



IMPACT! e-bulletin



August 13, 2024 District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

Building a Stronger Rotary

By Sue Archibald DG

A Rotary Club is only as impactful as the commitment by its members to making things happen. The friendships and fun we all experience are attractive to many. Building a strong club can be reflected in both membership growth and service successes.

Strategies for club growth include hosting events where potential members can learn about Rotary and meet current members to see the impact of Rotary's work. Organizing diverse programs and inviting community members to these can showcase the club and its goals. Encourage members to invite friends, colleagues and family members to events and service projects.

The overall goal of a club should be to keep members engaged and satisfied with their membership. As you all know there are many opportunities in our communities to volunteer, so it's our job to make being a Rotarian the number one priority.



A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to our NEW District Governor Nominee Designate, Leo Lawrenson



Let's hear it for DGND Leo Lawrenson, who will serve as District Governor for the 2027-28 Rotary year.

A Rotarian since 2009, Leo has held nearly every club officer position and currently serves as President of the Rotary Club of Oro Valley. He is also Webmaster and Chair of the Tech Team for District 5500.

Leo's impressive resume includes, among many other accomplishments, a 30-year career in the US Air Force, assignments to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon and Homeland Security, and DoD Battle Captain for 9-11 recovery efforts.

Rotary License Plate for Arizona Goes on Sale This Friday

This Friday, August 16, marks the sale date for the official Rotary License Plate for Arizona!

ROTARY LICENSE PLATE FAQ

When can I purchase my new Rotary International special plate?

You may order your new plate online at azmvdnow.gov starting August 16th, 2024.

What is AZ MVD NOW?

AZ MVD Now is the Motor Vehicle Division's new online platform. It's fast, easy, secure and personalized for you. Once you set up your account and/or log in, you will see your information and your personalized home page. From there, you may easily order your new license plate.

How much does the new Rotary International special plate cost?

The fee for the Rotary International special plate is \$25 per year for a non-personalized plate and \$50 per year for a personalized plate. The standard size plate may be personalized with a maximum of six characters and five when requesting disability. Also available in a small size plate for motorcycles and golf carts and may be personalized with a maximum of four characters and three when requesting disability. A postage fee will apply.

What if my current license plate is personalized and I want to change the plate background?

Those with a personalized plate other than the Rotary International may apply for the new plate design online at azmvdnow.gov. The maximum number of characters allowed for the standard size Rotary International plate is six, five for disability. The maximum number of characters allowed for the small size plate is four, three for disability. A \$50 annual personalized/specialty plate fee and postage will apply.



What if I already paid for my current special plate? Will I have to pay again if I order the Rotary International special plate?

Yes, this requires a new application, and the fee for the Rotary International special plate is \$25 per year for a non-personalized plate and \$50 per year for a personalized plate.

Who does the proceeds of the plate benefit?

The Rotary Clubs of Arizona License Plate, which is split equally between the Rotary Districts of Arizona annually.

Virtual Zone Institute

Registration Now Open September 12 - 14, 2024

Can't join us in-person for the Zone Institute in Spokane? You can still join in the sharing of Big Ideas!

Registration is now open for the **Virtual Zones 26 & 27 Institute**. Join us online and enjoy live streams of all the inspiring General Session keynote presentations, exclusive in-depth interviews with speakers and Rotary dignitaries, and access to special recordings of plenary sessions and exclusive content. All for just \$99!

[Click here](#) to learn more and register now.



Webinar! Rotary's Endowment: Three Easy Ways to Give

Monday, August 26, 2024 11:00-11:45am

Join Trustee Greg Podd, Endowment/Major Gift Advisor Steve Lewis, and Planned Giving Officer Erin Groble for this special webinar to learn easy ways you can create your own legacy through Rotary's Endowment.

All Rotarians who may be interested are invited to learn from this Webinar how they can make their own gift to secure Rotary's future.

[Click here](#) to register.



Last Call for District Trip to RI Headquarters!

Rotary
District 5500



**Visit Rotary International Headquarters and
Tour Paul Harris Home with DG Sue, DGE
Bruce, DGN Emma, DGND Leo, 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 Huisiking to be on the list!
pasadenahank@gmail.com
(520) 732-0361
Sierra Vista Sunrise Rotary Club
Sierra Vista, AZ

[Read More](#)

Fort Yuma Rotary Athletic Scholarship Program

The Fort Yuma Rotary Athletic Scholarship Program is designed to support young athletes, dancers, and artists in our community!

Their goal is to make sure that every young person in the community has the opportunity to pursue their passions without financial barriers.

If you know someone aged 13-18 who needs financial assistance to participate in sports, dance, or art activities, have them email Mari Peynado at mpeynado@gce-pe.com.



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SCHOLARSHIP

EXTRA- CURRICULAR/ ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Ft. Yuma Rotary is excited to announce our Athletic Scholarship Program! We support kids who need financial help to join sports, dance, or art activities. Let's team up to make a difference in our community!

OUR PROGRAM:

- ✓ Cost of Registration
- ✓ Equipment Rentals/Purchase
- ✓ Open to all Yuma County residents ages 3-18, subject to available funds and approval of application

APPLICATION:

CONTACT: MARI PEYNADO
mpeynado@gce-pe.com or call @ 928.246.5825

Fort Yuma Rotary Club

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 me know if you need electricity so I 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 me know.

Ginger Leavitt Vleavitt2336@gmail.com
520.971.6963

An Invitation from Rotaract

By Brooke McKalip

Professional Development Series

Dear Rotary Club Members,

We are excited to extend a warm invitation to all members of our Rotary Club to participate in a series of professional development events organized by the students of the University of Arizona Rotaract Club. These events aim to provide valuable insights and networking opportunities for our Rotaract members, who are primarily pursuing degrees in business, medicine (including nursing, public health, and pre-med), psychology, and applied sciences like chemistry and biology.

Why Participate?

- **Share Your Expertise:** Your involvement offers a chance to share your professional experiences and insights with aspiring young professionals in these fields.
- **Strengthen Connections:** This is a fantastic opportunity to build connections with our Rotaractors, fostering a deeper understanding of what your Rotary Club does and how we can collaborate.
- **Impact Future Leaders:** Your participation will make a significant impact on the career development of our students, helping them gain valuable knowledge and inspiration.

Get Involved:

We would be delighted to have you contribute by participating in these events or even giving a more comprehensive presentation about your Rotary Club at one of our meetings in the spring.

Sign Up Here: [Professional Development Signup Sheet](#)

If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to reach out to me, Brooke, at president@uazrotaractclub.org.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a positive impact on our Rotaract members' professional growth. We look forward to collaborating with you!

Warm regards,

Brooke

President, University of Arizona Rotaract Club

Yuma Crossing 50s & 60s Jamboree

Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 6-10pm

[Click here](#) to register.



Ticket Price \$50 **Buy Tickets Online**

Rotary Club of Yuma Crossing

50'S & 60'S JAMBOREE

Contest Categories

- Best couple costume
- Most authentic costume
- Best Group costume
- Dance

The judges will be YOU the audience!

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Contact Rita Rivera at 520-409-5172 or Jesus Fuentes 928-304-8550 if you are unable to purchase tickets online or email us at yumacrossingrotary@gmail.com.

Proceeds to benefit our scholarships, projects, and programs. **no host bar

SEPT 7, 2024 | **FOOD** | **DRINKS**
6 PM - 10 PM | **50/50 DRAWING** | **LIVE MUSIC**

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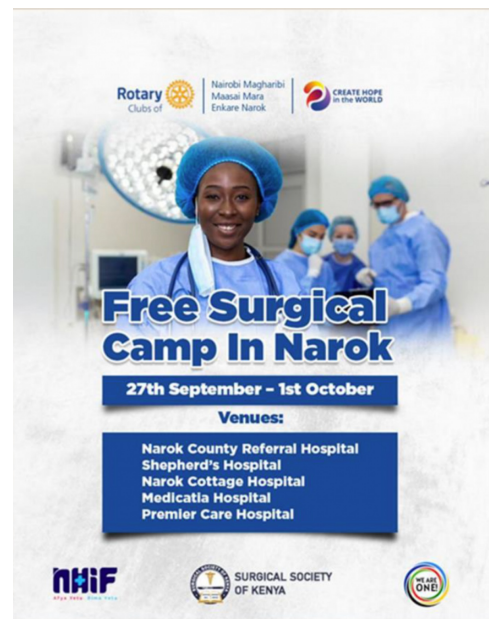
Kenya Surgical Eye Camp Needs Your Help

Rotary Club of Tucson Kino is looking to raise funds in support of District 9212 Maasai Mara Rotary Club's global effort to bring sight to local villagers and the poor in the remote areas of Kenya.

The three previous Surgery Eye Camps have helped more than 600 patients regain their eyesight.

The next Surgery Camp is scheduled for September 27-October 1, 2024, but **there is a \$27,000 shortfall**.

If you would like to help, please contact Dennis Bergquist, President of Rotary Tucson Kino, at BergquistGlobal@gmail.com or 320-224-2209



Rotary Clubs of Nairobi Magharibi Maasai Mara Enkare Narok

CREATE HOPE in the WORLD

Free Surgical Camp In Narok

27th September - 1st October

Venues:

- Narok County Referral Hospital
- Shepherd's Hospital
- Narok Cottage Hospital
- Medicatia Hospital
- Premier Care Hospital

NHIF SURGICAL SOCIETY OF KENYA

St. Andrew's Cleft Palate Mission 2024

October 4-7, 2024

All Rotarians in District 5500 are invited to go to Hermosillo, Mexico to take part in this year's Mission.

Approximately 60 children from infants to 18 years old will have surgeries (some several at the same time) to repair their birth defect of cleft palate or lip. Rotarians help keep the children entertained while they are waiting for surgery, get them to meals and even observe surgeries.

We drive to Hermosillo on Friday, October 4th and return Monday, October 7th. Rotarians are responsible for their own meals and hotel rooms, (approximately \$99 per night). Double rooms are available if you would like to share a room. We need to confirm rooms by **August 15th**.

[Read More](#)



TUBAC Rotary Club

CHANGING LIVES

Join us in a multi-club international experience.

It's called Corazon and you can help 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](#)



Casa Grande Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 19 from 5pm-9pm
FREE EVENT!

[Click here](#) for details.



SAVE
THE DATE

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

3RD ANNUAL
OKTOBERFEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH • 5 P.M. TO 9 P.M.
INTERSECTION OF FLORENCE ST. & 3RD ST.
DOWNTOWN CASA GRANDE

*Beer Garden • Food Trucks • Polka Band • Carnival Rides
\$2,500 Grand Prize • Kids Zone • Games & Activities*

..... cgoktoberfest.com

Presented by the Casa Grande Rotary Foundation

Rotary 
Club of Casa Grande

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE CASA GRANDE ROTARY
FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Question of the Week

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Q: What are the Rotary Friendship Trees?

A: In the fall of 1932, the nature loving Paul Harris embarked on a five-week tour of European Rotary clubs and planted trees along the way. Ever since, Rotarians continue to plant trees to symbolize enduring friendships and fellowship, to beautify parks and communities, and to contribute to a greener world.



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.