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### Wednesday, September 10, 2025

### Dr. Emy Flores,

# Superintendent of the West Covina Unified School District (WCUSD)



Dr. Flores has served as the West Covina Unified School District (WCUSD) Superintendent since January 2022. A lifelong educator and leader, she has dedicated more than 30 years to transforming schools into places where students discover their voice, passions, and potential.

Born in Guatemala, Dr. Flores immigrated to Los Angeles at the age of nine, where public education became the foundation for her path to independence and success. That personal journey continues to shape her leadership today as she works to ensure every student, regardless of background, has the access, support, and opportunities they need to thrive. Deeply patriotic, she remains grateful for the opportunities this country has provided her and brings that sense of purpose to her work in education.

Before coming to West Covina, Dr. Flores served as Superintendent of Evergreen School District in San Jose, where she guided the district through the pandemic and led critical fiscal recovery efforts. Her career began as a paraprofessional and has since included roles as teacher, principal, executive director, assistant superintendent, and superintendent, reflecting her deep commitment to every level of education.

Since joining WCUSD, Dr. Flores has strengthened the district's financial foundation while expanding academic and enrichment opportunities. She has advanced International Baccalaureate and Dual Immersion programs and significantly grown Career Technical Education pathways in business, culinary arts, nursing, aviation, and cosmetology - preparing students for both college and high-demand careers. She launched a comprehensive Theater and Performing Arts program, broadened music education to include mariachi, drumline, folklórico, and ballroom dance, and expanded state and nationally recognized programs in Speech



Continued at Flores

# "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

#### **OFFICERS**

President ....... David Carmany
Vice President ....... Juan Alarcon
Secretary ..... Lorraine Cardenas
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Immediate Past President ....... Ryan
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### ROTARY CLUB of WEST COVINA NEWS

#### SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

2025

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

10/08 TBD 10/15 TBD

10/22 Jush Murray – LA County Library

10/29 TBD

#### **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.

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#### MEMBER'S MILESTONES

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#### Flores

and Debate and Esports. Under her leadership, student achievement has risen as more WCUSD graduates leave prepared for college, equipped with career-ready skills, or committed to service in our nation's Armed Forces.

Leaders across California have honored Dr. Flores with the State Senate's STEAM Educator of the Year Award, the Assembly's Woman of Distinction Award, the Educator Excellence Award, and recognition as an Apple Distinguished Educator. Under her guidance, Evergreen School District also received the Excellence in Communication Award from the California School Public Relations Association for its outstanding work in community engagement.

A passionate advocate for education as the great equalizer, Dr. Flores embodies Rotary's spirit of "Service Above Self." She believes schools flourish when communities and partners come together in support of students, and she continues to champion collaboration that opens doors of opportunity, strengthens civic pride, and inspires the next generation of leaders.







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#### **LAST MEETING (9/03/25)**

### Gilda Riazi Moshir, 2025-6 District Governor D5300

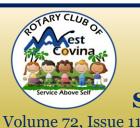


We were happy to meet District Governor Gilda Riazi Moshir, as well as guests District Governor Elect Dennis Franklin and Area Governor Area 6, Roy Berry.

Gilda covered her goals, important items she wants the club(s) to focus on (Membership) and she recognized our entire club as the club "Catalyst" (as recommended by RCWC President David Carmany). Her presentation covered many topics like the importance of building Interact & Rotaract clubs, and she liked that we had installed two Peace Poles.

We all enjoyed meeting Gilda, DGE Dennis and Area 6 Governor Roy. We hope to see them again soon!





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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







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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Week of September 1, 2025 - Superintendent's Weekly News 

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Superintendent's Weekly News 2025-2026

Welcome back, WCUSD Families and Staff,

As we step into September, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the many wonderful things happening across our district. Each week, I see examples of our students and staff living out the values that make West Covina Unified such a special place to learn and grow. (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 <u>here</u> 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://childrensadvocacyetr.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!





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





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Gilda Moshir District 5300 Governor RY 2025-26





### **D5300 News**



### <u>SEPTEMBER 2025</u>

#### INSIDE THIS EDITION

- O D5300 Community Service: Rotary Year 2025-2026 Kick off
- Basic Education and Literacy Around the World Webinar Series
- O CLUB PROGRAMS IN BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY (BEL)

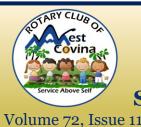
#### DG GILDA MOSHIR

Governor Gilda Moshir

Dear Rotary Family,

September is recognized globally in the Rotary world as Basic Education & Literacy month. As we step into September, I want to recognize the clubs whose focus is literacy and education, such as the Las Vegas club and Las Vegas After Hours. I know there are many more in our District that give to schools by way of books, backpacks, school supplies. September is recognized globally in the Rotary world as Basic Education & Literacy month. Most of our clubs have a book giveaway program whereby books are donated to schools. The Summerlin Rotary club has book vending machines in two schools serving the kids in the schools. Their financial partner on these vending machines is Cane's. I'd love to hear stories of how your club is recognizing education and literacy in your communities. A few stories from clubs are included in articles below. (more)





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#### <u>NEW ROTAPLAST OPPORTUNITIES –</u> NAGAMANGALA INDIA - KAMPALA, UGANDA



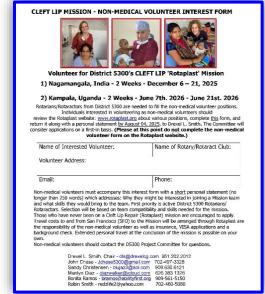
Drexel L. Smith, Rotary District 5300 Cleft Lip/Palate Project Committee Chair

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 @ dls@drexelcg.com





Volunteer Form Link





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### District 5300/Area 5 Club Info

- 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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### RI PRESIDENT RY2025-26



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**



UNITE FOR GOOD

#### **RI Calendar**

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



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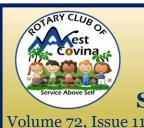
In the short walk between Francesco Arezzo's makeshift office in the BMO Centre at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary and a patio outside it, enthusiastic Rotarians stop him no fewer than a dozen times.

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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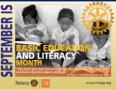




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	JULY		August		SEPTEMBER
	NEW ROTARY YEAR	Mı	EMBERSHIP/NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT		BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY
_	PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH	4	PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH	4	PROGRAMS LEAD: DREXEL SMITH
2	DARK for July 4th	1	Dennis Evans PA (2017)	2	Labor Day
	DARK for July 4th	3	Dennis Evans RA. (2017)	3	
3		3		3	Mtg-Rotary District Governor's visit
	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	
2		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
8		18		18	
9	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	27	
			Bank Manager BMO		
28		28		28	Vulanda Davis Quarria DA 44000
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30	Mtg D5300 International Chair - present update RI/District Invoice	30		30	
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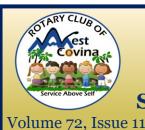








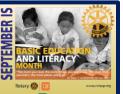




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OCTOBER ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY		NOVEMBER FOUNDATION			DECEMBER DISEASE PREVENTION	
	Programs Lead: TBD		Programs Lead: TBD		Programs Lead: TBD	
1	Mtg: Angel Hospice & Palliative Care	1	Phyllis McDonald RA (1988)	1	Arvind Lapsiwala RA. (1984)	
2	Vicky Abbott RA (2000)	2		2	Alicia Mardini RA (1992)	
3		3	Daylight Savings Time	3	Mtg- 2026/2027 RCWC Officers vote	
4		4		4		
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		
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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 WAe 4-WAY Intent to Participate	















#### Public Google calendar <u>Link</u>

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