



IMPACT! e-bulletin



March 18, 2025 District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

Rotary March Theme: Cultivating Good Hygiene

By Sue Archibald

It takes more than installing sanitation facilities for a WASH project to succeed in the long term. It's also important to cultivate healthy habits. Good hygiene practices can reduce diseases such as cholera, dysentery, and pneumonia by nearly 50 percent. Washing hands with soap can save lives.

When individuals have access to clean water and sanitation, the incidence of waterborne diseases decreases, children remain healthier and attend school more consistently, and mothers can spend less time fetching water and more time supporting their families.

In District 5500, seven clubs in the Yuma and San Luis, Son area have been installing freshwater drinking fountains in the schools of San Luis, Sonora, MX. Their overarching goal is to equip over 75 schools in the community with these fountains. This ambitious endeavor is only possible through the continued, coordinated efforts of Rotarians working together.



Have You Registered Yet for RLI?

Session III is Happening Saturday, March 29!
Register Now! Don't Wait!

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 eggsetrev@aol.com.

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

Best,
DG Sue



Why Rotary?

By Bruce Monro

Since 1905, Rotary has created spaces where people from all walks of life - different jobs, religions, and viewpoints - can build real friendships based on shared values. These connections across our differences aren't just nice to have - they're essential for human progress.

At its heart, Rotary exists because we humans need to be part of something bigger than ourselves. We crave meaningful connections that cross boundaries. We believe that regular people working together can change communities and build a more peaceful world.

We believe that each of us has the power to make things better. We don't wait for governments or big organizations to solve problems - we roll up our sleeves and do it ourselves, combining our different talents, skills and perspectives.

Ever asked yourself, "How can I live a life that truly matters?" Rotary's answer is simple but powerful: "Service Above Self." There's a special kind of joy that comes from knowing your actions have made



someone's life better.
[Read More](#)

Webinar Series: Gifts That Pay You Back

Tuesday, March 25 • 4:00pm
[Click here](#) to register

Did you know that US donors over the age of 50 can make a charitable gift to Rotary AND receive lifetime income?

BIG WEST WEBINAR SERIES
Creating Your Rotary Legacy

Gifts That Pay You Back
Tuesday, 25 March 2025
4:00 p.m. PDT

REGISTER FOR EVENT

CLICK BELOW TO WATCH PREVIOUS SESSIONS

- WATCH RECORDING Gifts That Pay You Back Wednesday, 25 September 2024
- WATCH RECORDING Year-End Giving Strategies Thursday, 24 October 2024
- WATCH RECORDING Plan Now, Give Later Monday, 27 January 2025
- WATCH RECORDING Maximize Your Retirement Assets Tuesday, 25 February 2025
- WATCH RECORDING Gifts That Pay You Back Tuesday, 25 March 2025
- Tax Wise Giving Strategies Wednesday, 23 April 2025

The Rotary Foundation

TRF Weekly Message: Investing in Action

The Rotary Foundation plans for the future, not just for today, and helps members put ideas into action. In the words of Arch Klumph:

“Rotary has assumed a great obligation to the world ... Its opportunities are limitless, but its income today and of tomorrow will never permit it to do the many things which it could and should do. Let me remind you of these three facts: (1) money alone does little good, (2) individual service is helpless without money, (3) the two together can be a godsend to civilization.”

Thank you for the time, energy, and financial support you give to Rotary's mission.



Rotarian Dennis Breen Passes Away



Dennis Breen, a lifelong member of the **Rotary Club of Oro Valley**, passed away on March 6 at the age of 79. Dennis was passionate about Rotary's mission and the charities they support. He gave generously of his time and money, from fundraising for water wells in Guatemala, to working every week at the food bank in Oro Valley. Rotary provided him with the opportunity to connect with people all over the world. In his dedication to Rotary International, he was called to be the president of more than one club.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife Anne McGinnis, children: Dennis (wife Anita), Jonathan (husband Bruce), Patricia (wife Ruth), his grandchildren: Naveen, Kyle, Chelsea, his siblings, nieces, nephews and extended family that will miss him dearly.

His passing is a great loss to the Oro Valley club, Rotary District 5500 and Rotary as a whole.

A memorial service will be held at 5-8 pm on Thursday, March 20th at Vistoso Funeral Home, and mass at 11 am on Friday, March 21st at St Odilia Catholic Church. All who knew and loved Dennis are warmly invited to attend. For more info, here is a link to his obituary: <https://vistosofh.com/obituaries/dennis-breen>.

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](#)



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.



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.

Now Accepting Reservations

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
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.



Arizona Wine Country Tour & Dinner

Thursday, April 10

A limited number of tickets will be available to clubs outside of Dove Mountain Rotary and Mountain Empire Rotary. Purchase your tickets [here](#).



Arizona Wine Country Tour & Dinner

Mountain to Mountain Wine Tasting

Mountain Empire Rotary Club invites the members of the Rotary Club of Dove Mountain for an afternoon of wine tasting at Twisted Union Wine Co. and Sunset Ride Vineyards followed by dinner at the iconic Steak Out.



\$71

PER PERSON

Thursday, April 10

2 p.m. - Twisted Union Wine Co.

3:30 p.m. - Sunset Ride Vineyards

5 p.m. The Steak Out

<https://tinyurl.com/MERwinetasting>

Price includes all taxes and gratuities, and is non-refundable.

Choice of dinner entree includes:

- Sonoma Strip Steak
- 1/2 BBQ Chicken
- 1/2 Rack Pork Ribs

Rotary



Tucson Sunset Rotary: How to Help Our Teachers

Last week, Tucson Sunset Rotary Club members were inspired by a presentation by the **Treasures4Teachers Executive Director Adrienne Ledford**.

This nonprofit supplies teachers with repurposed school and art supplies, either free or low-cost, that are donated. These can include items you'd normally throw out, so they not only help our community's educators, they also help keep them out of the landfills.

[Click here](#) for a list of items that can be donated by club members.

You can drop them off at the T4T store location or contact Diane Ventura Goodyear to coordinate a pickup and dropoff time.

Contact Adrienne at (520) 425-3956 or adrienne@t4teachers.org with questions or to have her speak at your club.



UA Rotaract & Tucson Sunrise Rotary - Food Share Project

Saturday, March 22 • 9:30-11:30am

2500 N. Stone

[Click here](#) to sign up



Triangle Y Ranch Service Project

Triangle YMCA Ranch Camp is just a month away. Join Rotary Club of Tucson and help Triangle Y get ready for the campers attending summer camp.

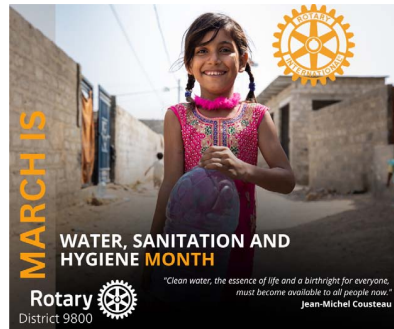
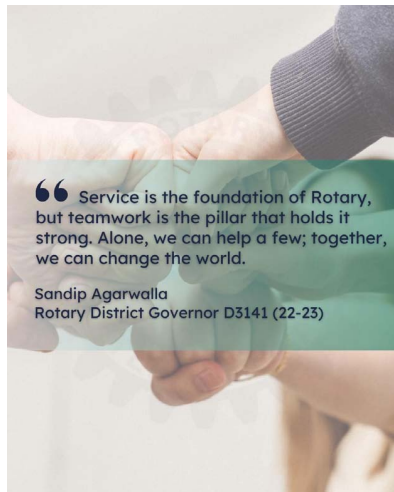
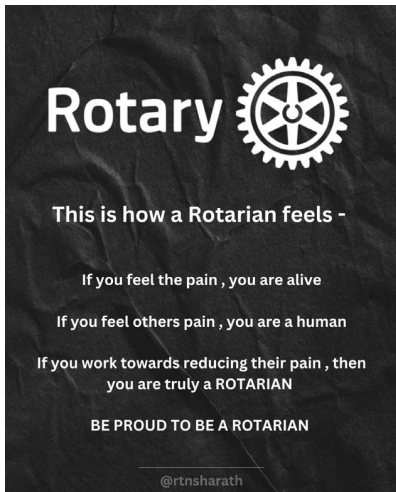
Projects include landscaping, trail clearing, painting, and so much more. All clubs are welcome! Bring guests too!

[Click here](#) to register.



The Graphics Corner

They say one picture is worth a thousand words, so be sure to use these graphics to share the Rotary story with friends and prospects. Just download them and use in your club's social media, newsletters and other promotional materials.



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

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 OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.



[Read More](#)

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

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



The poster features a central photograph of an ice hockey game with players from both teams in action. Above the photo is the word "Rotary" in blue and the Rotary International logo. Below the photo are the logos for the Tucson Roadrunners and the Tucson Condors, separated by "VS". At the bottom, the text reads "ROTARY NIGHT", "TUCSON ROADRUNNERS", "APRIL 6TH, 2025 | 4PM", and "CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION: PATRICIA.ANGLE@TUCSONROADRUNNERS.COM".

Rotary

VS

ROTARY NIGHT

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

APRIL 6TH, 2025 | 4PM

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:
PATRICIA.ANGLE@TUCSONROADRUNNERS.COM

[Read More](#)

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
Club



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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

[Read More](#)

A Taste of Oro Valley

Sunday, April 13 • 3:30-6:30pm

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025
3:30 – 6:30 PM
Steam Pump Ranch
10901 N Oracle Rd
Oro Valley, Tucson
tasteoforovalley.org

10th Annual Food Festival and Fundraiser Benefiting:
Edge High School, Freedom Warriors, IMPACT of So. AZ
Make Way For Books and the Oro Valley Rotary Foundation!

MUSIC BY:



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BUY TICKETS:



BEVERAGES BY:



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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!

Buy Tickets Here



DONATE

EAT CHOCOLATE



Taste of Chocolate

April 13th, 2025 • 2-4 PM

DoubleTree • Reid Park

TucsonTasteOfChocolate.org

HELP TEACHERS

Benefits **RotaryLOCAL**

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



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!**

