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District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

Rotary's First Leader

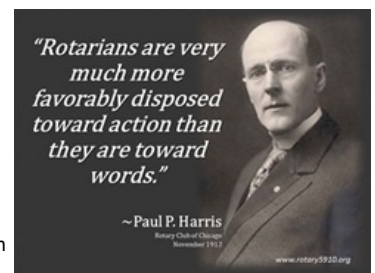
By Susan Mary Archibald

I am looking forward to meeting the Rotarians of District 5500 this year. I know right now our new leadership teams are working hard to establish a plan for the year. I am excited to hear more about what is happening. Below is the first of this month's Rotary leadership profiles. I would encourage you to learn more about Paul Harris and his legacy.

Rotary's First Leader

Paul Harris was the founder and the first president of Rotary International. He established the organization in 1905 with the goal of bringing together professionals from diverse backgrounds to exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Here are some key points about Paul Harris and his leadership in Rotary:

- 1. Founding Rotary:** Paul Harris, a lawyer, founded the first Rotary club in Chicago on February 23, 1905. The club initially had four members, who met to discuss their professional experiences and network.
- 2. Rotary's Growth:** Under Harris's leadership, Rotary quickly expanded beyond Chicago. By 1910, there were 16 Rotary clubs across the United States, and Rotary International was formed to accommodate its growing reach.
- 3. First President:** Paul Harris served as the first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago. His leadership set the foundation for Rotary's values and goals, emphasizing service above self and fostering international understanding.
- 4. Legacy:** Harris's vision and leadership have had a lasting impact. Rotary International now has over 1.2 million members in more than 35,000 clubs worldwide, continuing his mission of service and fellowship.



Can you find your club on Google?



When someone searches on Google for information about Rotary, Rotary Clubs nearby, volunteer opportunities, service organizations, community services, donations to a good cause, etc, does your club come up?

Not if you don't have a Google business page.

But we have exciting news!

District 5500 applied for and received a marketing grant from Zones 26/27. We're using these funds to help every club in the district build a Google business page and an online presence. This will help create more awareness about what Rotary is and what we do for our communities. Our marketing plan will help them find the right club or information.

We are launching a digital marketing plan that is open to all clubs. It's FREE!

Read on to find out how it works.

[Read More](#)

District 5500 Conference of Clubs House of Friendship

Registration is open for tables in the HOF. There is no charge, but space is limited.

You can set up Thursday, October 17th after 3pm or Friday morning before 10am. Tear down is Saturday, October 19th after 3pm.

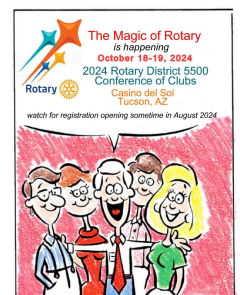
Rotary projects can then be moved to the Terrace by Region for the evening reception.

We may only have 1 table per region depending on how many projects per region. Tear down then is 8pm.

Please let Ginger know if you need electricity so she can put you near an outlet. **Electricity is only available inside during the conference.** You will need to bring your own extension cord.

If you have any other needs or need to be close to another Club, let Ginger know.

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520.971.6963



Focus on RYLA



District Governor Sue is passionate about youth services. That's why she has chosen RYLA as her non-profit of choice during her DG year.



If your club would like to make a donation in her honor of her visit to your club (no obligation, of course), please make your check payable to Rotary District 5500 and note "RYLA Donation" in the memo section. Address is PO Box 65716, Tucson, AZ 85728.

Questions? Please contact RYLA Chair Jennifer Wantz at wantzj@cochise.edu

Trip to Rotary International Headquarters

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Saturday, June 1, 2024

SAVE YOUR SPOT!

PDG Hank Huisking is leading an exciting trip to RI Headquarters 27-29 August, 2024.

The trip is limited to 25 people, so please RSVP [HERE](#) or email Hank at pasadenahank@gmail.com as soon as possible if you'd like her to add you to the list. RI staff has asked if members wish to meet with particular departments while there, so add your request to the email.

For more information (including a draft itinerary) and to RSVP, please click [HERE](#) or [email Hank](#) if you have any questions.

Rotary District 5500

Visit Rotary International Headquarters and Tour Paul Harris Home with DG Sue, DGN Emma, and PDG Hank
August 26 - 29, 2024

Aug 26 (Monday - Travel Day/or come earlier)
Group welcome reception

Aug 27 (Rotary International Headquarters Day)
7:00 AM - Hotel shuttle to Rotary International Headquarters
7:30 AM - Club meeting with Evanston Lighthouse Rotary Club
9:00 AM - Headquarters tour, meetings with RI staff
12:00 PM - Group Lunch - afternoon free

Aug 28 (Paul Harris Home Tour)
8:30 AM - Travel to Paul Harris home
10:00-11:00 AM - Paul Harris home tour
Lunch - Afternoon free
5:30 PM - Group farewell Dinner

Aug 29 (Thursday - Trip ends, travel day or as desired)
Travel is on your own

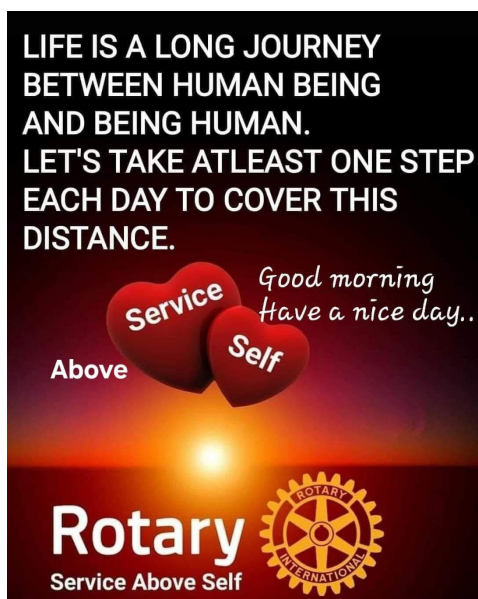
Rotary Group accommodations (\$205/night includes breakfast and parking)
Make your hotel reservation from now to August 9
Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, Chicago North Shore/Evanston
1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, Ill
<https://hiltongardeninnchicagonorthshoreevanston.reservationstays.com>

Contact PDG Hank Huisking to be on the list!
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(520) 732-0361
Sierra Vista Sunrise Rotary Club
Sierra Vista, AZ

Graphic of the Week

If you're looking for cool graphic images to use in your club newsletter, fliers, social media, and other promotional materials, District 5500 has a library of graphics for you to choose from.

They will be available on the new district website -- coming soon! Meanwhile, here's an inspiring graphic that you can download now.



Angel Heart Back-to-School Book Fair

Saturday, August 3 9am-3pm

Come to the Barnes and Noble on Broadway, purchase a book or two, have coffee at the restaurant or buy online. Use the voucher number **Book Fair ID #12759973** at checkout.

Out of town? Purchase online [here](#) and at checkout remember to use the Book Fair ID #12759973

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Contact Deb Haddock at haddockhacienda@aol.com





CORAZON WANTS YOU! Volunteers of all skill levels

RC SaddleBrooke has been busy coordinating a hands-on international project to build a house in a day in Tecate, MX.

This project is done under the direction of Corazon, Inc, a California non-profit that works with service clubs, churches, families and employers to provide services to Northern Baja including building houses.

[Read More](#)



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 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.