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Wednesday, August 06, 2025

Milan Mrakich

City Manager, City of West Covina



We are happy to welcome Mr. Milan M. Mrakich, and to introduce our club. As we all know lunch time is precious when you are beginning a new job, so we appreciate that he has agreed to speak to us. Mr. Milan M. Mrakich brings over 39 years of experience in municipal government, having served in five cities with diverse populations, budgets, and community needs. From his early days as a part-time employee to his role as City Manager and Public Safety Director, Milan has built a distinguished career marked by leadership, innovation, and a deep commitment to public service. With more than 30 years in management and supervisory roles, he has overseen key services including public safety, code and parking enforcement, animal control, community engagement, neighborhood enhancement, and grant

administration. His work has consistently earned recognition from supervisors, colleagues, and outside agencies for its positive impact on the communities he serves.

In addition to his public service career, Milan is a lifelong volunteer with Little League Baseball, dedicating over 47 years to youth sports and community involvement. He began volunteering in 1978 and, in 1994, became the youngest District Administrator in Little League history at age 28. He continues to serve as the Administrator for District 18, which includes a racially and economically diverse region stretching from South El Monte to the neighborhoods surrounding Dodger Stadium.



Continue at "Milan"



"Service above Self"

The Four Way Test (+1)

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

(+1) **Is it FUN!**

Mon 8/4	Tue 8/5	Wed 8/6	Thu 8/7	Fri 8/8	Sat 8/9	Sun 8/10
92° 65°F	94° 65°F	95° 68°F	97° 69°F	96° 69°F	93° 67°F	92° 67°F
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
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ROTARY CLUB OF WC MEETING LOCATION

Rotary Club of West Covina
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Meets in person, Wednesdays
12:15 PM

South Hills Country Club
2655 S. Citrus Ave.
West Covina, CA. 91791
Contact: Lorraine Cardenas, Secretary
Email: westcovinarotary@gmail.com

OFFICERS

President David Carmany
Vice President Juan Alarcon
Secretary Lorraine Cardenas
Treasurer Dennis Evans
Immediate Past President Ryan
..... McDonnell

DIRECTORS

Youth Services Meredith Parry
Rotary Foundation .. Valarie Jaramillo
Public Image/Relations Brian Jobst
Fellowship Monica Kelley
Club Administration .. Drexel L. Smith
Membership Jim Mandala
RCWC Foundation .. Dave Alfaro, DDS
..... Toni Villanueva

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Evanston, IL 60201-3698, USA

ROTARY CLUB of WEST COVINA NEWS

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

2025

- 8/13** West Covina & Covina PD - Chiefs - different in
policing
8/20 Susan Shiells - School on Wheels – SGV
8/27 Melba Minguillan, Asst VP Bank Manager BMO
9/03 Rotary District Governor's visit
9/10 WCUSD Superintendent Emy Flores
9/17 Tyler Wigglesworth - Update - Music Programs
for WCUSD
9/24 Dr. Kelly Fower - Mt Sac VP of Instruction
10/01 Angel Hospice & Palliative Care

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/15** Interact Club Excellence Award nominations
are due
9/01 Labor Day
9/23 RRR WCUSD status mtg.
10/25 Red Ribbon Rally





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MEMBER'S MILESTONES

Birthday's	Rotary Anniv.
08/10 Valarie Jaramillo	08/02 Dennis Evans (2017)
08/12 Frank Morgan	

Continued from "Milan"

Through partnerships with city leaders and community stakeholders, Milan played a key role in establishing the first two Little Leagues within the City of Los Angeles— Northeast Los Angeles Little League in Elysian Park and Los Angeles Little League in Highland Park.

In June 2022, he was honored with the Little League Meritorious Service Award, the highest recognition awarded by Little League International. This prestigious honor is presented only once every four years at the Little League International Congress in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Milan has been married to Vanessa for 20 years. They are the proud parents of two sons, Brandon and Dylan





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BACK...

John W. Tulac *New D5300 International plans*

It was great to meet John and learn about what a great resource he is. He did the best job I've heard explaining the types of international projects that Rotary has available, both internationally and locally. If you, or your club has a question about beginning, or an existing, international project he's the person you want to talk to right away.

I believe that John announced that our very own Arvind Lapsiwala was working on a project for improve education in India (that was as much as I heard, anyway). If you are interested or have questions you can contact John, I'm sure we'll have updates, too.

John covered both global grants and the Rotary International Foundation. Here is the definition on the D5300 webpage ([link](#)):

"Global Grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more of the six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development."

RI Global grant guide [link](#)





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RCWC Foundation

RED RIBBON RALLY (2025)

DEBRIEF/PLANNING

Rotary Red Ribbon Rally Agenda

June 16, 2025 12:45-1:45 PM



2025

Red Ribbon

Event

SAVE THE

DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

8:30AM - 11:30AM

WEST COVINA HIGH SCHOOL QUAD AREA

**30YRS OF EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT ISSUES OF
DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE AND THE CHALLENGES OF MENTAL
HEALTH**

[Link to Flyer \(PDF\)](#)



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POMONA ROTARY CLUB

If you don't want to use the QR code, use this button to register.

Hot August Night

Hot August Night CAR SHOW



Presented by
Pomona Rotary Club

AUGUST 16, 2025
THE DERBY ROOM
2201 N. White Ave., Pomona

\$30
PER CAR



SPACE IS LIMITED!
REGISTER NOW!

To register or information, contact Darren Krohn
(909) 437-5152 or Monique Robles (909) 802-9439



SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER

Hot August Night



Presented by
Pomona Rotary Club

Driven to Make a Difference Fundraiser

Join us for dinner, silent auction and music!

Tickets are \$125 online
and at the door.
ON SALE NOW!



SCAN HERE
TO PURCHASE
TICKETS

A portion of proceeds will benefit
Pomona-area organizations supporting
human trafficking survivors.





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RCMC Foundation



**the
children's
advocacy
center**

Save the Date for Our 11th Annual:

“BE A HERO FOR CHILDREN” GALA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

6PM-10 PM

GLENDORA COUNTRY CLUB

Visit our website to sponsor the event
or purchase tickets
Space is limited!

*Please join us for a fun filled evening
raising money to provide child
victims a place to be heard and start
healing.*

*Enjoy delicious food, dancing,
photobooth, and an amazing auction.*

*We are excited to announce that Suzie
Suh is our Event MC!*

<https://childrensadvocacyctr.org/>



SUZIE SUH
Event MC
Co-anchor KCAL
News' primetime
shows

Link to PDF flyer for printing





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Gilda Moshir

District 5300 Governor

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D5300 News

DG GILDA MOSHIR

Governor Gilda Moshir

Dear Rotary Family,

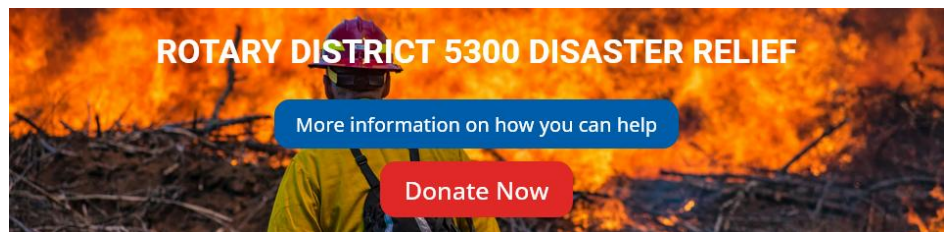
Gilda is a Life Insurance Broker; she represents over 50 major insurance carriers. She got into the insurance industry when she experienced firsthand the scarcity of information available to immigrant families when it came to finances. Her family never got that proverbial “knock on the door from an insurance sales agent. Gilda saw her parents suffering from not having plans in place. She vowed to change that for others. Since 2013, Gilda has been educating families about the value of life insurance and providing peace of mind for the family that is left behind. She considers herself a “Sandwich Generation Expert” as she serves parents, kids, grandparents and anyone sandwiched in the family. At every stage of life our needs for coverage evolve, Gilda is there to guide and educate families on the best options to secure their family and assets. ([more](#))



JULY 2025

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NEW ROTAPLAST OPPORTUNITIES – NAGAMANGALA INDIA - KAMPALA, UGANDA



Drexel L. Smith,
Rotary District 5300
Cleft Lip/Palate Project
Committee Chair

The D5300 Cleft Lip Project Needs you...Schedule a speaker for your club meeting, make a donation or volunteer for a Mission....upcoming missions are:

- **Nagamangala, India - 2 Weeks - December 6 – 21, 2025 Four (4) Non-Medical Volunteer Positions Available**
- **Kampala, Uganda - 2 Weeks - June 07, 2026 - June 21, 2026 Several Non-Medical Volunteer Positions Available**

Contact any member of the Project Committee or the Chair: Drexel L. Smith @ dls@drexeleg.com

DISTRICT 5300'S - CLEFT LIP MISSION with ROTAPLAST - RY 2025/2026



Saving Smiles Changing Lives

**Nagamangala, India - 2 Weeks - December 6 – 21, 2025
Four (4) Non-Medical Volunteer Positions Available**

**Kampala, Uganda - 2 Weeks - June 07, 2026 - June 21, 2026
Several Non-Medical Volunteer Positions Available**

CONTRIBUTIONS

Help us fund this mission with club and individual contributions. Any amount is appreciated. Your donation will change children's lives.

Donations should be made out to:
Rotary District 5300
Indicate "Cleft Lip Project" on the memo line.

Send donations to:
Rotary International District 5300 10624
S. Eastern Ave., Ste. A-16
Henderson, NV 89052
Please: Note "Cleft Lip Project" on the memo

QUESTIONS

Questions or to schedule a club program, contact:
Drexel L. Smith
District 5300 Cleft Lip Committee
951.202.2012
dls@drexeleg.com

VOLUNTEERS

We have non-medical volunteer positions available for these missions. (1st Priority to D5300) The cost Round-trip airfare with the group from San Francisco (SFO), VISA, insurance, and a background check.

- Applicants need to:
1. Complete the Mission Interest Form
 2. Submit a short personal statement addressing: Why you might be interested in joining a Rotaplast team and what skills you would bring to the team.
 3. Review the Rotaplast website: www.rotaplast.org about various positions.

Email the interest form and personal statement to:
dls@drexeleg.com
BY
August 04, 2025

Flyer link to PDF

CLEFT LIP MISSION - NON-MEDICAL VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM



Volunteer for District 5300's CLEFT LIP 'Rotaplast' Mission

1) Nagamangala, India - 2 Weeks - December 6 – 21, 2025

2) Kampala, Uganda - 2 Weeks - June 7th, 2026 - June 21st, 2026

Rotarians/Rotactors from District 5300 are needed to fill the non-medical volunteer positions. Individuals interested in volunteering as non-medical volunteers should review the Rotaplast website: www.rotaplast.org about various positions, complete this form, and return it along with a personal statement by August 04, 2025, to Drexel L. Smith. The Committee will consider applications on a first-in basis. (Please at this point do not complete the non-medical volunteer form on the Rotaplast website.)

Name of Interested Volunteer:

Name of Rotary/Rotaract Club:

Volunteer Address:

Email:

Phone:

Non-medical volunteers must accompany this interest form with a short personal statement (no longer than 250 words) which addresses: Why they might be interested in joining a Mission team and what skills they would bring to the team. First priority is active District 5300 Rotarians/Rotactors. Selection will be based on team compatibility and skills needed for the mission. Those who have never been on a Cleft Lip Repair (Rotaplast) mission are encouraged to apply. Travel costs to and from San Francisco (SFO) to the Mission will be arranged through Rotaplast are the responsibility of the non-medical volunteer as well as insurance, VISA applications and a background check. Extended personal travel at the conclusion of the mission is possible on your own. Non-medical volunteers should contact the D5300 Project Committee for questions.

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Robin Smith - rediff2@yahoo.com 702.460.5080

Volunteer Form Link



Harry Sparrow

Clarifier editor 2025-26

Dear Friend of Claremont Rotary,

We hope to see you on Friday, the 25th of July. Our program features Kathleen Fariss, the new CEO of the Claremont Chamber of Commerce.

You can [link here to zoom into the meeting](#),

Yours in Rotary,



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westcovinarotary.com



Rotary International

<https://www.rotary.org/>

Rotary District 5300

<http://district5300.org/>



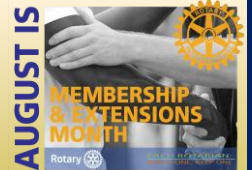
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- **Covina** –South Hills CC [Google map link](#)
 - 1st/3rd Thurs. 12:00 PM
 - Dirian, Donald, Pres.
 - www.covinarotary.org
- **Covina Sunrise** -District Field Event Center [Google map link](#)
 - Tues. at 7:15 AM
 - Espinoza, John, Pres
 - covinasunriserotary.com
- **Greater San Gabriel Valley** - Corky's Restaurant, [Google map link](#)
 - Saturday, 09:30-10:45 AM
- **Industry Hills** - Homestead Museum Gallery [Google map link](#)
 - Tuesdays 12:10 PM
 - Seal, Tim , Pres.
 - www.industryhillsrotary.org/
- **West Covina Tutorial Cause Based**-West Covina Christian Church [Google map link](#)
 - Sunday: 12PM-1PM
- Maricela Mangin, Pres.

Area 4 Club

- **Glendora** - Peppertree Café [Google map link](#)
 - Tuesday at 8-9AM
 - Clark, Kathleen A, Pres.
 - [Link to Newsletter](#)

Area 6 Club

- **Walnut Valley** - Holiday Inn Diamond Bar/Pomona [Google map link](#)
 - Tuesday at 8AM
 - Malonzo, Jovy , Pres.





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RI PRESIDENT

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Francesco Arezzo,
Rotary Club of Ragusa,
ITALY

District 5300 Gov



Gilda Moshir
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District 5300 Gov. Elect.



Dennis Franklin
Area Governor Area 6



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RCWC President



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Rotary International News



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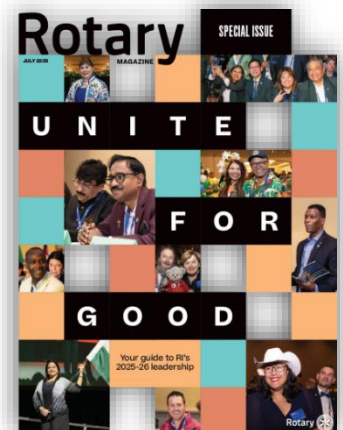
RI Calendar

KEY ARTICLE

LEADERS FOR THE NEW ROTARY YEAR

Read about the backgrounds of your directors and trustees for 2025-26, and check the list for the incoming governor in your district **Photography by Monika Lozinska.** ([more](#))

July 2025



Francesco Arezzo of Italy selected to be 2025-26 Rotary International President
Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. Arezzo will become president on 1 July.

The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of [RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on 8 June.](#)

Guided by the RI code and policies, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.





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A gift today to our Foundation will help Rotary members do good in your community and around the world. Rotary members respond every day to challenges in communities around the world — work that is often supported by Rotary Foundation grants. These grants are possible because of contributions from members like you and Foundation supporters around the globe. But requests for funding are increasing, and we need your help to support more projects that make an impact.

When you donate to our Foundation's Annual Fund, you become part of a collective effort to support sustainable, life-changing Rotary projects. The Annual Fund includes SHARE, the World Fund, and funds for our areas of focus.

Our members and donors allow Rotary to accomplish amazing things. In the current Rotary year, we've already helped fund more than 478 district grants, 1,053 global grants, and 101 disaster response grants. As part of each one, Rotary members work with communities to address ongoing problems and find solutions to emerging issues.

Please support our Annual Fund today by making a gift online or sending a contribution by mail. Your donation will be transformed into projects by Rotary clubs around the world, including West Covina. Together, we can support members who are Doing Good in the World.

Sincerely,
The Rotary Foundation

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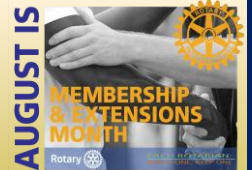
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JULY NEW ROTARY YEAR PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH		AUGUST MEMBERSHIP/NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH		SEPTEMBER BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH	
1		1		1	
2	DARK for July 4th	2	Dennis Evans RA. (2017)	2	Labor Day
3		3		3	Mtg-Rotary District Governor's visit
4	Independence Day	4		4	
5		5		5	
6	Toni Villanueva RA (2005)	6	Mtg-West Covina City Manager - Intro new Manager & Update	6	
7		7		7	
8		8		8	Doran Barnes RA (2003)
9	Mtg Club Assembly Doran Barnes BD	9	Thomas/Brittany-WA	9	
10		10	Valarie Jaramillo-BD	10	Mtg - WCUSD Superintendent Emy Flores
11		11		11	
12		12	Frank Morgan-BD	12	
13		13	Mtg: West Covina & Covina PD - Chiefs - difference in policing	13	
14		14		14	
15		15	Interact Club Excellence Award nominations are due	15	
16	Mtg Mark Mariscal - Challenges of Altadena Fire/Rebuild Valarie & Daren Jaramillo WA	16		16	
17		17		17	Mtg-Tyler Wigglesworth - Update - Music Programs for WCUSD Forest/Miriam WA
18		18		18	
19	David & Stefanie Alfaro WA	19		19	
20		20	Mtg: School on Wheels - SGV - Susan Shiells	20	
21		21		21	
22		22		22	
23	Mtg Marilyn Diaz- New D5300 Human Trafficking Project	23		23	RRR WCUSD Status Mtg. 12:30PM @ WCHS
24		24		24	Mtg: Dr. Kelly Fower - Mt Sac VP of Instruction
25		25		25	
26		26		26	
27		27	Mtg: Melba Minguillan, Asst VP Bank Manager BMO	27	
28		28		28	
29		29		29	Yulanda Davis-Quarrie RA (1999)
30	Mtg D5300 International Chair - present update RI/District Invoice	30		30	
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RCWC Mtg

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Member Milestone

Holiday

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OCTOBER ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY Programs Lead: TBD			NOVEMBER FOUNDATION Programs Lead: TBD			DECEMBER DISEASE PREVENTION Programs Lead: TBD		
1	Mtg: Angel Hospice & Palliative Care		1	Phyllis McDonald RA (1988)		1	Arvind Lapsiwala RA. (1984)	
2	Vicky Abbott RA (2000)		2			2	Alicia Mardini RA (1992)	
3			3	Daylight Savings Time		3	Mtg- 2026/2027 RCWC Officers vote	
4			4			4		
5			5	Mtg-		5		
6			6			6	Thomas Allison's BD	RYLA
7			7			7	Doran & Cynthia Barnes WA	
8	Mtg-		8			8		
9			9			9		
10			10			10	Mtg- Tony Song's BD	
11			11	Veterans Day		11		
12			12	Mtg- Jose Gutierrez's BD		12		
13	Monica Kelley BD		13			13		
14			14			14		
15	Mtg-		15	Tony & Kelley Song WA		15		
16			16			16		
17	Frank/Betty WA		17			17	Mtg-DARK - HOLIDAY DINNER Jim Mandala's BD	
18			18			18		
19			19	Mtg-		19		
20			20			20		
21			21			21		
22	Mtg- RRR pre plan		22			22		
23			23			23		
24	World Polio Day		24			24	Mtg- DARK Dennis & Valerie Evans WA	
25	RRR		25			25	Christmas Day	
26			26	Mtg- Thanksgiving Baskets		26		
27			27	Thanksgiving Day Vicky Abbott BD		27		
28			28			28		
29	Mtg- Halloween???		29	Phyllis McDonald RA. 1988 Meredith Parry BD		29		
30			30			30		
31	Halloween RYLA Intent to Participate					31	Mtg- DARK New Year's Eve Toni & Ed Villanueva's WAe 4-WAY Intent to Participate	

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