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February 25, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

February Theme: Peace Centers and World Wide Fellowship Opportunities

By Sue Archibald

The Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center at Bahçesehir University in Turkey is not just another educational initiative. It's a beacon of hope and a powerful tool for fostering peace in some of the world's most conflict-prone regions.

This new peace center will offer a one-year professional development certificate program, specifically designed for experienced peacebuilders in the Middle East and North Africa. Graduates will earn postgraduate diplomas in peace and development studies, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to address complex challenges in their regions.

I'm thrilled that Leta Lindstrom, President of the Sierra Vista Sunrise Rotary Club, will be attending the opening of this new center in Turkey. Her experience at the opening is sure to be both inspiring and enlightening, and it's exciting to think about how the work being done at these Peace Centers can create lasting change in the world. I'm sure her firsthand account will provide valuable insights into the importance of these initiatives and how individuals can get involved.

Speaking of which, the **Rotary Peace Fellowship** program is an incredible opportunity for professionals dedicated to making a difference. With over 1,400 alumni working in more than 115 countries, Rotary has built an impressive network of leaders who are committed to advancing peace through various sectors. Whether it's through government, law enforcement, education, NGOs, or the military, these fellows are making significant strides toward peacebuilding on a global scale.

The District 5500 Peace Committee's active involvement in these efforts is also worth noting. It's great to see that individuals interested in learning more or getting involved can contact **Doug May** for further

information. Rotary's approach to peacebuilding through education and professional development is not only innovative but necessary in a world that faces increasingly complex global challenges.

It would be amazing to see how these efforts continue to evolve and how more individuals can be inspired to contribute to a peaceful future.

Have you thought about getting involved with Rotary or any of its peace initiatives? Or perhaps you've seen firsthand how these programs are making a difference? It's always inspiring to hear more stories of impact!

Reminder: Club Dues Are Due!

District 5500 and Rotary International dues invoices were sent out in late January. It's time to respond.

Thanks, DG Sue

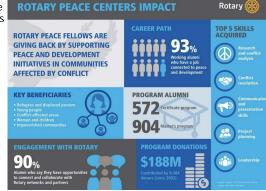


2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends

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! Call 1-800-848-7893 and mention group code ROTA25.



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



TRF Weekly Message: How Do Global Grants Make Sustainable Change in the World?

One remarkable aspect of The Rotary Foundation is that opportunities for significant projects exist wherever there's a need — in large countries and small ones, in metropolitan areas and rural ones.

Global grant projects are built on international partnerships, and those collaborations can take many forms. A district in Canada may be the international sponsor, with a U.S. district as the host sponsor. A club in France could sponsor a global grant project in Germany. The need, not the location, determines the project.

Here's another example: Rotary clubs in Honduras and the U.S. worked together on a global grant project to provide eye care to people in Honduras. Members from both clubs provided vision services through local clinics. They evaluated more than 1,200 people and gave prescription eyeglasses to 600. A local nongovernmental organization will continue to provide glasses and medications to people who need them.

What does this mean for the community? Better eyesight can lead to better educational or occupational opportunities, which can mean a better quality of life for people.

Clubs around the world use these grants from the Foundation to make long-term, sustainable change. Every club has the opportunity to do this, one project at a time.



How do you want to make an impact in the world?

Create Your Personal Rotary Legacy



If you love The Magic of Rotary and the good it does for people and Planet Earth, consider adding The Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate plans.

Becoming a benefactor is simple—just commit \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation through your estate plan. For those who wish to make an even greater impact, The Bequest Society welcomes individuals who commit \$10,000 or more through their estate plans. This process is straightforward and can be customized to support specific areas of focus, international programs, or initiatives within your district. You can even name the fund in honor of a loved one, ensuring their legacy lives on through Rotary's work.

Many Rotarians have already taken this important step to keep the Rotary legacy alive. We deeply appreciate their dedication, generosity, and continued support. Their spirit of giving allows The Rotary Foundation to fund life-changing projects, grants, and humanitarian efforts today and into the future.

For more information on how you can become part of this legacy program, please contact District 5500's TRF Endowment team, John Oszust at johnoszust@outlook.com or Monica Oszust at Oszustmonica@gmail.com.



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.

Qualifications/Responsibilities:

- Three or more years of experience in an administrative role that requires strong organizational, interpersonal, communication and problem-solving skills.
- Experience working in a non-profit environment would be ideal although not required.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, strong computer/internet skills with proficiency in Microsoft Office and Google Docs products, and on-line publishing software like Canva and Flip-html.
- This position also requires the ability to work independently as well as in a team environment and will be working with a fun, professional, and friendly group of people.
- This part-time position is for a maximum of 20 hours per week at a rate of \$25/hour.

Interested individuals should submit a statement of interest and a current resume. The complete job description is posted here.

Due Date: Friday, March 14th, 2025

Submit to: The District 5500 Governor, Sue Archibald

c/o Emma Carillo, DGN emma.carrillo5845@gmail.com

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.



Rotary

Larry joined a satellite club in Phoenix in 2011 and took the lead in converting it to the Rotary Club of Camelback Crossroads in August, 2024. Larry served as District Governor in D5495, Northern Arizona, in 2022-23.

After retiring from a career in law enforcement and commercial real estate, Larry was certified as an IEP Positive Peace Activator. Rotary International partnered with the Institute for Economics & Peace to provide extensive training for selected Rotarians at RI headquarters

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in Evanston.

As a Positive Peace Activator, Larry explains the difference between negative peace (absence of war and armed conflict) and positive peace (attitudes, institutions, and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies.) In addition, Larry discusses the eight Pillars of Positive Peace (for example, equitable distribution of resources, free flow of information, low corruption, good government, etc.)

As a Peace Activator, Larry can help clubs promote positive peace through workshops, virtual or in-person training, or presentations at club meetings

In addition to discussing public promotion and advocacy of peace, (for example, establishing Peace Poles in communities or conducting peace symposia), Larry also helps Rotarians develop a personal, individual positive peace ethic to use in everyday life.

Ellie Patterson and Doug May, Peace Committee co-chairs, are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: D5500 February Peacebuilders Network Meeting

Time: Feb 26, 2025 06:00 PM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting here.

Meeting ID: 830 5069 2897

Passcode: 937742

Rotary International Convention in Calgary

By Virginia Leavitt Have You Registered?

We are only 4 MONTHS away from Calgary! If you haven't registered yet, there is still time before the registration fee goes up again on March 31st. <u>Click here to register.</u>

At this time we have 59 Rotarians from District 5500 signed up.

District 5500 Dinner

Our District dinner will be Tuesday, June 24th, 5:30pm, at the Hotel Blackfoot, 3.5 miles from the Convention Center. The cost is \$75. It will be a buffet with a cash bar.

As soon as we get the registration set up, I'll send the link to the Rotarians that are participating. It will also be in the IMPACT! newsletter as I don't have the names and emails of all the Rotarians. If you clicked the box that said "Don't share my information" when you registered, please go to your registration and unclick or let me know. I have 9 people that I don't have contact information for.

Virginia "Ginger" Leavitt, vleavitt2336@gmail.com or 520.971.6963.

See you in Calgary!!

A Richer Retirement: Lessons from a Financial Legend

FREE EVENT!

On Thursday, March 6, at 1:00 pm at the Ranch House Ballroom of SaddleBrooke Ranch at 31143 S Amenity Drive, SaddleBrooke Ranch, Oracle, join us for "A Richer Retirement, Lessons from a Financial Legend."

The Rotary Club of SaddleBrooke is hosting a complimentary event on the latest research needed for your retirement planning from the "Father of the Four Percent Rule," Bill Bengen.

To save your seat, register at https://saddlebrookerotary. com. Bengen is mentioned in almost every recent book about retirement planning. You'll recognize his work as the "Father of the 4% Rule" if you've been studying retirement or financial planning. Not only is Bengen in the financial planning college textbooks and magazines, frequently in the *Wall Street Journal, Barrons, Forbes*, and *AARP* publications, but also the subject of many articles. Just google his name. Bill frequently speaks nationally and internationally at conferences and events for financial literacy, CPA's, and Financial Planning. If you're into podcasts, you might have heard Bill's folksy style on some of the top-ranked financial podcasts such as Paula Pant's Afford Anything, Catching Up to FI, or on any of a number of podcasts in the United States and foreign countries. And now, he'll be speaking at SaddleBrooke Ranch!



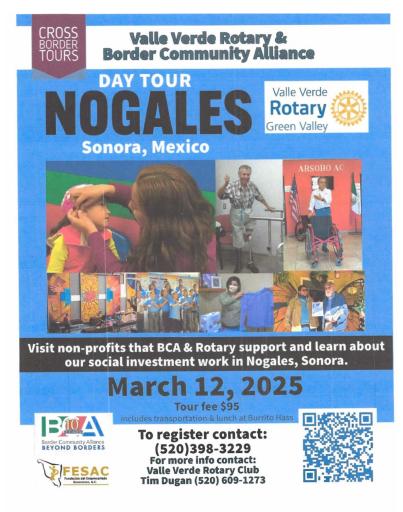
Bengen's latest book, A Richer Retirement, Supercharging the 4% Rule to Spend More and Enjoy More, will be coming out in August. However, attendees will get the inside scoop on the latest research on retirement well before the book comes out. His last book is based on over 30 years of research. There is even a case study on altering your retirement planning when you are well into your retirement years. The book is available for pre-order on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and most major booksellers, but won't be delivered until August 5th. So, you don't want to miss this.

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.



We will drive to the border and meet at Burger King in Nogales AZ.

Parking is usually available for \$7.00 at Burger King. We walk across the border to meet Alma Cota de Yanez, the Executive Director of FESAC, a group of Mexican Non-Profits in Nogales Sonora. She will be our guide. Alma has spoken at our District Conference and many clubs. Tour Itinerary: • Kino Border Initiative, a non-profit promoting humane borders and immigration policy through direct humanitarian assistance to migrants. It helps both those trying to do things legally and those who have been deported.

• Casa de la Misericordia a shelter for asylum-seeking migrants. It has the only school authorized by the State of Sonora so far.

· Lunch at the Burrito Hass.

• A tour of Nogales to see how the city has grown.

• ARSOBO, a non-profit that builds all-terrain wheelchairs, prosthesis and orthotic. They help with hearing aids. We end our tour here. We have members of the Nogales Sonoran Rotary clubs do a meet and greet before returning to the border.

Cost: \$95.00

Click here to register.

For more information, contact Tim Dugan Valle Verde Rotary 520 609 1273

RCOT - Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Service Project

Saturday, March 22 • 8:15am

Meet at Fiesta Bowling, 501 W River Rd.

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



4th Annual Rillito River Cleanup - District 5500 Service Project

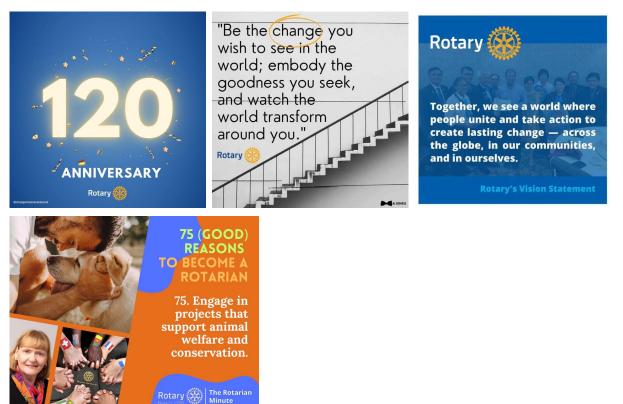
April 26, 2025 • 8:00-10:00am Brandi Fenton Memorial Park

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.



Graphics Corner

Did you know that Rotary just celebrated its 120th anniversary? What a great time to spread the word about this great organization and the good that Rotarians do all over the world. You can enhance your messaging with these graphics. Just download, save and upload them into your club's promotional products.



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@vvrotaryfoundation.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.





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

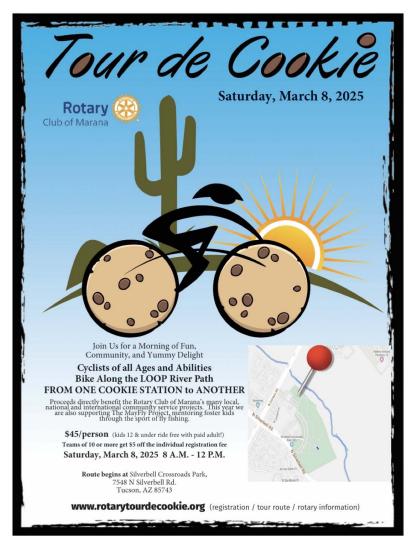
Or go to www.vvrotaryfoundation.net



Marana Rotary: Tour de Cookie Time!

Saturday, March 8 • 8am-12pm

Join the fun and help us reach our goal of 500 riders! The Rotary Club of Marana's annual Tour de Cookie is the most fun you will ever have on a bicycle, without breaking a sweat.



This is a fundraising event for the many local, national and international service projects that the Rotary Club of Marana undertakes each year. Proceeds of this year's event will go towards the Mayfly Project, a national organization that uses fly-fishing as a catalyst to mentor and support children in foster care. Learn more about the Mayfly Project here.

This event is also a time when members of our community can come together for that most scrumptious of American treats: the cookie!

Along a 31-mile loop of The Loop river bike path, twelve community organizations and businesses will each have a station, where they will be handing out cookies to joyful riders. This is not a race, but a casual ride with great friends, family and uniquely delicious cookies.

Yuma Rotary - Midnight at the Oasis

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



Rev up your taste buds!

Yuma Rotary Club's Tri-Tip Sandwich Booth is your go-to spot for the best smoky, tender, flavorful sandwiches at Midnight at the Oasis! Come hungry, leave happy, and support a great cause!

Midnight at the Oasis is the Southwest's premier classic car festival that will be held on March 7-9 at Desert Sun Stadium with over 900 gleaming cars, trucks, and motorcycles coming in from all over the desert southwest. The event also features concerts with popular tribute bands, food and retail vendors. The festival begins with a free preview on Thursday night with the Rally on Main Street in downtown Yuma and parade of cars on Friday. For more information please visit https://www.caballeros.org/midnight-at-the-oasis.

Yuma North End Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday, March 15 • 2-5pm



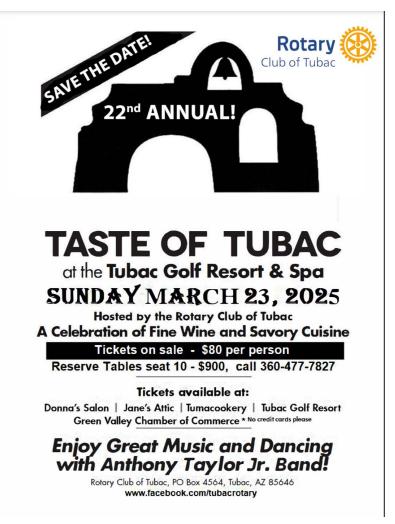
Sahuarita Rotary: Cornhole Tournament

Sunday, March 23 • 2-5pm



22nd Annual Taste of Tubac

Sunday, March 23 Don't miss the fun!



Coolidge Rotary: 3rd Annual Trap Competition

Saturday, March 29 • 9:00am

Register here



Raffles

Food

Coolidge Rotary Club 3rd Annual Trap Competition

Saturday, March 29, 2025 Casa Grande Trap & Skeet 8015 S Isom Rd, Casa Grande, AZ Participant check in time: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Compete as a team (5 people) or as an individual Cost: \$60 per person Entry fee includes 2 rounds and lunch

Bring your own equipment or limited resources can be rented or purchased on site. Call 520-836-9926 to reserve supplies.



SCAN

\$250 prize for the 1st place team - \$50 prize for the 1st place individual

Register at: https://bit.ly/trapshoot2025 100% of the funds raised will support scholarships and programs for children, youth, and veterans in Coolidge.



The Coolidge Rotary Club is hosting their 3rd Annual Trap Competition on

Saturday, March 29 at 8015 S Isom Rd, Casa Grande, AZ. Participant check-in time: 9:00-10:00 AM. Compete as a team of five or as an individual. Cost is \$60 per person. Entry fee includes two rounds and lunch. \$250 prize will be awarded for the first place team - \$50 prize for the first place individual. 100% of the funds raised will support scholarships and programs for children, youth, and veterans in Coolidge.

Register here.

Benson Rotary: Swing Into Spring Golf Tournament

Saturday, March 29 Click here to register





\$100 / PERSON TEAMS OF 4 Scramble format

MARCH 29 GOLF COURSE



DIAMOND SPONSOR: \$3,000

TWO GROUPS (8 PLAYERS) 2 HOLE SPONSORS COMPANY LOGO ON TOURNAMENT BANNER

GOLD SPONSOR: \$2,000

ONE GROUP (4 PLAYERS) 1 HOLE SPONSORS COMPANY LOGO ON TOURNAMENT BANNER

SILVER SPONSOR: \$1,000

ONE GROUP (4 PLAYERS) COMPANY LOGO ON TOURNAMENT BANNER

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$500

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HOLE/TEE BOX SPONSOR: \$100

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San Luis Frontera Rotary: 2nd Annual Rotary Royale

Friday, April 11 • 8pm-Midnight

Get ready for a fun-filled night of Black Jack, Roulette and Craps to benefit scholarships and service projects. Purchase tickets <u>here.</u>



The San Luis FRONTERA Rotary Club presents the 2nd Annual Rotary Royale!

Join us on April 11th from 8pm-midnight for a fun-filled night of Black Jack, Roulette, and CRAPS tables. Your ticket includes heavy appetizers, 2 free drinks, raffles, and music. Proceeds benefit the San Luis FRONTERA Rotary Club scholarships and service projects.

Buy your ticket here today! https://square.link/u/0yv0cbMe

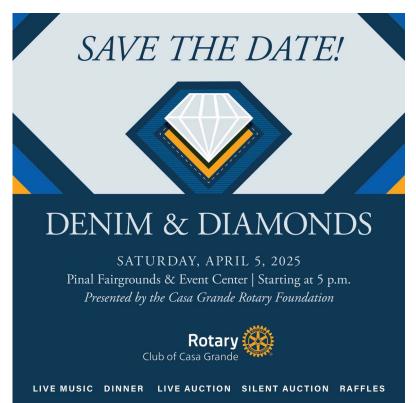
Florence Rotary - Country Thunder

Live Drawing: April 5 Purchase tickets <u>here</u>



Casa Grande Rotary: Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser

Saturday, April 5, 2025



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



Join us at the local Rotary Club's 10th annual *A Taste of Oro Valley* (TOV) fundraising event on Sunday, April 13th, 2025, from 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM at Oro Valley's Steam Pump Ranch. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Oro Valley, you'll taste delicious cuisine and beverages from local restaurants and Laramita Cellars and Catalina Brewing Company. Enjoy the music of the OnesAll band, bid on exciting excursions and gifts from local vendors in our silent auction, and enter to win our 50/50 raffle. Kids will enjoy activities with *Make Way for Books* and face painting.

By attending A Taste of Oro Valley, you will also be helping us make our community stronger! Proceeds from this event will benefit the Oro Valley Rotary Foundation that provides funding and goods to the following nonprofits that are strengthening our communities: Edge High School, IMPACT of Southern Arizona, Freedom Warriors and Make Way for Books.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 3:30 – 6:30 PM STEAM PUMP RANCH 10901 N Oracle Rd Oro Valley, AZ tasteoforovalley.org



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!

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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.



Share Your Club's News!

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

Fill out <u>this form</u> with your information and send it to <u>kasiarotary@gmail.com</u> 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!

