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December 3, 2024

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

December is Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

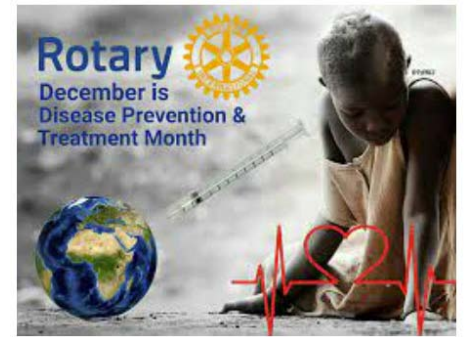
By Sue Archibald

Rotary's Commitment to Disease Prevention and Treatment

Rotary is dedicated to fighting and preventing disease, with **Disease Prevention and Treatment** being one of its Seven Areas of Focus. Disease and illness not only cause pain and suffering but can also lead to prolonged hardship, including loss of employment and income. These challenges affect families and diminish the overall quality of life.

Rotary and Rotarians are committed to helping people live healthier lives. Our signature project in this area is the global effort to eradicate polio. However, Rotary's impact extends far beyond polio.

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The Rotary Foundation Weekly Message: What Kind of Memorial and Tribute Gifts Are Possible?

You can honor a loved one in a meaningful way with a contribution to The Rotary Foundation that helps sustain our efforts around the world.

The easiest way is to start at rotary.org/donate and select the option to make a donation in honor or in memory of someone. You can contribute to the Annual Fund-SHARE, the World Fund, the Endowment, PolioPlus, the Disaster Response Fund, a specific area of focus, or a global grant.

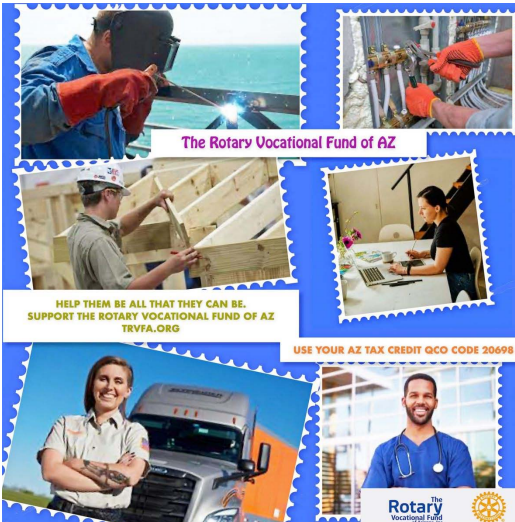
As the donor, you'll receive gift credit and a tax receipt (where applicable). The person you're honoring, or their family, can be notified of your gift by email, or you can choose to print a notification and deliver it yourself.

Consider making a gift to the Foundation today to honor someone you love.



Empower Yourself: Utilize a Tax Credit to Support Those in Need

The Rotary Vocational Fund Needs Your Support



As members of Rotary, we are presented with a significant opportunity through The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona (TRVFA). The Board of TRVFA strongly urges every Rotarian and Arizona taxpayer in our district to take advantage of the Arizona Credit for Contributions to Qualified Charitable Organizations by donating to TRVFA.

Single taxpayers may claim a tax credit for contributions up to **\$470.00**, while married couples filing jointly may claim up to **\$938.00**.

The Qualified Charitable Organization (QCO) Code for TRVFA is 20698.

Eligible applicants for assistance are Arizona residents who meet designated low-income criteria and successfully pass a screening interview conducted by a local Rotary club. Your generous donation has the potential to not only transform individual lives but also to support those who depend on them.

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District 5500 Peacebuilders Network Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 pm on Zoom
"The War That Never Ended"

Our December meeting features a presentation by Angel Pilato, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.), PhD. Her story, "The War That Never Ended," will focus on UXO (Unexploded ordnance) in Laos that are still as deadly today as they were 50 years ago.

Even though there are millions of UXO still in Vietnam and Cambodia, Pilato selected Laos because it was the most heavily bombed country per capita in the world. On a more personal note, Angel reported that a lot of the pilots from her base were shot down and killed in Laos.

These unexploded UXO remain active after 50+ years and it may take 100 years to ever see the land totally free of them. It will be a fascinating story and Angel is fully committed to the removal of UXO in Laos that remain deadly, especially to children.

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Peace Pole Celebration December 12th

The Kino and Sunset Rotary Clubs have donated two Peace Poles to the International School for Peace and Saint Francis.

One Peace Pole will be installed in the front courtyard, while a smaller, portable Peace Pole will be shared between the two organizations.

A dedication ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th, beginning at 2:15pm. Kindergarten students at the International School for Peace for the upcoming academic year will attend this ceremony accompanied by their teacher. Parents will receive further details regarding the event.

All other students are encouraged to attend with a parent or designated caregiver.

<https://internationalschoolforpeace.com>



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**.

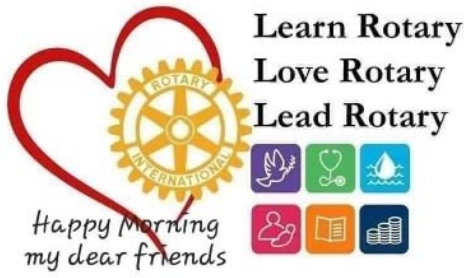
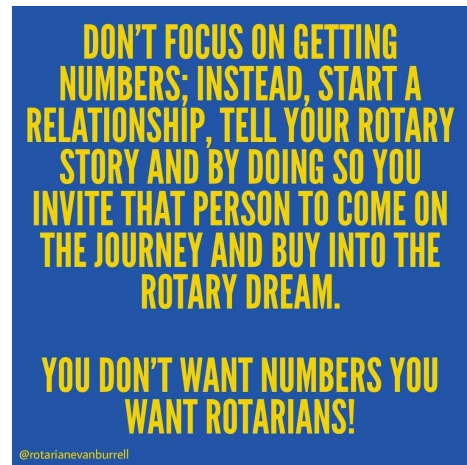
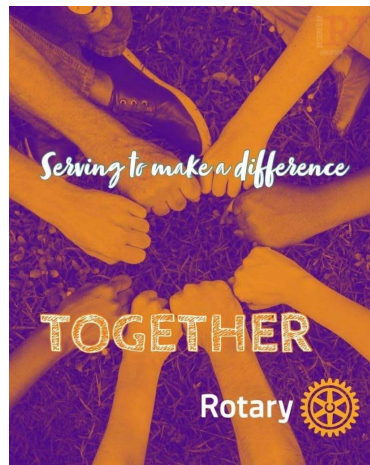
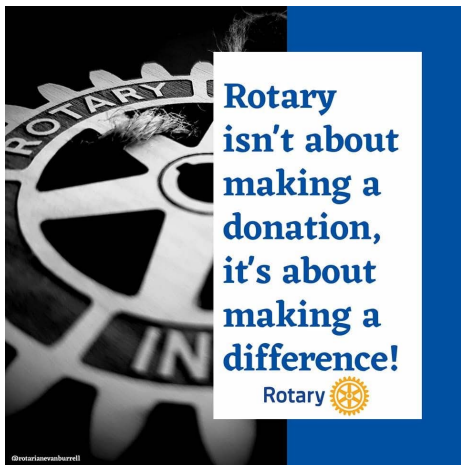
The Happy Hour will be held at the Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort on 245 E Ina Rd, in the Palm Room from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, starting on Friday, December 20th.

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!

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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](#)

Tucson Kino: The Polar Express Book Fair

Saturday, December 7th, 9am-3pm to support Angel Heart Pajama Project

Barnes & Noble Bookstore East Side 5130 E. Broadway Blvd. in Tucson
This event is a Book Fair to support Angel Heart Pajama Project
Providing pajamas and books to children in need!

We are dedicated to providing pajamas and books to children in need across southern Arizona. On our designated day, a percentage of the proceeds from your purchases at Barnes & Noble will be allocated to support our organization. www.angelheartpajamaproject.org

[Click here](#) to shop online and enter Book Fair ID #12759999 at checkout.

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ANGEL HEART
PAJAMA PROJECT



UA Rotaract & Rainbow Rotary

Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation Service Project
Saturday, December 7th, 8-11am

To kick off December, UA Rotaract Club and Rainbow Rotary Club are volunteering at the [Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation](#). Highlighting the importance of health equity through service, they are supporting projects related to health literacy and harm reduction.

Interested in joining them? [Click here](#) to sign up.

PROVIDING HIV/AIDS AND LGBTQ+ CARE, SUPPORT, OUTREACH, AND EDUCATION.

Yuma - Walt Kammann Sausage Fry

Friday, December 6 - 4:30-8pm

Buy your tickets [here](#)



Walt Kammann
FAMOUS SINCE 1958

SAUSAGE FRY
FRIDAY • DECEMBER 6
YUMA CIVIC CENTER
1440 W. Desert Hills Dr. Yuma, AZ
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

TICKETS ONLINE \$15
FUNDS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

**MUSIC • FOOD
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PURCHASE TICKETS at WWW.YumaRotary.org
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Yuma Rotary Club logo and QR code are also present on the poster.

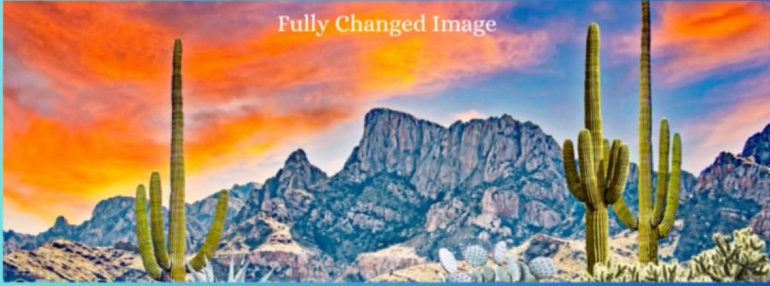
Dove Mountain Rotary - Transforming Mug Club Fundraiser

Great holiday gift idea!

Place your orders at DoveMountainRotary.org



Dove Mountain Rotary



Fully Changed Image

Color Changing Mug

Arizona Sonoran Desert

Fill this mug with hot liquid and watch the image appear

"Create Hope in the World"

www.DoveMountainRotary.org

\$25.00



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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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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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

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**. The deadline for the December issue is November 15, 2024.

Use [this form](#) and send it to kasiarotary@gmail.com. *Don't forget to include photos -- the more the merrier!*

