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September 24, 2024

**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 Librariesâ€. 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.

# **Rotary Youth Exchange Arrival from Spain**



Javier, our newest change 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. Letâ $\in$  find them and give them an opportunity to â $\in$  exbuild peace one student at a time.â $\in$ 

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.

# 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 clubâ $\in$ <sup>TMS</sup> experience convey to your current members and, more importantly, to prospective members? Are your members inviting prospective members to share in your clubâ $\in$ <sup>TMS</sup> 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 <u>HERE</u>. 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  $\underline{bruce-tubacaz@outlook.com}$  with any of your membership questions. The District Membership Committee is here to help!

## **Creating Your Rotary Legacy Webinar Series Part II**

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





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.



# **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 2LT 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



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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



# **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

#### **CLEFT PALATE SURGERY PROGRAM IN NOGALES**

# For Tickets & Information Call

517-238-6221



# **Yuma Foothills Golf Tournament**

Saturday, September 28, 2024



#### **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.  $\underline{\mathsf{Read}\ \mathsf{More}}$ 

# **Green Valley Rotary - Oktoberfest**

Saturday, October 12, 1-4pm

Entertainment! Beverages! Fun!





# 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!





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# **Yuma North End Bingo**

Saturday, November 2









# **Yuma - Walt Kammann Sausage Fry**

Friday, December 6 - 4:30-8pm Buy your tickets <u>here</u>



# **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 <a href="mailto:kasiarotary@gmail.com">kasiarotary@gmail.com</a> 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.