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District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

# Vocational Service Month: The Ripple Effects

By Sue Archibald

As January comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on two impactful ways we make a difference in our communities. I am continually inspired by those who reach out to engage individuals striving to create better lives for themselves and their families.

Vocational service opportunities are a cornerstone of this impact. Through the joint TRVFA, countless individuals have achieved their goals, creating ripple effects that benefit their families and communities. Hearing their personal stories fills me with pride for their accomplishments.

I also want to acknowledge the dedication of the board overseeing this program from both D5500 and D5495. Their commitment ensures its continued success. If you're interested in serving on this board, I encourage you to reach out to me! https://trvfa.org/

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# Rotary District 5500 LA County Disaster Relief Response

By Sue Archibald

District-Wide Service Project: Supporting Our Friends in LA

PRO JECT LIPDATES! Collection Deadline: February 4 Truck Loading: February 6 On the Road: February 7

In case you missed the earlier announcements, we are doing a District-wide service project to collect items requested by the Rotary Districts in LA. This initiative is intended to add value to the financial contributions many of you have already and will continue to make.

Our goal is to gather these essential items -- and fill a semi!

The collection deadline is February 4! Please identify a key person in your club to lead this initiative. Feel free to put boxes for donations around your local businesses, on your Facebook pages, email friends and family, develop an article in your local publications, etc.

Any monetary donations received will be sent in through the District. So, if you get checks, just send them to Rotary District 5500, P.O. Box 65716, Tucson, AZ 85728.

Once the collection period ends, all items will need to be transported to Casa Grande. The Casa Grande Club will have a large truck ready to deliver the donations to LA. Truck loading will take place on February 6 and hit the road the next day, February 7. On their way, they will make a stop in Yuma to collect donations from that area.





Please feel free to contact me as well with any questions at eggsuetrev@aol.com or 520-990-4648.

Continue reading for a list of Requested Items and Collection Areas.

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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.



#### District 5500 Shelterbox HERO Clubs!

Congratulations to these District 5500 Rotary Clubs for receiving 2024-25 ShelterBox HERO Club recognition:

Silver HERO Club: Oro Valley.

Bronze HERO Clubs: Dove Mountain, Tubac, and Tucson Sunrise.

A Bronze HERO recognition level is achieved at \$1,000, Silver at \$3,000, Gold at \$5,000 and Platinum at 10K in total giving within the Rotary year. Their support has made a significant impact on countless lives, and this recognition is a testament to exceptional commitment to humanitarian and service here and abroad.

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# TRF Weekly Message: What Are the Rotary Peace Fellowships?

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders to study at Rotary Peace Centers at universities around the world.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, these professionals develop their capacity to become effective catalysts for peace. Rotary Peace Fellows earn either master's degrees or professional development certificates in subjects related to peace and development.

Since 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,500 fellows who work in over 115 countries in education, in government roles, and at international organizations.

Rotary members like you can shape the next generation of peace leaders by identifying and interviewing potential candidates.

Learn more about the Rotary Peace Fellowships and the Rotary Peace Centers.

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# **Intercountry Committee Announces New National Coordinator**

Rotarian Claudine Schooley, a new member of the Rotary Club of Oro Valley, was elected this month as ICC National Coordinator for the USA to succeed Dana Moldovan PDG of district 5240.

Claudine recently celebrated ten years in Rotary. She served as President of the Rotary Club of Conejo Valley in California, and more recently the President of the E-Club of One World in District 5240.

She started her journey with the Intercountry Committees with the creation in September 2020 of the ICC USA-Ukraine. As National Coordinator, her task will be to gather a team of 4 or 5 passionate Rotarians in District 5500 to help her promote and develop the ICCs with the USA districts.





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# **Environmental Day at the Arizona Capitol**

Wednesday, February 12 • 8:30 am - 2:00 pm Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, 1700 W Washington St, Phoenix, AZ

#### Time to Act! Extreme Heat and Climate Justice. Environmental Day at the Capitol 2025

Please join Sierra Club, Chispa Arizona, Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection, AZ AANHPI for Equity, and many other groups for our annual lobby day at the Arizona Capitol.

Meet with your legislators, hear from great speakers, and connect with others who are doing advocacy work both inside and outside the Arizona Legislature.

#### RSVP here!

There will be a bus from Tucson provided! Make sure to check YES on the RSVP form if you will need to take the Tucson bus.

This is a free event and there will be tamales provided! Please reach out to Sandy Barr with any questions at <a href="mailto:sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org">sandy.bahr@sierraclub.org</a> or (602) 999-5790







# **Digital Marketing & Social Media Tips for Rotary Clubs**

Want to learn more about how to brand and market your Rotary Club using digital marketing and social media? Click here to download the Public Image/Communications Pre-PETS presentation.





# **Club Public Image/Communications**



Caitlyn Allen, Ajo Rotary Club Jane Shurtleff, Rotary Club of Oro Valley

# **Rotary Public Image Photo Release Form**

Did you know that you need a signed release from a parent or a school to photograph children and youth under 18 years old?



### **Fast Pitch Tucson Celebrates 10 Years!**



Don't miss a night of inspiration, storytelling, and celebration at the 10th Annual SVP Tucson Fast Pitch Main Event at the historic Fox Theatre! Purchase tickets here.

#### ABOUT SVP TUCSON'S FAST PITCH PROGRAM:

The program equips nonprofit leaders with the skills, visibility, and tools needed to amplify their impact by focusing on providing participants with...

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# **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.



# Join RCOT in Raising Funds for Senegal Global Grant Project

By Margaret Higgins Call to Action!

As immediate past president of Rotary Club of Tucson, I'm calling on all Rotarians to help us in our final Global Grant fundraising stretch. By pledging to the District's Annual Fund, which will partially match the monies raised to support our Senegal project, we only need to raise about \$40,000 to meet our budget!

This amount IS attainable, because individuals like you and me (and Rotary clubs) believe in the work that Rotary does.

- \* By pledging your support to the Annual Fund, which will give an 80% match, we CAN reach our goal.
- \* By using vehicles like our RMDs, tax returns, and plain old donations, we Rotarians can do it!

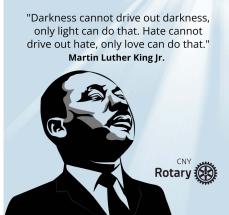
Please please act now and pledge to support our project in Senegal. Pledge forms will be available at our next meetings, or you can email your pledge to <a href="margaretahiggins@yahoo.com">margaretahiggins@yahoo.com</a>.



# **More Graphics for Your Files**

There's something for everyone in this week's grab bag of graphics. Please take a moment to download them so you'll have just the right image to go with your message when you're posting on social media or promoting a club event.









**Green Valley Spaghetti Spree** 

**Tuesday, February 4 • 4:30-7pm** *Mangia! It's for a good cause!* 



### 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.







22nd Annual Taste of Tubac

Sunday, March 23 Don't miss the fun!



# **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!





## **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!

