

IMPACT!

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Rotary
District 5500



March 4, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

March is Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Month

By Sue Archibald

March brings us to a crucial focal point of our Rotary calendar – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month.

This theme, fundamental to human health and dignity, underscores the profound impact of access to clean water, proper sanitation, and hygiene practices on communities worldwide. As we delve into this month, let us renew our commitment to initiatives that ensure everyone, everywhere, has access to these basic human needs.

The importance of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) extends beyond the immediate health benefits. It catalyzes development, enabling education by reducing disease and allowing children, especially girls, to attend school. It empowers women and girls by reducing the time spent collecting water and fosters economic growth by improving community health and productivity.

Here are several initiatives we can undertake as Rotarians to make a tangible difference in the realm of water, sanitation, and hygiene:

- **Clean Water Projects:** Implement community-based projects to provide clean and safe drinking water. This could involve installing water purification systems, rainwater harvesting structures, or digging wells.
- **Sanitation Facilities Construction:** Focus on building or improving sanitation facilities, such as toilets and latrines, in schools and communities that lack adequate infrastructure.
- **Hygiene Education Campaigns:** Educate communities about the importance of good hygiene practices through workshops and awareness campaigns. This includes handwashing with soap, safe water storage, and proper waste disposal.
- **WASH in Schools (Wins):** Specifically target schools to improve WASH facilities and hygiene education, ensuring children can learn in a healthy environment.
- **Advocacy and Partnership Building:** Advocate for policies and practices that ensure sustainable WASH solutions at the local, national, and international levels. Build partnerships with governments, NGOs, and other stakeholders to amplify our impact.



Our water, sanitation, and hygiene efforts can transform lives by preventing disease, promoting dignity, and providing new opportunities for education and economic development. Each project brings us closer to achieving Rotary's goal of providing clean water and sanitation for all and building more robust, resilient communities.

[Read More](#)

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





The District 5500 presidents-elect who attended PETS in LA last week. Lots of learning, inspiration, and fun. The Arizona Sunset cocktails at the D5495/D5500 hospitality suite were very popular.

For those presidents-elect who didn't attend, [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the Zoom version.

Help Us Track the Successful D5500 LA District Relief Project!

If you didn't have a chance to respond to our District LA Disaster Relief Project survey, please take a minute now to do so. It will really help us track its success so we can send a report to our colleagues in LA.

[Please click here](#)

So many Rotarians in District 5500 came through with much-needed supplies, funds and their valuable time to positively impact the communities in and around LA that were devastated by wildfires.

Thank you so much!



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.

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 Resort & Spa

Inspiration

Fun

Great Food

Golf

Shopping

Tubac!



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.

TRF Weekly Message: What Makes a Global Grant Application Successful?

Consult with local experts early in the planning process to build a strong project plan and global grant application. Your application needs to clearly describe how your project, scholarship, or vocational training team:

- Responds to real community needs
- Alligns with one of Rotary's areas of focus
- Actively involves Rotary members and community members
- Meets the eligibility requirements in the grant terms and conditions
- Includes measurable goals
- Will be sustainable and successful long after the global grant funds have been spent



If you need help, contact your district international service chair. The district resource network is made up of members with expertise in project planning, the areas of focus, and Rotary Foundation grants.

Our grant system empowers members to design projects with lasting benefits for communities.

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>. [Read More](#)



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. [Click here to register.](#)

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!!



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.

DAY TOUR
NOGALES
Sonora, Mexico



Visit non-profits that BCA & Rotary support and learn about our social investment work in Nogales, Sonora.

March 12, 2025

Tour fee \$95

includes transportation & lunch at Burrito Hass



To register contact:
(520)398-3229
For more info contact:
Valle Verde Rotary Club
Tim Dugan (520) 609-1273



[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](#)



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.](#)

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>

Rotary District 5500

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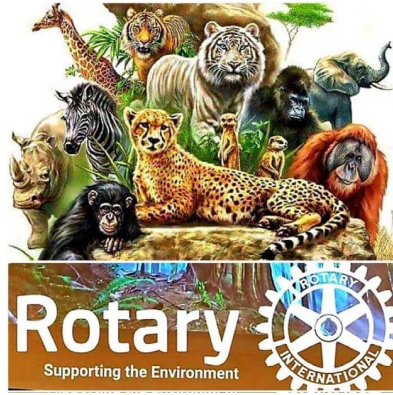
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Rotaract Club of the University of Arizona

TUCSON CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL

Graphics Corner

Celebrate spring with these inspiring Rotary messages. Just download the images and use them in your club's social media, newsletters and other promotional materials.



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.

Tour de Cookie

Rotary
Club of Marana

Saturday, March 8, 2025



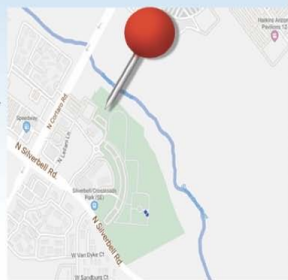
Join Us for a Morning of Fun,
Community, and Yummy Delight

**Cyclists of all Ages and Abilities
Bike Along the LOOP River Path
FROM ONE COOKIE STATION to ANOTHER**

Proceeds directly benefit the Rotary Club of Marana's many local, national and international community service projects. This year we are also supporting The MayFly Project, mentoring foster kids through the sport of fly fishing.

\$45/person (kids 12 & under ride free with paid adult!)
Teams of 10 or more get \$5 off the individual registration fee
Saturday, March 8, 2025 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Route begins at Silverbell Crossroads Park,
7548 N Silverbell Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85743



www.rotarytourdecookie.org (registration / tour route / rotary information)

[Read More](#)

Yuma Rotary - Midnight at the Oasis

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

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BREAKING NEWS

THE TRI - TIP IS BACK!

LET'S SEE THOSE SELFIES! STOP BY THE
YUMA ROTARY BOOTH, GRAB A SANDWICH!



✱ SNAP A PIC, TAG US! EVERY SHARE HELPS SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOCAL PROJECTS! #TRITIPLOVE #ROTARYEATS ✱

Yuma North End Bowling Fundraiser

Saturday, March 15 • 2-5pm

Yuma North End
BOWLING Rotary 
FUNDRAISER

Come Join Us To Support
SAFE HOUSE OF YUMA

March 15th, 2025 - 2pm - 5pm

INCA LANES 1250 WEST 16TH ST.
YUMA, AZ

\$25.00 PER PERSON
LANE OR TEAM SPONSOR \$125.00

**To Register
or Sponsor**

Text
928-920-6620
E-mail
rotaryavf@gmail.com



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

22nd Annual Taste of Tubac

Sunday, March 23
Don't miss the fun!

SAVE THE DATE!



Rotary
Club of Tubac



TASTE OF TUBAC

at the **Tubac Golf Resort & Spa**

SUNDAY MARCH 23, 2025

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Tubac

A Celebration of Fine Wine and Savory Cuisine

Tickets on sale - \$80 per person

Reserve Tables seat 10 - \$900, call 360-477-7827

Tickets available at:

Donna's Salon | Jane's Attic | Tumacookery | Tubac Golf Resort
Green Valley Chamber of Commerce *No credit cards please

**Enjoy Great Music and Dancing
with Anthony Taylor Jr. Band!**

Rotary Club of Tubac, PO Box 4564, Tubac, AZ 85646
www.facebook.com/tubacrotary

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](#)

Benson Rotary: Swing Into Spring Golf Tournament

Saturday, March 29
[Click here](#) to register

2025
ROTARY
 Swing Into
 Spring

WWW.ROTARYSWINGINTOSPRING.COM

Rotary
 Club of Benson



SATURDAY **SAN PEDRO**
MARCH 29 **GOLF COURSE**



\$100 / PERSON TEAMS OF 4
SCRAMBLE FORMAT

[Read More](#)

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

Rotary
 Club of Casa Grande



LIVE MUSIC DINNER LIVE AUCTION SILENT AUCTION RAFFLES

Florence Rotary - Country Thunder

Live Drawing: April 5

Purchase tickets [here](#)



The poster is designed to look like a piece of torn, aged paper pinned to a dark wooden background. At the top left, there is a small white box with the Rotary logo and the text 'Rotary Club of Florence Arizona'. The main title 'COUNTRY THUNDER' is written in a bold, blue, serif font, with a red silhouette of a longhorn head integrated into the letter 'Y'. Below the title, the words 'MUSIC' and 'FESTIVALS' are written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The main event title 'COUNTRY THUNDER TICKETS RAFFLE' is written in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font. Below this, there are three stars. The text 'WIN 2 PLATINUM EXPERIENCE TICKETS TO COUNTRY THUNDER (\$1,200+ VALUE)' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below this, the text 'PLATINUM EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A list of four items follows: 'ACCESS TO EXCLUSIVE SKYBOX & OASIS LOUNGE WITH FULL-SERVICE BAR', 'COMPLIMENTARY APPETIZERS EVERY DAY', 'RESERVED EVENT ENTRANCE & PARKING', and 'COMPLIMENTARY LAMINATE SOUVENIR'. Below the list, there are three stars. The text 'FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE FLORENCE ROTARY CLUB & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS. LEARN MORE AT WWW.FLORENCEAZROTARY.COM' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the right of this text is a QR code. Below the QR code, the text 'PURCHASE TICKETS ABOVE' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text 'COST PER ENTRY: \$10 | 4 FOR \$30 | 15 FOR \$100' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below this, the text 'LIVE DRAWING ON APRIL 5, 2025, DURING ROAD TO COUNTRY THUNDER' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

Rotary
Club of Florence Arizona

COUNTRY THUNDER
MUSIC FESTIVALS

**COUNTRY THUNDER
TICKETS RAFFLE**

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**LIVE DRAWING ON APRIL 5, 2025,
DURING ROAD TO COUNTRY THUNDER**

**PURCHASE
TICKETS
ABOVE**

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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 Health™



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](#)

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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Proudly presented by

Rotary
 Club of Oro Valley 



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!

EAT CHOCOLATE



Taste of Chocolate

April 13th, 2025 • 2-4 PM

DoubleTree • Reid Park

TucsonTasteOfChocolate.org

Buy Tickets Here



DONATE

HELP TEACHERS

Benefits **RotaryLOCAL**

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!*

