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From Vocation to Impact: A Journey of Service and Giving Back

By Michael J. Rabara
District Governor



As I sit down to reflect on this month's Rotary theme of Vocational Service, I can't help but think about the recent journey my family and I took together. Traveling with loved ones is always a special experience, but this trip held something even more profound. It was a reminder of how our vocations, our passions, and our purpose weave together—both in our personal lives and within Rotary. [Read More](#)

Your 5230 Communications Update

By Lynda L. Patrick

District 5230 Communications Chair

Elevator Speech:

The concept of Vocational Service is to encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, to recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations, to dignify

The Promise of Zero: A World Without Polio

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the Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society. During January, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities.

The Art of Connection – A Journey Beyond the Canvas

By Jennifer Perlmutter
Artist, Carmel Sunset

As an artist, I've always believed that creativity isn't just about making art—it's about making connections. From the bold strokes of a brush to the layers of collage, my work is an ongoing exploration of intuition, memory, and transformation. The process mirrors life: moments of clarity mixed with experimentation and the willingness to embrace imperfection.

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From Classroom to Community: Montessori Values in Rotary Service

By Nina C. Clancy



5230 PDG, Educator, Business Owner

As I reflect on my 33 years with Visalia County Center Rotary, I feel a deep sense of gratitude for the journey that has shaped both my personal and professional life. I became a member just three years after women were allowed to join Rotary, and I was part of the first group of ten women in our club. In those early years, we faced challenges, but we were also breaking new ground for women in Rotary, and it was inspiring to see how our involvement transformed the club into an even more dynamic and inclusive organization.
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DisCon 2025 - Don't Miss Out On This Incredible Opportunity!

Join DG Mike - There's still time to be part of our amazing DisCon 2025 District Conference Cruise experience. We've secured a few last-minute spots for what promises to be our

most exciting conference yet!

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District 5230 Clubs Use Partnerships - and Tacos - For The Blood Drive Win

By Kevin Kenoyer



Community Service Chair, Rotary District 5230

The 3rd annual District 5230 opened this year on September 11th at the venerable Tulare Rotary Club 9/11 Blood Drive. Since the tragic event, Tulare Rotary Club has organized the annual event to pay tribute not only to those who perished, but to honor our brave First Responders. Per Central California Blood Center, it is the largest 1 day blood collection day in the Central Valley. 30 donor stations were set-up in anticipation of hundreds of donors that would donate at the event. Tulare Rotary Club 9/11 Blood Drive is truly the "Grand Daddy" of Rotary Club Blood Donor events and served as an inspiration to other Clubs to sponsor their own donor events. Among the Clubs that hosted their own Club sponsored events are Carmel Sunset, Clovis, East Fresno and Salinas Steinbeck. Our Interact Clubs also joined this list, Rancho San Juan High School Interact sponsored by Salinas Valley Passport Rotary Club collected 29 pints at their campus based event!

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Porterville Breakfast Rotary to Aid in Tova's Journey: Near-Fatal Drowning to Remarkable Improvement

Porterville Breakfast Rotary is helping a fellow Rotarian's granddaughter, who had a near-fatal accident, by raising funds for a hyperbaric chamber. In a heartwarming tale of resilience and hope, Tova, a young girl from Porterville, has made remarkable strides in her recovery following a near-fatal drowning incident just days after her 2nd birthday. Tova's life took a dramatic turn when she was involved in the tragic accident.

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One District, Infinite Possibilities: The Year of Membership Growth

By Rebecca Moser

PDG, 5230 Membership Chair



As we step into the new year, Rotary District 5230 is poised for remarkable membership growth! This is a time to re-energize our commitment to service and to invite others to experience the life-changing opportunities that Rotary offers. By sharing our stories, fostering connections, and embracing innovative ways to engage with our communities, we can strengthen our clubs and amplify our impact. Let's make 2025 a year of inspiration, collaboration, and expansion as we welcome new members into our Rotary

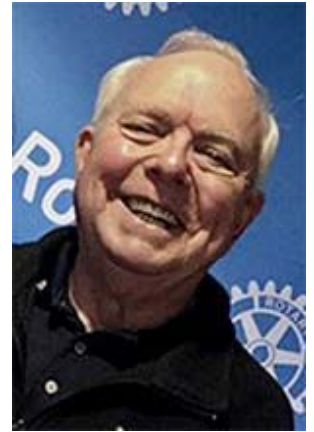
family and continue to make a difference together.
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A Fresh Start

By Bruce D. Mackey
PDG, 5230 Foundation Chair

Happy New Year! This has always been a time to celebrate our accomplishments from the previous year, learn from our shortcomings and set a personal agenda for the coming year. Kind of a fresh start reinforced by the lessons we have learned and the goals we set based on how we want this new year to go.

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The Promise of Zero: A World Without Polio

By Belinda I. Daguio

5230 Polio Plus Chair

To All Polio Warriors,

Many years ago, I joined the fight to eradicate polio. This journey has not always been a straight path, and the closer we get to zero cases, the harder the effort becomes.

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