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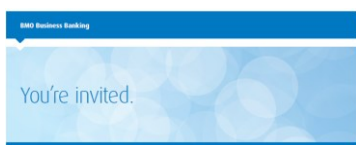
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Wednesday, August 27, 2025

## MELBA MINGUILLAN, AVP—Bank Manager, BMO Bank



With over two decades of leadership experience in the financial industry, I am deeply committed to empowering both customers and team members. As Branch Manager of the West Covina branch, I focus on creating an environment where teams thrive, delivering exceptional service while aligning with organizational goals. My leadership philosophy centers on mentorship and development—I take pride in coaching individuals to unlock their potential and share the same passion for helping customers succeed financially. Beyond the branch, I actively engage with local communities to bridge gaps in financial literacy and provide access to essential banking services. Through these efforts, I aim to strengthen community relationships, foster economic growth, and make a lasting positive impact



Join us for networking and educational event hosted by BMO. Enjoy refreshments and conversations with our business and industry experts to learn more about our community programs and discussions on best business practices.

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## “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)

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Secretary ..... Lorraine Cardenas  
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..... McDonnell

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# ROTARY CLUB of WEST COVINA NEWS

## SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

**2025**

**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

**9/01** Labor Day  
**9/23** RRR WCUSD status mtg.  
**10/25** Red Ribbon Rally

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Closure of West Covina Sunrise Club.**
- **West Covina Caused based Club becomes West Covina Sunset Club.**





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## MEMBER'S MILESTONES

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

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BACK...

## LAST MEETING (8/20/25)

### Susan Shiells, Volunteer Engagement Coordinator, Region 01 School on Wheels



Thank you, Susan, for such a fun and informative presentation. It was great to hear about a well-established service, in our area, that I didn't know about. Covering from Ventura to San Bernardino and Orange. Serving their mission of ***“enhancing educational opportunities for children from K-12 who are experiencing homelessness”***. They need volunteer tutors!!

How they help:

- Free year-round tutoring
- Free backpacks & school supplies
- Custom curriculums
- Additional support, as needed

We look forward to seeing again any time!



[Link to PDF of presentation](#)



**school on wheels**

- [Why volunteer with School on Wheels?](#)
- [Become a volunteer online tutor today!](#)
- [Refer a student for tutoring today!](#)





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**RCMC Foundation**

## **RED RIBBON RALLY (2025)**

### **DEBRIEF/PLANNING**

**Rotary Red Ribbon Rally Agenda**

**August 22, 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**

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## Week of August 18, 2025 - Superintendent's Weekly News



Welcome back, WCUSD Families and Staff,

The first day of school is always one of my favorite days of the year. Last Thursday, our schools came alive with curiosity in the hallways, laughter on the playgrounds, and eager, smiling faces in the classrooms. It was the perfect reminder of why we do this work together. ([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

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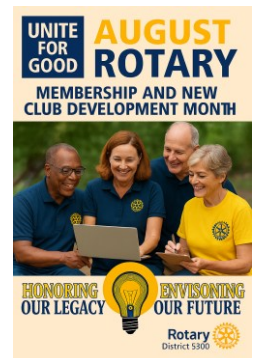
Gilda Moshir

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

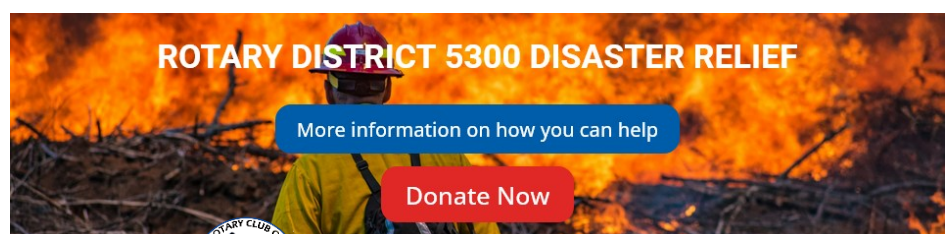
- **DISTRICT NOTICES**
  - Help Us Amplify Your Club Service Projects
  - Become a Paul Harris Fellow or PHF+ This Year
  - Peace is Fragile, But We Can Build It
  - The D5300 Rotaplast Project Needs You
  - Excitement Builds for the 2026 Rotary Rose Parade Float
- **INVITATIONS**
  - Boulder City Sunrise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

### DG GILDA MOSHIR

Governor Gilda Moshir

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 - November 29th to December 14th, 2025 - Volunteer Positions Available**
- **Kampala, Uganda - 2 Weeks - June 06, 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


**CHANGE - Nagamangala, India - 2 Weeks - November 29th to December 14th, 2025 - Volunteer Positions Available**

**Kampala, Uganda - 2 Weeks - June 06, 2026 - June 21, 2026 Several Non-Medical Volunteer Positions Available**

CONTRIBUTIONS	VOLUNTEERS
<p>Help us fund this mission with club and individual contributions. Any amount is appreciated. Your donation will change children's lives.</p> <p>Donations should be made out to: Rotary District 5300 Indicate: Cleft Lip Project, on the memo line.</p> <p>Send donations to: Rotary International District 5300 10624 S. Eastern Ave. Ste. A-16 Henderson, NV 89052 <small>(Please allow 4-6 weeks for payment to be received)</small></p> <p><b>QUESTIONS</b></p> <p>Questions or to schedule a club program, contact: Drexel L. Smith District 5300 Cleft Lip Committee 551.202.2012 <a href="mailto:dls@rwcw.org">dls@rwcw.org</a></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Applicants need to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Complete the Mission Interest Form</li><li>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.</li><li>3. Review the Rotaplast website: <a href="http://www.rotaplast.org">www.rotaplast.org</a> about various positions.</li><li>4. Email the interest form and personal statement to: <a href="mailto:dls@drexelcg.com">dls@drexelcg.com</a> by August 04, 2025</li></ol>

[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](#)







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- **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.industryhillslotary.org/](http://www.industryhillslotary.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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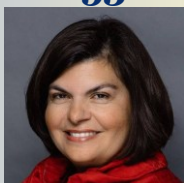
## RI PRESIDENT

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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  
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**RCWC President**



David Carmany  
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## Rotary International News



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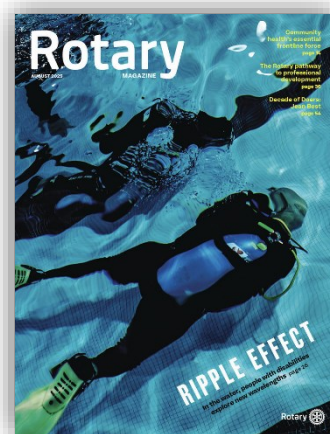
RI Calendar

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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.

[\(more\)](#)





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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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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	
		31			

RCWC Mtg

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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- TBD	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- TBD	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- Josh Murray - LA County Library/WC, 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 Pary BD	29	
30		30		30	
31	Halloween RYLA Intent to Participate			31	Mtg- DARK New Year's Eve Toni & Ed Villanueva's WAl 4-WAY Intent to Participate

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