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February 18, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

LA Disaster District Service Project Update

By Sue Archibald

The Rotary District 5500 LA Disaster Service Project stands as an outstanding example of the strength of Rotary's commitment to service and community support, especially in times of need.

Through the leadership of dedicated individuals like **Joe Puett, Wendy Guyton, Robert Miller, Marcos Ramirez** and **Matt Nance**, this initiative quickly came together, and the photos of the truck filled with donations speak volumes about the collective effort and coordination of Rotarians across the district. Their leadership and tireless work set the stage for what has become a powerful example of Rotary's ability to mobilize resources in response to disaster.

Significant and heartfelt thanks go to Rotarians **Robert Miller** and **Mike Mills** from the Casa Grande Club. Robert organized the transport of funds and resources, and Mike drove the truck to Los Angeles. Their efforts, along with the support of their families, exemplify the selflessness and dedication that Rotary members demonstrate in their pursuit of helping those in need.

When the truck arrived in LA, PDG Hank Huisking and her husband Peter were there to meet it, providing a warm and welcoming reception for the generous donations. Their presence underlined the heartfelt gratitude and unity within the Rotary community as they received the much-needed supplies to support the disaster response.

Beyond the tangible donations, the success of this project highlights the incredible financial contributions made by individual Rotarians, as well as the clubs and regions coming together to amplify their impact. Many clubs have stepped up by sending checks, and regional collaborations have taken this effort even further. For example, the **Green Valley and Valle Verde** clubs, at the Spaghetti Spree event, challenged all the clubs in their region to raise \$10,000, which shows the power of collective action and friendly competition to achieve a common goal. Similarly, the **Mountain Empire Club's** Community Dinner raised over \$2,500 for the cause, demonstrating how even smaller events can generate meaningful support for disaster relief efforts. And the **San Luis Frontera** club is currently conducting a community-wide fundraising campaign for this cause.

What makes this project particularly special is the way it allowed Rotarians to respond in multiple ways, directly connecting with their own families, friends, and communities who may have been impacted by the disaster in LA. The ability to mobilize quickly, whether through financial contributions, fundraising events, or direct physical aid like the truck delivery, underscores the versatility of Rotary's service model. It's clear that the disaster affected not just those in LA, but also those who have ties to the area, creating a sense of urgency and solidarity that propelled this project forward.



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Individuals and Clubs: Please Donate to TRVFA

By Diane Ventura

Maximize Your Arizona State Tax Credit Benefits

With every donation to The Rotary Vocational Fund of AZ (TRVFA), we are able to help more students through their vocational educational journey and even provide them with the materials, certifications, and equipment dependent on their course.

There's a convenient way for you to help and donate without paying out-of-pocket: Your Arizona State Tax Credit, formally called the "Working Poor Tax Credit". We appeal to you to talk to your tax accountant about the process; it is as easy as pie.

The QCO Code is 20698.

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Arizona Rotary Microcredit Program

The Arizona Microcredit Program is a joint service project that has been going on for many years between District 5500 and District 5495, much like The Rotary Vocational Fund of AZ (TRVFA), the Rotary Mexico-USA Friendship Conference and the Arizona Days of Service.

The program provides loans through a Mexican partner financial institute to low-income, mostly female Mexicans in Sonora who are trying to stay in their homeland and start or continue small businesses to support themselves and their families. Originally funded by a series of three Rotary Global Grants in 2014, 2015 and 2016 totaling about \$277,000, it has now made well over **\$4.4 million** in loans through use of its revolving or cyclical design- as loans are paid off, the funds are lent out again and again to others. Not very many other Rotary grant or aid programs can claim this level of efficiency!

By recently adding over \$75,000 in additional funds provided by individual Rotarians and clubs, the AZ Microcredit Program will even further enhance its ability to help support these industrious entrepreneurs in their efforts to be self-supporting.

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TRF Weekly Message: How Do District Grants Help at Home?

A Rotary club in the United States used a \$3,000 district grant to purchase food and personal care items for a local food pantry that saw a 50% increase in need. A Rotary club in India is using a district grant to provide hygiene kits and training to girls who might otherwise miss school when they are menstruating. The project aims to help 40,000 girls.

Clubs worldwide use district grants to support similar short-term projects in their communities.

Every club has the opportunity to create positive change in their community with grants from The Rotary Foundation, one project at a time.

What do you want to accomplish in our community?



Attention Peacebuilders and Peace Ambassadors



Our February meeting features a presentation by our **fellow Rotarian from District 5495, Past District Governor, Larry Horton**. He will answer the question, "What is a Positive Peace Activator?"

Larry will share his story of becoming an IEP Positive Peace Activator and how he became deeply involved. Larry will also tell us about his training and how he actively helps clubs become advocates and ambassadors of Peace. Larry can also help individuals develop their own personal peace program.

The meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 26, will start at 6:00 pm.

Zoom link [here](#).

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District to Hire Part-time District Administrator

By Bruce Monro

As previously announced, Kasia Yuska will be leaving the position of District Administrator no later than the end of this Rotary year. The District is starting to actively search for her replacement. Before we open it to the general public, we are first determining if there is any interest from our members. We invite interested Rotarians or others recommended by Rotarians to

consider applying for this position.

The District Administrator provides continuity of support and efficiency to clubs and District leadership. The position is classified as an employee. The individual serves at the direction of the District Governor and provides support for the management of district operations, club services and some social media functions.

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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](#)



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!



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

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 Burrrito Hass



To register contact:

(520)398-3229

**For more info contact:
Valle Verde Rotary Club
Tim Dugan (520) 609-1273**



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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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UA Rotaract - Habitat for Humanity Service Project

Saturday, February 22 • 7am-1pm

Location: 5400 S. Nogales Hwy Tucson, AZ 85706

Help us build houses with Habitat for Humanity! This Saturday 7am -1pm (although we will probably be done sooner). Come prepared with closed toe shoes, clothes that can get dirty, water, a snack, and sunscreen.

In addition to signing up for the event through [Rotaract \(click here\)](#), volunteers should register beforehand with Habitat for Humanity (click [here](#)).



UA Rotaract - Parade of Pets Service Project

Sunday, March 2 • 7:30-11:30am

6th Ave / 2nd St

Sign up [here](#) ASAP as a "Marching Marshall" to claim your spot in the Subaru Pets of Pima Parade



RCOT - Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Service Project

Saturday, March 22 • 8:15am
Meet at Fiesta Bowling, 501 W River Rd.

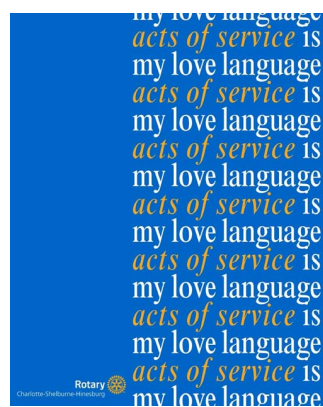
Join Rotary Club of Tucson for their latest Adopt-A-Road cleanup project. Please wear closed-toed shoes, a hat, water and sunscreen. We provide grabbers, vests, and bags. We can use more help, please join us in this community service project.

Questions? Contact Lee Olitzky by email at lee@Wit2Tucson.com or text to 520-444-4109



The Graphics Corner

Enjoy these inspiring graphics hand-picked just for you. They're yours free to download, save, and use in your club communications.



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 Rotary - Midnight at the Oasis

Friday-Sunday, March 7-9 at Desert Sun Stadium
Calling All Foodies & Car Lovers!



BREAKING NEWS

THE TRI - TIP IS BACK!

LET'S SEE THOSE SELFIES! STOP BY THE YUMA ROTARY BOOTH, GRAB A SANDWICH!



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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



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/tubacrotaary

Benson Rotary: Swing Into Spring Golf Tournament

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

2025
ROTARY
Swing Into
Spring

WWW.ROTARYSWINGINTOSPRING.COM



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



\$100 / PERSON TEAMS OF 4
SCRAMBLE FORMAT

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Florence Rotary - Country Thunder

Live Drawing: April 5
Purchase tickets [here](#)



COUNTRY THUNDER TICKETS RAFFLE

WIN 2 PLATINUM EXPERIENCE TICKETS
TO COUNTRY THUNDER (\$1,200+ VALUE)

PLATINUM EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- ACCESS TO EXCLUSIVE SKYBOX & OASIS LOUNGE WITH FULL-SERVICE BAR
- COMPLIMENTARY APPETIZERS EVERY DAY
- RESERVED EVENT ENTRANCE & PARKING
- COMPLIMENTARY LAMINATE SOUVENIR

FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE FLORENCE
ROTARY CLUB & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL
STUDENTS. LEARN MORE AT
WWW.FLORENCEAZROTARY.COM



COST PER ENTRY:
\$10 | 4 FOR \$30 | 15 FOR \$100
LIVE DRAWING ON APRIL 5, 2025,
DURING ROAD TO COUNTRY THUNDER

PURCHASE
TICKETS
ABOVE

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

Rotary Night at Tucson Roadrunners

Sunday, April 6



A promotional poster for a hockey game. At the top left is a logo of a roadrunner in a square frame. To its right is the word "Rotary" in blue, followed by the Rotary Club logo. The center features a photograph of hockey players in action on an ice rink, with red and white stars scattered around it. Below the photo are the logos for the Tucson Roadrunners (a roadrunner) and the Condors (a blue and white condor). The text "VS" is placed between the two logos. At the bottom, the text reads "ROTARY NIGHT" in large, bold, black letters, followed by "TUCSON ROADRUNNERS" and "APRIL 6TH, 2025 | 4PM". A red horizontal line is below this text. At the very bottom, it says "CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION: PATRICIA.ANGLE@TUCSONROADRUNNERS.COM".

[Read More](#)

10th Annual A Taste of Oro Valley

Sunday, April 13 • 3:30-6:30 at Oro Valley's Steam Pump Ranch

Tickets are on sale now at: tasteoforovalley.org

A Taste of
Oro Valley

Proudly presented by

Rotary
Club of Oro Valley



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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**

RCOT - 2025 Tucson Classic Car Show

Save the Date! Saturday, October 18

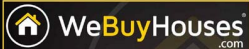
A fundraising opportunity for your club:

All Rotary Clubs are invited to sell tickets to the TCCS and keep half of whatever they raise ... \$5 of every \$10 ticket you sell. [Click here](#) for more info.



*Tucson Classics
Car Show*

PRESENTED BY:
Rotary
Club of Tucson



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!*

