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Rotary
Club of Grass Valley





Club 529 chartered March 16, 1925

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ed Pinto - President
Heather Thorpe - President Elect
Jennifer Malone - Vice President
Jesse Wilson - Most Recent Past President
Tim McCall - Executive Secretary
Judy Bagley - Executive Treasurer

James Delcour - Director Year 2
Stephanie Fischer - Director Year 2
Sean Jackson - Director Year 2
Tom Stanley - Director Year 1
Cheri Hall - Director Year 1
Debra Plass - Director Year 1

- Sergeant at Arms - Don Daniels
- The Spoke Editor - Ryan Sykes
- Photographer - Fred Claessens



[President of Rotary International](#)

[Olayinka Hakeem Babalola](#)

CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT

Rotary 

[Governor of District 5190](#)

[Kurt Raffetto](#)

September 21, 2026

www.gvrotary.org

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

[Nevada County Media](#) (NCM) hosted this week's meeting, and invited us to visit and tour their office and studio.



This was hosted and led by Ramona Howard - the Executive Director of NCM.

NCM maintains a goal of creating a new approaches to collaboration, education, and entertainment- with local community members. Through working to give a voice to our community, they cover local organizations, local individuals, and local government.

NCM also participates in several different internship programs and vocational trainings- while also spearheading their new program "[Youth Voices for Change](#)".

WHAT WE DO

Our Big Project - Nevada County Now
Bringing a community together to deliver something back.....and to help people learn new skills



Community Messages
Making the news of our local nonprofits a priority



Local News
Keeping a community informed and connected



Going Beyond the Studio
Live streaming, cable broadcasting and on-demand programming

NEVADA COUNTY MEDIA

Subscribe to their [YouTube page](#) for regular updates!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONFESSIONS

Remember to wear your pin!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: DARK / Board Mtg: Glasson @ 12	Sep 28
Club Social: Grass Valley Brewery @ 5	Sep 28
Club Meeting: Nevada County Sheriff's Office - Animal Control Operations -	Oct 5
Area 4 Social	Oct 5
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 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
Gold Country Challenge	Jun 5 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

[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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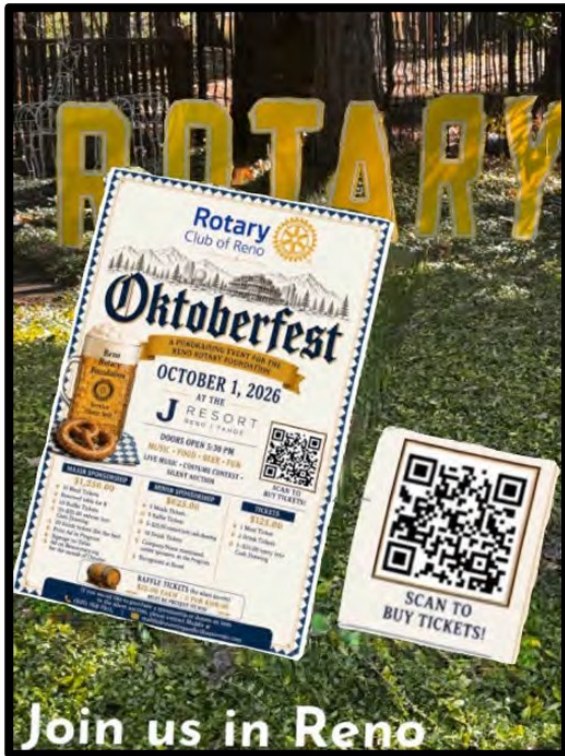
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UNITE FOR GOOD

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

Click [HERE](#) for more info



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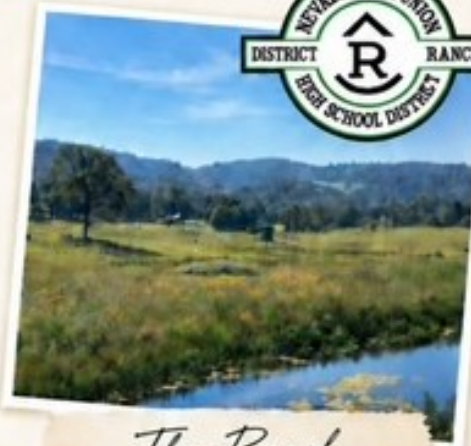
Rotary District 5190 Area 4 Social

*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



NOTE: Full table is eight guests.

Please contact the event organizer if you need to modify.

[Register](#)



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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