

The Year in Review

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



Sandra Barrington
Club President

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I. President's Review

As my vocation is in the healthcare field, it was important to me that this year had a focus on supporting the health and wellness of our community. Through our programs and service projects, our club made this happen. While I work for a nonprofit community hospital the definition of health goes well beyond just taking care of people when they are sick. It is important that we support the physical health of our community, the mental health, the economic health, and the environmental health of the community.

To kick off the year, the Club volunteered at the California Care Force Health Clinic at Nevada Union High School. This is a weekend long health clinic that provides free dental, vision and medical care to underserved and underinsured individuals, veterans, seniors, and families in Nevada County and surrounding areas. More than 150 volunteer healthcare professionals from throughout California provided needed care for about 750 people per day. Dental and vision services proved to be the most needed. All services were free. The Club prepared and served lunch for the healthcare workers and other volunteers for the event.

To focus on the environmental health of our community we had to get our hands a little dirty. The Club supported the garden at Lyman Gilmore Middle School and funded a garden educator to work with the students in the garden. They learn about soil health and nutrients, seed germinators, pollinators, what the plants need and when to plant, and even how to take care of a little gopher problem. The garden had such an abundance of food this year that they were able to donate to the Interfaith Food Ministry. The Club also worked on a beautification project on the Litton Trail in Grass Valley off Sierra College Drive. Club members planted three trees and about one hundred daffodil bulbs. The Club continued to work on the plastic bag collection project recovering thousands of plastic bags that normally would have ended up in our landfills and waterways. This collection ended up with the Club earning a new Trex bench that was donated to the Hospital's new vegetable garden.

To support the mental health of the community, the Club focused on our youth. Youth Services is one of the most important things that we do in Rotary. These times are hard for our tweens and teens. They have been through multiple wars, economic turmoil, civil unrest, incredible political divisiveness, and an unprecedented pandemic that changed their childhood forever. Oh yes...top that with the pressures put on them by society through social media and cyberbullying. Anything that we can do that will help repair childhood trauma is essential for a healthy future. The root of most of our society's problems such as substance abuse, mental health, and homelessness all stem from some

form of childhood trauma. If we can help repair the trauma, we can break generational cycles of abuse, poverty, and addiction.

If we are going to tackle these issues locally, we need help. Our Club called upon four other Rotary Clubs in the District to come together to support the new NEO Youth Center at Bright Futures for Youth in Grass Valley. With a grant from District 5190 and utilizing all the clubs matching and bonus dollars, we received a district grant of \$24,988. In addition, our Club donated \$15,000 in memory of club member Mike Johnson. When I first became more involved with the operations of the Club, I learned about this “Mike Johnson Fund” that we had been holding on to. I remember hearing about Mike when I first joined and all he had done for Youth Services in our District. Mike was a big advocate to support local youth programs and was instrumental in bringing Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and REGL Leadership Camp to our area. I immediately knew that we could make an impact on the youth center project and do this in memory of Mike. The new Youth Center will open in October of 2023 and will have a plaque honoring the gifts from the Rotary Clubs and in memory of Mike.

This year was also special because it was the first-year post covid that we were 100% back in person at the Wild Eye Pub with all our events in full force. With the exception of some interruptions from SnowMageddon 2.0, the club was in person all year long! Casino Night is back! A Viva Las Vegas theme brought Elvis into the building, and this year we include a new Wine and Whiskey Pull that brought in new income. The Club continued the Drive Thru BBQ event with a Santa Maria BBQ spin. The Gold Country Challenge was a considerable success with the most registrations we have had to date. After having to cancel the Area 4 Rotary Foundation Dinner due to SnowMageddon 2.0, we hosted a recognition event at the Wild Eye Pub in June.

Thanks to all the Rotarians and volunteers who helped make this year meaningful and successful. As a single mom who works full-time and started a big promotion on July 1st, I must give so much credit to the club Board of Directors and committee chairs. I could have not gotten through this wild and crazy year without your dedication to Rotary and heart for service.

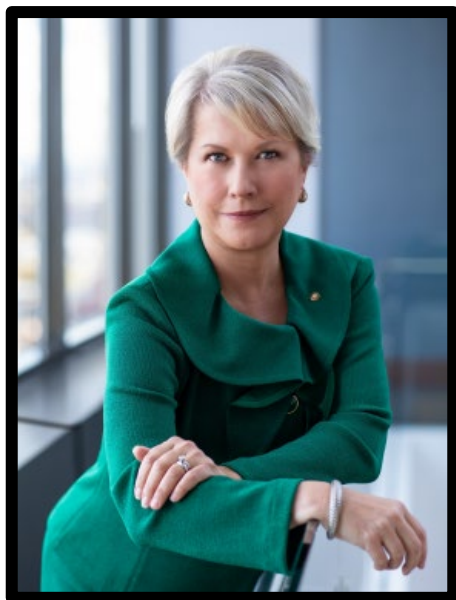
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Club President, 2022-2023
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II. Rotary Leadership

A. Rotary International



**Jennifer
Jones**

**President
2022-23**

**Rotary Club
of Windsor-
Roseland
Ontario,
Canada**

First female president

B. District 5190 Governor



Jeff Gabriel

District 5190 Governor

**Rotary Club of Bishop
Sunrise
Bishop, CA**

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III. District Activities

A. District Governor Visit – July 25



Quiet Rotarian Award
Pat Ward

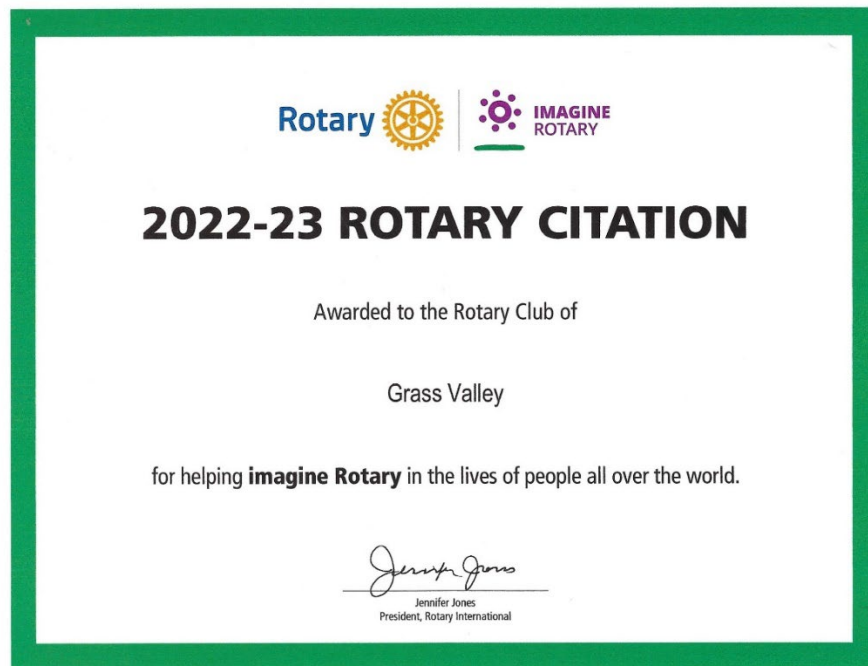


Heart of Rotary Award
Tim McCall

B. District Conference – Harrah's Lake Tahoe, April 28-30, 2023



c. Club Awards – District 5190



and
Second Place for Club Display Design

D. Rotary International Convention May 26-31, 2023



Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
six club members attended.

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IV. Club Organization

A. Club Leadership

President	Sandra Barrington	President-Elect	Sean Jackson
Vice President	Larry Allen	Secretary	Jennifer Malone
Treasurer	Bob Long		

B. Board of Directors

Kim Zwick	Kris Stepanian	Seth Leishman
Viv Tipton	Andrew Jackson	Heather Thorpe

C. Members In Leadership Positions

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

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A. Rotary Foundation Report - 2022-2023



CLUB FOUNDATION BANNER REPORT

FOR ROTARY YEAR: 2022-23

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

- Member The Rotary Annual Fund (TRF) giving – 58.
- Member donations Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) – 100%
- TRF Annual Fund per capita donations - \$22,980
- TRF Annual Fund donation average amount - \$334
- Paul Harris Fellows (PHF) – 44
- Club Sustaining Members – 42
- Paul Harris Society (PHS) Members – 13
- Bequest Society – 7
- Major Donor - 5

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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.

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VII. Avenues of Service

A. Club Service

1. Membership

a. New Members

Becky Peters	July 11, 2022
Polly Conley	September 26, 2022
Bob Godfrey	November 14, 2022
Gina Will	March 13, 2023

b. Retired – Honorary Members

John Peplowski	September 20, 2022
John Byerrum	January 17, 2023

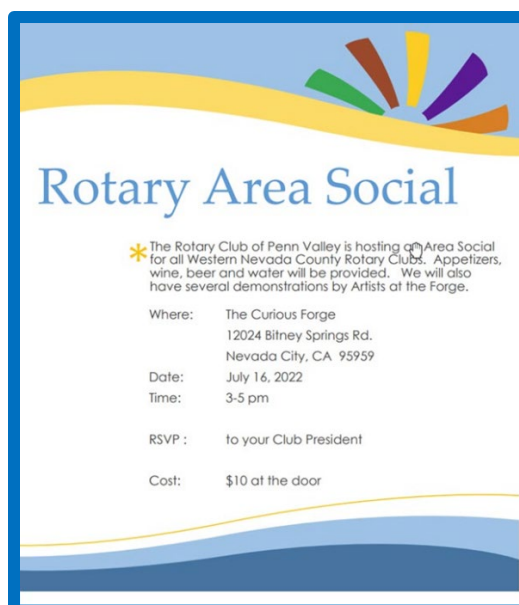
2. Annual Foundation Dinner – June 12, 2023.





3. Fellowship Events

a. Area 4 Social – Curious Forge – July 16, 2022



b. Off Broad Street – Patsy Cline Review -
Starring our own Kris Stephanian – August 4,
2022.



c. Pints For Polio -Wild Eye Pub – October 24, 2022

(Pictures are from the Demotion Party in June 2023 but are
representative of the Pints for Polio Event)





4. Fundraising Events

- a. Drive Thru Halloween BBQ, Lyman Gilmore Middle School - October 29, 2022.



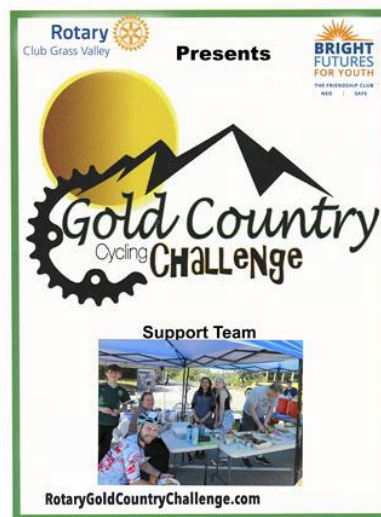


b. Casino Night – NC Fair Grounds - Feb 4, 2023.





C. Gold Country Challenge – Bike Ride - June 3, 2023.





B. Community Service

- a. California Care Force – Lunches for volunteers
July 15 -17, 2022.

FREE HEALTHCARE SERVICES
NEVADA COUNTY CLINIC - JULY 15-17, 2022
 NEVADA UNION HIGH SCHOOL | GRASS VALLEY, CA


DENTAL

- X-rays
- Cleanings
- Fillings
- Extractions


VISION

- Vision exams
- Eye health checks
- Free prescription glasses made on-site


MEDICAL

- General exams
- Blood pressure testing
- Diabetes screening and counseling

California

CareForce



b. Workday – Alzheimer's Memory Garden Tree Planting - December 12, 2022.



- c. Ring the Bell – Salvation Army - Dec 10 and 17, 2022.



- d. BBQ for Teachers and Staff at Lyman Gilmore Middle School and Grass Valley School District - April 5, 2023



GRASS VALLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Inspiring success in every child!

e. Chicago Park School Playground Painting - April 22, 2023



f. Yard Work at Alzheimer's Memory Garden- May 21, 2023



C. Area 4 Community Service Projects

1. Plastic Recycling – On Going

Commercial plastic wrap is picked-up at Hills Flat Lumber, The Nevada County Food Bank, and AJA Electronics and recycled into TREX Benches.



2. Wreaths Across America - December 17, 2022



3. Senior Center Painting - April 1, 2023



D. Vocational Talks

1. Ed Pinto – August 15, 2022



2. Derek Williams – August 22, 2022



3. Larry Allen – August 22, 2022



4. Andrew Jackson – September 19, 2022



5. James Delcour – January 9, 2023



E. International Service

1. Annual Foundation Drive – Sept/Nov 2022



Rotary Foundation Drive



Primary Goals

- Achieved 10% increase over 2021/2022 donations
- Achieved 100% club participation
- Increased membership in PHS by at least 3 new members

Rotary Foundation Drive

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

Thank you for your support!

2. Rotary Global Grant -Bwindi Community Hospital - Uganda -Hospital Equipment



**BWINDI COMMUNITY
HOSPITAL**





Thank you Grass Valley Rotarians and Partners!



F. Youth Service

1. Students of the Month – Lyman Gilmore Middle School – Monthly – Mostly by Zoom



2. Club Music Contest – February 26th - 10th grade student Baraka Anderson, pianist winner.
3. Nevada County Schools Speech Tournament – March 10th and 14th.

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VIII. Community Grants and Donations

- Lyman Gilmore - Student of the Month Awards
- Area Speech contest
- Area Music contest
- Scholarships for Graduating Seniors
- RYLA (shared with local clubs)
- Bear River HS Graduation Night
- Bright Futures for Youth- via district grant
- Women of Worth
- Nevada County 4-H Washington Trip
- Nevada Union Vals and Sals luncheon
- First 5 Nevada County
- Rudiger Foundation
- Community Beyond Violence



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IX. Presentations and Club Programs

1. New Member Induction - Becky Peters – July 11, 2022.



2. Ben Aquilar, Mayor Grass Valley – A summary of City of Grass projects ongoing and under consideration – July 11, 2022.



3. Jennifer Singer, Executive Director, BFFY, update on activities from last year – July 18, 2022.



4. Pat Ward - Membership Development -Becoming Rotarians – August 1, 2022



5. Jennifer Malone, CEO and Dr. Brian Evans, Director of Emergency Services, Western Sierra Medical Clinic – Current Activities and Services – August 8, 2022.



6. Blue Badge Presentation – Kellie Gruenefeldt – August 8, 2022.



6. Wyn Spiller, Rotary Member - Update on Global Grant status for Bwindi Hospital Project – Uganda – August 15, 2022.



[Uganda Grant Update Presentation](#)

6. Gil Mathews, Executive Director, NC Resource Council – August 29, 2022.



7. Falls Prevention Coalition – Hollie Grimaldi Flores –
Review of all the programs available for seniors –
September 12, 2022.



8. Viv Tipton, Rotary club member – Toastmasters Int. -
September 26, 2022.



9. New Member Induction – Polly Conley – September 26, 2022.



10. Leon Vega, Rotary Youth Exchange student. Leon is from Aguadulce, Almeria, Spain and was sponsored by the Rotary Club de Aguadulce.

He introduced himself to the club after his arrival in May 2002 and summarized his experiences on September 26, 2022.



10. Kimberley Parker, NC Nevada Economic Development Director - Explanation of Measure V – Fire Tax – October 3, 2022.



11. Jorge Cruz Sanchez, Outreach Coordinator for Stanford Sierra Youth and Families - Summary of nonprofit organization and programs for foster youth and adoption services – October 17, 2022.



12. Scott Neeley replaced Doctor Brian Evans as the President/ CEO of Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital earlier in 2022. He provided an update on local medical issues and hospital plans and challenges – November 7, 2022.



13. Erica Huges, RN, Hospice of the Foothills. Provided a talk on - “Loss - How to Deal with It” – December 12, 2022.



14. Sara Burkes, of Chispa Project, a 501C3 organization based in Honduras - Chispa Project creates libraries in Honduran children's schools – December 19, 2022.



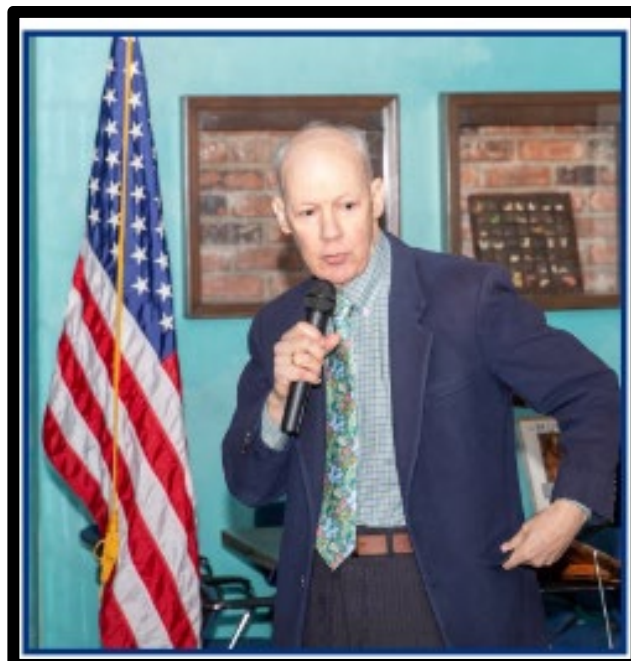
15. Dr. Glenn Gookin, Family Practice Physician - description of the new family practice residency program in Nevada County – January 9, 2023.



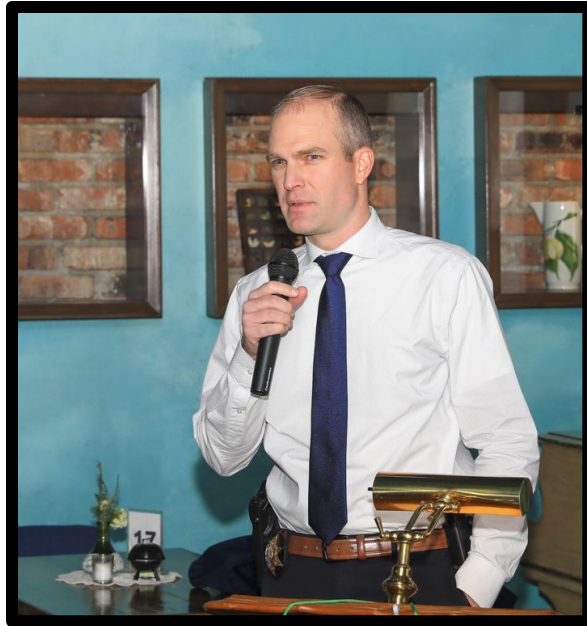
16. Stacy Graham, District Governor Elect – Her history on joining Rotary and the value of Vocational Service – January 23, 2023.



17. Gage McKinney, presentation on the life of Mr. Errol MacBoyle, prominent Grass Valley miner – January 30, 2023.



18. Alex Gammelgard, Grass Valley Police Chief, update on department goals and mission – February 6, 2023.



19. Amber Jo Manuel, Executive Director of the Center for the Arts, - Review of the major renovation and events since the opening right before COVID-19 began – February 13, 2023.



20. Andrew Trygg, CEO of Nevada County Fair - what the Fair has accomplished since he assumed the CEO role in the past year – February 27, 2023.



21. New Member Induction – Gina Will – March 13, 2023



22. John Byerrum – Honorary Emeritus Membership – March 13, 2023.



23. Cinnamon Danielson, Women of Worth, provided her background with the organization and what the organization is providing today – March 20, 2023.



24. Keri Klein, Public Defender, and Jeff Goldman, Chief Probation Officer, Community Corrections Partnership- History and the development of the partnership including goals to accomplish – March 27, 2023.



25. George Schureck, Nevada County Building Department Director, and staff - Provided review of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior ADU's (JADUs) – April 3, 2023.



26. Ray Ward, Auburn Rotarian, Past District Governor, District 5180, and Rotary Trainer - How we can help market your club – April 10th.



27. Derek Williams, club member – Experiences working with Lucban Rotary Club in the Philippines - April 17, 2023.



28. Alison Bischofberger, the Associate Director Community Beyond Violence (CBV) and Kristen Dees, a board member, functions of organization and the positive impact in our community – April 24, 2023.



29. Renee Bartels, President of the Rudiger Foundation, and Daniel Chatigny, Treasurer, spoke about the K9 Rudiger Foundation – May 1, 2023.

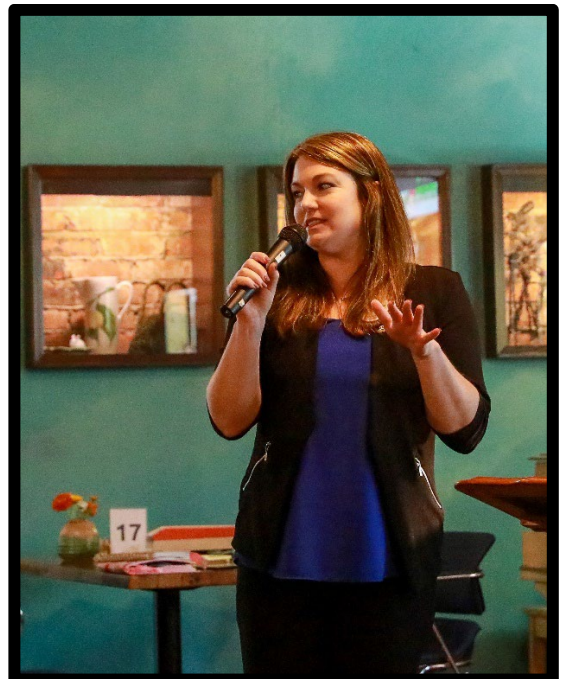


State Park Ranger Martin Gilbertson and K9 IVAN

30. Hillary Ellis, The Foundation of Resources for Equality and Employment for the Disabled (FREED). The role and mission of the organization – May 15, 2023.



31. Sandra Barrington and Daughter – Rotary Trivia Contest – May 22, 2023.



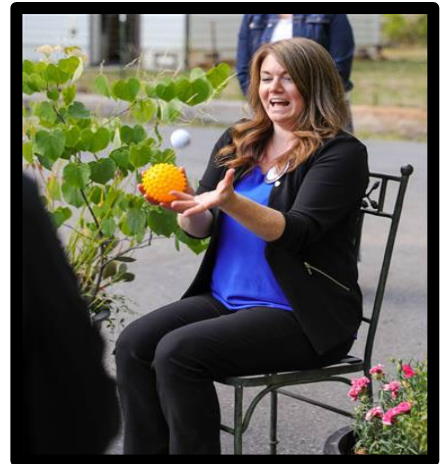
32. In Concert Sierra – Update on Construction of the Crown Point Events Complex – June 5, 2023.



33. Sandra Barrington, Club President, SNMH programs and current and recent activities – June 19, 2023.



34. Sandra Barrington Demotion - June 26, 2023, at the Wild Eye Pub – A Great Year!



Well Done and Congratulations!



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