

IMPACT! e-bulletin



December 17, 2024

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

Rotary's Efforts in Disease Treatment and Their Impact on Employment

By Sue Archibald

Rotary's December theme is Disease Prevention and Treatment. Rotary International's work in disease treatment extends far beyond improving health—it also plays a critical role in boosting employment opportunities in underserved communities.

By addressing both infectious and chronic diseases, Rotary helps create healthier, more stable environments where individuals can work. And Rotary's signature efforts, such as the global fight to eradicate polio, not only save lives but also reduce the burden of illness that often keeps people from being able to work or care for their families. By providing access to healthcare, Rotary ensures that individuals are healthier, more productive, and able to contribute to their communities.



In addition to combating diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, and diabetes, Rotary helps build medical infrastructure, train healthcare workers, and support local clinics, all of which create job opportunities in these regions. Improved health means fewer sick days, increased workforce participation, and a stronger local economy.

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2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends

SAVE THESE DATES: September 26-27, 2025

It's not too early to start planning for District 5500's biggest event of the year. The 2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends will be held at the wonderful Tubac Golf Resort & Spa.

Make your room reservations early! [Click here](#), or call 1-800-848-7893 and mention group code ROTA25.

Now Accepting Reservations

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/6172?groupID=4580880>
1-800-848-7893, group code is ROTA25



Save the Date!

2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends
September 26-27
Tubac Golf Report & Spa

Inspiration
Fun
Great Food
Golf
Shopping
Tubac!



The Three P's

By Bruce Monro

What's THE Secret to Club Success?

It's a question every club strives to answer. While each club charts its own course and defines success in unique ways, there is a simple, proven formula: *The Three P's—Projects, Programs, and People.*

Bold Projects That Matter

Are your club's projects the same ones you've been doing for so long that no one remembers when they began? Are they still relevant to your community? Do they excite and challenge your members?

Projects shouldn't just serve the community—they should inspire and transform your members. When a project pushes members out of their comfort zones, it creates a sense of accomplishment that routine or outdated initiatives often lack. These moments of shared effort and success elevate your club's impact and grow its reputation for meaningful service.

Over time, innovative and impactful projects attract partnerships with like-minded organizations. And as your club's influence grows, so will its membership.

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RYLA Deadline Extended!

RYLA still needs participants, both student delegates and adult advisors.

We need a total of 12 adults that are willing to spend a weekend with teenagers learning about leadership, and we're only about halfway there. If you are interested and available, please apply [here](#). The dates are January 17-20, 2025.

Feel free to contact the admin team at ryladistrict5500@gmail.com with questions.

PLUS... there are still open spots for student delegates! **The deadline has been extended to December 20th**, so please spread the word! Applications available [here](#).



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Reminder: Club Membership Data Due to RI by January 1

This is a friendly reminder to update your club membership and officer information in the district database **by January 1, 2025**. This information will be used to generate your January 2025 club invoice.

It is important that your club's member information is up to date because Rotary cannot change the club invoice after it has been generated, or accept membership updates with your payment.

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TRF Weekly Message: Investing in Action

The Rotary Foundation plans for the future, not just for today, and helps members put ideas into action. In the words of Arch Klumph:

"Rotary has assumed a great obligation to the world Its opportunities are limitless, but its income today and of tomorrow will never permit it to do the many things which it could and should do. Let me remind you of these three facts: (1) money alone does little good, (2) individual service is helpless without money, (3) the two together can be a godsend to civilization."

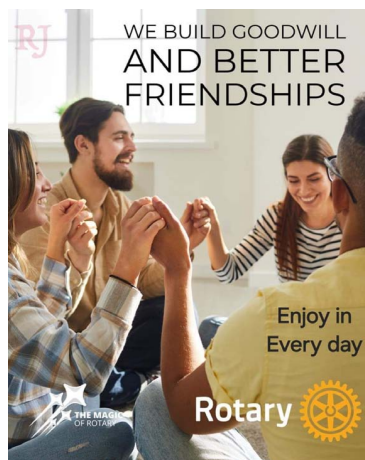
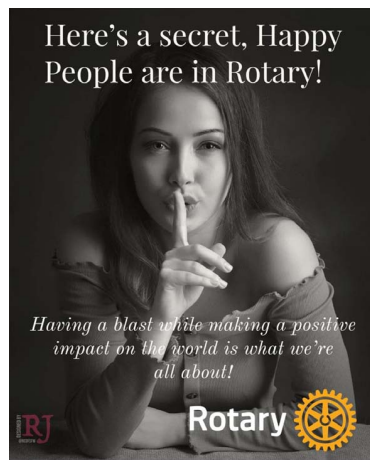
Thank you for the time, energy, and financial support you give to Rotary's mission.

Your Weekly Graphics Collection

Spread the joy of Rotary with these fun, inspiring graphics. Just download and save them to your computer and use in your club's social media, newsletters, websites and other promotional materials.



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Tajikistan International Book Project



A big THANK YOU to those who have donated books to our project already. We are really appreciative.

The **Willcox Rotary Club** supports Tajikistan students learning English by supplying them with books. We've been doing this every year since 2016, and we could use your help.

We have a deadline of Monday, December 23rd to receive any books.

The books we provide equip students for crucial exams such as the IELTS, TOEFL, GRE, and GMAT. These opportunities transform students' lives, enabling them to study abroad, return home, land excellent jobs, and achieve career success. [Read More](#)

Mountain Empire Rotary - Chill & Grill

WIN! WIN! WIN!
[Click here](#) to enter

Chill & Grill



Freezer Full of Meat!

Win a varied selection of locally ranched meat.
One lucky winner will receive:

- Free standing, 5.0 cubic foot freezer
- More than 50 pounds of various cuts of meat
- At least one "grill" pack of beef steaks to be included

\$10
Donation

The Fine Print: Must be at least 21 years of age to purchase tickets. Total value approximately \$1,000. No more than 2,000 tickets will be sold. Winner need not be present to win. Winner responsible for prize pick up. Proceeds support Mountain Empire Rotary Club programs in our community. Drawing will be held Thursday, December 19, 2024.



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Mountain Empire Rotary Club



Rotary Club of Bisbee: Handbags for Hope

Bisbee Rotary Club and Friends are collecting donations for Handbags for Hope. Bags will be distributed in December to domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters and any other women's and men's group that has a need.

Locations for distribution: Bisbee, Douglas, Sierra Vista and beyond!

Handbag Assembly Event - Please join us:

DATE: December 19, 2024

TIME: 5:00 PM

VFW: Bisbee Off HWY 92

Thank you for your support and contributions. Please share.

NEEDED: New, clean, or gently used handbags, purses, totes, backpacks, shaving kits, travel totes, etc.

Plus items needed to fill the bags (read more).

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Rotary District 5500-Wide Happy Hour

Every 3rd Friday, starting December 20th



All Rotarians are invited to join us for a District-wide Happy Hour, hosted by the **Rotary Club of Oro Valley**.

The Happy Hour will be held at the Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort on 245 E Ina Rd, in the Palm Room from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, starting on Friday, December 20th.

This Happy Hour will be held at the same place and at the same time on the 3rd Friday of each month. Your guests can also be included.

Any Rotarian attending will also be given a 20% discount card for all current and future meals and drinks for + 9 guests at Westward Look!

Please join us!

Big West PHS Challenge!

DEADLINE REMINDER: DECEMBER 31ST!

Dear District 5500,

In honor of Rotary Foundation Month and to promote [The Paul Harris Society](#), my wife Leslie Lawson and I, along with an anonymous donor, are contributing a total of \$500,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

We are challenging 500 members from Zones 26 & 27 to join the Paul Harris Society before December 31, 2024, so we can reach \$1 million! The Paul Harris Society is a commitment to donate \$1,000 annually to The Rotary Foundation.

Members can now easily join online by clicking [HERE](#).

See flyer on next page for all the details. Remember, if you direct your contribution to PolioPlus it will be matched at a 2:1 ratio.

Let's all work together to achieve this important goal!

Thanks,
Dan
Daniel C. Himelspach
RI Director 2023-25

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Dove Mountain Rotary: A Night in Monte Carlo Fundraiser

Saturday, February 1, 2025 - 5:30-10:30pm
The Buttes at Reflections in Oro Valley

JOIN
THE DOVE MOUNTAIN ROTARY
FOR ITS SIGNATURE FUNDRAISING EVENT BENEFITING
CHILDREN, FAMILIES VETERANS, AND MORE.

ENJOY AN ELEGANT EVENING OF
CASINO GAMING, A PLATED DINNER,
MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT.

**A NIGHT IN
MONTE CARLO**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025
5:30 PM - 10:30 PM
AT
ORO VALLEY'S
THE BUTTES AT REFLECTIONS

SCAN THE QR CODE OR
VISIT WWW.DOVEMOUNTAINROTARY.ORG
FOR TICKET AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION.

Casa Grande Rotary: Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser

Saturday, April 5, 2025

SAVE THE DATE!



DENIM & DIAMONDS

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

Pinal Fairgrounds & Event Center | Starting at 5 p.m.

Presented by the Casa Grande Rotary Foundation



LIVE MUSIC DINNER LIVE AUCTION SILENT AUCTION RAFFLES

Share Your Club's News!

Would you like to publish your club's upcoming events, projects or fundraisers in **IMPACT?**

Fill out [this form](#) with your information and send it 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.

PLUS...SHOWCASE YOUR PAST PROJECTS & FUNDRAISERS! We'll feature them in our **Rotary in Action Quarterly**. Use [this form](#) and send it to kasiarotary@gmail.com. *Don't forget to include photos -- the more the merrier!*

