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Rotary

Club of Grass Valley



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September 8th, 2025

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October is Around the Corner – and So Are Our Club Happenings!

President Jesse officially rang us into today’s meeting....yes, with his bell, which has finally returned from its mysterious travels. While Jesse isn’t entirely sure what adventures the bell had on its “vacation,” he does admit he has a few suspects in mind regarding who its companions may have been!

We were pleased to welcome guest Scott Maddock of B&C Ace Hardware, who joined us for today’s meeting.

Ed Pi0nto passed around the signup sheet for this much anticipated fall tradition. The committee is especially looking for someone to work alongside Judy Bagley at the registration table, with the goal of eventually taking over this role at future events. This is a great opportunity to get more involved and keep our events running smoothly!

Our featured speaker was Emily Reichert, representing the [local chapter of Guide Dogs for the Blind \(GDB\)](#).

Emily gave us an inspiring look at how GDB empowers individuals who are blind or visually impaired to live with greater confidence, independence, and mobility. Founded in 1942, Guide Dogs for the Blind has grown into the largest guide dog school in North America, providing services completely free of charge.



Training & Partnership: Each dog undergoes extensive training to ensure they can safely and effectively guide their handlers through all sorts of environments. Once matched, the handler and dog train together to build trust and communication.

Volunteer Puppy Raisers: Emily shared heartwarming stories of local volunteers who raise puppies during their first year of life, teaching them basic skills and socialization before they move on to advanced guide dog training.

Community Impact: Beyond guide work, GDB dogs often become beloved companions and emotional anchors for their handlers. Many recipients describe their dogs as life-changing, providing not only mobility but also a renewed sense of freedom and joy.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: Ayurveda College	September 15
<a href="#">Gold Country Duck Race</a>	September 21
Club Meeting: DARK	September 22
Club Board Meeting: WSMC Glasson @ 12-1:30	September 22
Club Social: Bright Futures for Youth	September 22
Halloween BBQ Committee Meeting @ 9 on Zoom	September 26
Club Meeting: Laughter Shock Improv	September 29
<a href="#">Pumpkins For Polio</a>	October 15
<a href="#">Casino Night</a>	February 7 2026
<a href="#">District 5190 Conference</a>	May 1-3 2026
<a href="#">Gold Country Challenge</a>	June 6 2026
<a href="#">Rotary International Conference</a>	June 13-17 2026

## UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

<a href="#">Plastic Recycling Project</a>	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
REGL Camp Grizzly: Portola	September 19-21
<a href="#">Rotary Club of Nevada City – Paws and a Cause</a>	September 27
Chicago Park Middle School: Playground Paint Refresh @ 10	October 11
World Polio Day: Pancakes For Polio (w/ 49er)	October 24
<a href="#">Halloween BBQ Drive Thru – Lyman Gilmore Middle School</a>	October 25
Nevada County Food Bank – Holiday Food Service Days	TBD
Salvation Army – Bell Ringing	TBD
Interfaith Food Ministries: Saturdays 2 to 4 times a year	TBD
Kare Crisis Nursery: Help Repairing a Fence	TBD
Center Stage: Help Repairing Dance Floor	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	TBD
Women of Worth: Thanksgiving Meal Cooking	November 2025

## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN SEPTEMBER

<a href="#">Birthdays</a>		<a href="#">Rotary Anniversaries</a>	
Tom Stanley	Sept 3	Polly Conley	3 Yrs
Jon Byerrum	Sept 21	Jesse Wilson	4 Yrs
Jerry Trammel	Sept 27	Scott McFarland	17 Yrs
Joanne Osnas	Sept 29	Larry Faller	17 Yrs
		Judy Bagley	24 Yrs
		Judy Wirkner	36 Yrs

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.”  
- Isaac Newton -

[Rotary Club of Grass Valley](#)

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[Grass Valley, CA 95945](#)

Meets @ the [Wild Eye Pub](#) on the  
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mon at 12:15 pm

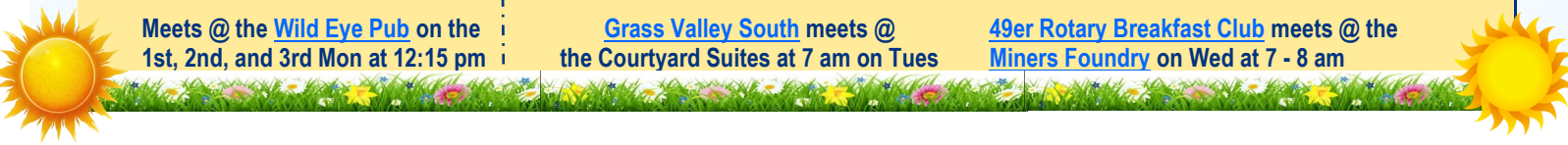
[Area 4 Rotary Clubs](#)

[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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## SAVE THE PLAY DATE

### PIONEER PARK, NEVADA CITY

September 27, 2025 1~4pm

Play, learn and compete!

- Local Veterinarians
- Dog Trainers
- Pet Stores & Supplies
- Animal Rescue
- Wellness Specialists
- Fun Contests
- Agility Circuits
- Lassie tales and wellness from Timmy (Jon Provost) and more...



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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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**34th Annual  
Gold Country**

**49er Breakfast  
Rotary**  
of Nevada City



## DUCK RACE



**\$5,000**  
1st Prize

**\$1,000**  
2nd Prize

**\$500**  
3rd Prize

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

**Noon-3:30pm**

**Duck races begin at 12:00 PM! Grand Prize Final at 3:30 PM.  
Watch the action on Deer Creek at Broad Street in  
downtown Nevada City!**



**Ticket sale donations benefit the local projects of 49er Rotary  
Race entry tickets will be available at the event**



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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

**WWW.GVROTARY.ORG**

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.



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## CASINO NIGHT

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

**SAT 7 FEB 2026**

Nevada County Fairgrounds

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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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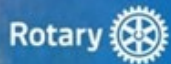
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## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



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