



IMPACT! e-bulletin



July 30, 2024

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

District 5500 Has a History of Amazing Leaders

By Susan Mary Archibald

I believe leaders often do not have titles, but they have a passion for making a difference. It is an honor to know how impactful we as a District have been. We have members who travel the world providing polio immunizations, equipping communities with clean water that don't have it, bringing sanitation facilities to those without access, building homes for the homeless, and providing medical services to the most needy. These are just a few examples of what our District 5500 "leaders" have accomplished.

One person who made an incredible impact was our very own Mike Harris, member of Casas Adobes Rotary Club, who was responsible for starting our Ride to End Polio.

In 2009, after years of discussion with Perimeter Bicycling, Rotarian Mike Harris was able to enroll Polio Plus as one of many non-profit beneficiaries to participate in El Tour de Tucson.

Fast forward to 2023. The Ride to End Polio, assisted by the Gates Foundation's two-to-one match, has raised more than \$60 million for Rotary's fight to end polio, one of if not THE single largest fund-raiser in the history of Rotary. At Rotary International there is a tribute to this ongoing effort. Thanks to Mike's vision, our District has become a leader in the efforts to end polio.



Important Update on Club Dues Invoices

Dear Rotary D5500 Members,

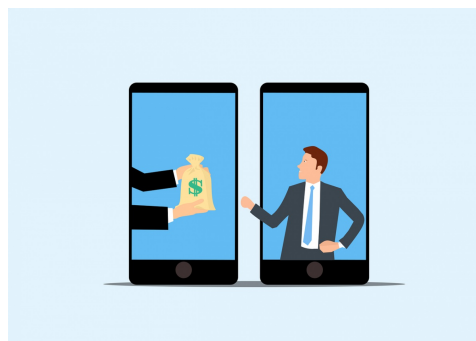
As we continue to foster the spirit of Rotary throughout our district, we want to keep you informed about an important administrative update.

The District Treasurer has recently issued the invoices for club dues. Timely payment of these dues is crucial for the smooth operation and support of our district initiatives. To streamline this process and enhance both efficiency and accuracy in our accounting practices, we strongly encourage all clubs to utilize ACH (Automated Clearing House) transfers for their payments. This method not only simplifies the transaction but also ensures that your payment is processed promptly and correctly.

Why ACH?

- **Efficiency:** ACH transfers are processed quickly, minimizing delays and administrative overhead.
- **Accuracy:** Reduces the risk of errors associated with manual entry and check handling.
- **Convenience:** Enables direct electronic payments from your bank account to ours, eliminating the need for paper checks and manual reconciliations.

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A Critical Need: District Treasurer

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District 5500 seriously needs someone to fill the role of District Treasurer. If you are qualified and interested, or know someone who is, please contact District Governor Sue Archibald asap at eggsuetrev@aol.com.

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Year-end Membership Report

By Bruce Monro



Good news! Our district increased its membership in 2023-24. As of the end of the Rotary year, we had a net gain of 11 members. This is just the second time in many years that we increased membership and the first time doing so without chartering a new club. Congratulations!

An equal number of clubs gained members as lost them and a few stayed the same. We continue to have a high attraction rate of 19%. In previous years, we had about a 1% loss greater than our attraction rate. This year, we gained that 1%.

Since COVID, about 40% of members who resigned did so because the experience they had with their club was not what they wanted. The secret to member satisfaction and the growth of any club - big or small, urban or rural - is the experience a club offers its members. Your communities are unique, and your members are too. The key is to find the "sweet spot" of what your club members are interested in and what your community needs.

You have an opportunity to influence your club's projects and causes to ones that interest you. Speak with your club leadership and begin a conversation in your club about its focus. Your satisfaction with your club will improve and so will your club.

Hotel Info for District Conference

By Virginia Leavitt on Sunday, July 28, 2024



Reservation Instructions

Rotary District 5500 2024

October 17-20, 2024

Group Information:

Rate: \$134.00 plus 12.1% Occupancy fee in **Del Sol Tower**
Rates are based on single occupancy

\$114.00 plus 12.1% Occupancy fee in **Estrella Tower**
Rates are based on single occupancy

Must call Reservations directly to reserve prior/post conference dates, based on availability.

Cancellation Policy: 48 hours prior to arrival date to avoid penalties

Cutoff Date: Group rate will be available until the cutoff date of **September 19, 2024** or until the group block is full, whichever occurs first.

Reservation Instructions

- Step 1:** <https://www.casinosol.com>
- Step 2:** Click on Meetings & Groups.
- Step 3:** Click on Group Hotel Reservations
- Step 4:** Select Group Dates, # of Guests, Select **Del Sol Tower** Or **Estrella** and enter **Group Code 6760**
- Step 5:** Click Next

To make reservations over the phone: Please call our 24-hour Reservations Department at 1-855-SOL-STAY (765-7829)





Celebration of Life for District Conference of Clubs

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Friday, July 26, 2024



Have any members of your club passed on since October 2023? Please let us know so that they will be included in the Celebration of Life at this year's D5500 Conference of Clubs October 18-19, 2024. Click [HERE](#) for a simple fillable PDF form that should be completed and returned to [Leo Lawrenson](#).

Rotary Memorabilia at the District Conference

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](#)



Updates to Trip to RI Headquarters

There are still a few spots open for District 5500's trip to RI headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. But don't delay! Hotel reservations must be made by August 6th.

Check out the flyer and itinerary for the latest trip updates.

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Visit Rotary International Headquarters and Tour Paul Harris Home with DG Sue, DGE Bruce, DGN Emma, and PDG Hank




August 26 – 29, 2024

Aug 26 (Monday - Travel Day/or come earlier)
5:00 PM – Group welcome reception Blue Horse Tavern

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 –afternoon free
2:00PM – Optional Chicago River cruise

Aug 28 (Paul Harris Home Tour)
10:30 AM – Travel to Paul Harris home
11:30AM-12:30PM – Paul Harris home tour
Return to Hotel
Lunch on own and 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

Booking Link: [Rotary D5500 Booking Link](#) Group code: RD5500

Contact PDG Hank Huisking to be on the list!

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Sierra Vista Sunrise Rotary Club
Sierra Vista, AZ

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Don't Miss Out!

2025 Rotary International Convention
June 21-25, 2024 in Calgary, Canada

Spaces are filling up for next year's RI Convention, so get in while you can. At last count, 47 Rotarians from District 5500 have registered, so come join us* for a transformative experience.

[Click here](#) to register.

*Registrations are refundable.


Graphics of the Week

We're closing the month with three graphics for you to use. Feel free to download and use any or all for your club's marketing promotions.



Question of the Week

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Q: What is the Council on Legislation?

A: The Council on Legislation is Rotary's Parliament. It meets every three years in Chicago for enactments and every year on line for resolutions. Each of the Rotary districts worldwide chooses a representative, Past-Governor, for a three-year term. These members represent their districts at all three meetings of the Council on Resolutions and at the Council on Legislation during their term.

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.