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Wednesday, September 03, 2025

Gilda Riazi Moshir, 2025-6 District Governor D5300



We are honored to host our District Governor to our meeting this week.

This year, we continue our push for 100% club participation in the 3-Year Action Plan. Your Area Governors are ready to help—please ensure goals are submitted by July 15. Remember, these plans can be updated as needed.

Our Rotary International theme is Unite for Good—a powerful reminder of what's possible when we work together. My personal theme is Honoring Our Legacy & Envisioning Our Future, inspired by our 105-year-old district and its trailblazing history, including PDG Sylvia Whitlock's landmark Supreme Court case in 1987 when women were permitted to join Rotary. We have named PDG Steve Garrett as Historian to gather the histories of our clubs, district and members to help preserve and share our district's legacy.

During my Governor visits (July-December), I'd love to recognize a Catalyst in each club—someone pushing boundaries and driving growth. Please share names with my Chiefs of Staff, Justene Adamec and Deb Parsley.

Goals for 2025-2026:

- 1. 15% increase in participation across District programs (TLC, RYLA, Interact, global grants, youth contests, etc.).
- 2. 15% membership growth—net 5 new members per club.
- 3. Launch 2–4 new clubs (satellite, companion, Rotaract, cause-based etc.).

We're welcoming new leaders, including 6 new Area Governors and key committee chairs in Peace Fellowships, Membership, Vocational Services, Community Services, International Services, and Public Image. We've joined the Rotary Means Business (RMB) Fellowship and will be hosting business networking



"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

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President	David Carmany
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Immediate Past P	resident Ryan
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ROTARY CLUB of WEST COVINA NEWS

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

2025

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

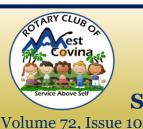
9/23 RRR WCUSD status mtg.
9/27 Ridge Rider's Park project
10/25 Red Ribbon Rally

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/27 Ridge Rider's Park clean up project 8-11:30 AM.

Mon 9/1	Tue 9/2	Wed 9/3	Thu 9/4	Fri 9/5	Sat 9/6	Sun 9/7
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MEMBER'S MILESTONES

Birthday's		Rotary Anniv.
	9/27	Yulanda Davis-Quarrie (1999)

events to promote your business to fellow Rotarians and non-Rotarians. We are adding another youth contest - the Business Plan Competition held by some clubs will be brought to the district to fulfill our Vocational Service arm. We will continue partnering with the Rotary Action Group against Slavery (RAGAS) to educate our youth and community about the human trafficking industry.

New this year:

- RYLA will now include sophomores and juniors – we are switching the time of year it is offered – it will be held in December.
- District Conference: April 24–26, 2026 (multidistrict format).
- Foundation Gala in Vegas and 2 END POLIO events, one in CA, one in NV.
- New YouTube channel and enhanced social media support for clubs.
- We're also seeking an Environmental Champion—if interested, please contact me.

Let us embrace the 3 WE's from the book <u>Begin</u> <u>with We</u> by Kyle McDowell: 5) We own our own mistakes; 6) We pick each other up; and 7) We measure ourselves by our outcomes not activity. Let's build this Rotary year on the principles of Camaraderie, Collaboration, Communication, and Consistency.

Gilda is a Life Insurance Broker, she represents over 50 major insurance carriers.

Prior to life insurance, Gilda ran a nursery school with a 70-year history in Pasadena. Gilda has 16 years in the field of Early Childhood Education, educating families on effective parenting. She has a degree in Social Ecology and Political Science from UC Irvine, and an Associate degree from Pasadena City College in Education. Shortly after

graduation from UC Irvine, Gilda met her husband, Mehrdad, also Persian, who is an astrophysicist who worked for Caltech/JPL and now Aerospace Corporation. They raised their 2 boys, Darius (29) and Kian (27) in San Marino and now live in Pasadena near Huntington Gardens and Caltech. On September 3rd, they celebrate 32 years of marriage.

Gilda is a proud Persian-American, she immigrated to the US after the 1979 Revolution in Iran, when the monarchy was overthrown, she and her family fled Iran

Gilda was inducted into San Marino Rotary in 2012 and hit the ground running. She served the club as its Membership Chair, Community Grants Chair, RYLA Chair, Mini Grants Chair, Barth Scholarships Chair and as a member of the club board and the Charities Board ultimately becoming club president in 2016-2017. She served as the club's Membership Chair for the past 10 years. Gilda got to serve as the District Membership Chair twice, once from 2019 – 2021 and took a hiatus in 2021-2022 when she became an Area Governor for Area 1. Over the last 2 years while Gilda has been training for becoming a District Governor she has gained many new friends and has learned how other clubs and districts run their organization. Although we do great things in San Marino and in our District, we can always learn from others, I am so excited to get to know the clubs better over the next year and be inspired by all of you who make a difference in our communities local and worldwide. See you soon at your club meeting.



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LAST MEETING (8/27/25)

MELBA MINGUILLAN, AVP—Bank Manager, BMO Bank



Thank you, Melba and your team Oscar, Grace & Guillermo, it was good to hear from a local bank that is interested in the community. I know our members were very interested in the services your bank provides.

We look forward to seeing again any time!



RCWC David Carmany presents the thank you gift to Melba, Guillermo, Oscar & Grace





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RIDGE RIDERS EQUESTRIAN CENTER SERVICE PROJECT

David Carmany
RCWC President

The Rotary Club of West Covina is gearing up to make a splash of color and community spirit once again! On Saturday, September 27 —from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., we'll be gathering at Ridge Riders Equestrian Center, 350 S. Citrus Street, West Covina to repair and paint the main equestrian arena (link to PDF flyer).

This initiative honors Rotary's longstanding tradition of community service in West Covina—from revitalizing parks to enhancing school facilities for decades. Partnering with the three RCWC sponsored Interact Clubs of the West Covina Unified School District (West Covina H.S., Edgewood H.S. & Mt. SAC Academy) and the City of West Covina, we continue to live out Rotary's ideal of Service Above Self, while inspiring our youth and strengthening our shared community.

Volunteers—this call is for you! Please bring work gloves, painting clothes, and a generous dose of community spirit. Together, we'll brighten this beloved gathering place and carry forward the proud legacy of the West Covina Rotary Club.



Ridge Riders Equestrian Center Service Project

Saturday, September 27, 2025 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m Ridge Riders Equestrian Center 350 S. Citrus Street, West Covina



Join Us :

Interact Rotary Club of West Covina

WCUSD High School Clubs West Covina, Edgewood & Mt.SAC Academy

Link to PDF flyer



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RED RIBBON RALLY (2025) DEBRIEF/PLANNING

Rotary Red Ribbon Rally Agenda August 22, 2025 12:45-1:45 PM



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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Welcome back, WCUSD Families and Staff,

Our school year is in full momentum, and the energy across our schools is inspiring. From classrooms filled with engaged learners, to families joining us at Back to School Night, to the many programs already underway, it is clear that 2025-26 will be a year of growth, achievement, and opportunity for every student.(Read More)

Warm regards,

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





Excellence Recognized: WCUSD High Schools Earn Top Honors from U.S. News & **World Report**

We are proud to announce that in the newly released 2025–26 U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools Rankings, Edgewood High School, West Covina High School, and Mt. SAC Early College Academy are recognized among the top-performing schools in the San Gabriel Valley... Click **here** to view the full rankings.





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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!

https://childrensadvocacyctr.org/

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!





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Event MC
Co-anchor KCAL
News' primetime
shows

SECURITY NOTES FOR THE HOLIDAY



SCAM

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Watch Out: FedEx Ground Text Scam Received a text message claiming to be from FedEx Ground, saying your package delivery failed and you need to reschedule? Watch out, it's likely a scam! Keep reading to see how FedEx Ground text scams work.

Learn more



PRIVACY

Google Data Breach Exposes 2.5 Billion Gmail Users to New Scam Risks

More than 2.5 billion Gmail users could be at risk following a massive cyberattack that compromised a Google database managed through Salesforce's cloud platform. The incident, linked to hacker group ShinyHunters, is being described by security experts as one of the largest breaches in Google's history.

Learn more



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Gilda Moshir District 5300 Governor RY 2025-26



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.

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- 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
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 Boulder City Sunrise 30th Annual
 Wurst Festival
 Mesquite Rotary Hosts 11th Annual
 MUDD Volleyball Fundraiser
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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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<u>NEW ROTAPLAST OPPORTUNITIES –</u> NAGAMANGALA INDIA - KAMPALA, UGANDA



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

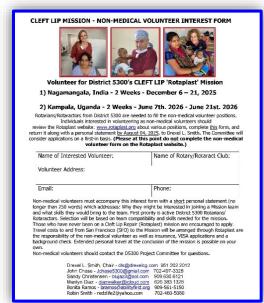
The D5300 Cleft Lip Project Needs you...Schedule a speaker for your club meeting, make a donation or volunteer for a Mission....upcoming missions are:

- Nagamangala, India 2 Weeks <u>November 29th to December</u> <u>14th</u>, <u>2025</u> - 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 @ <u>dls@drexelcg.com</u>







Volunteer Form Link

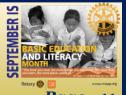




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- Covina –South Hills CC Google map link
 - 1st/3rd Thurs. 12:00 PM
 - Dirian, Donald, Pres.
 - www.covinarotary.org
- Covina Sunrise District Field Event Center Google map link
 - Tues. at 7:15 AM
 - Espinoza, John, Pres
 - covinasunriserotary.com
- Industry Hills Homestead Museum Gallery Google map link
 - Tuesdays 12:10 PM
 - Seal, Tim, Pres.
 - 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.

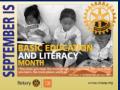




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Francesco Arezzo, Rotary Club of Ragusa, ITALY

District 5300 Gov



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District 5300 Gov. Elect.



Dennis Franklin Area Governor Area 6



Roy Berry rabarry@barryandbarrylaw.com

RCWC President



David Carmany carmanydavid@gmail.com

Rotary International News



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KEY ARTICLE

OUT OF THE GATE

With just two weeks' notice, Francesco Arezzo confidently takes the reins of Rotary By Etelka Lehoczky Photograph by Monika Lozinska





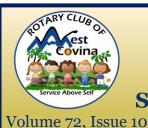
In the short walk between Francesco Arezzo's makeshift office in the BMO Centre at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary and a patio outside it, enthusiastic Rotarians stop him no fewer than a dozen times.

With a warm smile, Italy's Arezzo thanks two sergeants-at-arms from India, hugs and jokes with a past RI director, and poses for a selfie with a group of Rotarians from Korea.

It's the day before the start of the convention, and while all Rotary presidents draw well-wishers, there's another reason why everybody is clamoring to meet Arezzo and his wife, Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione: He'd been selected to be the 2025-26 Rotary president less than a week earlier..

(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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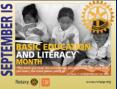




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	JULY		August		SEPTEMBER
	NEW ROTARY YEAR	IVII	EMBERSHIP/NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH		BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY
1	PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH	1	PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH	1	PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH
2	DARK for July 4th	2	Dennis Evans RA. (2017)	2	Labor Day
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J		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	
3		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	Sincip dimerence in penenig	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	diano a Baron caramino VV.	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	
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29		29		29	Yulanda Davis-Quarrie RA (1999)
30	Mtg D5300 International Chair - present update RI/District Invoice	30		30	
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	OCTOBER		November		DECEMBER	
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY			FOUNDATION	DISEASE PREVENTION		
	Programs Lead: TBD		Programs Lead: TBD		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	Local Control Control Control	
5		5	Mtg-	5		
6		6		6	Thomas Allison's BD RYLA	
7		7		7	Doran & Cynthia Barnes WA	
8	Mtg- TBD	8		8		
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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 Parry BD	29		
30		30		30		
31	Halloween RYLA Intent to Participate			31	Mig- DARK New Year's Eve Toni & Ed Villanueva's WA 4-WAY Intent to Participate	















Public Google calendar <u>Link</u>

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