



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

The Year in Review

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

A blue rectangular graphic with a yellow border. It features the Rotary International logo in the top left and top right corners. In the center, the text "Rotary Club of Grass Valley" is written in orange, followed by "10,000 Meals" in large orange font. In the bottom left corner, there is a "SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES" logo. On the right side of the graphic is a portrait of Kathleen Shaffer, the Club President, smiling. She is wearing a blue collared shirt and a dark blue blazer with a small Rotary pin on the lapel.

Kathleen Shaffer
Club President

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I. President's Review

District 5190 Club of Excellence for Large Clubs, 2021-2022

1. 10,000 Meals

As I started my review of the year, one question came to mind - did we really accomplish that much? The answer is a resounding - yes, we did. I started the year with a goal to be the number one service club in the area, and we succeeded.

At the year-end District Conference in May, Grass Valley was awarded the Club of Excellence for large clubs. This award was earned by giving back to the community through the 11 service projects and 3 joint projects completed during the year. Of the club projects, "10,000 Meals" was our most ambitious, and this was selected as one of the Rotary Projects of the Year.

"10,000 Meals" would have an immediate impact on helping the children, families and adults in this community who are food insecure. There are too many kids who go hungry over the weekends without their school lunches. I wrote a grant to District 5190 asking for a \$2000 Block Grant which was awarded for the project. Added to that amount was \$2000 from the club and \$927 of bonus dollars. We purchased 10,000 meals from the nonprofit Outreach Programs who produce these meals. We were fortunate to have an additional 1,440 meals added to the purchase at no extra cost. We partnered with the Food Bank of Nevada County to use their facility to assemble and help distribute the meals.

Recruiting volunteers was the next step. We recruited 60 plus volunteers representing organizations such as the West Sierra Medical Clinic, Kiwanis Club, County Probation Office, Food Bank Board, and Nevada Union High School. November 15 was the huge meal assembly day and loading them onto pallets for distribution which began immediately. We received positive feedback from the schools and Food Bank clients who were given the meals. Then we had a surprise when the blizzard hit and covered us in snow. The county was scrambling to get food for those impacted by the storm. They were doing emergency distributions of food throughout the community. They contacted the Food Bank and took all the remaining meals from the project to feed the people at the emergency food distributions. What a great feeling it was to know that 10,000 Meals was used to help with the emergency and the food insecure victims of the storm.

2. President's Project: The Butterfly Garden and the Bee Pollinator at Lyman Gilmore School Garden.

One of my most important goals was to do an environmental project. This year Rotary added the environment as an area of influence. Rotary also suggested that ongoing projects be developed so students can continue to work during their years at the school. This created a good opportunity to do a project that would add environmental features

to the garden. I worked with the LGMS teacher. The plants and flowers were attractors for the butterflies and bees. Both the Monarchs and the honeybees are on the endangered species list. This project will be ongoing, and the students can work in the garden and learn about protecting the environment with garden projects.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year so successful. I appreciate your help.

3. Service Projects: Rotary Club of Grass Valley received 11 Club Awards

Service projects were a very important part of the plan for a successful year. Projects that were selected would promote service, the environment, leadership, fellowship, and the community. We did 11 club projects and 3 joint service projects. They Included:

1. Environmental Garden Project
2. Helped a member who is a disabled veteran complete the landscaping at his "Homes for Heroes" new house
3. Provided necessities for foster kids
4. Delivered daily lunches to kids during the summer months
5. Worked at the Red Kettle stations for the Salvation Army
6. Cleanup at the Fairgrounds for starting day
7. Emergency cleanup at Fairgrounds
8. Assisted Ukraine with a donation, and asked other organizations to help
9. Assisted our Global Peace Scholar with a grant
10. 10,000 Meals
11. Helped families at the Salvation Army help Booth House. Supplied family meals from the club Trick-or-Tri Tip BBQ
12. Area 4 Joint Projects
 - a. Helped the Greenville Rotary Club with donations from gift cards
 - b. Cleaning up plastic and collect lithium batteries to save the environment
 - c. Rotary honored People of Action

Thanks to all the Rotarians and volunteers who helped make this year so successful.

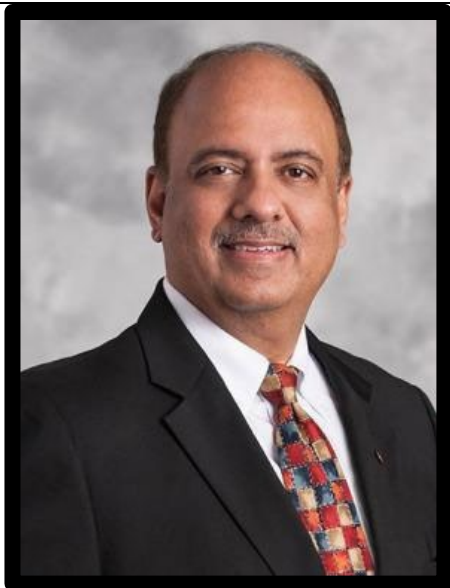
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Kathleen Shaffer
Club President, 2021-2022
Rotary Club of Grass Valley

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II. Rotary Leadership

A. Rotary International



Shekhar Mehta

President 2021-22

**Rotary Club of Calcutta-
Mahanagar**

West Bengal, India

B. District 5190 Governor



Anita Daniels

District 5190 Governor

**Rotary Club of Grass Valley
Grass Valley, CA**

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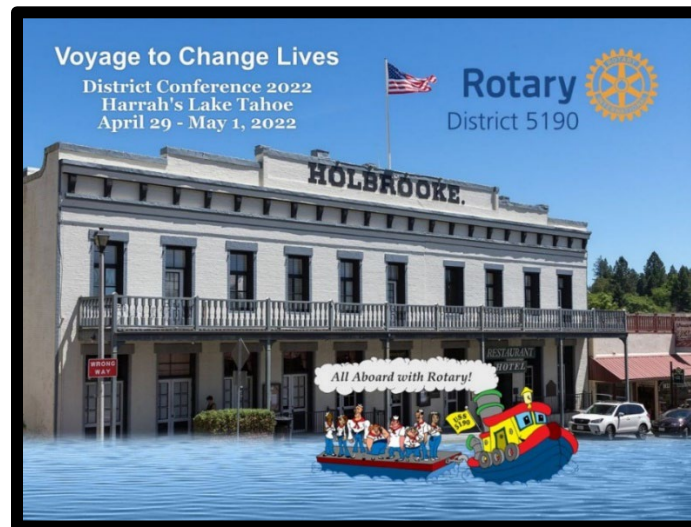
III. District Activities

A. District Governor Visit – November 29




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B. District Conference – Rotary RALLYE- Harrah's Lake Tahoe, April 29 – May 2




1. Club Awards – District 5190

Rotary
Club of Grass Valley



The Heart of the
Gold Country



District 5190 Awards
Presented to Rotary Club of Grass Valley
District Conference – May 1

1. [Club of Excellence Award, Large Clubs](#)

- Recognition Project of the year, Rotary Focus – Maternal and Child Health – 10,000 Meals
- Service, Silver Level
- Leadership, Bronze Level
- Integrity, Bronze Level
- Diversity, Bronze Level
- Friendship/Fellowship, Bronze Level
- Multi-Club Project of the Year – Environmental Recycling Lithium Batteries (4 Local Rotary Clubs involved)
- Foundation Annual Fund per Capita - 2nd Place
- Display – Third Place, Fred Claessen
- Recognition from Shelter Box for Club Support

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C. Rotary International Convention Houston, TX June 4 – 8, 2022



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IV. Club Organization

A. Club Leadership

President	Kathleen Shaffer	President-Elect	Sandra Barrington
Vice President	Sean Jackson	Secretary	Pam Mirkin
Treasurer	Bob Long	Past President	Seth Leishman

B. Board of Directors

Kim Zwick	Kathleen Egenes	Kris Stepanian
Viv Tipton	Andrew Jackson	Heather Thorpe

C. Members In Leadership Positions

Community Service Chair	Larry Faller	Vocational Service Chair	Jonathan Walker
International Service Chair	Wyn Spiller	Youth Service Chair	Andrew Withers
Foundation Co-Chair	Scott Browne	Foundation Co-Chair	Larry McGrath
Membership Chair	Pat Ward	Public Image Chair Club Photographer	Fred Claessens
Executive Treasurer	Judy Bagley	Executive Secretary	Tim McCall
Sgt At Arms	Ed Pinto	Spokes Editor	Kathy Egenes

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V. Rotary Foundation Report - 2021-2022



CLUB FOUNDATION BANNER REPORT

FOR ROTARY YEAR: 2021-22

Rotary Club of Grass Valley, CA (529), District 5190

- A. Member *The Rotary Annual Fund (TRF)* giving – 100%
- B. Member donations *Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)* – 100%
(A minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita during the Rotary year, and every dues-paying member personally contributing at least \$25.).
- C. TRF Annual Fund per capita donations - \$401.76
- D. TRF Annual Fund donation average amount - \$481.99
- E. Paul Harris Fellows (PHF) – 24 (8 New, 16 Multiple)
(An individual who contributes \$1,000 to the Annual Fund or other Rotary programs)
- F. Club Sustaining Members – 45 (83.3%)
(Individuals who contributes \$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund)
- G. Paul Harris Society (PHS) Members – 7 (7 New Eligible)
(A member who annually contributes \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.)
- H. Bequest Society – 4
(Individuals who commit \$10,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation Endowment, via estate plans)
- I. Benefactor - 8
(Individuals who include the Rotary Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in estate plans or make a \$1,000 outright donation to the Fund)
- I. Major Donor -3
(Individual Cumulative donations reach \$10,000)

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VI. In Memory

We are all still here this year but remember those who have gone before us and served Rotary with distinction.

VII. Avenues of Service

A. Club Service

1. New Members

Ed Pinto	July 19, 2021
Cory Clemons	Sept 13, 2021
Jesse Wilson	Sept 13, 2021
Roger McCort	Sept 13, 2021
Jamie Jones	March 7, 2022
James Delcour	March 7, 2022
Tina Reynolds	March 7, 2022
Derek Williams	June 20, 2022
Kellie Grunefeldt	June 20, 2022

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2. Fellowship Events

a. Fourth of July Parade – Grass Valley – July 4



b. Area 4 Club Social – Sierra Winds – August 28



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c. Club Social Wild Eye Pub – September 27



d. Christmas Party – Horseman's Club Lodge – December 17



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e. Club Social Event – February 28

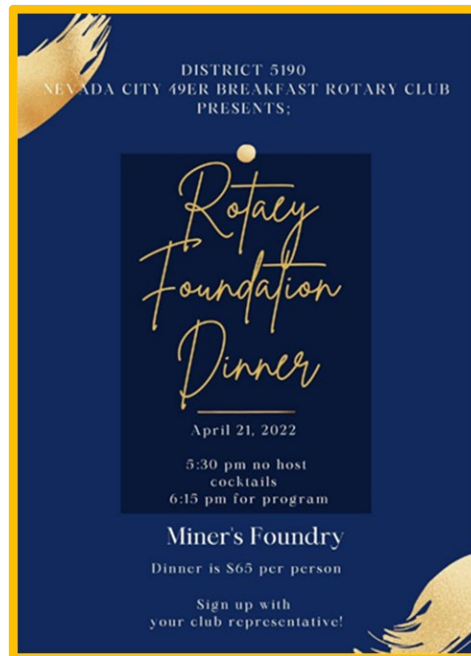


f. Club Bowling Tournament – March 28, April 11



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g. Foundation Dinner - Miners Foundry - April 21



3. Fundraising Events

a. Trick or Tri Tip Halloween BBQ - October 31



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b. Casino Night – Cancelled due to COVID



c. Gold Country Community Auction – May 5-12



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d. Gold Country Challenge – Bike Ride – June 11



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B. Community Service

1. The Karing Closet of Nevada County – Virtual Shop and Support Local – July 19



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2. Rotary at Work – Nevada County Food Bank – September 27



3. Grass Valley Tree Planting - October 30



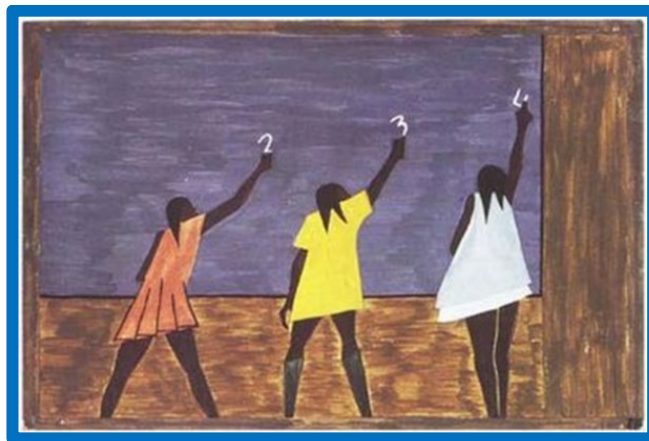
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4. 10,000 Meals Project – November 16



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5. Giving Tuesday – November 30



Jacob Lawrence – The Great Migration

6. Salvation Army – Bell Ringing – December 18-19



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7. Lyman Gilmore School - Building planter boxes -
January 17



8. Club Member Ryan Sykes Receives his “Home for
Our Troops” - January 18



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9. Fair Grounds Clean Up - February 19



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10. Salvation Army assist in clothing sorting - May 23



11. Area 4 Community Service Projects

a. Recycling of Plastic Bags – February – Ongoing



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b. Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling - April 2 – ongoing

**Lithium-Ion
Battery
Recycling**

April 2, 2022

Take Charge! Recycle Lithium-Ion Batteries Responsibly.

April 2, 2022, 10am – 2:30pm
Litton Engineering Building
200 Litton Dr., Grass Valley

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c. Vocational Service

1. People of Action Awards – March 27th

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ROTARY DISTRICT 5190, AREA 4

ROTARY HONORS PEOPLE OF ACTION

SUNDAY
MARCH 27, 2022

MINER'S FOUNDRY
CULTURAL CENTER
325 SPRING STREET
NEVADA CITY

4:00PM
TO
6:00PM

\$25 cash or check at the door. RSVP to 530-802-6501 or ktsrrg@gmail.com



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Educators Medical Professionals Grocery Workers



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2. Vocational Talks

- a. Pam Mirkin - Club Secretary – Agile Learning Solutions – Background and Business Overview



- b. Roger McCort - Club member - Salvation Army Captain - His upgrowing behind Salvation Army career



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- c. Cory Clemons - Club member - Owner Sierra Energy Logs -History and nature of the business



- d. Jesse Wilson – Club Member - Nevada County District Attorney – Background and District Attorney Operations



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- e. Andrew Jackson – Club Member – Home Town Lenders – Loan Officer – Pro Football Background



- f. Andrew Withers – Superintendent - Grass Valley Unified School District – Background and District Update



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D. International Service

1. Annual Foundation Drive – Oct 18-Nov 15



2. 10,000 Meals Project Grant



3. Bwindi Community Hospital – Equipment Donation



Bwindi Community Hospital is a private, not-for-profit organization founded by U.S missionaries Rotarian Dr. Scott and his wife Carol Kellerman under the Diocese of Kinkiizi, Church of Uganda in 2003. It began as an outreach clinic under a tree for the Batwa pygmies, who had been evicted from Bwindi Impenetrable Forest when it was designated a mountain gorilla sanctuary.

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4. Shelter Boxes for Ukraine



E. Youth Service

1. Students of the Month

In-person presentations to Lyman Gilmore Middle School Students of the Month were suspended due to COVID Restrictions.

Monthly awards of certificates and school supplies to a student from each class were made by Zoom by the Lyman Gilmore Principal.

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2. Area Speech Contest – April 5



Area 4 Speech Contest Winner

3. Chicago Park Middle School – 8th Grade Graduation Breakfast – June 8



VIII. Community Grants and Donations

- Salvation Army
- 4H
- Lyman Gilmore - Student of the Month Awards
- Area Speech contests
- Scholarships for Graduating Seniors
- Support for District Grants
- RYLA
- Bear River HS Graduation Night

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IX. Presentations and Speakers

- A. Carol Scofield, a motivational speaker – on how to live, to love, to learn, and to leave a legacy.



- B. Patrick Eidman, CEO of the Nevada County Fairgrounds – state of the NC Fairgrounds over past year

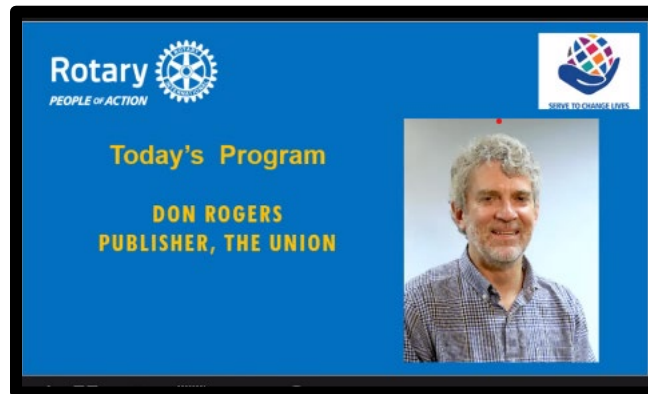


- C. Evani Radiya-Dixit, RI \$1,000 Global Grant Scholarship Award sponsored by the club – Update on grant activities



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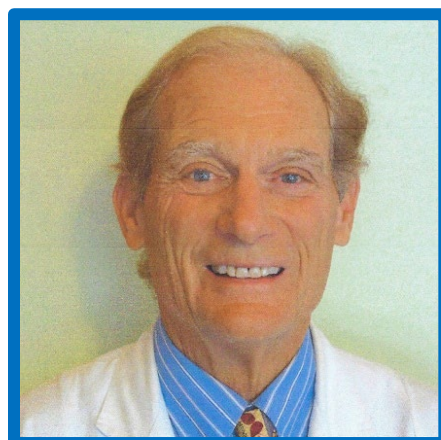
D. Don Rogers - Club member - Publisher - The Union Newspaper – Update on the newspaper and the industry



E. Robin Galvan-Davies - Executive Director of the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce – Update on status of business in Grass Valley



F. Dr Scott Kellerman - NC Medical Director- update on COVID conditions in county



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G. Chris Romero and Nicole McNeely, Executive Director of the Food Bank of Nevada County - Outreach Program that provides meal ingredients for Food Bank – Their role in the Club Service 10,000 meals project



H. Doug McDonald - Former District 5190 Governor and retired Boy Scouts CEO – Scouts at the inflection point – Where are the scouts now, have been and where the organization is going

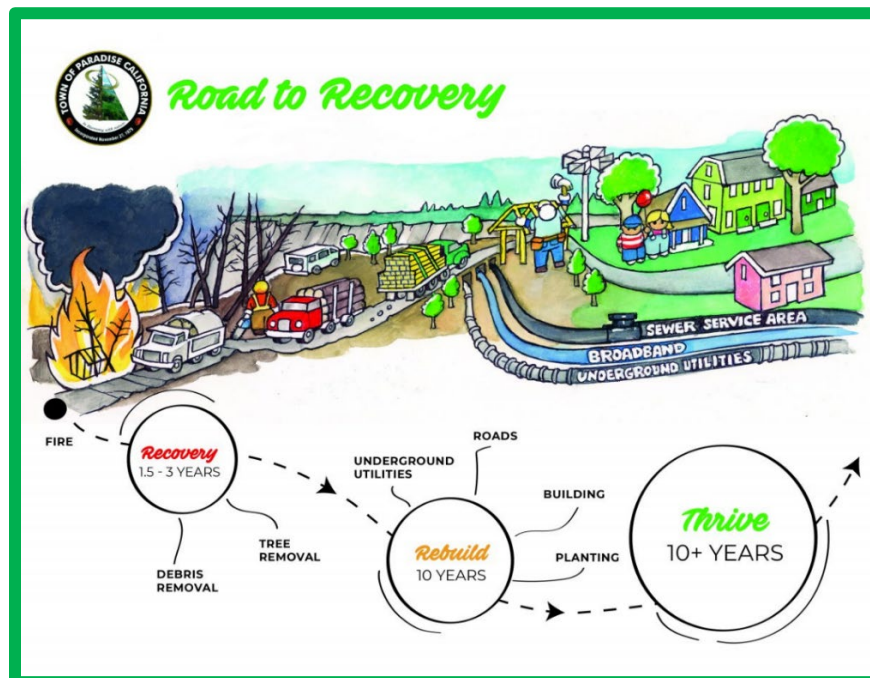


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- I. Cecilia Babkirk- International Rotary Experiences - Report on activities as a Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student
- J. Bill Tobin - El Dorada Hills Rotary Club member - ShelterBox USA – Review of the many programs the RI partnership has been involved with world-wide



- K. Allen Myers - Film maker- Regenerating Paradise, CA and what is occurring in Paradise after the Dixie Fire



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L. Jennifer Malone – Club Member - CEO, Western Sierra Medical Clinic (WSMC) - Role and functions of Clinic



M. Greg Nichols - Board director of Gold Country Senior Services - Their programs and their newest project, the remodel and reopening of a community Senior Center in Nevada County.



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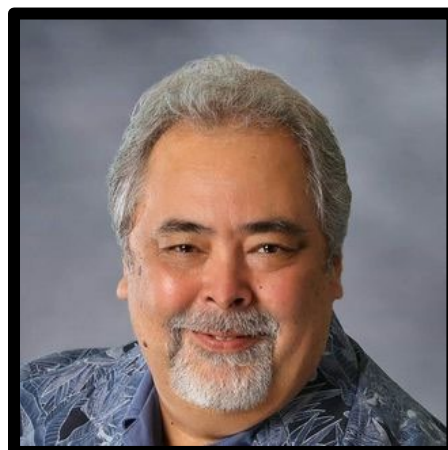
- N. Mindy Oberne - California Care Force – Organization and purpose - Upcoming Free Healthcare program in Nevada County



- O. Shannon Moon - Nevada County Sheriff - Summary of the department's activities and priorities in past 2 years



- P. Ray Ward - Auburn Gold Country Rotary club member - Inclusion & Diversity in Rotary



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- Q. Rich Keene - Club member – Ethics- History and background on ethics issues in business and personal life

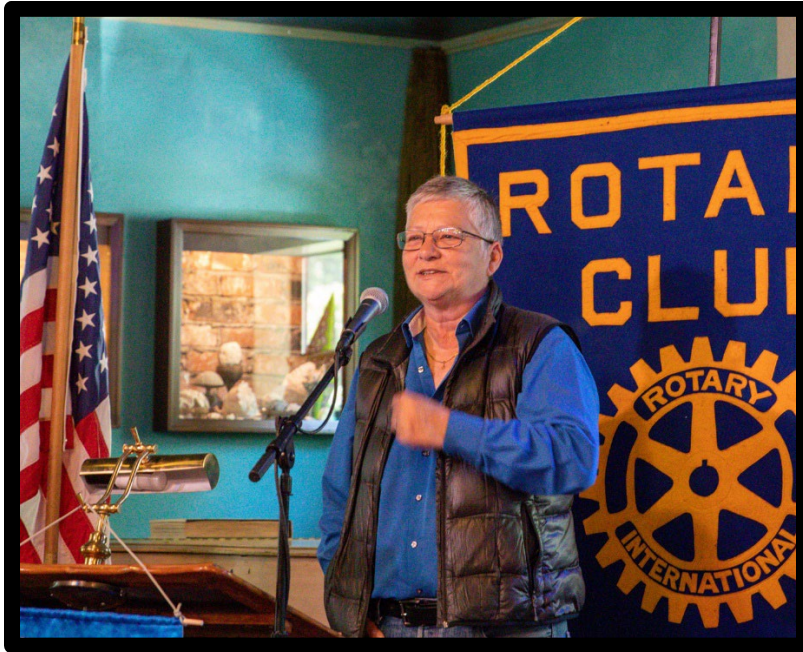


- R. Andrew Withers - Club Member - Superintendent Grass Valley United School District - Update on Lyman Gilmore Middle School and presentation of Speech Contest school alumni.



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- S. Yuba Net Update – Pascale Fusschoeller, editor of Yuba Net (<https://yubanet.com>) - How it has become an integral part of the community delivering news to the Sierra.



- T. Brett McFadden – Superintendent Nevada Joint Union High School District (NJUHSD) – The NJUHSD Ranch

Nevada Joint Union High School District Superintendent Brett McFadden described plans for an 86-acre ranch on Mc Courtney Rd donated to the district for a potential Ag Education Center.



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U. New Member Induction – Kellie Gruenefeldt and Derek Williams – June 20



V. President Demotion Party – June 27





President Sandra Barrington - 2022-2023

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ROTARY CLUB OF GRASS VALLEY SALUTES

2021-2022 DISTRICT 5190 GOVERNOR

ANITA DANIELS



Her District Theme for 2021 -2022



Her Rotary Experience

1. Joined Rotary Club of Grass Valley November 1995
2. Rotary Club of Grass Valley Past President 2011-2012
3. District 5190 GSE Chair 2004-2007
4. District 5190 Alumni Chair 2007-2009
5. District 5190 Grants Committee 2010-2012
6. District 5190 Conference Committee HOF 2012-2015
7. SAA Co-Chair 2016-2019
8. District 5190 Area 4 Assistant Governor 2018-2020
9. Paul Harris Fellow +9
10. Paul Harris Society

Her Year in Review – 2021-2022

I. Wildfires

Little did I know, that even before I stepped into the role of District Governor I would be faced with the eruption of several large wildfires in our district. It began around the end of June 2021 with the igniting of the Tamarack Fire southwest of Markleeville in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. This fire crossed over into Nevada in several places burning all along Hwy 395. At the same time the Beckwourth Complex fire began in eastern California followed not even 10 days later by the Dixie and Dexter fires. Not even a month later the Caldor, River, Bennett, and Bridge fires began. Before too long there were over 15 fires out of control in District 5190, causing major destruction and the loss of over 2500 homes, and 1.4 million acres.

As Rotarians, we knew we needed to assist those displaced by the fires. With the help of many Rotarians, and special noteworthy help from PDG Wyn Spiller and RC of Greenville President John Banks, we formed a District Disaster Relief Committee, and began requesting donations to support those evacuees. The committee worked tirelessly to structure policy, build an application process, and provide financial assistance to those affected by the fires. Gift cards were given to over 180 fire survivors who had lost their homes. Rotarians met with each recipient to support them emotionally as well as financially. This committee is now working with the Rotary clubs affected on ways to use the remaining funds to rebuild communities destroyed by the fires.

II. District Water Project

In early 2021 the district joined with the Rotary Club of Nevada City in an effort to formulate a clean water project in Los Barriles, Mexico. The plan was to provide a water filtration kit for each ranchero in remote villages surrounding Los Barriles. Commitment of funds and volunteers from numerous clubs in our district were gathered and plans were formulated to visit and install the kits beginning in February 2022. Unfortunately, COVID raised its ugly head and we discovered that the residents in the Los Barriles area who had already received kits the prior

year, had abandoned the systems. It became apparent that the project was not sustainable, so the project was canceled, and funds returned to those clubs who had provided funding.

III. Coming out of COVID

a. Club Visits

Don and I visited all but 4 clubs in person. The remaining 4 were visited via Zoom. It was definitely the highlight of our governorship journey. We've made so many new life-long friends and we cherish this experience. I have always said that is what makes Rotary special...Fellowship!



b. Club Projects

In conjunction with the club visits, Rotarians shared many of their completed projects. Too many to list here but to share that all addressed humanitarian needs, the youth in our district, and those of international needs.

IV. District Community Fund

Under the leadership of PDG Berta Pickett this committee expanded this year to fill a very significant need in our district. With the formation of the District Disaster Relief Committee, the Community Fund was used to collect donations supporting the fire survivors and future projects in the affected areas. Monies were received from all over California, Nevada, and other districts in Zones 26 & 27.

Additionally, funds are donated to the Community Fund to support youth projects in our district and support those clubs that do not have a club foundation.

V. Club Fundraisers, Training Events & Gatherings

Don and I attended various club fundraisers, Foundation Area dinners, training events, as well as the district's annual Club Assembly. I am consistently amazed at the talent we have in our Rotarians and in their desire to share their knowledge to assist others. These trainings are so helpful to us all. I only wish that more members would partake the classes.

VI. District Conference "Voyage to Change Lives"

Another highlight of the year was the annual gathering of Rotarians at our conference. This year, finally.... after 2 long years without meeting in person.... we gathered at Harrah's in South Lake Tahoe. Chaired by DGN Dennis Geare, the conference began with a dinner cruise on Lake Tahoe shared with Rotarians from District 5180. Everyone really enjoyed the cruise.

The next morning began with a Polio Walk with 200+ participants, followed by a full day of guest speakers, including Adrienne Bankert, Dr Scott Kellerman, and our own RID Vicki Puliz. We enjoyed great food, beautiful decorations, club and special recognitions, great breakouts and youth music and speech competitions. Even "Little Toot" was there! We ended the day dancing to music by the Auburn Winds Orchestra and vocalist Kris Stepanian.

Sunday morning, we finished the conference announcing the major club awards, hearing the latest from Shelter Box CEO Kerry Murray, and passing the torch in the district governor line.

In all, it was a wonderful experience that we will never forget. Thank you to the entire district conference committee!

We're looking forward to more Rotary fun in the future!



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