
 - First two Mondays each month
 - Meetings scheduled through December – then location evaluated
 - Lunch provided - \$18.00 – Soup/Salad – Sandwich or Pasta – Beverages
 - 22 meal minimum each meeting - attendance encouraged
 - Parking in old BOA lot – at least for 2 months – then city lot planned there
- | Other Meetings
- Third Monday – Nevada County Media – 5:30 pm
 - Fourth Monday – Board Meeting – Noon – WSMC Glasson
 - Club Socials – Will be scheduled – next one September 28th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting @ [Nevada County Media](#) @ 5:30 Sep 21
Club Meeting: DARK / Board Mtg: Glasson @ 12 Sep 28
Club Social: Grass Valley Brewery @ 5 Sep 28
[Area 4 Social](#) Oct 5

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
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
Highway 49 Gateway Sign Rebuild TBD
[Rotary Club Of Reno - Oktoberfest](#) Oct 1st
[Rotary Club Of Grass Valley South: 1st Annual Poker Run](#) Oct 11th
Casino Night Feb 27 2027
[Rotary District 5190 Conference](#) May 14-16 2027
[Rotary International Convention](#) Sept 17-21 2027

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Tom Stanley	Sep 3	Judy Wirkner	37 Yrs
Jon Byerrum	Sep 21	Judy Bagley	25 Yrs
Jerry Trammell	Sep 27	Larry Faller	18 Yrs
Joanne Osnas	Sep 29	Scott McFarland	18 Yrs
		Jesse Wilson	5 Yrs
		Poly Conley	4 Yrs

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY / ROTARY MINUTE



[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 [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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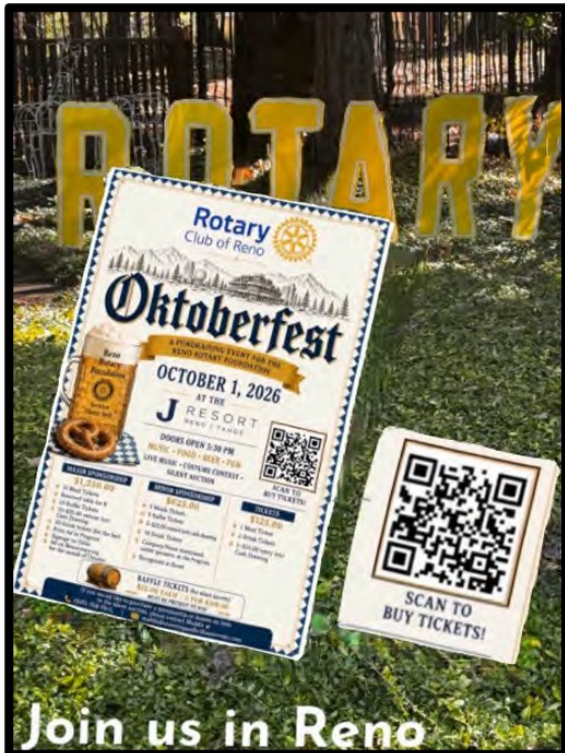
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Club of Reno



UNITE FOR GOOD

Annual Fundraiser, music, food, refreshments, at the J Resort.

Click [HERE](#) for more info



Starting October 5 Again,
please be sure to wear a
visible Rotary Pin to our
meeting.



**TIM MCCALL WILL BE LOOKING FOR THOSE NOT WEARING A
ROTARY PIN.**

**THERE WILL BE A \$1.00 FINE FOR THOSE NOT WEARING A PIN.
COLLECTED FINES WILL GO TO POLIO PLUS.**



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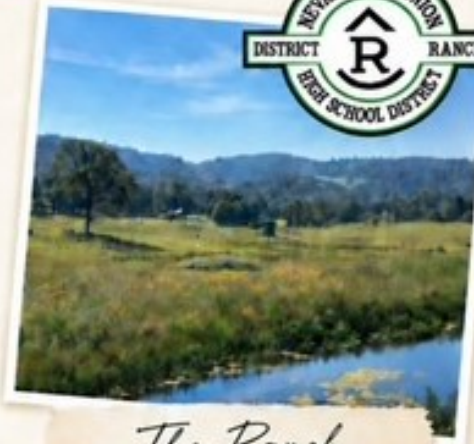
Rotary District 5190 Area 4 Social

*Good People
Stronger Communities*

You're Invited!

Join fellow Rotarians for an evening of connection,
conversation, and a beautiful ranch setting.

- Location:** The Ranch @ Nevada Union High School
- Date:** Monday, October 5
- Time:** 5:15 - 6:30 PM
- Ranch Tour:** 5:30 PM
- Food:** Appetizers, finger foods & beverages
Charcuterie boards included
- Price:** \$20 per person billed to your club
- RSVP by:** Monday, September 28
- Please RSVP:** with your name, number attending,
and club name.



The Ranch
13765 Chukar Drive, Grass Valley



GOOGLE
RSVP LINK



MAP

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

RSVP



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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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D5190 Foundation Dinner

Hosted by Area 8

6:00 p.m. - November 6, 2026
Atlantis Hotel Casino - Reno, Nevada



District 5190 Foundation Dinner

Nov. 06, 2026 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. [Pacific Standard Time](#)

“THE FUTURE IS NOW”

2026 Rotary District 5190 Foundation Dinner

Hosted by Area 8

Date: Friday, November 6th, 2026
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno, NV

Doors open at 6pm

Dinner at 7pm

Cost: \$60 per person

Keynote Speaker



Carson Costa

Author, Educator

4th Generation Rotarian



Join us as we celebrate

[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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[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

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.

Important deadlines

21 September 2026: Last day for special promotional discount

31 March 2027: Last day for preregistration discount

30 June 2027: Last day for onsite registration