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District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

The Birth of Little Free Libraries

By Sue Archibald

So many of us travel and one of my favorite things to look for are “Little Free Libraries”. You see them worldwide. The story of how they began is wonderful.

As Todd Bol was doing a renovation project at his home in Wisconsin in 2009, an idea came to him. His late mother, June Bol, had been a schoolteacher who loved to read, so he took some scrap wood and, after a few days of hammering and painting, mounted what resembled a tiny schoolhouse filled with books on a post in his front yard, along with a sign that said, "Free books."

Bol, who joined the Rotary Club of Hudson in 2012, soon started getting requests to build more of his little libraries. When demand outpaced his ability to fill the orders, he hired a carpenter and shared his design online. In 2012, he launched Little Free Library as a nonprofit.

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District Conference Highlight: Michael Rabara

Saturday Breakfast Keynote Speaker

District 5230 Governor Michael Rabara is one of the breakfast keynote speakers on Saturday, October 19. A lifelong resident of Fresno, California, Michael is an alumni of the Rotary District 5230 Camp Royal. He holds degrees in both Mortuary Science and Political Science.

He is the Vice President of Chapel of the Light Funeral Home and Cemetery, where he has established a reputation as a distinguished funeral home executive.

Michael oversees the company's 12 funeral homes and cemeteries that span from the valley up to the wine country.



District Conference Hotel Rooms - EXTENDED DEADLINE!

Deadline for reservations: September 27

There are still a few rooms available that we blocked at Casino Del Sol Resort for the District Conference of Clubs, so the deadline for reservations has been extended to September 27.

Please make your reservations while you still can.

[Click here](#) for reservations.



Celebration of Life for District Conference of Clubs

By Leo J. Lawrenson



Have any members of your club passed on since October 2023? Please let us know so that they will be included in the Celebration of Life at this year's D5500 Conference of Clubs October 18-19, 2024. Click [HERE](#) for a simple fillable PDF form that should be completed and returned to [Leo Lawrenson](#).



Rotary Memorabilia at the District Conference

Tucson Sunset Rotary Club is sponsoring a "Rotary Rummage" table at the House of Friendship. Bring your items to the District Conference to raise money for Polio Plus.

Do you have Rotary memorabilia that you no longer need or want? Bring your items to the District Conference to raise money for Rotary's fight against polio. [Read More](#)



Free Zoom Learning Session Using the Rotary Brand Center and Canva



Thursday, September 26, 5pm

Join our Zones 26 & 27 Rotary Public Image Coordinators for a free zoom session to learn how to use the updated Rotary Brand Center and new Rotary tools on Canva.

Take your Rotary branding to the Next Level!

[Click here](#) to register.

Creating Your Rotary Legacy Webinar Series Part II

Gifts That Pay You Back
Wednesday, September 25, 11-11:45am

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

Join Trustee Greg Podd, Endowment/Major Gift Advisor Marge Cole, and Sr. Planned Giving Officer Erin Groble for this special webinar to learn how you can unlock an income stream for you and/or loved ones while also creating a meaningful gift to Rotary's Endowment.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.



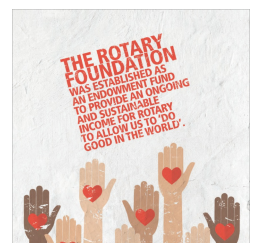
TRF Weekly Message: What is The Rotary Foundation?

The Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International.

It's a nonprofit supported by contributions from Rotary members and other donors who share our vision of a better world.

The Foundation's mission is to help Rotary members advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian and educational programs.

Thank you for supporting the Foundation and its work.





The Club Experience and Membership



We all know that having a positive, fun, and meaningful club experience resonates with our members and creates a vibrant club.

Is your club struggling in these areas, or are there opportunities for improvement? What does your club's experience convey to your current members and, more importantly, to prospective members? Are your members inviting prospective members to share in your club's Rotary experience? If not, why not?

Regular club checkups are vital in ensuring that your club is meeting your members' expectations and is attractive to new members.

For more information, take a look at the Membership Resource Guide, which can be found [HERE](#). This is a compilation of the most valuable membership materials on the RI website. They apply to both prospective and current members.

Please contact Bruce Monro at bruce-tubacaz@outlook.com with any of your membership questions. The District Membership Committee is here to help!

Rotary Youth Exchange Arrival from Spain



Javier, our newest exchange student from Spain, arrived in late July from the Burgos Club, District 2201.

He is attending Ironwood Ridge High School in the Amphi school district. Javier is currently enjoying his swim team and plans to participate in wrestling. Wrestling will be a new sport for him. It's amazing to know that our exchange students not only embrace a year abroad but also take all opportunities to try new activities.

Now is the time to recruit students for the 2025-26 academic year. Please reach out to your local high schools for students who will grow, mature, and be the next generation of leaders. There are ideal ambassadors in southern Arizona. Let's find them and give them an opportunity to build peace one student at a time.

Applications for the 2025-26 academic year and summer 2025 short-term exchanges are on the District website (<https://rotaryd5500.org/page/rotary-youth-exchange>). Contact Cindy Dooling at youthexchangeofficer@rotaryd5500.org if you have any questions.

We hope you're finding these weekly graphics helpful in your club's marketing efforts. They're free, downloadable, and inspiring, so please spread the Magic of Rotary!



Fundraising Opportunity for Your Rotary Club

For every \$10 raffle ticket you sell to the Tucson Classics Car Show on Oct. 19, your club can keep \$5 per ticket. People buying tickets get admission to the Car Show and a chance to win a 2017 ZLT Corvette convertible (or \$40,000 cash), or 4 other prizes. Don't miss out on an easy way to make some money to benefit your club's projects.

Contact Roger Harwell at rharwell@glhn.com or 520-906-6182 to get further details for selling paper tickets or selling them online, including the agreement your club would sign, paper tickets to sell, and tools for selling tickets online.



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Valle Verde - Meatloaf Dinner

Wednesday, September 25

Tickets are selling fast! To purchase tickets, email Michele Lewis at Michele44a@gmail.com

Valle Verde Rotary Club
Presents
A Special Fundraiser!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25TH

AMERICAN LEGION POST 131, 249 W. ESPERANZA BLVD., GREEN VALLEY

MEATLOAF DINNER

WITH SCALLOPED POTATOES, COLE SLAW, DINNER ROLL, DESSERT

SEATINGS AT 4:00 & 5:00 PM

Tickets \$15 Each

American Legion Post Cash-Only Bar Available

PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. ANDREW'S CLINIC

For Tickets & Information Call

517-238-6221



Yuma Foothills Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 28, 2024



Yuma Foothills Rotary

9th Annual Golf Tournament



**Mesa Del Sol Golf Course
Saturday, September 28th**

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| <p>Cost: \$100 per Player</p> <p>Skins Included Mulligans - 2 per Player Included</p> <p><u>All Registration to be Completed in Advance</u> Cash or checks only</p> <p>Entry Deadline: Wednesday Sept 25 2024 at 5:00 PM</p> <p>Open Range 6:00 to 7:00 am</p> <p>Hole Sponsor \$500 (4 man Team, XL Tee Sign)</p> <p>Longest Drive Sponsor \$300 (XL Tee Sign 24"X36")</p> <p>Closest to Pin Sponsor \$300 (XL Tee Sign 24"X36")</p> <p>Large Tee Sponsor \$100 (18"X24")</p> |  <p>4-Person Net Scramble</p> <p>7:30 am Shotgun Start</p> <p>Box Lunch</p> | <p><u>Prizes</u> Teams 1st, 2nd, 3rd Men's/Women's Longest Drive Closest to Pin Raffle Prizes</p> |
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Player / Team Information

| | (Name) | (Email /Phone) Required | (Handicap) |
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| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | _____ | _____ |

[Contact Dit Blackburn \(928\) 580-9929 - dietmarus@yahoo.com](mailto:dietmarus@yahoo.com)
 Please make Checks Payable to Foothills Rotary





Tucson Kino - 17th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 5, 2024
Randolph North - Check-in 8am



The 18-hole four-person scramble tournament with a shotgun starts at 8:00. It includes a silent auction, benefit drawings, and opportunities to win individual and team prizes. The tournament will include an awards recognition with lunch.

Proceeds to benefit local educational programs.

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Green Valley Rotary - Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 12, 1-4pm

Entertainment! Beverages! Fun!

Rotary Club of Green Valley
presents



Rotary
Club of Green Valley

Saturday, October 12, 2024
1 - 4 p.m.

Historic Canoa Ranch
5575 I-19 Frontage Rd • Green Valley, AZ
(Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy the beautiful lawn)

Entertainment, Beverages & Fun
Hot German Lunch Included

\$25 per person

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT GVSAAH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
ANY ROTARIAN OR AT THE DOOR

"SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS"
La Posada, CPAC, Green Valley News, Joseph Lessard CPA PLLC

Valle Verde Rotary - Nogales Day Tour



CROSS
BORDER
TOURS

Valle Verde Rotary & Border Community Alliance

Valle Verde
Rotary
Green Valley



DAY TOUR
NOGALES
Sonora, Mexico

BCA
Border Community Alliance
BEYOND BORDERS

FESAC
Fundación del Emprendedor
Sonora, S.C.



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

**October 28 & December 11, 2024
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 or Gary Friedman (520) 344-7599

Sierra Vista Sunrise Rotary - 12th Annual Rising Sun Run

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Registration is now open at svsunriserotary.org. Register by September 1 for a fee discount!

12th Annual
**RISING
SUN
RUN**
Nov. 02, 2024
REGISTER AT [SVSUNRISEROTARY.ORG](https://svsunriserotary.org)

Proceeds Support:
• Vocational Scholarships
• Youth Leadership Programs
• Rotary Service Projects

Half Marathon, 5K, and Fun Run
• USATF Certified Course with scenic views of the
Huachuca Mountains and Ramsey Canyon Preserve

• Half Marathon and 5K cash prizes and custom medals




Rotary
Sierra Vista Sunrise


Huachuca Mtn Elementary School
3228 St Andrews Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ

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Yuma North End Bingo

Saturday, November 2

Rotary 
Club of Yuma
North End
Proceeds go to Safe House of Yuma

 **BINGO GAMES**

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of excitement, camaraderie, and the thrill of the win at Bingo Games! Get your daubers ready and mark your calendars for an afternoon filled with anticipation and fun.

 Saturday,
November 2nd
1pm- 3pm \$25
or
6pm- 8pm \$25

 Elks Lodge
1917 W 32nd St
Yuma, AZ
85365

Text/Call to register
(928)580-7948
or
(928) 920- 6620



Yuma - Walt Kammann Sausage Fry

Friday, December 6 - 4:30-8pm

Buy your tickets [here](#)



The poster is for the 80th Annual Walt Kammann Sausage Fry. It features a large illustration of a red sausage on a blue fork. The background is orange with faint icons of kitchen utensils. Text includes: '80th ANNUAL Walt Kammann FAMOUS SINCE 1958 SAUSAGE FRY FRIDAY • DECEMBER 6 YUMA CIVIC CENTER 1440 W. Desert Hills Dr. Yuma, AZ 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM'. A 'Yuma Rotary Club' logo is in the top right. A circular badge on the left says 'TICKETS ONLINE \$15 FUNDS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS'. Text on the right says 'MUSIC • FOOD DRINKS • PRIZES' with a QR code below it. A dark blue banner at the bottom reads 'PURCHASE TICKETS at WWW.YumaRotary.org FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!'.

Publish Your Club Events

Let us help you spread the word about your club's upcoming events, projects or fundraisers in **IMPACT!** Send a document with your information 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.

WHAT ABOUT PAST PROJECTS & FUNDRAISERS? We'll feature them in our **Rotary in Action Quarterly**. The deadline for the next issue (September) is August 10, 2024.
