

October 1, 2026



Heads Up News Letter

Business Membership



"South Yuba Club is Nevada County's premier health, swimming and pickleball club and has won best health club in Nevada County 23 years in a row. We exist to create a lasting fitness journey, one that becomes an integral part of your lifestyle. Our club is more than just a space with equipment and classes—it's a community designed to support, inspire, and sustain you. With a focus on holistic wellness, personalized encouragement, and a vibrant environment, we empower our members and staff to embrace a sustainable way of life, where success is not just possible, but inevitable. Here, you're never alone on your journey, and together, we build a life that thrives beyond the walls of the club."



Gold Country Kiwanis

September Kiwanian of the Month!



Congratulations to **David Jones**, our Gold Country Kiwanian of the month! David (on the right) is our treasurer, faithful member and helped tremendously with the closing down of our fair booth every night. David is pictured with Buckley Armacher President.

Gold Country Kiwanis

October Agenda

Thursday October 8th Noon Meeting at Tuscany Gardens 491 Sutton Way
Grass Valley. Speakers Colleen Young President and Angela Nowlin: Youth
Protection Guidelines



Saturday October 10th The Children's Festival at Pioneer Park



Thursday October 22nd Noon Meeting at Tuscany Gardens 491 Sutton Way
Grass Valley. Speaker: Sheriff Shannon Moon

Friday October 30th 3pm to 5pm Spooky Booky at Madelyn Helling Library
980 Helling Way, Nevada City

Upcoming Events

Saturday November 14th Nevada Joint Union High School District Ranch Fall Festival 5pm to 8pm 13765 Chukar Drive, Grass Valley



Information for the Good of the Club

September 10th Guest Speaker



We had a wonderful presentation with **Jennifer Chavez** as our guest speaker. Jennifer is the Executive Director of the Cal Nev Ha Children's Fund. There are so many ways that the Children's Fund helps the lives of children, it was a great day! Jennifer is pictured with our President Buckley Armacher.

New Kiwanis Members



We are very happy to welcome Patricia Wolpin, Cathy English (pictured with Colleen Young), and Janine McMahon as new members!



We are very happy to welcome South Yuba Club as a new business member!

September 24th Team One Awards



We welcomed guests from six nonprofits in Nevada county, who we gave donations to. Thank you to Bright Futures for Youth, Sierra Crawford; Spooky Booky Jessica Ferrer/ Sarah Morgan; Nevada County Fair Kids Corner Melody Easton; South Yuba River Citizens League Julie Pokrandt; Western Sierra Medical Clinic Dr. Chavez and Neighborhood Center for the Arts Aimee Mederios for your wonderful work in our community

Thank you Buckley



Thank you to our 2025-2026 President, Buckley Armacher.

Our club has grown in membership, and we had lots of fun times and success under your leadership. Our 2026-2027 incoming President, Colleen Young will bring enthusiasm, teamwork and dedication to our mission of serving Children.

September 13th Installation of New Officers



Celebration time in Grass Valley. Thank you to Al and Linda Schafer for hosting the event. We had a wonderful installation and dinner party, delicious food, laughter and good cheer. Thank you to our Lt Governor Sophie Cabrera (and husband Rich) for attending and conducting the installation ceremony. Thank you to all our members who received the Kiwanis Distinguished Service Awards for the work that they do for our club and community.

**In appreciation to all Gold Country Kiwanis members,
You are making the world a better place for kids.**

The Children's Festival



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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Faire Ladies and Gallant Knights
of the Court of
The Children's Festival

This Joyous Event shall take place on

Saturday October 10, 2026

With two grand sessions to delight all who attend,

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. & 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.,

there shall be ample time for merriment, adventure,
and revelry throughout the day!



Spooky Boooky



Nevada County, the City of Nevada City, and the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce are thrilled to welcome trick-or-treaters to the annual Nevada City Halloween Spooktacular and Spooky Boooky book giveaway event on Friday, October 30, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

This fun, family-friendly event is for trick-or-treaters of all ages to roam the halls of the Government Center and journey up the haunted hill to the Spooky Boooky book giveaway at the Madelyn Helling Library, presented in partnership with the Community Support Network of Nevada County.

Visitors are invited to park at the Government Center, trick-or-treat throughout the County building, head up to the Madelyn Helling Library, and then take the free Nevada County Connects shuttle to downtown Nevada City, where merchants will open their doors to trick-or-treaters. Shuttles will run between the Government Center, the library, and City Hall every 15 minutes until 7:00 pm.

Kiwanis Leadership for 2026-2027

Gold Country Club Officers

President: Colleen Young

Past President: Buckley Armacher

Secretary: Karen Poskus

Treasurer: David Jones

Gold Country Club Directors

Karen Poskus – Back to School Chairperson

Angela Nowlin - Ghidotti High School Key Club Advisor

Jen Shapiro – Bear River High School Key Club Advisor

Jan Weaver - Publicity Chairperson

Buckley Armacher - Membership Chairperson



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