

IMPACT! e-bulletin



April 1, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

April's Rotary Theme: Maternal and Child Health

By Sue Archibald

Every day, mothers risk their lives giving birth, and millions of children die from preventable causes. At least 7 million children under the age of five lose their lives each year due to malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation.

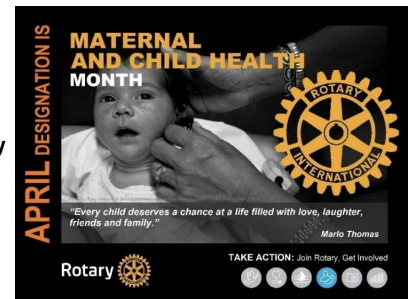
Rotary is committed to changing this by providing immunizations, antibiotics, and access to essential medical services, while also supporting trained healthcare providers for mothers and their children.

One powerful example of Rotary's impact comes from **PDG Joe and Brigitte Hentges** from the **Dove Mountain Rotary Club**, who traveled to India in 2018 for a National Immunization Day (NID).



Reflecting on the experience, Joe described it as "life-changing—an unbelievable opportunity to save children from disease." While working in the Mewat Muslim slums near New Delhi, they provided polio and other vaccinations to children under five. When Joe asked aid workers why Rotary was serving in these communities, the answer was clear: "These families don't trust government workers—but they trust Rotary."

Sustainability is at the heart of Rotary's efforts. By empowering local communities to take ownership of healthcare training programs, we create lasting change. That's why Maternal and Child Health is one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus. Through service, trust, and action, Rotarians are making a difference—one child, one mother, and one community at a time.



TRF Weekly Message: Words from a Vocational Training Team Participant

"With a [vocational training team], you also develop professional relationships between skilled individuals on both sides. The level of interpersonal engagement can't be duplicated in another type of activity; the team members are not just colleagues but friends." -Ron Smith, past governor of District 7430 (Pennsylvania)

[Click here](#) to learn more about PDG Ron Smith's experience in leading a vocational training team.



Exciting News for District 5500

By Claudine Odette Schooley

The Creation of a New ICC Committee



A new Intercountry Committee is forming in District 5500 to promote the work of the ICC with the USA districts. ICC is very well known in Europe as CIP (Comité Inter Pays), but is not so famous in the USA. Most American Rotarians never heard of ICC.

If you are curious and want to know more about the role of the ICC worldwide, and how it is an excellent network for international projects, you are invited to attend Claudine Schooley's presentation at Rotary Club of Oro Valley breakfast meeting on **Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 am** in person at the Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort 245 E. Ina Rd, Oro Valley AZ 85704, or you can log in on Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83038868976> - **Passcode : 85737**.

The new committee, composed of members passionate about ICC, has already started working in several directions.

[Read More](#)

Message from Grace Van Zyl, Chair, Rotary Action Group for Peace

Dear Peacebuilders,

One of the most exciting developments within the Rotary Action Group for Peace is the steady growth of Peace Chapters around the world. These chapters serve as dynamic hubs where Rotarians and peacebuilders come together to turn commitment into action, translating the principles of Positive Peace into tangible, community-driven initiatives.

While the numbers continue to rise, what matters most is not just how many Peace Chapters we establish, but the deep and lasting impact they create. Across different regions, Peace Chapters are fostering dialogue, addressing local conflicts, and pioneering innovative peacebuilding solutions. They are strengthening partnerships between Rotary Clubs, Peacebuilder Clubs, and Rotary Peace Fellows—proving that when we work together, our capacity to promote peace expands exponentially.

As we continue to grow, we must ask ourselves: How do we support and sustain these chapters? How do we ensure that they are well-equipped to drive change? This year, our focus is not only on increasing the number of Peace Chapters but also on strengthening their foundations—providing resources, mentorship, and opportunities for cross-collaboration.

Your dedication fuels this momentum. Whether you are leading a Peace Chapter, supporting one, or considering starting a new one, know that your efforts are shaping a more peaceful world. Let's continue to build, connect, and inspire.

Together, we are peace in action.



Rotary Vocational Fund of AZ

It's Tax Time 2024!

Consider using your Arizona tax credit to support the Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona. Let the TRVFA help financially needy students with their education costs.

The funds help many students across Arizona live out their dreams, which helps to strengthen our economy.

Donating to the TRVFA is easy:

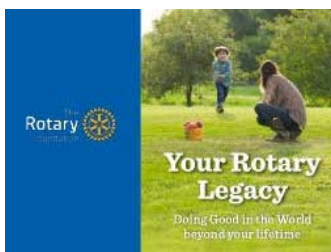
- Send your checks to TRVFA, P O Box 14412, Scottsdale, AZ 85267
- Or donate online [here](#).

For more information, visit trvfa.org



Create Your Personal Rotary Legacy

If you love The Magic of Rotary and the good it does for people and planet Earth, consider adding The Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate plans.



Becoming a benefactor is simple—just commit \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation through your estate plan. For those who wish to make an even greater impact, The Bequest Society welcomes individuals who commit \$10,000 or more through their estate plans.

This process is straightforward and can be customized to support specific areas of focus, international programs, or initiatives within your district. You can even name the fund in honor of a loved one, ensuring their legacy lives on through Rotary's work.

Many Rotarians have already taken this important step to keep the Rotary legacy alive. We deeply appreciate their dedication, generosity, and continued support. Their spirit of giving allows The Rotary Foundation to fund life-changing projects, grants, and humanitarian efforts today and into the future.

For more information on how you can become part of this legacy program, please contact District 5500's TRF Endowment team, **John Oszust** at johnoszust@outlook.com or **Monica Oszust** at Oszustmonica@gmail.com.

Even a small gift will make positive changes forever. Just think of how rewarding that could be!

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.

Now Accepting Reservations

1-800-848-7893, group code is ROTA25



Save the Date!

2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends

September 26-27

Tubac Golf Resort & Spa

Inspiration

Fun

Great Food

Golf

Shopping

Tubac!



Reserve Your Table NOW for The House Of Friendship



District Conference of Rotarians and Friends in Tubac is just around the corner!

The conference takes place September 26 & 27, 2025, so secure your table now at the House of Friendship.

It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your Club's projects and share with fellow Rotarians the great work your Club is doing.

There are only 24 spaces available, so don't wait! Reserve your spot today by contacting **Monica Oszust** at oszustmonica@gmail.com. See you there.

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](#)



5th Annual Arizona Rotary Days of Service

April 22-29, 2025: Supporting the Environment

District 5500 Governor Sue Archibald and District 5495 Governor Michelle Holcomb have selected this year's Arizona Days of Service projects focus: Supporting the Environment.

Join us in making a difference and contributing to a sustainable future. Your club's participation will make an impact in raising awareness, promoting sustainability, conserving natural resources, and engaging the community.

The 5th Annual Arizona Days of Service offers an opportunity to participate in various environmental service projects. Options for a Service Project Focused on the Environment:

- The Rillito River Clean Up Service Project on April 26. Registration now open (see flyer-read more)
- Environmental service project ideas generated by the Rotary Club of Tucson Verde (list attachment- read more)

- Have your own environmental service project? Share and collaborate with other clubs.

Join us in coming together to make a significant impact on the environment. [Read More](#)



District 5500 Dinner at the RI Convention June 24th

Tuesday, June 24 at 5:30pm

at the Hotel Blackfoot, Trail SE, Calgary, located 3.5 miles from the convention center.

Dinner registration deadline is June 9th.

[Click here](#) to register.

Join us for our District 5500 dinner with a buffet of Carved Prime Rib and Truffle Mushroom Ravioli (vegan), five salad choices, charcuterie, cheese and crudite displays, plus veggies and an assortment of desserts (including celiac friendly).

Cost: \$75 per person. Cash bar.



Save the Date! Mexico - USA Friendship Conference in Yuma

October 31 - November 3, 2025

Registration opens July 1

Mark your calendar for this year's Mexico-USA Friendship Conference and Global Grants Exchange in Downtown Yuma, Arizona. Watch for more information to come and registration opening July 1.



Mexico - USA Friendship Conference & Global Grants Exchange



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

31 Oct 25 - 03 Nov 25
Yuma, Arizona

2025

Rotary Global Grant
Collaboration and Awards

Tucson Verde: Zero Waste Collection

Saturday, April 5 • 9am-1pm
Catalina United Methodist Church (parking lot)
2700 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson



Join Rotary Tucson Verde and other organizations at the spring Zero Waste Collection event hosted by The City of Tucson's Environmental Department.

You can load up your castoff school and craft supplies, gardening tools, canning jars, housewares, books, electronic waste (E-waste), documents for shredding (limit 3 boxes), expired medications, scrap metal, plastic and more, then drive through and drop them off.

[Read More](#)

UA Rotaract: Project Linus Service Project

Saturday, April 5 • 9am-12pm
Southern Arizona VA, 3601 S 6th Ave
[Sign up here](#)

**SOUTHERN
ARIZONA
VA**

WHEN:
SATURDAY, APRIL
5TH, 9AM-12 PM

WHERE:
3601 S 6TH AVE,
TUCSON, AZ 85723

WHAT:
PROJECT LINUS - BLANKET
MAKING FOR KIDS IN NEED
WITH VETERANS!



Triangle Y Ranch Service Project

Saturday, April 12 • 8:30am-1:00pm

Triangle YMCA Ranch Camp is just a month away.
Join Rotary Club of Tucson and help Triangle Y get ready for the campers attending summer camp.

Projects include landscaping, trail clearing, painting, and so much more. All clubs are welcome! Bring guests too!

[Click here](#) to register.



4th Annual Rillito River Cleanup - District 5500 Service Project

April 26, 2025 • 8:00-10:00am

Brandi Fenton Memorial Park

Let's bring District 5500 together again to clean up the Rillito River during Arizona Rotary Week of Service. In partnership with Tucson Clean and Beautiful and Pima County, we'll fill up a dumpster for the fourth year in a row!

[Register here.](#)

VOLUNTEER WITH ROTARY

RILLITO RIVER CLEANUP

Rotary
District 5500



Saturday April 26
8 - 10 AM

JOIN US!

Brandi Fenton Memorial Park
3482 E River Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718

SCAN QR CODE
TO RSVP >>>



Or RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/Rillito25>

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District 5500



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Tucson Verde: 2025 Home & Building Tour

Sunday, April 27 • 10am-2pm
Volunteers Needed!

The Rotary Club of Tucson Verde is looking for volunteers to be docents for their 2nd annual environmental-focused home tour. It's fun! Email Ellie Patterson at ellie.patterson1@outlook.com



Photo Credit: Building Teatro Carmen by Herb Stratford

A Tour of Tucson Homes and Buildings

Visit Locations Featuring:

- **Off the grid** home highlighting passive solar, water harvesting, and a cooling tower
- 43-acre earth friendly mud adobe **cohousing community** in the desert
- Urban all-electric infill in the **Mercado** with sustainable building examples
- **Santa Rosa Barrio** eclectic modern build with a 1911 art studio renovation and a fun courtyard
- 7,000 sq.ft. **Barrio Viejo** urban infill home built in 2003 with an old soul feel
- Transformation of a 1929 garage to artist studio with water harvesting in **Iron Horse**
- Backyard infill and award winning ADU in **midtown**
- Watershed Management Group's **Living Lab** tour to engage, learn, and share



Enjoy the day visiting locations with environmental features, meeting new people and learning how to make a better tomorrow.

Purchase Tickets:
www.RotaryTucsonVerde.com/ht25



Yuma River Cleanup

Saturday, May 17 • Check-in at 8am; start at 8:30am

[Click here](#) for more information.

Rotary Clubs of Yuma County

River Clean-Up

We are looking for volunteers to help clean up the Colorado River. There will be several areas along the river to be cleaned up.

Saturday, May 17th 2025

Check-in 8:00 AM
Start from 08.30 AM

Sign-up through Club Runner
Supplies will be provided!

Recommend wearing tennis shoes.

Visit our website for more information
www.facebook.com/friendsofthelowercolorado



Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION

The Graphics Corner

No fooling, April is here... along with a new selection of graphic images for you and your club to use. Just download and use in your social media posts, newsletters, and other promotions. Enjoy!

Impactful Volunteering Opportunities!

- ROTARACT**
• Ages: 18 and Up
• Dive into your community and make connections!
- INTERACT**
• Ages: 12 - 18
• Why wait? The time for change is NOW!
- ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE**
• Ages: 15-19
• Get ready for an epic adventure to travel and soak up knowledge abroad
- RYLA**
• Ages: High School
• A transformative leadership program that nurtures skills and fosters connections.



"Rotary's leadership is united in stating that Rotary does not tolerate speech or behaviour that promotes bias, discrimination, prejudice, or hatred because of age, ethnicity, race, colour, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. There is no place within Rotary for racism, homophobia, transphobia, sexism, classism or ageism. We do not believe that this is a political stance and we do believe that we should openly discuss these issues within our organisation."

HOLGER KNAACK
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Rotary 

Rotary is my name
Fellowship is my game
Service is my fame

Rotary soothes my soul

@rtneharath

Florence Rotary - Spring Bunco Night

Friday, April 4 • 6-9pm



Rotary 
Club of Florence Arizona

Spring Bunco Night

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH
6 PM - 9 PM

Tickets \$20

Join us for a hopping good time!

Bring your family & friends!
50/50 Raffle & CASH prizes!

WHERE?
Florence Community Center
778 N Main St., Florence, AZ

For tickets email the Florence Rotary
florenceazrotary@gmail.com
or call Jen Nathaniel at (480) 228-4676

Proceeds benefit FUSD Scholarships

Casa Grande Rotary: Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser

Saturday, April 5, 2025

SAVE THE DATE!



DENIM & DIAMONDS

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

Pinal Fairgrounds & Event Center | Starting at 5 p.m.

Presented by the Casa Grande Rotary Foundation



LIVE MUSIC DINNER LIVE AUCTION SILENT AUCTION RAFFLES

Florence Rotary - Country Thunder

Live Drawing: April 5
Purchase tickets [here](#)



COUNTRY THUNDER
MUSIC FESTIVALS

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TICKETS RAFFLE**

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**WIN 2 PLATINUM EXPERIENCE TICKETS
TO COUNTRY THUNDER (\$1,200+ VALUE)**

PLATINUM EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- ACCESS TO EXCLUSIVE SKYBOX & OASIS LOUNGE WITH FULL-SERVICE BAR
- COMPLIMENTARY APPETIZERS EVERY DAY
- RESERVED EVENT ENTRANCE & PARKING
- COMPLIMENTARY LAMINATE SOUVENIR

— ★ ★ ★ —

FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT THE FLORENCE ROTARY CLUB & SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS. LEARN MORE AT WWW.FLORENCEAZROTARY.COM

**COST PER ENTRY:
\$10 | 4 FOR \$30 | 15 FOR \$100
LIVE DRAWING ON APRIL 5, 2025,
DURING ROAD TO COUNTRY THUNDER**



**PURCHASE
TICKETS
ABOVE**

Rotary Night at Tucson Roadrunners

Sunday, April 6 • 4pm

Discounted tickets for Rotarians!!

[Click here](#) to purchase individual tickets. (For club volume sales, contact Patricia Angle at Patricia.Angle@tucsonroadrunners.com or 520-372-8535.)



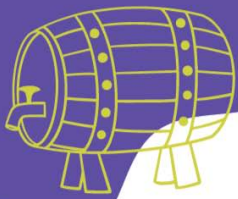
The graphic features a central image of an ice hockey game with players from the Tucson Roadrunners and San Jose Sharks. Above the image is the word "Rotary" in blue and the Rotary International logo. Below the image, the text reads "TUCSON ROADRUNNERS VS SAN JOSE SHARKS" with the respective team logos. Below that, it says "ROTARY NIGHT" in large bold letters, followed by "TUCSON ROADRUNNERS" and "APRIL 6TH, 2025 | 4PM". A red horizontal line separates this from the text "SCAN FOR TICKETS" above a QR code. At the bottom, a red rounded rectangle contains the text "CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION: PATRICIA.ANGLE@TUCSONROADRUNNERS.COM".

[Read More](#)

Arizona Wine Country Tour & Dinner

Thursday, April 10

A limited number of tickets will be available to clubs outside of Dove Mountain Rotary and Mountain Empire Rotary. Purchase your tickets [here](#).



Arizona Wine Country Tour & Dinner

Mountain to Mountain Wine Tasting

Mountain Empire Rotary Club invites the members of the Rotary Club of Dove Mountain for an afternoon of wine tasting at Twisted Union Wine Co. and Sunset Ride Vineyards followed by dinner at the iconic Steak Out.

\$71

PER PERSON

Thursday, April 10

2 p.m. - Twisted Union Wine Co.

3:30 p.m. - Sunset Ride Vineyards

5 p.m. The Steak Out

<https://tinyurl.com/MERwinetasting>

Price includes all taxes and gratuities, and is non-refundable.

Choice of dinner entree includes:

- Sonoita Strip Steak
- 1/2 BBQ Chicken
- 1/2 Rack Pork Ribs

Rotary



San Luis Frontera Rotary: 2nd Annual Rotary Royale

Friday, April 11 • 8pm-Midnight

Get ready for a fun-filled night of Black Jack, Roulette and Craps to benefit scholarships and service projects. Purchase tickets [here](#).

San Luis Frontera
Rotary
Club

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Health™



ROTARY ROYALE

Casino Night

APRIL 11 ♦ 8:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

780 N CESAR CHAVEZ ST. SAN LUIS, AZ

CRAPS // ROULETTE // BLACK JACK

\$77 2 FREE DRINKS | PLAYING CHIPS | HEAVY APPETIZERS

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PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR SCHOLARSHIP

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A Taste of Oro Valley

Sunday, April 13 • 3:30-6:30pm

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025
3:30 – 6:30 PM
Steam Pump Ranch
10901 N Oracle Rd
Oro Valley, Tucson
tasteoforovalley.org

10th Annual Food Festival and Fundraiser Benefiting:
Edge High School, Freedom Warriors, IMPACT of So. AZ
Make Way For Books and the Oro Valley Rotary Foundation!

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Rincon Rotary Taste of Chocolate

Rincon Rotary Taste of Chocolate
Sunday, April 13, 2025

Save the date for this sweet fundraiser to benefit local educators and educational programs!



Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.

EAT CHOCOLATE



Taste of Chocolate

April 13th, 2025 • 2-4 PM

DoubleTree • Reid Park

TucsonTasteOfChocolate.org

HELP TEACHERS

Benefits **RotaryLOCAL**

RCOT - 2025 Tucson Classic Car Show

Save the Date! Saturday, October 18

A fundraising opportunity for your club:

All Rotary Clubs are invited to sell tickets to the TCCS and keep half of whatever they raise ... \$5 of every \$10 ticket you sell. [Click here](#) for more info.



Tucson Classics Car Show

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Share Your Club's News!

Would you like to publish your club's upcoming events, projects or fundraisers in **IMPACT?**

Fill out [this form](#) with your information and send it to kasiarotary@gmail.com by Friday for the following week's newsletter. Include your photo or graphic as a separate attachment as a jpg or png file.

PLUS...SHOWCASE YOUR PAST PROJECTS & FUNDRAISERS! We'll feature them in our **Rotary in Action Quarterly**. Use [this form](#) and send it to kasiarotary@gmail.com. *Don't forget to include photos -- the more the merrier!*

