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November 19, 2024

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

Rotary Foundation Month: Polio

By Sue Archibald

As an international community, Rotary is able to bring together leaders willing to take on the world's toughest challenges.

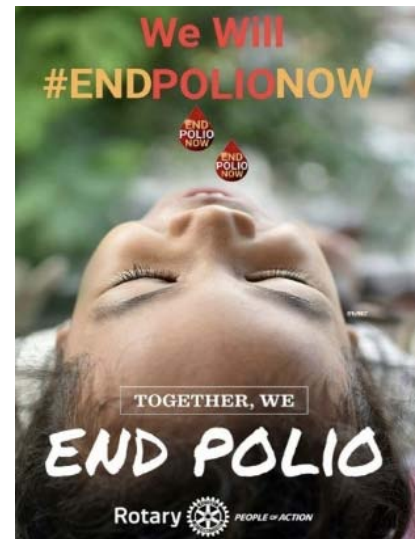
Polio eradication is one of our longest standing and most significant efforts. Along with our partners, we have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. We have reduced polio by 99.9 percent worldwide, and we are committed to not stop until we end the disease for good.

Ride to End Polio: Saturday, November 23

Our District has had a significant impact through our annual [Ride to End Polio](#) on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

I wrote about Mike Harris and his commitment to end polio in my letter in July. Our Ride began in 2009 and, assisted by the Gates Foundation's two-to-one match, we have raised over \$60 million to aid in Rotary's fight to end polio. There is a tribute to our efforts at Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston.

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TRF Weekly Message: What is a Paul Harris Fellow?

Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given to anyone who contributes at least \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved global grant. This recognition, which consists of a certificate and pin, can also be given on behalf of someone else.

More than 1.6 million people have become Paul Harris Fellows since 1957, including notable figures such as former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, former Russian President Boris Yeltsin, and polio vaccine developer Dr. Jonas Salk.

Are you ready to become a Paul Harris Fellow and support The Rotary Foundation at this level?



Big West PHS Challenge!

Dear District 5500,

In honor of Rotary Foundation Month and to promote [The Paul Harris Society](#), my wife Leslie Lawson and I, along with an anonymous donor, are contributing a total of \$500,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

We are challenging 500 members from Zones 26 & 27 to join the Paul Harris Society before December 31, 2024, so we can reach \$1 million! The Paul Harris Society is a commitment to donate \$1,000 annually to The Rotary Foundation.

Members can now easily join online by clicking [HERE](#).

See flyer on next page for all the details. Remember, if you direct your contribution to PolioPlus it will be matched at a 2:1 ratio.

Let's all work together to achieve this important goal!

Thanks,
Dan



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The Power of Public Image in Your Club's Membership Attraction

By Bruce Monro



In today's fast-paced world, the public image of organizations is crucial for attracting new members, and Rotary is no exception.

A strong public image showcases your club's values, community impact, and global reach, significantly enhancing membership attraction.

A compelling public image fosters trust and credibility. When potential members see your club's commitment to community service, they are more likely to view it as an effective way to contribute.

Trust is essential for attracting individuals who want to be part of something special.

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The Ride to End Polio is Saturday, November 23rd

The Ride to End Polio is a signature event for District 5500 in the annual El Tour de Tucson.

Check out the 2024 District 5500 Ride to End Polio [website](#) for route map and other details, then come join the excitement this Saturday.

New Post-Ride Gathering Area! Rainbow Rotary Club of Tucson is hosting the booth at the finish line. You'll find them one block from the finish line in a great spot to gather, share stories, eat, drink and reminisce. [Click here](#) for a map.



Pre-Ride Dinner Reservations Closing Soon



Gear up for a great ride at the Friday Night Pre-Ride Dinner!

Whether you're riding to end polio in the El Tour de Tucson or just want to show your support for this great cause, come join the excitement at Brother John's Bourbon and Barbecue.

An entertaining program is planned, plus great food, door prizes and fun Rotary fellowship. Plus it's a chance for you to meet **Rotary CEO John Hewko** and his wife **Marga**.

All for just \$50. [Click here](#) to register for the dinner, and do it soon, before registration closes.

ShelterBox USA Update

There is a lot happening behind the scenes at ShelterBox USA. Here is a brief update of recent response decisions for our District 5500 supporters that demonstrates the strength of collaboration between ShelterBox USA and Rotary.

If you would like to schedule a club presentation: **"ShelterBox: What's new in 2025"**, please contact PDG Don Jorgensen or DGND Leo Lawrenson, District 5500 Volunteer Ambassadors at donjorgensen@comcast.net or ljlawrenson@gmail.com, or call Don at 520-906-9148.



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Please Help: Angel Heart Pajama Project Needs PJ's

An urgent message from Tucson Sunset Rotary: Angel Heart Pajama Project is in need of children's pajamas in sizes XS, Small and Medium.

What a wonderful way to start the holiday season by purchasing pajamas for children in need. All clubs are welcome to participate.

The mission of Angel Heart Pajama Project is to provide new pajamas and books for children who have been abandoned,

abused, removed from homes, placed in foster care, or living in homeless shelters in the City of Tucson, South Tucson, and in surrounding Cochise, Pima, Santa Cruz, and Yuma counties in Southern Arizona.

Here are powerful stories that showcase how Angel Heart is making a significant impact with every pajama and book donation. We are committed to improving the lives of children, one day and one child at a time.

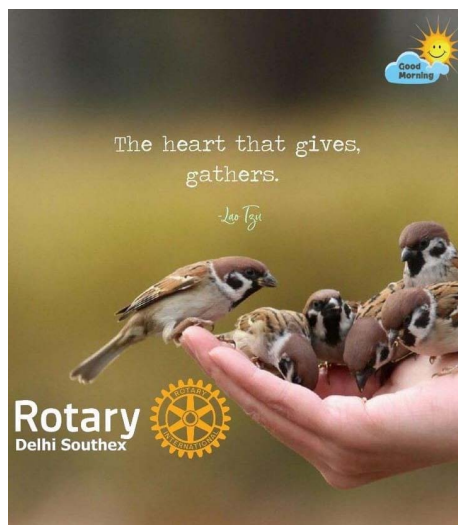
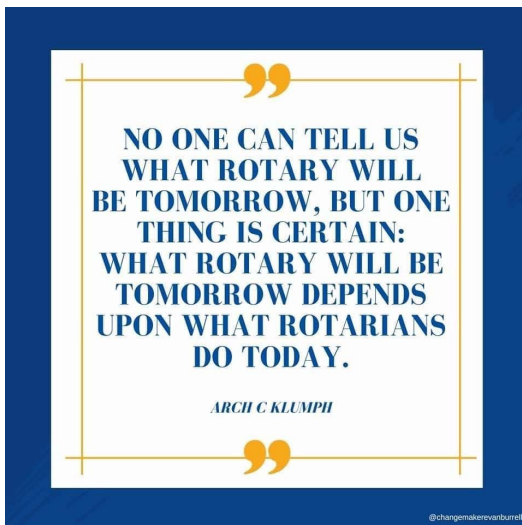
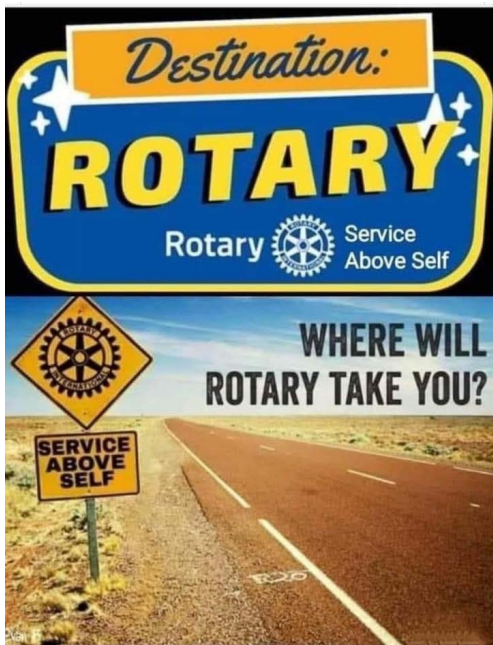
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Graphics that Inspire

A picture is worth a thousand words, so put these images to work for you. They're a great way to promote Rotary and generate interest from prospective new members. Just download and save them to your files, then use them in your club's promotional materials.



Florence Rotary - Bunco Night

Friday, November 22 from 6-9pm to benefit FUSD Scholarships

FLORENCE ROTARY

CASH PRIZES

TICKETS \$20

BRING A FRIEND

BUNCO NIGHT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

REFRESHMENTS - 50/50 - RAFFLE PRIZES

6:00 - 9:00 PM AT
THE GREEN TREE INN
240 W, 240 AZ-287, FLORENCE, AZ 85132

FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT:
JEN NATHANIEL - (480) 228-4676
MARY HACKETT - (609) 744-6065

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Proceeds benefit
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Oro Valley Rotary - Fashion Fusion Show

Friday, November 22 - 5:30-8:00pm at Tohono Chul Park

BNI Fashion Fusion Fundraiser Benefits The Springboard Home For Girls and the Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona.
For tickets and more info, [click here.](#)



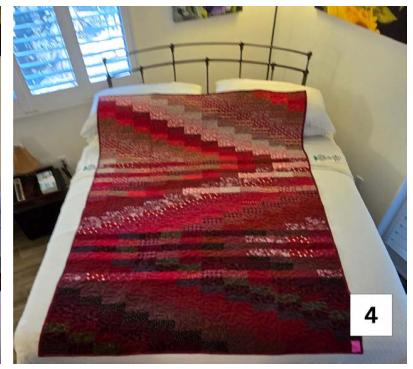
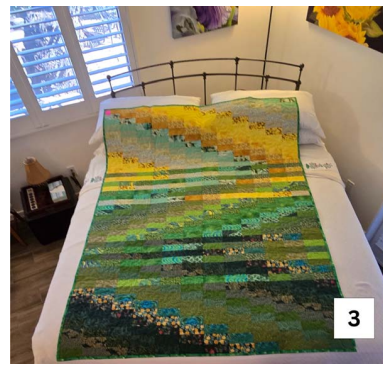
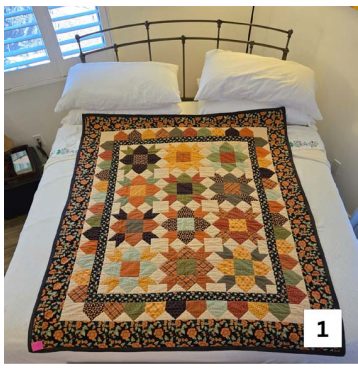
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SaddleBrooke Sunrise: Quilt Auction

SaddleBrooke Sunrise Rotary Club is auctioning off four quilts lovingly crafted by Grace Dettmann, the late wife of club member **Dave Dettmann**.

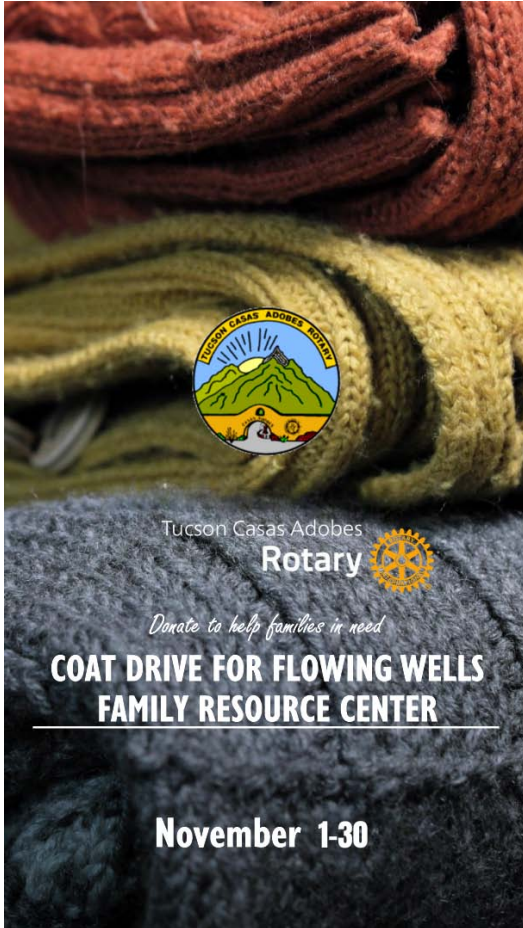
Proceeds from the auction will go to the Mammoth San Manuel (MSM) School District Education Foundation, which provides assistance to its elementary school teachers for supplies, and for books for its library.

To place your bid, email **Maggie de Block** at zonbeer@aol.com no later than Saturday, November 30.



Casas Adobes Rotary - Coat Drive

November 1-30



For more information, contact Frank Youdelman at youdel@aol.com

RCOT - Multi-Club Bellingring for Salvation Army

Saturday, December 14th is fast approaching! We have a big day planned with a goal of raising \$8,000 for the Salvation Army. This will provide 5,500 meals to those in need over the holidays in our community.

We will be ringing the bell in two-hour shifts from 9am to 5pm. We have 8 doors and the goal is 1k per kettle.

We have openings in our grid. Come join us! [CLICK HERE](#) If you see an opening that will work for you, add your name in the blank in the location you've picked and it will automatically save it in the link.

Or you can call Dan Kalm—520-300-1293 or Tom Strasburg at 520-235-6163.



Tajikistan International Book Project

By Tina LJ McGee

The Willcox Rotary Club supports Tajikistan students learning English by supplying them with books every year since



2016.

We could use your help.

The books we provide equip students for crucial exams such as the IELTS, TOEFL, GRE, and GMAT. These opportunities transform students' lives, enabling them to study abroad, return home, land excellent jobs, and achieve career success.

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UA Rotaract - Yacht Rock Bingo

Tuesday, December 3 • 6-7:30pm

All hands on deck for our Yacht Rock themed Bingo Night Fundraiser! We'll be rolling the bingo wheel to Steely Dan, ABBA, The Eagles, and more all in the name of fun and raising money for our Period Poverty Project.

\$5 Per Bingo Card

Free for Rotaractors.

Chance to win spectacular prizes!



Yuma - Walt Kammann Sausage Fry

Friday, December 6 - 4:30-8pm

Buy your tickets [here](#)

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FRIDAY • DECEMBER 6
YUMA CIVIC CENTER
1440 W. Desert Hills Dr. Yuma, AZ
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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Mountain Empire Rotary - Chill & Grill

WIN! WIN! WIN!
[Click here](#) to enter

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Freezer Full of Meat!

Win a varied selection of locally ranched meat.
One lucky winner will receive:

- Free standing, 5.0 cubic foot freezer
- More than 50 pounds of various cuts of meat
- At least one "grill" pack of beef steaks to be included

\$10
Donation

The Fine Print: Must be at least 21 years of age to purchase tickets. Total value approximately \$1,000. No more than 2,000 tickets will be sold. Winner need not be present to win. Winner responsible for prize pick up. Proceeds support Mountain Empire Rotary Club programs in our community. Drawing will be held Thursday, December 19, 2024.




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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 kasjarotary@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**. The deadline for the December issue is November 15, 2024. Use [this form](#) and send it to kasiarotary@gmail.com. ***Don't forget to include photos -- the more the merrier!***

