



IMPACT! e-bulletin



February 12, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

Peace Poles: A Powerful Symbol

By Sue Archibald

Peace Poles represent and exemplify one of Rotary's primary areas of focus: the promotion of peace throughout the community and world. Peace Poles symbolize the oneness of humanity and our prominent wish for world peace.

There are over 250,000 Peace Poles globally, including several in District 5500. The power of the message they carry, "May Peace Prevail On Earth," lies in its capacity to bring people of various cultures, faiths, traditions and political ideals together as one united global heart and mind.

We see these in every Region of our District! These are some of my favorite Peace Pole photos: 1) Sherrie Morgan, President of the Bisbee Club; 2) Emma Carillo, Kino Rotary, at the unveiling of one their Peace poles; 3) the Benson Rotary Club installed one at their Visitors Center; and 4) Peace Pole installation at a park by the Casa Grande Rotary Club.



Rotary Peace Fellowship Applications Are Open

Application Deadline: May 15

You can help promote peace in the world by encouraging peace and development leaders in your community to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship.

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for peacebuilders from diverse backgrounds to study at one of our peace centers located at leading universities around the world. This year, we'll select 50 peace fellows to study in our [master's degree programs](#) at six partner universities in Asia, Australia, Europe, and the United States and 80 fellows to participate in our [professional development certificate programs](#) at Makerere University in Uganda and Bahçesehir University in Türkiye.

[Click here](#) for a referral form.

[Read More](#)



Thank You for Supporting the Los Angeles Wildfire Relief Efforts

Dear Rotary Friends,

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. You are receiving this message because YOU, YOUR CLUB, YOUR FOUNDATION, or YOUR AGENCY have made a generous monetary contribution to the Rotary District 5280 Los Angeles Wildfire Relief Fund.

Nearly a month has passed since the devastating wildfires broke out across Los Angeles. As we continue to adapt and respond to the aftermath, I've heard deeply moving stories from fellow Rotarians who, despite losing their homes, have found strength and hope through the outpouring of support from Rotarians worldwide. It's not just the financial assistance that has made an impact but the emotional support—your calls, texts, emails, and social media messages have provided a beacon of hope during these challenging times.

Thanks to your generosity, the funds we've received are already making a tangible difference. We have:

- Supported local organizations on the frontlines, providing shelter for displaced families.
- Distributed grocery store gift cards to families in urgent need.
- Funded community distribution events to deliver essential supplies.
- Provided gift cards to our courageous firefighters, many of whom slept in their cars for days to continue battling the blazes without pause.

While the fires have been contained, the path to recovery is long. We are approaching this journey in three phases:

1. **Immediate Needs:** Addressing urgent necessities such as shelter, food, and basic supplies.
2. **Intermediate Needs:** Supporting community recovery efforts and stabilizing affected families.
3. **Long-Term Needs:** Assisting with the rebuilding of infrastructure and restoring communities.

Our District 5280 recent humanitarian mission to Maui taught us that physical rebuilding can take months, even years. However, the emotional support and human connection we provide can have an immediate, lasting impact.

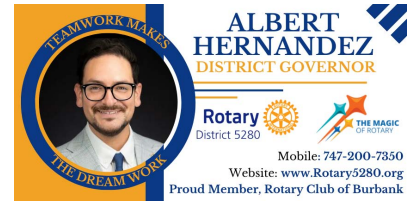
We are profoundly thankful for your support. As we continue this journey, I am committed to keeping you informed about our progress. Your monetary investment in our recovery is invaluable, and as District Governor, it is my honor and responsibility to ensure you feel connected to the difference you are making.

Together, we are walking side by side on this path of recovery and hope. Thank you for being part of our Rotary family.

With deep gratitude,

Albert Hernandez
District Governor, Rotary District 5280

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TRF Weekly Message: What Are Disaster Response Grants?



When communities are affected by catastrophes, The Rotary Foundation supports relief and recovery efforts through grants from the Rotary Disaster Response Fund.

Disaster response grants of up to \$25,000 fund relief and recovery efforts in areas that have had a natural disaster within the past six months. These efforts can include providing basic items such as water, food, medicine, and clothing.

Districts that have had a disaster and are qualified to receive Rotary grants can apply for a grant to launch their own projects or work with established relief organizations.

Think about how you want to take part in grant programs. Which one interests you?

5th Annual Arizona Rotary Days of Service

April 22-29, 2025: Supporting the Environment

District 5500 Governor Sue Archibald and District 5495 Governor Michelle Holcomb have selected this year's Arizona Days of Service projects focus: Supporting the Environment.

Join us in making a difference and contributing to a sustainable future. Your club's participation will make an impact in raising awareness, promoting sustainability, conserving natural resources, and engaging the community.

The 5th Annual Arizona Days of Service offers an opportunity to participate in various environmental service projects. Options for a Service Project Focused on the Environment:

- The Rillito River Clean Up Service Project on April 26. Registration now open (see flyer-read more)
- Environmental service project ideas generated by the Rotary Club of Tucson Verde (list attachment- read more)
- Have your own environmental service project? Share and collaborate with other clubs.

Join us in coming together to make a significant impact on the environment. [Read More](#)



Rotary International **President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo** revealed the 2025-2026 Rotary message, Unite for Good.

"Rotary members are People of Action," he said. "We don't wait for change to happen; we make it happen. And what do people of action do? We unite for good."

UNITE FOR GOOD

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 Resort & Spa

Inspiration

Fun

Great Food

Golf

Shopping

Tubac!



Save the Date! Mexico - USA Friendship Conference in Yuma

October 31 - November 3, 2025

Mark your calendar for this year's Mexico-USA Friendship Conference and Global Grants Exchange in Downtown Yuma, Arizona. Watch for more information to come and registration opening July 1.



Mexico - USA Friendship Conference & Global Grants Exchange



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

31 Oct 25 - 03 Nov 25
Yuma, Arizona

2025

Rotary Global Grant
Collaboration and Awards

Rotary Youth Exchange SCRYE Conference

Our two exchange students, Kaoru and Javier, attended the SCRYE (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange) conference in Tulsa last month. The boys arrived on Friday and spent the night with several other exchange students and ate lots of Oklahoma barbecue. On Saturday, they joined around 100 other exchange students for the celebratory dinner and flag ceremony. The students parade into the dinner by country (think Olympic opening ceremony), and entertained the nearly 100 Rotarians with their own cultural dances.

We are now accepting applications for this summer's Short-Term Exchange Program. Students have the option to participate in a family-to-family exchange or enroll in one of many camps and tours. Please reach out to your local high schools for students who will grow, mature and be the next generation of leaders. There are ideal ambassadors in southern Arizona. Let's find them and give them an opportunity to "build peace one student at a time."

Applications for the summer 2025 short-term exchanges are on the District website (<https://rotaryd5500.org/page/rotary-youth-exchange>). Contact Cindy Dooling, youthexchangeofficer@rotaryd5500.org if you have any questions.

[Read More](#)



SaddleBrooke Rotary - A Richer Retirement: Lessons from a Financial Legend

FREE EVENT!
Thursday, March 6 • 1:00pm
Ranch House Ballroom of SaddleBrooke Ranch
31143 S. Amenity Drive
Oracle, AZ

The Rotary Club of SaddleBrooke is hosting a complimentary event on the latest research needed for your

retirement planning. Club member Bill Bengen, dubbed the "Father of the Four Percent Rule," was the first to examine and study safe retirement withdrawals. Join us for his eye-opening presentation, "A Richer Retirement, Lessons from a Financial Legend."

[Click here](#) to reserve your seat. [Read More](#)



The Graphics Corner

What message do you want to convey about Rotary? Let these graphics help you communicate the advantages of Rotary membership. Download them and use them in your club's promotional materials.

Rotary

Most Financially Sound
Largest
Most Powerful
Networking Service
Organization

Whose flag is recognized in more
Countries than any other flag in the world

Every minute of every day Rotary:

- * Feeds someone
- * Houses someone
- * Vaccinates someone
- * Performs surgery on someone
- * Comforts someone
- * Provides clean water to someone

THIS IS ROTARY!

“ Service is the foundation of Rotary, but teamwork is the pillar that holds it strong. Alone, we can help a few; together, we can change the world.

Sandip Agarwalla
Rotary District Governor D3141 (22-23)

75 (GOOD) REASONS TO BECOME A ROTARIAN

75. Engage in projects that support animal welfare and conservation.

Rotary District 1700 | The Rotarian Minute

Letter of Resignation

By Kasia Yuska

After much reflection, I have made the difficult decision to step down as District Administrator for District 5500, at the end of this Rotary year. It has been an incredible privilege to serve in this role, supporting our mission of service and community engagement alongside such dedicated and inspiring individuals.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunities I have had to contribute to the district's goals and to collaborate with so many passionate leaders. The friendships, experiences, and shared accomplishments have been greatly rewarding.

As I transition out of this role, I am committed to ensuring a smooth handover and will do all I can to support the next steps for the district. Thank you for your trust, support, and shared commitment to Rotary's values. I look forward to continuing my connection with Rotary and seeing the organization thrive.

UA Rotaract Service Project: Diaper Bank

Friday, February 14 • 12:00-2:00pm
1050 S Plumer Ave

Show the love this Valentine's Day and volunteer at the Arizona Diaper Bank! This Friday 12-2:00 PM we will help prepare items for donation as well as donate our own products for the second leg of our Period Poverty Project.

Sign up [here](#)

Diaper Bank

When: Friday, February 14th
12-2pm

Where: 1050 S Plumer Ave

What: Packaging
diapers and helping to
distribute menstrual
hygiene kits

Rotaract
The University of Arizona

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](#).

Catalina Rotary Club

Changing the Lives of Young People in Need!

Help support local groups! Volunteer to Sell Beer at the Tucson Rodeo!!

Sign up here:

Simply pick the date(s) and slot you are interested in. Or call Arturo Mojica (520) 990-0768

February 15 - 23, 2025
Over \$100,000 given to local groups...

Integrative Touch | YOUTH ON THEIR OWN | Tucson Rodeo

Help put a smile on someone's face!

4th Annual Rillito River Cleanup - District 5500 Service Project

April 26, 2025 • 8:00-10:00am

Brandi Fenton Memorial Park

Let's bring District 5500 together again to clean up the Rillito River during Arizona Rotary Week of Service. In partnership with Tucson Clean and Beautiful and Pima County, we'll fill up a dumpster for the fourth year in a row!

[Register here.](#)

VOLUNTEER WITH ROTARY

RILLITO RIVER CLEANUP

Rotary
District 5500



Saturday April 26
8 - 10 AM

JOIN US!

Brandi Fenton Memorial Park
3482 E River Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718

SCAN QR CODE
TO RSVP >>>



Or RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/Rillito25>

Rotary
District 5500



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Valle Verde: Nogales Tour

Wednesday, March 12

You're invited to join Valle Verde Rotary for the last Rotary/Border Community Alliance tour of 2024-25. It's an opportunity to see where some of Rotary's money has been spent and how it has helped make the world a better place.

[Click here](#) to register. The tour fee is \$95.

CROSS
BORDER
TOURS

Valle Verde Rotary & Border Community Alliance

DAY TOUR

NOGALES

Sonora, Mexico

Valle Verde
Rotary
Green Valley



Visit non-profits that BCA & Rotary support and learn about our social investment work in Nogales, Sonora.

March 12, 2025

Tour fee \$95

includes transportation & lunch at Burrito Hass



To register contact:
(520)398-3229
For more info contact:
Valle Verde Rotary Club
Tim Dugan (520) 609-1273



[Read More](#)

Oro Valley Rotary Club to Host Valencia Youth Soccer Camp



March 17-21, 2025
Naranja Park, Oro Valley

The Rotary Club of Oro Valley, in cooperation with the Town of Oro Valley, will be hosting a very special youth (boys and girls) soccer training camp conducted by members of the professional football club of Valencia, Spain.

The VCF Academy consists of five days of soccer training, taught by professional players and coaches from Spain following the team's methodology.

Register at www.vcfinternationalcamps.com. First 30 registrants will get a price discount!

Globe Rotary: 10th Annual Dominion Royale

Saturday, February 22 • 6pm
[Click here](#) to purchase tickets

10th Annual Dominion Royale steampunk 2.0

February 22nd, 2025

Cobre Valley Center for the Arts

Doors open at 6pm

Casino Tables Open at 6:30pm

\$50 per person Admission Includes:

- Complimentary Drink from the Bar
- Casino Bucks
- Catered Appetizers
- Live Raffles and Entertainment

Get your tickets online or reach out to one of your local Globe Rotarians!

Dress up to get more casino bucks and be entered into the costume contest.



#RotaryDominionRoyale2025

GlobeRotaryClub.Org

Valle Verde: Jazz in the Desert

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Two Shows! 1:00pm Matinee and 5:30pm Dinner Show

Jazz In the Desert 2025 will feature jazz bands from Sahuarita High School, Nogales High School, Rio Rico High School, Continental School, Sahuarita Middle School, Walden Grove High School, Wade Carpenter Middle School and Anza Trail School.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets online, or by phone at 208-691-3761, or e-mail at jazz@vrotaryfoundation.net

Matinee tickets are \$10. Dinner show tickets are \$60 and require advance purchase. Tickets are available online at

Over the years, Jazz in the Desert events have raised nearly \$300,000, benefitting the various schools' music programs, as well as local, national and international Rotary projects.



Get Ready For **Saturday, March 1, 2025**
Valle Verde Rotary Club
JAZZ 2025
In the Desert In Partnership With
La Posada GREEN VALLEY
FREEPORT-McMORAN
Quail Creek Madera Clubhouse

Matinee Show
featuring Middle School Jazz Bands
1:00 PM Tickets \$10 each

Dinner Show
featuring High School Jazz Bands
5:30 PM Tickets \$60 each

For more information
call 208-691-3761
Or go to www.vvrotaryfoundation.net



Yuma North End Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday, March 15 • 2-5pm

Yuma North End
BOWLING Rotary 
FUNDRAISER

Come Join Us To Support
SAFE HOUSE OF YUMA

March 15th, 2025 - 2pm - 5pm

INCA LANES 1250 WEST 16TH ST.
YUMA, AZ

\$25.00 PER PERSON

LANE OR TEAM SPONSOR \$125.00

To Register
or Sponsor

Text

928-920-6620

E-mail

rotaryavf@gmail.com



22nd Annual Taste of Tubac

Sunday, March 23
Don't miss the fun!

SAVE THE DATE!



Rotary
Club of Tubac



TASTE OF TUBAC

at the **Tubac Golf Resort & Spa**

SUNDAY MARCH 23, 2025

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Tubac

A Celebration of Fine Wine and Savory Cuisine

Tickets on sale - \$80 per person

Reserve Tables seat 10 - \$900, call 360-477-7827

Tickets available at:

Donna's Salon | Jane's Attic | Tumacookery | Tubac Golf Resort
Green Valley Chamber of Commerce *No credit cards please

**Enjoy Great Music and Dancing
with Anthony Taylor Jr. Band!**

Rotary Club of Tubac, PO Box 4564, Tubac, AZ 85646
www.facebook.com/tubacrotary

Rotary Night at Tucson Roadrunners

Sunday, April 6



Rotary



VS



ROTARY NIGHT

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS
APRIL 6TH, 2025 | 4PM

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:
[PATRICIA.ANGLE@TUCSONROADRUNNERS.COM](mailto:patricia.angle@tucsonroadrunners.com)

[Read More](#)

Benson Rotary: Swing Into Spring Golf Tournament

Saturday, March 29
[Click here](#) to register

2025
ROTARY
 Swing Into
 Spring

WWW.ROTARYSWINGINTOSPRING.COM

Rotary
 Club of Benson



SATURDAY **SAN PEDRO**
MARCH 29 **GOLF COURSE**



\$100 / PERSON TEAMS OF 4
SCRAMBLE FORMAT

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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

Rincon Rotary Taste of Chocolate

Rincon Rotary Taste of Chocolate
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

Buy Tickets Here



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Benefits **RotaryLOCAL**

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!*

