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Rotary
District 5500



March 11, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

Bringing Water to a Kenyan Village: A Rotary Success Story

By Sue Archibald

An estimated 785 million people worldwide lack access to clean water.

Rotary International, Rotary Districts, and Rotary Clubs are partnering to address these issues.

Three years ago, a village in Kenya faced a harsh reality—its only water source was an hour's walk away. Recognizing the urgent need for clean and accessible water, a dedicated team came together to bring a lasting solution.

The effort was led by **Mary Muroki**, the village matriarch, who shared their plight with **Rotarian Dennis Bergquist** from the **Tucson Kino Rotary Club**. Dennis then assembled a collaborative team, including **Catherine Mutua**, President of the **Masaai Mara Rotary Club in Narok, Kenya**, who took on the local Rotary responsibilities. Joining them was **Fred Rue**, a U.S.-based Rotarian experienced in writing global water grants, along with a skilled engineer from Kenya. This team brought together the expertise and determination needed to turn the vision into reality.

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Rotary Leadership Institute Session III

Saturday, March 29
Register Now!

District 5500 has scheduled **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Session III** for **March 29th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM** on Zoom.

- If you attended **Sessions I and II** at the District Conference this past fall, this is your opportunity to complete the Institute.
- If you have not yet taken Sessions I and II, you are still welcome to attend, but you will need to complete those sessions at our next District Conference this fall to earn full certification.

"What is the Rotary Leadership Institute in D5500? It's an opportunity for Leadership Development within a model that utilizes facilitators to engage participants by sharing their successes, their problem-solving strategies that help strengthen the club experience."

To register, please email **Kasia** at kasiarotary@gmail.com and put RLI in the subject line.

For any questions, contact **District Governor Sue** at eggsuetrev@aol.com.

We hope to see you there as we continue to grow as Rotary leaders!

Best,
DG Sue



District Conference Sponsorship Opportunities Available NOW

September 26-27

If you've ever attended a Rotary district Conference, you know how fun, engaging, educational and inspiring they can be!

This year, we are excited to host the District 5500 Conference of Clubs at the Tubac Golf Resort & Spa, a venue that has proven to be the perfect setting for connection, learning and collaboration. Along with dynamic speakers and presentations, one of the biggest reasons for the conference's success is the strong attendance by Rotarians from across our District. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, we've managed to keep the attendance fee low, ensuring that more members can attend and participate, especially those who might otherwise not be able to.

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Reserve Your Table NOW for The House Of Friendship



District Conference of Rotarians and Friends in Tubac is just around the corner!

The conference takes place September 26 & 27, 2025, so secure your table now at the House of Friendship.

It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your Club's projects and share with fellow Rotarians the great work your Club is doing.

There are only 24 spaces available, so don't wait! Reserve your spot today by contacting **Monica Oszust** at oszustmonica@gmail.com. See you there.

You and the TRF Annual Fund SHARE

By Leo J. Lawrenson

Do you know that your donations to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation provide money for your own club's community and international service projects?

It does so through the funds which come from TRF to District 5500 every year through District Designated Funds (DDF), which D5500 then uses to provide District Grants and Global Grants to your and my clubs. PLEASE consider starting or increasing your giving to the TRF Annual Fund! \

[Donate here.](#)

The amount we get from TRF depends on the amount we donate to the TRF Annual Fund SHARE three years prior, as funds are invested by TRF and the earnings over the three years are used to fund RI operations and then the donated funds are split between the World Fund and DDF. The World Fund provides money for RI Global Grants and programs, including PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, the Endowment Fund (for areas of focus) and more.

For much more info, see <https://my.rotary.org/en/annual-fund> or contact Leo Lawrenson, D5500 Annual Fund Chair, at leo@lawrenson.com. [Read More](#)



TRF Weekly Message: What is a Global Grant Scholarship?



Through Rotary Foundation global grants, members can support future leaders whose career goals align with fields related to our areas of focus.

These scholarships are awarded for at least \$30,000 and can fund graduate-level coursework or research for one to four academic years.

A key feature of global grants is the partnership between the district or club where the person will study and the district or club in their home country.

When they return home, scholarship recipients are expected to talk with Rotary members and others about how their experiences led to a greater understanding of their host country and how they'll continue to support our areas of focus and spread goodwill and understanding.

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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District 5500 Dinner at the RI Convention June 24th

Tuesday, June 24 at 5:30pm

at the Hotel Blackfoot, Trail SE, Calgary, located 3.5 miles from the convention center.

Dinner registration deadline is June 9th.

[Click here to register.](#)

Join us for our District 5500 dinner with a buffet of Carved Prime Rib and Truffle Mushroom Ravioli (vegan), five salad choices, charcuterie, cheese and crudite displays, plus veggies and an assortment of desserts (including celiac friendly).

Cost: \$75 per person. Cash bar.



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](#)



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>

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Save the Date! Mexico - USA Friendship Conference in Yuma

October 31 - November 3, 2025
Registration opens July 1

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

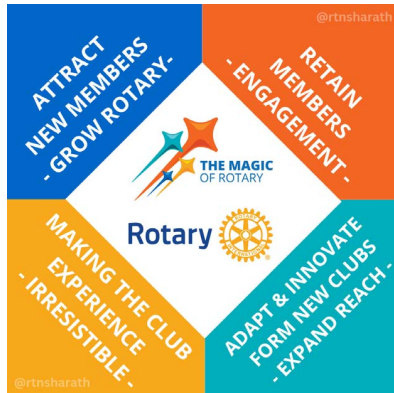
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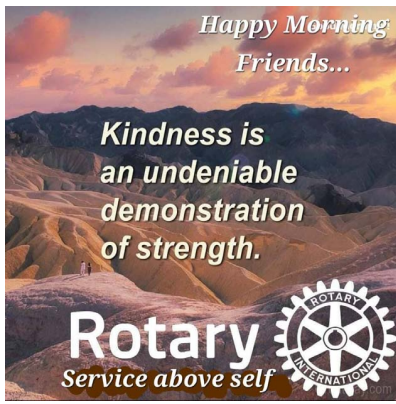
Rotary Global Grant
Collaboration and Awards

Graphics Corner

Another batch of inspiring graphics to put you in a Rotary state of mind. Feel free to download, save, and use them in all your club's messaging.

Have a beautiful Rotary day!





Tucson Sunrise - Game Day at Top Golf

Sunday, March 23 • 10am-1pm

GAME DAY AT TOPGOLF

Sunday, March 23, 2025, 10 am to 1 pm

BAY PURCHASES & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITES

Purchase a Bay at \$75 per person for 6 golfers, includes golf and breakfast for:

\$400

(Add 2 observers for breakfast at \$40 each)

Bay Premium Sponsorship = Name of sponsor on bay

\$650

Single tickets available for \$75 includes golf & breakfast or \$40 for breakfast only

Sponsor a Buffet Station for \$300, which includes a sign with your name on a buffet table

Raffle Basket sponsorship for \$100

All sponsorships will be included on the digital displays throughout the venue

FOUR VACATION RENTALS WILL BE AVAILABLE BY LIVE AUCTION!

Fundraiser presented by The Rotary Club of Tucson Sunrise

Beneficiaries



THE MARLEY PROJECT



Rotary
Club of Tucson Sunrise



For more information find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/tucsonsunriserotary> or contact tucsonsunrisefoundation@gmail.com or Rebecca Craig at 520.331.0516

Sahuarita Rotary: Cornhole Tournament

Sunday, March 23 • 2-5pm



The Rotary Club of Sahuarita Fundraiser

March 23, 2025- 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm Switcholio play



Fundraiser

\$10 Per Player

Arrive early to secure
your spot!

50/50 DRAWING

SILENT AUCTION

Triple Play

1570 W. Duval Mine Rd
Green Valley, AZ

FUN! FUN!

FUN!

Proceeds support the clubs projects

ideal sport for all ages

email rc.sahuarita@gmail.com

Coolidge Rotary: 3rd Annual Trap Competition

Saturday, March 29 • 9:00am

Register [here](#)



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.

Raffles
Food

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.



\$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.



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Florence Rotary - Spring Bunco Night

Friday, April 4 • 6-9pm



Spring Bunco Night

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH

6 PM - 9 PM

Tickets
\$20

Join us for a
hopping
good time!



Bring your family &
friends!

50/50 Raffle & CASH
prizes!

WHERE?

Florence Community Center
778 N Main St., Florence, AZ



For tickets email the Florence Rotary
florenceazrotary@gmail.com
or call Jen Nathaniel at (480) 228-4676

Proceeds benefit FUSD Scholarships

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 [here](#).

San Luis Frontera
Rotary
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ROTARY ROYALE
Casino Night

APRIL 11 ♦ 8:00 PM - MIDNIGHT
 780 N CESAR CHAVEZ ST. SAN LUIS, AZ
 CRAPS // ROULETTE // BLACK JACK

\$77 2 FREE DRINKS | PLAYING CHIPS | HEAVY APPETIZERS
DRESS TO IMPRESS!
 PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR SCHOLARSHIP

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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

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 Club of Oro Valley 



BullRun Festival Discount for Rotarians

The first International BullRun Festival is coming to Tucson May 2-4, at Old Tucson, and there's a Rotary connection.

Jonathan Walkup from Rotary Club of Tucson will be running with the bulls, and RCOT will be selling tickets to the club's 19th annual Tucson Classics Car Show.

Rotarians can attend the event at 50% off with the promo code BULL50.

Tickets and more information are available at www.bullrunfestival.com



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!***

