

IMPACT! e-bulletin



March 25, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

The WASH Rotary Action Group

By Sue Archibald



Water. Sanitation. Hygiene.

In 2007, a group of Rotarians formed the WASH Rotary Action Group, focused on water, sanitation and hygiene projects. It was recognized by Rotary International and has since facilitated many hundreds of projects, helping clubs find partners, ensuring sustainability, stressing the importance of a needs-driven approach, and developing best practices.

WASH encourages a holistic, integrated approach in which water is not the end in itself but is rather the means to a better life and livelihood in the community. Most importantly, WASH Rotary Action Group links water and sanitation to improved hygiene, better health, and empowerment of the community – especially women, irrigation and agriculture, education and literacy, and ultimately child mortality.



Become District 5500's WASH ambassador!

WASH ambassadors know the importance of water, sanitation and hygiene for the health of an individual, a family, a community and a nation.

WASH Rotary Action Group's Ambassador Program aspires to engage a Rotarian in each Rotary District to serve as a WASH resource to other Rotarians, District Rotary leadership, and to other senior leaders across their District.

A WASH ambassador expands the awareness of WASH issues throughout their District and develops other Rotarians to be WASH advocates. Ambassadors serve to support WASH programs of clubs.

An ambassador brings WASH Rotary Action Group's voice and experience to promote, facilitate and advocate for meaningful action on WASH programs at the community, regional and/or national level.

RLI Session III is This Saturday. Don't Miss It!

Session III is Happening Saturday, March 29!

9am-1pm on Zoom

You can still register!

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



Rotary Zone 26/27 Conference

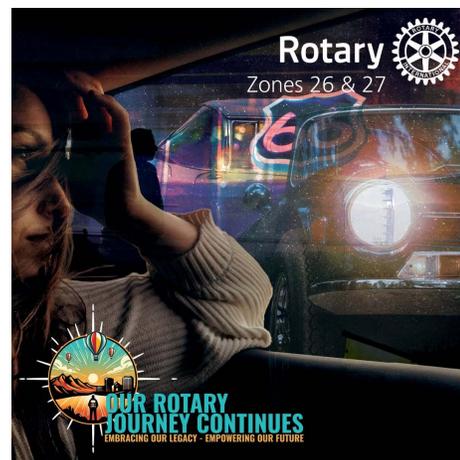
October 23-25, 2025, in Albuquerque, NM!

Imagine cruising down Route 66 and stopping at the BEST attractions along the way. That's exactly what Rotary Zone Institute 2025 offers.

- Inspiring New Perspectives
- Hands-on leadership training
- Networking that fuels your Rotary journey

Don't just take the back roads—be on the fast track to success.

Register today! [Click here.](#)



TRF Weekly Message: What is a Global Grant for Vocational Training?

Vocational training teams are groups of professionals who travel to another country, either to learn more about their profession or to teach local professionals more about it.

The Rotary Foundation funds some vocational training teams in our areas of focus through global grants. This training is often carried out in conjunction with a humanitarian project.

A team should include at least three people. The team leader needs to be a Rotary member, while the other participants can be members or non-members who have experience in the area of focus.

Rotary previously had a program called Group Study Exchange, which promoted international understanding and offered person-to-person opportunities for participants to learn how their vocation was practiced in other countries. It was phased out when we updated our grant model and placed this activity within global grants.

Think about whether you could join a vocational training team, or know a non-member who could participate.



A Ripple of Change

by PDG Ray Sanford, member of San Juan Capistrano Rotary Club

When John first helped with the Corazón house build project, he just wanted to pound nails. It's an ambitious project that builds a house in a day for a deserving family. This year, he's running the entire program.

"I came to give a day of my time," he smiles, "but Rotary saw something in me I couldn't see in myself."

This is the magic that happens when people join Rotary projects. What starts as a simple desire to help often grows into something transformative—both for communities and for the volunteers themselves.

Many Ways to Serve, One Powerful Mission

Maureen, a retired librarian, found her place in a literacy program. "I thought I was done working," she laughs, "but now I'm making a bigger difference than ever."

Meanwhile, Ray P., a retired entertainer and bartender, dedicates his time to mentoring a middle-school marathon team. "These kids remind me why I work so hard," he says. "Their growth is the best return on investment I've ever received."

This is the beauty of Rotary—there's a perfect fit for everyone. Some members, like Marianne, plant community gardens. Others help raise funds through our golf tournament or car show. Some use their professional skills to guide young people, while others join international efforts bringing dental and vision care to children in Mexico.

[Read More](#)



The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

by Bob Sommerfeld
District 5500 IFSR Representative and member of Casas Adobes Rotary Club

Rotary and Scouting, the connection between two great organizations helping youth to succeed. An investment today through an RI fellowship can plant the seed for future success.

Rotary International has been a partner with the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in serving young people since their inception. As Rotary spread around the world, its support of Scouting and Girl Guiding also spread. The principles and goals of Rotary and Scouting are closely allied: character-building; service to country, others, and self; teaching leadership skills; and becoming aware of the world around us. These are all incorporated into the programs and activities of each organization. The values expressed in Rotary International's Motto and the Four-Way Test greatly parallel those articulated in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan.

[Read More](#)



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.



Mexico - USA Friendship Conference & Global Grants Exchange



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

31 Oct 25 - 03 Nov 25
Yuma, Arizona

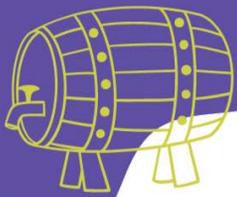
2025

Rotary Global Grant
Collaboration and Awards

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:

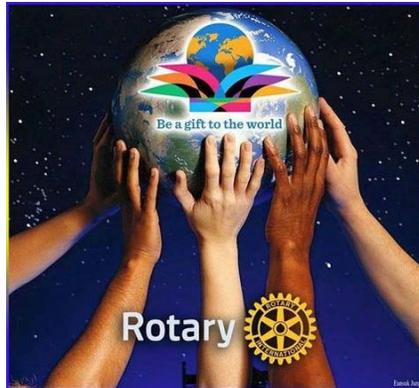
- Sonoma Strip Steak
- 1/2 BBQ Chicken
- 1/2 Rack Pork Ribs

Rotary



The Graphics Corner

Happy Spring! Celebrate the new season by spreading the Rotary message with inspiring graphics like these. They're yours to use in your club's social media pages, newsletters, and other promotional materials. Just download and save them in your personal library files. Enjoy!



Triangle Y Ranch Service Project

Saturday, April 12 • 8:30am-1:00pm

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.



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>

Sponsored by

- Rotary District 5500
- PIMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
- PIMA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES PARKS & RECREATION
- TUCSON CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL
- Rotaract Rotary Club Partner Club of the University of Arizona
- THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Yuma River Cleanup

Saturday, May 17 • Check-in at 8am; start at 8:30am

[Click here](#) for more information.



Rotary Clubs of Yuma County

River Clean-Up

We are looking for volunteers to help clean up the Colorado River. There will be several areas along the river to be cleaned up.

Saturday, May 17th 2025

Check-in 8:00 AM
Start from 08.30 AM

Sign-up through Club Runner
Supplies will be provided!

Recommend wearing tennis shoes.

Visit our website for more information
www.facebook.com/friendsofthelowercolorado



Rotary **PEOPLE of ACTION**

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

SCAN ME



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](#)



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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

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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 • 4pm

Discounted tickets for Rotarians!!

[Click here](#) to purchase individual tickets. (For club volume sales, contact Patricia Angle at Patricia.Angle@tucsonroadrunners.com or 520-372-8535.)



The image is a promotional poster for a hockey game. At the top, it says "Rotary" next to the Rotary International logo. Below that is a photograph of hockey players in action on the ice. The Tucson Roadrunners logo (a roadrunner) is in the top left corner. The Tucson Condors logo (a condor) is in the bottom right corner. In the center, it says "VS". Below the photo, it says "ROTARY NIGHT" in large, bold letters. Underneath that, it says "TUCSON ROADRUNNERS" and "APRIL 6TH, 2025 | 4PM". A red horizontal line separates this from the text "SCAN FOR TICKETS". Below that is a QR code. At the bottom, a dark red rounded rectangle contains the text "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!

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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!



Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.

EAT CHOCOLATE



Taste of Chocolate

April 13th, 2025 • 2-4 PM

DoubleTree • Reid Park

TucsonTasteOfChocolate.org

HELP TEACHERS

Benefits **RotaryLOCAL**

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!*

