

Rotary Club of Grass Valley



The Spoke



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Spoke notes from the Viking river cruise ship *Vili* on the Main River outside of Wertheim, Germany.

After traveling across the US, jumping over the pond and one third of Europe we find ourselves floating majestically down the historic Main River which will shortly join the Rhine. Surprisingly, or not, we found that there were several other groups of Rotarians on board so president elect Browne thought it might be fun to have a spontaneous meeting on board and invite all Rotarians, spouses, and other interested parties to attend. We had visiting Rotarians from Michigan, Maryland, Visalia and Nevada City. We will have a craft talk from our cruise director which will be open to one and all and then have a small meeting after Terry's (our cruise directors) talk. We also heard from the chief engineer, and the hotel manager.



We have braved airports, foreign coinage and languages, become somewhat proficient in Google Maps, eaten exotic and wonderful food, entered and exited sixty-three locks, yes, sixty-three, and learned that Anita and Don can still shake it down and cut a rug.



Since we make up almost one fourth of the passengers everyone on board now knows where Grass Valley, California is and what we do as Rotarians. At the very least, the crew all greets us as we leave and reboard the ship with "Here come the Rotary people."

Viking has done itself proud and treated us as if we were much more important than we really are; a gaggle of Californians having a wonderful time exploring the world and this incredible part of Europe. I really have lost count but as close as I can remember we have visited five to six UNESCO heritage sites, not bad for a group from the foothills.

I know I speak for one and all of us on board when we praise Anita and Don for the incredible job of coordinating, planning and stewarding us on this once in a life-time experience! THANK YOU TWO!!

For most of the meeting we shared our most memo-

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orable moments of our journey ranging from a noble taxi driver who returned a forgotten camera to the comradery of the group of not just our group but of everyone on board and of course being on the river. We also shared ideas of ways to raise more money for our projects. Scott Browne ran our meeting, Don Daniels acted as greeter (doing his usual wonderful job), Rod Fivelstad gave our inspirational thought of the day, Carol Lenhard led us in the four way test, and the river acted as sergeant at arms because if anyone misbehaved we simply tossed them in the river. We had 18 Rotarians, including a number of visiting Rotarians from other American clubs and four guests in attendance, including the Viking Vili Program Director Terry Turnbull. We shared favorite experiences from the trip thus far and then what are the various clubs doing to help their communities. It was great to share Rotary experiences and fellowship so far from home.



We have thought of you all often and fondly. Hope everything is going well.



Humbly submitted, R. Toothman

September Birthdays

Tom Stanley
Steve Sarantopoulos
Nancy Palmer
Jon Byerrum
Steve Sauer
Jerry Trammell
Carol Lenhard
Tom Lathrop

September Anniversaries

John and Suzanne Voter
Dennis and Linda Burbridge
Ken Holbrook & Cheryl Relstab
Kim Zwick and Andy Bernadett

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P.O. Box 1213 – Grass Valley, CA 95945
Meeting location: **Monday** at 12:15 PM
Holbrooke Hotel, 212 W. Main St, GV

Make Up Meetings

Members who miss a regular meeting may make-up by attending any other Rotary club's meeting within 14 days before or after the missed meeting.

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Grass Valley South,
[Union Square Bldg](#)— 6pm social
last Tues of month
12:00 Auburn, [Auburn Elks Lodge](#)
12:15 Penn Valley, [Players Pizza](#)
5:00 Auburn Sunset, [Sierra Grill](#)

E-makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. 49er Breakfast Club,
[Lodge at Escaton](#)

Thursday

12:15 Auburn Gold Country
[The Ridge Golf Course](#)
12:00 Nevada City, [National Hotel](#)
Except 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 5:30pm