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[Stephanie A. Urchick](#)



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[Dennis Geare](#)

September 9th, 2024

[www.gvrotary.org](http://www.gvrotary.org)

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## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At today's meeting, Steve Johnson, the Deputy Chief of the [Grass Valley Police Department](#) was our main speaker. Steve gave a detailed and engaging talk about Grass Valley Police Department and its many programs.



Derek presented a inspiring Rotary Minute about the project in the Philippines. He has been working with local businesses to provide health incidentals to seniors and youth in the Philippines.

Scott gave an update on our progress on the Rotary Foundation drive emphasizing our clubs' desire to maintaining its [Every Rotarian Every Year](#) status. Please make sure Scott or Larry know was your pledge to the Rotary Foundation is for this year.

We inducted our newest member, Fran Cole, a community activist and executive director of [Sammie's Friends](#).



Fran Cole  
Executive Director



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting - <a href="#">Future Farms of America</a>	September 16
<a href="#">Draft Horse Classic</a>	September 19-22
<a href="#">2024 Nevada County Economic Summit</a>	September 19
<a href="#">Lithium-ion Battery Recycling</a>	September 21
<a href="#">Rotary in the Vineyard</a>	September 22
Club Meeting - DARK	September 23
Board Meeting - WCMC Glasson @ 12	September 23
Club Social - <a href="#">Stucki Jewelers</a>	September 23
Club Meeting - <a href="#">Waste Management</a>	September 30
<a href="#">Bright Futures - Heart Of Gold Gravel Ride</a>	October 5
Club Meeting - DARK	October 14
<a href="#">Paws and a Cause</a>	October 20
<a href="#">World Polio Day</a>	October 24
Club Meeting - DARK	October 28
Board Meeting - WCMC Glasson @ 12	October 28
<a href="#">Country Christmas Faire</a>	November 29 - December 1
Casino Night	February 1
<a href="#">Club Centennial Celebration</a>	March
<a href="#">Gold Country Challenge</a>	June 7
<a href="#">2025 Rotary International Convention</a>	June 21-25

## UPCOMING PROJECTS - People of Action

<a href="#">Plastic Recycling Project</a>	Ongoing
Gaga Ball Pit Installation at TLC	TBD
Gold Country Soccer League's Soccerfest - BBQing Lunch	September 22
<a href="#">Halloween Drive Through BBQ (Trick or Tri-Tip)</a>	October 26
Thanksgiving Dinner for <a href="#">Women Of Worth</a>	November
Beer Pours at <a href="#">County Christmas Faire</a>	November
<a href="#">Salvation Army Bell Ringing</a>	December
Rotary At Work Day	April 25
Grad Breakfast at Chicago Park Middle School	June

## IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Birthdays		Rotary Anniversaries	
Tom Stanley	Sep 3	Judy Wirkner	35 Yrs
Jon Byerrum	Sep 21	Judy Bagley	23 Yrs
Jerry Trammell	Sep 27	Larry Faller	16 Yrs
Joanne Osnas	Sep 29	Scott McFarland	16 Yrs
		Jesse Wilson	3 Yrs
		Polly Conley	2 Yrs

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sean let us know that James and Bob had completed the Book Shelf building project at the Leaning Center.

## 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 [nrotary.org](http://nrotary.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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Scott Browne held the Rotary Benefit Murder Mystery Dinner Saturday night (Sept 7) at his house. Lorraine Jewett and David Jones had purchased it at the Rotary Casino Night Auction, making a substantial contribution to the revenue from the event.

The dinner was styled "Murder at Merkister Hall". The 10 guests all dressed in 1930's themed attire, to attend an elegant dinner at the manor of the wealthy Brigadier Balderdash and his lovely wife Lotta. Unfortunately, shortly before the dinner their Butler was murdered. The guests and Scotland Yard Detective Napp, played by Scott Browne, had to figure out which of the party committed the murder.

The murderer was uncovered, but only after an elegant five course meal and lots of wine. Much merriment occurred along the way as the guests played their characters and asked each other questions to find the killer. The murderer turned out to be none other than the host, Brigadier Balderdash!





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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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 <b>ERC</b> Economic Resource Council		<b>2024 NEVADA COUNTY ECONOMIC SUMMIT</b>
<b>Keynote Economist</b> David Roland-Holst	<b>Moderator</b> Kristin York	<b>Fresno D.R.I.V.E.</b> Artie Padilla
 <b>19 September 2024</b> 3 PM - 6 PM		 <b>Grass Valley Veterans Hall</b> 255 S Auburn St. GV

- The 49er Club is considering purchasing a Rotary table. 3 people interested
- Excellent content is good for local businesses
- \$360 table for eight and five people create a discount over the single seat price of \$75.

Please contact [Rich Peevers](#) if interested





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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.

**[Registration is now open!](#)**

Rides will be fully supported and well-marked

Rides will begin at Gate 1 of the Nevada County Fairgrounds





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# Draft Horse Classic

**September 19-22, 2024**

**4 Days! 6 Performances!**

Enjoy Six Amazing Draft Horse Shows.  
See the majestic Draft Horses in 20 competitions.  
Plus go "backstage" and meet the horses up close!

## Harvest Fair

Equine & Western Art Show, Live Bluegrass  
& Western Music Fest, Delicious Food,  
Jamboree, Exhibits, Western Trade Show.

**Free Fun for All Ages!**

RV CAMPING ONSITE



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**Nevada County Fairgrounds • Grass Valley, CA**  
**Show Tickets (530) 273-6217 • [www.NevadaCountyFair.com](http://www.NevadaCountyFair.com)**





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## Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling

**Sept 21, 2024**  
10 am - 2 pm  
Rood Center  
Nevada City, CA

**RedwoodMaterials.com**

Community event for  
responsible Lithium-ion  
battery recycling.

**NO Alkaline batteries**

We accept any rechargeable devices  
with a lithium-ion battery such as:

- Cell phones
- Laptops
- Tablets
- Electric toothbrushes
- Wireless headphones
- Power tool batteries

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Club of Nevada City 

**REDWOOD**  
MATERIALS

**Nevada County Rood Center**  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959



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*The Rotary Club of Placerville is hosting our first ever "Rotary in the Vineyard" at [Saureel Vineyards](#). Join us Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 4 to 9 pm for a gourmet dinner, fine wine, and live music. Proceeds from the event will benefit Union Mine & El Dorado High School Scholarships, CASA El Dorado, Trees for Troops, Coats for Kids, Community Improvements & much more. Check out our Facebook or Instagram pages for more information.*

*Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#) or in person at:*

*The Office of Terrie Prod'hon, CPA, - 768 Pleasant Valley Road, Suite 300, Diamond Springs, CA*

*The Paint Spot, 1303 Broadway, Placerville, CA.*

**Rotary**  
Club of Placerville 

## *Rotary in the Vineyard*

### *Saureel Vineyards*

*1140 Cold Springs Rd, Placerville*

*September 22, 2024*

*4:00pm - 9:00pm*

Food Provided by:

The Smith Flat House

Live Music by:

The Jamokes Band

Raffles, Dessert Auction

Proceeds to Benefit:

EDHS & UMHS Scholarships,

Trees for Troops

Coats for Kids

Community Improvements

CASA El Dorado & Much More

\$80 per person, \$150 per couple

\$700.00 Table (includes 2 bottles of wine and 1 book of raffle tickets)

Purchase Tickets at

Eventbrite.com, placervillerotary.org or scan the QR code







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GREAT MUSIC. AMBITIOUS. 94.5 MHz 94.5

**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  
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**Register**  
More details



[NevadaCityRotary.org](http://NevadaCityRotary.org)



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A Benefit Ride for  
Teen Mental Wellness






OCTOBER 5 <sup>20</sup>/<sub>24</sub>

Nevada City, CA  
2 courses: medium & long  
timed segments



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Join us post-race for the  
Heart of Gold Festival!

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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](http://www.gvrotary.org)

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

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Deadline for Meal Purchase, Wednesday, October 23rd  
Register [HERE](#)



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## 2025 International Convention

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