



ROTARY CLUB OF ORO VALLEY BULLETIN - 3/22/2025

Club Meeting

Oro Valley
Meets at Westward Look
Wyndham Grand Resort
(1st four Thursdays each
month)
245 E Ina Rd
Tucson, AZ 85704
Time: Thursday at 07:30
AM

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Join us for our meetings!

Rotary
Club of Oro Valley



The Rotary Club of Oro Valley meets at 7:30AM MST the first four non-holiday Thursdays of every month at Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort at [245 E Ina Rd, Oro Valley, AZ 85704](#) and on Zoom at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83038868976>
Passcode: 85737.

Dennis Breen's Celebration of Life

By Jane Shurtleff on Saturday, March 22, 2025



Family and friends gave a loving send-off to our good friend, Dennis Michael Breen III, last week at a memorial service at Vistoso Funeral Home and a Mass at St. Odilia Catholic Church, followed by a luncheon at the Oro Valley Country Club.

Dennis was fondly remembered in wonderful stories by family and friends as a loving husband, father, grandfather, friend, entrepreneur, legal professional, and Rotarian. His legacy will live on in his good works and our memories. [Read More](#)

RCOV Major Donor Recognition

Saturday, March 22, 2025




Oro Valley Rotarian Amos Meyers and his wife, Charlene, President-Elect of the Dove Mountain Club, were presented their Rotary Foundation Major Donor Level 3 recognition by RI Major Gifts Officer Laura Mellos and District 5500 Governor Sue Archibald at the Council of Governors/Major Donors Luncheon on Saturday, 22 March. Not in attendance, our Club Treasurer and Community Service Chair, Stacey Fox, also received her Major Donor Level 1. Thanks to these outstanding contributors and supporters of The Rotary Foundation!

RTA Next - The Next 20 Years

By Jane Shurtleff on Saturday, March 22, 2025

The [Regional Transportation Authority \(RTA\)](#) for Pima County is the fiscal manager of a 20-year regional

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Club Communications Chair

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Club Programs Chair

Events

March 27th

Taste of Oro Valley

Committee Meeting

March 27th

Oro Valley Weekly Meeting

Speaker: Adrienne Ledford, Treasures 4 Teachers

Subject: Education supplies

April 3rd

Oro Valley Weekly Meeting

Speaker: Orlando Ford, Veterans Affairs Tucson, Community Affairs

Subject: Veterans' Healthcare

April 3rd

Taste of Oro Valley

Committee Meeting

April 10th

Oro Valley Weekly Meeting

Speaker: No speaker - Club Assembly

Subject: TOV and parade volunteer prep

April 10th

Oro Valley Board Meeting

April 10th

transportation plan. In 2006, Pima County voters approved the \$2.1 billion plan, funded through a half-cent excise (sales) tax. To date, nearly 1,000 individual projects and services have been delivered. The current plan and sales tax will expire in 2026.

The RTA Next 20-year plan is in development and will require voter approval. The \$2.34 billion plan is being developed after months of community outreach through surveys and town meetings to better understand voters' transportation requirements and priorities.

Steve Huffman, RTA Community Affairs Administrator, and Rick Ellis, RTA Director of Transportation Services, explain the RTA Next 20-year plan for Pima County.

[Download the RTA Next Presentation.](#)

Weekly Trader Joe's Food Pickup for IMPACT of So. AZ

By Jane Shurtleff on Wednesday, July 31, 2024

It is hard to believe, but children and their families in Tuscon go to bed hungry. In fact, the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona serves more than 18,000 people in Pima County every month, with a 30% increase in need over the holidays. For the last eight years, the Rotary Club of Oro Valley, along with Interact students, have gone to Trade Joe's every Saturday morning to pick up food for the IMPACT Community Food Bank - an estimated 26,000 lbs of food per year. By providing food for families, children and seniors, IMPACT is helping people stretch their budgets as well as ensure they have healthy food options and food to prepare at home. [Read More](#)

2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends

SAVE THESE DATES: September 26-27, 2025

It's not too early to start planning for District 5500's biggest event of the year. The 2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends will be held at the wonderful Tubac Golf Resort & Spa.

Make your room reservations early! Call 1-800-848-7893 and mention group code ROTA25.

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2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends

September 26-27

Tubac Golf Resort & Spa



Taste of Oro Valley Committee Meeting

April 13th

A Taste of Oro Valley

April 17th

Oro Valley Weekly Meeting

Speaker: Joellen
Russell, Department of
Geosciences & Climate
Change, U of A Head
Subject: Climate
Change

Birthdays

Thomas Allen DuPlain
April 7th

Wendy Wise
April 14th

District 5500 Leaders



Sue Archibald
District Governor



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Leo J.
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Chair



Gary R.
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District
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Chair

District Conference Sponsorship Opportunities Available NOW

September 26-27

If you've ever attended a Rotary district Conference, you know how fun, engaging, educational and inspiring they can be!

This year, we are excited to host the District 5500 Conference of Clubs at the Tubac Golf Resort & Spa, a venue that has proven to be the perfect setting for connection, learning and collaboration. Along with dynamic speakers and presentations, one of the biggest reasons for the conference's success is the strong attendance by Rotarians from across our District. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, we've managed to keep the attendance fee low, ensuring that more members can attend and participate, especially those who might otherwise not be able to.

[Read More](#)



Why Rotary?

By Bruce Monro



Since 1905, Rotary has created spaces where people from all walks of life - different jobs, religions, and viewpoints - can build real friendships based on shared values. These connections across our differences aren't just nice to have - they're essential for human progress.

At its heart, Rotary exists because we humans need to be part of something bigger than ourselves. We crave meaningful connections that cross boundaries. We believe that regular people working together can change communities and build a more peaceful world.

We believe that each of us has the power to make things better. We don't wait for governments or big organizations to solve problems - we roll up our sleeves



Kristi A. Halvorson
District Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Donald Jorgensen
Immediate Past
District Governor

and do it ourselves, combining our different talents, skills and perspectives.

Ever asked yourself, "How can I live a life that truly matters?" Rotary's answer is simple but powerful: "Service Above Self." There's a special kind of joy that comes from knowing your actions have made someone's life better.

[Read More](#)

