



# IMPACT! e-bulletin



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District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

## Rotary Holiday Reflections: Renewing Hope for a Polio-Free World

By Sue Archibald

As the holiday season unfolds, communities embrace the warmth of giving, joy of connection, and hope for a brighter future. At Rotary, we reflect on our shared mission to eradicate polio—a goal that unites and inspires us.

### A Season of Gratitude

In 1988, Rotary and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative began the fight against polio, a disease that paralyzed 1,000 children daily across 125 countries.

Today, thanks to global efforts, polio cases have decreased by over 99%, with only a few remaining in Afghanistan and Pakistan. This progress is due to the dedication of Rotarians, donors, and healthcare workers who deliver vaccines to remote regions.

This season, we express deep gratitude to all who contribute to this historic achievement.

[Read More](#)



## IMPACT! is on Vacation Next Week

There will be no IMPACT! newsletter next week (December 31). We'll resume delivery to your inbox on January 7, 2025.

'Tis the season to be grateful, and I am deeply grateful to you, my fellow Rotarians...

- for sending in news of your club's upcoming projects, events and fundraisers
- for sending your club's photos and stories for the Rotary in Action Quarterly
- for using the weekly graphics in your club newsletters and social media
- for reading the weekly IMPACT! and quarterly RIA e-zine, and passing them along to friends, family and prospects
- for all the incredible work that you do for the communities in District 5500 and the world beyond

Wishing you a joyous, safe and peaceful holiday season.



## TRF Weekly Message: What are Some Ways to Leave a Legacy of Doing Good?

You can qualify as a **Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation** by making an outright gift of \$1,000 or more to the Endowment or notifying the Foundation that you've included the Endowment as a beneficiary of that amount in your estate plan.

Benefactors receive a certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.

If you make a commitment for a future gift of \$10,000 or more to the Foundation, you'll be invited to join the **Bequest Society**.

Bequest Society members receive benefits and recognition pieces for different levels of giving, including pins and crystals, the ability to endow named funds, or special seating at the Rotary International Convention.

More than 100,000 Benefactors and more than 14,500 Bequest Society members are creating legacies of generosity as they help people around the world live better lives.

Contact Kristi Halvorson at [kristi@greenskerry.com](mailto:kristi@greenskerry.com) if you want to become a Benefactor or join the Bequest Society.



**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 Resort & Spa**

**Inspiration**  
**Fun**  
**Great Food**  
**Golf**  
**Shopping**  
**Tubac!**



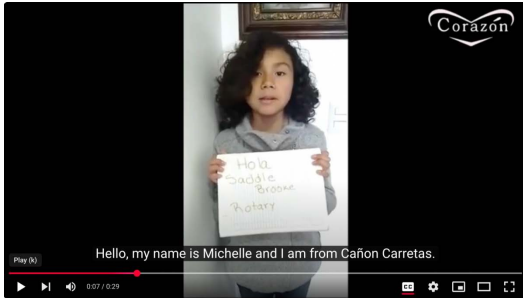
## A Heartwarming Thank You Message from Corazon

Team Corazon sent the following message to SaddleBrooke Rotary, which spearheaded the recent construction project in Mexico that also involved multiple clubs in District 5500.

*"Thank you for supporting our house-building efforts in Mexico this year. In addition to providing a family with a secure home, you have also sponsored scholarships for students in our Education Program.*

*As thanks for your support, our students have created a brief message for you and your volunteer group.*

*Thank you for supporting Corazón Construction and Scholarships!"*



Thank You | Saddle Brooke Rotary

To view the video, click on the image above or on this link: <https://youtu.be/763g6HXSHvM>

## Peace Pole Reaches New Heights

On December 12th, two Rotary Peace Poles were dedicated at the International School of Peace in Tucson, Arizona. The poles were placed on the school grounds near St. Francis in the Foothills church.

The mobile Peace Pole will be moved from classroom to classroom, and was part of the Sunday Service on December 22nd.

About 20 students ages 3-5 sang in two different languages at the ceremony.

The Peace Pole was donated by the **Kino Rotary Club**, and Buck Crouch did a back-breaking job digging the foundation hole for the pole (which was populated with AZ caliche.)

The second pole was a mobile unit, featuring thumbprints from all the students at its base. Deb Haddock read a PEACE book to the students.

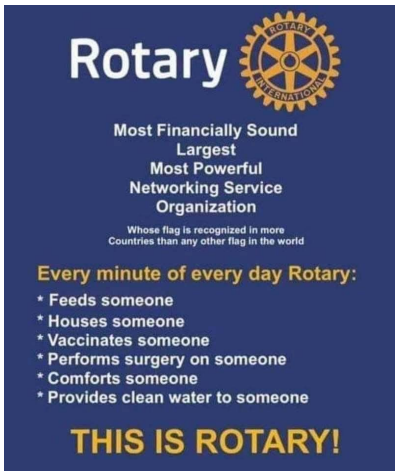
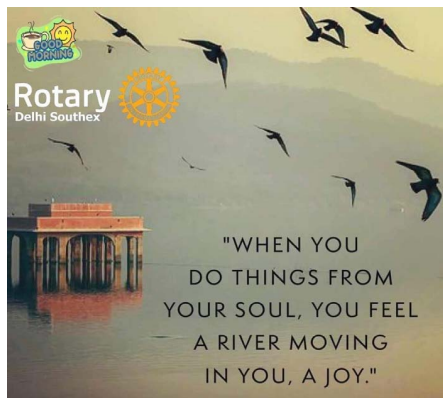
Rotarians who attended: Deb Haddock, PDG Ellie Patterson, PDG Diane Ventura-Goodyear, Dr. Gordon Goodyear, Dennis Bergquist.



May Peace Prevail on Earth.

## The Graphic Corner

Here's a new crop of graphics for your club's image library. Just download and save them to use in your social media, club newsletters, and other promotional materials.



## Yuma Crossing: Around the World Gala

Saturday, January 18, 2025  
Doors open at 6pm

ROTARY CLUB OF YUMA CROSSING

Presents

# Around the WORLD Gala



Scan the QR code  
to buy tickets now!



8th Annual Dinner Gala Fundraiser

## JANUARY 18, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.

Paradise Casino Event Center  
450 Quechan Drive, Yuma, AZ 85364

*Tickets \$75 per person*

For Sponsorship, Tickets, and Table Purchase contact 928-304-8550



Proceeds to benefit local charities

FORMAL ATTIRE

## Dove Mountain Rotary: A Night in Monte Carlo Fundraiser

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



**Catalina Rotary Needs Rodeo Volunteers**

**February 15-23, 2025**

It's the 100th anniversary of the Tucson Rodeo - A CENTURY OF RODEO!

For more than a quarter century, the Catalina Rotary Club has been an active volunteer in helping the Tucson Rodeo serve the Tucson community through the sale of beer to rodeo spectators and earning a portion of funds doing so.

- The funds raised are used to support local Tucson community groups such as:
- The Boys And Girls Clubs
  - Youth On Their Own
  - Integrative Touch
  - Mariachi Rayos Del Sol
  - The Tucson Salvation Army
  - and others

**We are looking for volunteers to make a one day (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) commitment.** Please share this volunteer opportunity with loved ones, friends, or business associates. (Must be 19 and over to serve beer.) You will be partnered with like-minded volunteers in the sale of beer to thirsty Cowboys, Cowgirls, and spectators. It's not only beneficial to the community - it's fun! **Sign up [here](#).**

**Rincon Rotary Taste of Chocolate**

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Sunday, April 13, 2025**

Save the date for this sweet fundraiser to benefit local educators and educational programs!

# EAT CHOCOLATE



## *Taste of Chocolate*

April 13th, 2025 • 2-4 PM

DoubleTree • Reid Park

[TucsonTasteOfChocolate.org](http://TucsonTasteOfChocolate.org)

Buy Tickets Here



DONATE

# HELP TEACHERS

Benefits **RotaryLOCAL**

## 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*

Rotary   
Club of Casa Grande

LIVE MUSIC DINNER LIVE AUCTION SILENT AUCTION RAFFLES

## Send Your Club's Spring Events!

Spring is a busy time of year for Rotarians, and it will be here before you know it.

If your club has spring projects or fundraisers in the pipeline, we can help spread the word throughout District 5500 by publicizing them in the IMPACT! newsletter.

Just fill out [this form](#) and email it to [kasiarotary@gmail.com](mailto:kasiarotary@gmail.com) along with your promotional fliers.



Questions? Email [kasiarotary@gmail.com](mailto:kasiarotary@gmail.com)

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