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Wednesday, August 13, 2025

## WCPD Chief Cortina & CPD Chief Walczak

We welcome back WCPD Chief Cortina and are happy to have CPD Chief Walczak here to share their plans for their cities.



Cortina has 28 years of law enforcement experience and a distinguished record of leadership, service, and community engagement. Chief Cortina is a seasoned law enforcement professional who has served in several leadership positions in the West Covina Police Department starting as an officer in patrol, to training officer, detecting and moving through the ranks of detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. His areas of oversight include the detective bureau, SWAT, major narcotics, canine unit, jail operations, and the patrol division. His dedication to building trust with the community, addressing public safety concerns, and enhancing departmental operations



Ric Walczak was appointed as the Chief of Police for the Covina Police Department in January 2025, where he now leads the men and women of the Department in service to the community. Born and raised in Covina, Chief Walczak has deep roots in the city, having attended Ben Lomond Elementary, Las Palmas Junior High, and Northview High School. His passion for law enforcement began early, joining the Covina Police Explorer Post, where he rose to the position of Explorer Captain. Chief Walczak's career in policing began as a police cadet with the Glendora Police Department, but he returned to his hometown of Covina in 1996 when he



Continue at "Chiefs"



"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!**

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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](mailto:westcovinarotary@gmail.com)

## OFFICERS

President ..... David Carmany

Vice President ..... Juan Alarcon

Secretary ..... Lorraine Cardenas

Treasurer ..... Dennis Evans

Immediate Past President ..... Ryan

..... McDonnell

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Rotary Foundation .. Valarie Jaramillo

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RCWC Foundation .. Dave Alfaro, DDS

..... Toni Villanueva

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# ROTARY CLUB of WEST COVINA NEWS

## SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

**2025**

**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**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **8/13 Board meeting**
- **Closure of West Covina Sunrise Club.**
- **West Covina Caused based Club becomes West Covina Sunset Club.**





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## **MEMBER'S MILESTONES**

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

### Continued from "Chiefs"

aligns with the West Covina Police Department's mission.

"I am honored to serve as the Police Chief for the City of West Covina and I am committed to working closely with our community, elected officials, and all members of the department to enhance public safety and trust," said Chief Antonio "Tony" Cortina. "I believe in an approach to policing that values collaboration, accountability, and respect for every individual."

was hired as a police officer. He completed his training at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy, Class 292, before being assigned to the Patrol Division. There, he served as a training officer, participated in the Area D Mutual Aid Platoon, and later became a narcotics and gang detective. A founding member of the Special Response Team, Chief Walczak served as the team's Scout leading tactical missions for the Department. Chief Walczak continued to demonstrate his commitment to public safety as a Crimes Against Persons detective, investigating the most serious crimes in the city.

Chief Walczak was promoted through the ranks, earning the positions of Sergeant in 2007 and Lieutenant in 2012, where he led Patrol, Internal Affairs, Investigations, and Administration. In 2019, he was promoted to Captain and has overseen both the Support Services and Operations Divisions.

Throughout his career, Chief Walczak has demonstrated leadership, a commitment to professional development, and a passion for serving the Covina community. Chief Walczak holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of La Verne and a Master's Degree from the University of San Diego. He is a graduate of the Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigations, the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (Class 298), and the Department of Justice Valor program. Ensuring that the Covina Police Department continues to provide premier policing services while maintaining a small hometown feel are important goals for Chief Walczak. He is extraordinarily proud of the work accomplished by the dedicated men and women of the Department and hopes to share that success and deepen the already strong connection with the community. Outside of his professional life, Chief Walczak enjoys spending time with his family, traveling, boating, and hiking.







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BACK...

## Milan Mrakich City Manager, City of West Covina

Mr. Mrakich will be very good for West Covina, he's professional, experienced but most of all he likes Little League Baseball. It was a great introduction; we found out he has a long history and friendship with RCWC President David Carmany. As you would expect there were a couple good "Ole days" stories which are always enjoyable. Milan also talked about some of challenges that he thinks West Covina faces. He has already started staffing to attack these issues. We welcome and wish Milan all the best as he continues serve our community.





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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

### 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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## Week of August 11, 2025 - Superintendent's Weekly News



Welcome back, WCUSD Families and Staff,

The first day of school is almost here, and our schools are ready to welcome our students with open arms. Classrooms are bright and inviting, playgrounds are waiting to be filled with laughter and play, and hallways are poised to burst with the energy of learning, curiosity, and connection. From our youngest TK and Kindergarten learners stepping into school learning and fun for the very first time to our experienced scholars ready to take on new challenges, we are prepared and excited for an extraordinary year ahead. ([Read More](#))

Warm regards,

Dr. Emy Flores,  
Superintendent of Schools  
West Covina Unified School District



**Around the Community**







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## Around the Community



the  
children's  
advocacy  
center

*Save the Date for Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual:*

### "BE A HERO FOR CHILDREN" GALA

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

6PM-10 PM

GLENDORA COUNTRY CLUB

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

*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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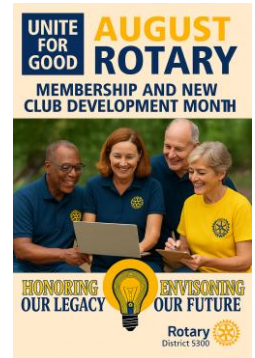
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*Gilda Moshir*  
District 5300 Governor  
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## D5300 News



### August 2025

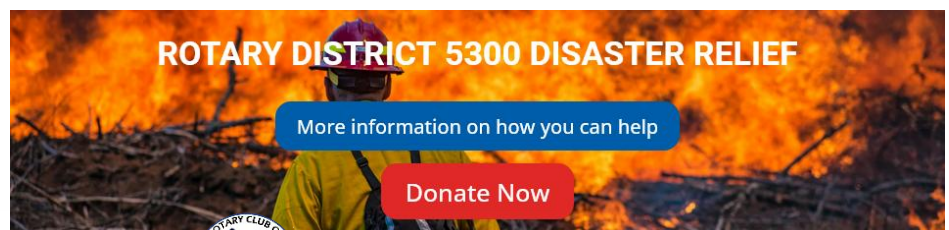
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As promised, this is the second edition of the Highlighter for August. It includes District programs and initiatives, club invitations, and reports of other club programs, activities and discoveries of interest. Linked at the left are calendar entries of note. Please consider entering your club's upcoming events in the DACdb calendar to be included in this list.

#### INSIDE THIS EDITION

- **DISTRICT NOTICES**
  - Help Us Amplify Your Club Service Projects
  - Become a Paul Harris Fellow or PHF+ This Year
  - Peace is Fragile, But We Can Build It
  - The D5300 Rotaplast Project Needs You
  - Excitement Builds for the 2026 Rotary Rose Parade Float
- **INVITATIONS**
  - Boulder City Sunrise 30th Annual Wurst Festival
  - Mesquite Rotary Hosts 11th Annual MUDD Volleyball Fundraiser
- **CLUB HIGHLIGHTS**

Dear Rotary Family,

This edition of the Highlighter will be unique as every article herein is related to membership. I'd like to thank our new District Membership Chair, **Zoot Velasco**, **Club Builder/New Channels and Inclusive Leadership Chair Gino Reyes**, **Rotaract and Rotary Community Corps Chair Edward Abad**, and **Attraction Chair Betty Bui** who have crafted articles to help your clubs **Envision Your Future**. Many of our clubs have asked the District - How do we grow? How can we engage? How can we retain? Thus far, I've visited nine clubs and I've shared with them the idea of "giving birth to clubs" – perhaps a Rotaract club (either College or Community Based), or to consider adding a Companion club. These are some of the ideas we want to share with you to grow your clubs not just by numbers, but in strength, diversity, and connection. ([more](#))





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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@drexelcg.com](mailto:dls@drexelcg.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  
Phone: Name "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@drexelcg.com](mailto:dls@drexelcg.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](http://www.rotaplast.org) about various positions.

Email the interest form and personal statement to:  
[dls@drexelcg.com](mailto:dls@drexelcg.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](http://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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*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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## District 5300/Area 5 Club Info

- **Covina** –South Hills CC [Google map link](#)
  - 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. 12:00 PM
  - Dirian, Donald, Pres.
  - [www.covinarotary.org](http://www.covinarotary.org)
- **Covina Sunrise** -District Field Event Center [Google map link](#)
  - Tues. at 7:15 AM
  - Espinoza, John, Pres
  - [covinasunriserotary.com](http://covinasunriserotary.com)
- **Industry Hills** - Homestead Museum Gallery [Google map link](#)
  - Tuesdays 12:10 PM
  - Seal, Tim , Pres.
  - [www.industryhillsrotary.org/](http://www.industryhillsrotary.org/)
- **West Covina Sunset**-West Covina Christian Church [Google map link](#)
  - Sunday: 12PM-1PM
- Gabby Soliz, 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



Roy Berry  
[rabarry@barryandbarrylaw.com](mailto:rabarry@barryandbarrylaw.com)

**RCWC President**



David Carmany  
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## Rotary International News



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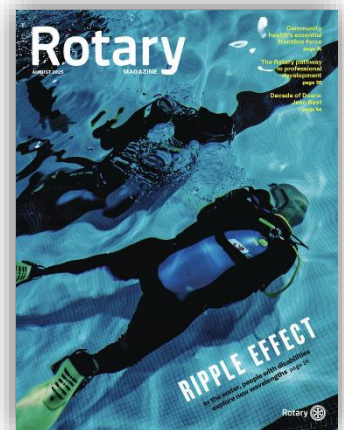
**RI Calendar**

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### KEY ARTICLE

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**This month and every month**



August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

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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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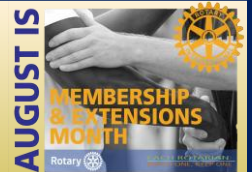
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JULY NEW ROTARY YEAR PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH		AUGUST MEMBERSHIP/NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH		SEPTEMBER BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH	
1		1		1	
2	DARK for July 4th	2	Dennis Evans RA. (2017)	2	Labor 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

RCWC Dinner

RCWC Event

Member Milestone

Holiday

D5300 Event

RI Event







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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		
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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		
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29	Mtg- Halloween???		29	Phyllis McDonald RA. 1988 Meredith Parry BD		29		
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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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