



# IMPACT! e-bulletin



August 6, 2024

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

## August is Membership and New Club Development Month

### Weekly Message from DG Sue Archibald

Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick has challenged us to add 100 members and three new clubs to our District. This is a wonderful goal that's reachable if we all work together.

#### Let's spread the FUN of Rotary!

During this month I hope that you not only take time to reflect on your path to Rotary, but also to think about what you can do to help others in your community begin theirs. **There is a potential Rotarian in anyone who wants to make a difference, regardless of age or gender, and you can help them join us.**

Providing the materials to help cultivate and maintain membership is something District 5500 strives to do. Clubs can use our new customizable club brochure [how-to video](#), now available in the [Brand Center](#). The club brochure, website, or other template allows you to upload your own photos or choose from a gallery of Rotary photos, provide your club's meeting details, as well as showcase your club's events and projects to show how it is involved in your community. Make sure to include a message about why you joined Rotary and are still an active member today. Something as simple as sharing your story can spark a conversation with someone who isn't familiar with Rotary and what we do.



As the world changes, Rotary changes with it. I know it is not the same Rotary I joined in 2000 nor the Rotary my dad joined in the 60s. **The future of Rotary will not be my story to tell; it will be yours.** As a Rotarian you pave the way for the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you again for all that you do and all that you will continue to do to be part of the Magic of Rotary!

-District Governor Sue Archibald

## The New District 5500 Website is LIVE!

By Leo J. Lawrenson



After a small delay, the new District 5500 website has been rolled out using the same URL- [www.rotaryd5500.org](http://www.rotaryd5500.org). Please note that this website is still under development, including some philosophical content discussions, **so please report any errors, omissions or problems to [Leo@Lawrenson.com](mailto:Leo@Lawrenson.com). Thanks!**



## Important: District Dues Billing System Error

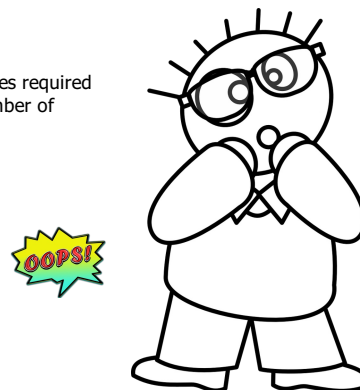
Please be advised that there was an issue concerning the semi-annual dues invoices recently sent out by District 5500.

Due to a billing system error, some clubs received incorrect invoices. Although most club invoices were correct, a few invoices required correcting, and a few clubs that had already paid were issued additional invoices to reconcile the difference between the number of members initially billed and the actual number of members.

We have corrected the error at this time, and we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the District Treasurer, Chad, at 520-790-2738.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we resolve this matter.



## Rotary Youth Exchange æ Welcome the 2024-25 Ambassadors

Two inbound students have arrived and are ready to begin their year of a lifetime!

Kaoru Amano is from the Takahama club in Japan and will be attending Sabino High School. Javier Miguel Salamanca is from the Burgos club in Spain and will attend Ironwood Ridge High School.

Kaoru's host club is the Rotary Club of Tucson and Javier's host club is the Rotary Club of Oro Valley! We welcome both these young Rotary Ambassadors, both of whom we know will excel in this most exciting year of their lives.



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## Call for Sponsorships for the 2024 District Conference of Clubs

Each year the District Conference is an opportunity that affords each of our Rotarians a chance to become familiar with Rotary beyond their own club. During this opportunity, the committee's primary goals are to educate and build friendships for all who attend. The plan this year includes an International Speaker from Australia, an amazing musician who uses music to better understand what it takes to be a leader, as well as two RYLA graduates from California who are now District Governors in California and understand how our Youth programs build leadership and often future Rotarians.



Our Preconference this year will focus on International Service and opportunities for everyone to get involved across the globe. We are looking for sponsors who can support the efforts of this conference. Your sponsorship will help enable our Interact, Youth Exchange and RYLA graduates to attend the conference.

The following are the levels of sponsorship. Please share this with your members, your club, local businesses, and anyone you believe may be interested in doing this. [Read More](#)

## SAVE THE DATE!! DISTRICT DINNER AT CALGARY CONVENTION

By Virginia Leavitt

**SAVE THE DATE!!** Our District 5500 Dinner will take place on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, during the RI Convention in Calgary.

As of last week, we have 47 Rotarians signed up for the convention. When you register, please check off to share your information; of the 47 registered we only have the names of 43.

When we get the dinner venue and pricing set, I will send out the registration to only registered members. If you have any questions or have been to Calgary and know of a venue you would like me to check out, let me know.

Virginia Leavitt, 520.971.6963, [vleavitt2336@gmail.com](mailto:vleavitt2336@gmail.com)



## Register Now for the 2024 Ride to End Polio

The buzz has already started for this year's Ride to End Polio during the Tour de Tucson on Saturday, November 23. It will once again feature new routes aimed to make the ride safer and more enjoyable.

To register for the Ride to End Polio, [click here](#).  
You can also register for the Pre-Ride Dinner [here](#).



## A Message from the U of A Rotaract Club

By Brooke Mckalip

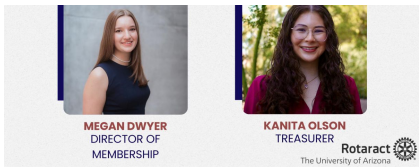
I am excited to introduce myself as the incoming University of Arizona Rotaract President.

Last year, I served as Director of Membership along with a fabulous board and President Kanita Olson to support an enthusiastic and vibrant Rotaract club that worked to serve our community both on and off campus. With over 30 active members, 24 service events, and two conferences attended, I look forward to continuing the great momentum that has been established before me along with my Executive Board, consisting of:



This year, Rotaract has an overarching theme, **Unity in Community**, which will serve as our operational framework and represents our desire to cultivate a culture that embodies human connection and mutual support through service and community-building. In an era characterized by division and pain, we seek to provide a safe and welcoming environment to enact positive change fostered from our shared Rotary values.

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## Yuma Foothills Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 28, 2024

### Yuma Foothills Rotary

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Golf Tournament

**Mesa Del Sol Golf Course**  
**Saturday, September 28th**

<p>Cost: \$100 per Player</p> <p>Skins Included</p> <p>Mulligans - 2 per Player Included</p> <p><u>All Registration to be Completed in Advance</u></p> <p>Cash or checks only</p> <p>Entry Deadline: Wednesday Sept 25 2024 at 5:00 PM</p> <p>Open Range 6:00 to 7:00 am</p> <p>Hole Sponsor \$500 ( 4 man Team, XL Tee Sign)</p> <p>Longest Drive Sponsor \$300 (XL Tee Sign 24"X36")</p> <p>Closest to Pin Sponsor \$300 (XL Tee Sign 24"X36")</p> <p>Large Tee Sponsor \$100 (18"X24")</p>	<p><b>4-Person Net Scramble</b></p> <p><b>7:30 am Shotgun Start</b></p> <p><b>Box Lunch</b></p>	<p><u>Prizes</u></p> <p>Teams</p> <p>1st, 2nd, 3rd</p> <p>Men's/Women's</p> <p>Longest Drive</p> <p>Closest to Pin</p> <p>Raffle Prizes</p>
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[Contact Dit Blackburn \(928\) 580-9929 - dietmarus@yahoo.com](mailto:dietmarus@yahoo.com)  
 Please make Checks Payable to Foothills Rotary

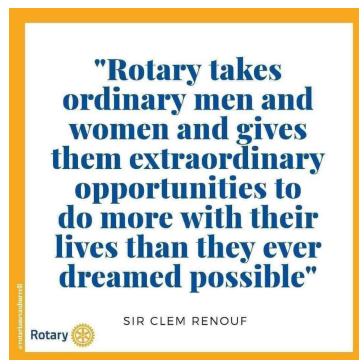
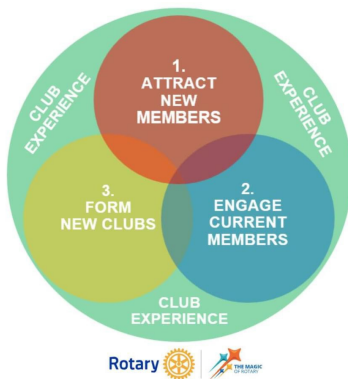
Tucson Sunset Rotary Club is sponsoring a "Rotary Rummage" table at the House of Friendship. Bring your items to the District Conference to raise money for Polio Plus.

Do you have Rotary memorabilia that you no longer need or want? Bring your items to the District Conference to raise money for Rotary's fight against polio. [Read More](#)



## Graphics of the Week

Feel free to download any or all of these images to use in your club's promotional materials. They're free!



## The Origins of Interact

### Question of the Week



**Q:** When and where did Interact start?

**A:** Interact was put into action by Rotary club members and students when The Interact Club of Melbourne High School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Florida, became the first Interact club

on November 5, 1962.

(The name “Interact” is a blend of the words  
“international” and “action.”)

## Publish Your Club Events

Let us help you spread the word about your club's upcoming events, projects or fundraisers in **IMPACT!** Send a document with your information to [kasiarotary@gmail.com](mailto:kasiarotary@gmail.com) by Friday for the following week's newsletter. Include your photo or graphic as a separate attachment as a jpg or png file.

**WHAT ABOUT PAST PROJECTS & FUNDRAISERS?** We'll feature them in our **Rotary in Action Quarterly**. The deadline for the next issue (September) is August 10, 2024.