



# HIGHLIGHTER

## Upcoming Virtual Presentations

Saturday, December 5, 2020



Tuesday, December 8, at 5:30 p.m. - The Rotary Club of Summerlin is hosting a Business Leadership Virtual Seminar. The speaker is Scott Allen Frost who was the keynote at Last Year's President's Advance. He has a powerful message that you won't want to miss. Registration is on the District Calendar on [dacdb](#).

Saturday, December 12, and Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. - PDG Chehab ElAwar is hosting a World Peace Music Festival on Facebook. Registration is on the District Calendar on [dacdb](#) or on PDG Chehab's [Facebook Page](#).

Monday, December 14, at 4:00 p.m. - Tarnished Brass. For the current District Governor line and all Past District Governors. By invitation only.

Monday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m. - Monthly Club President's Call. The topic will be "What Can Clubs Do For Their Members in These Times?" By invitation only.

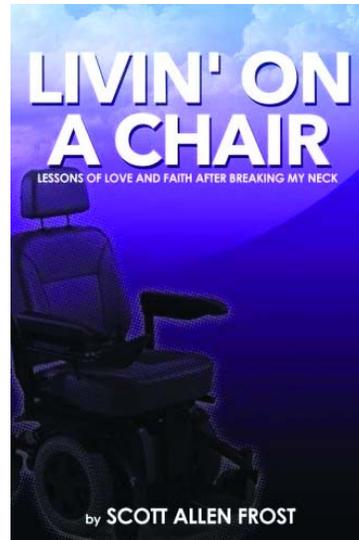
Wednesday, December 16, at 5:00 p.m. - The Las Vegas WON Club will have past Rotary International President Barry Rassin as its speaker. PRIP Rassin is the chair of a Rotary International committee that is looking at making major changes to the way Rotary operates. This is very important information and this is your chance to hear it directly from the highest level. Registration is on the District Calendar on [dacdb](#).

Monday, January 11, at 6:00 p.m. - The Rotary Club of Summerlin will be hosting a webinar in support of World Child Sex Trafficking Awareness Day. They have lined up three speakers who will introduce you to a very troubling topic. Registration is on the District Calendar on [dacdb](#).

Friday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m. - Virtual Evening with Wayne Brady to support the Rotary Foundation. This evening had been scheduled as part of the 2019-2020 District Conference and was postponed due to the lockdown. Comedian Wayne Brady has prepared remarks especially for us. Join us to have an evening of fun and fellowship and raise funds for the Rotary Foundation. Registration is on the District Calendar on [dacdb](#).

## Resilience in Life, Resilience in a Pandemic

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On a whim, Scott Allen Frost went for a dirt bike ride on a beautiful afternoon in May 2009, had an accident, and broke his neck, leaving him paralyzed from the shoulders down. Terrified, he was left to choose: give up on life or try to make it better than it was before. Scott chose to live life in the face of tremendous adversity. During his 81 days in the hospital, with the help of his family, friends, and business partners, Scott finished negotiating a lease, raised money for, and designed his first restaurant while enduring a grueling physical rehabilitation. Nine months later, defying every doctor and therapist's expectation, he walked from his wheelchair to the bar with no mechanical assistance at the grand opening of the restaurant.

Since his accident Scott has served as President of Titan Brands Hospitality Group. He and his team have designed, opened, and operated multiple restaurants and nightclubs in Nevada, Arizona, and New York. Scott has written two books including *Living On a Chair* and the forthcoming *Roll With the Changes*.

Scott will share the story of his journey from lying hopeless in a ditch after his accident to building a successful business from his hospital bed and how his story of resilience resonates during a pandemic that has stressed and strained us all in business and at home.

Thank you to D&R House of Diamonds for sponsoring this event.

Thank you to all who have registered already. While registration is not required, those who plan to join us, please do at your earliest. That way we can confidently share our numbers with Scott.

[Registration Link](#) or go to the District Calendar on [dacdb](#).

## Shaping Rotary's Future



Past Rotary International President Barry Rassin will be addressing the Las Vegas WON Club on Wednesday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m. PRIP Barry will be discussing the "Shaping Rotary's Future Initiative." He is the chair of a committee that is examining proposals to change the structure and organization of Rotary in the future. This is a unique opportunity to hear about these potential changes. Registration is available on the District 5300 calendar on dacdb.

## World Peace Music Festival

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**WORLD PEACE MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Live musical performance by Rotaractors.
2. Amazing prizes for winners.
3. Audience voting
4. Star performance by our special guest

**DATE:**  
**12-13**  
**DECEMBER**

**ENJOY THE TASTE OF PEACEFUL MUSIC FROM CULTURES ACROSS THE GLOBE**

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It gives us immense pleasure to share with you all the details of th World Peace Music Festival.

Saturday, December 12, and Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

The Festival will feature:  
Live musical performance by Rotaractors;  
Amazing prizes for winners;  
Audience voting;  
Star performance by our special guest;

Hosted by PDG Chehab ElAwar

[World Peace Music Festival Registration Link](#)

## National Human Trafficking Awareness Day



# National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

**January 11, 2021 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.** The Summerlin Rotary Club's Child Sex Trafficking Awareness Campaign Committee will be producing and hosting a special one-hour Zoom Webinar on that day at 6:00 p.m. that will explore the problem in Southern California and Southern Nevada. The awareness Campaign, *NV/CA's Children are Priceless*, will launch in the fall of 2021 and we will be a pilot project that will be the *model used for spreading the awareness campaign across all of District 5300.*

According to the FBI, the average age a teen enters the sex trade in the United States is 12 to 14 years old. Many victims are runaway girls who were sexually abused as children. Human trafficking earns global profits of roughly \$150 billion a year for traffickers, \$99 billion of which comes from commercial sexual exploitation.

Confirmed speakers are: Cozette Vegari, PDG, who established an awareness campaign in District 5280 and launched a website, Rotarians Fighting Human Trafficking; Elynne Greene, manager of the Sex Crimes Bureau for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and Kimberly Mull, child sex trafficking survivor and activist.

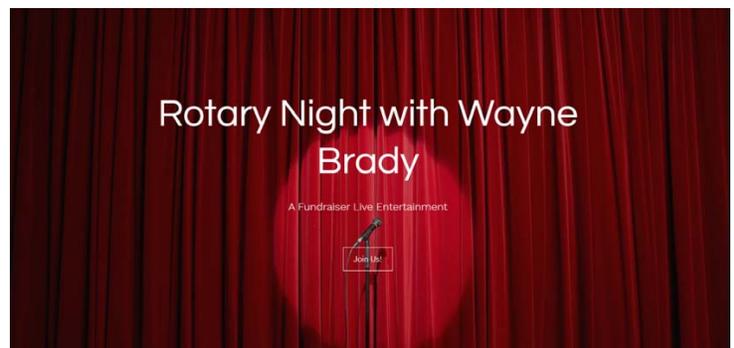
In 2018, over half (51.6%) of the criminal human trafficking cases active in this country were sex trafficking cases involving only children. The Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children estimates 5,687 victims of child sex trafficking in Nevada. In Los Angeles, the average age of the first encounter with trafficking is 12-14 years and 11 or 13 years of age for girls and boys, respectively, and they have a 7-year life expectancy after this first encounter. And, 58% of sex trafficked girls in Los Angeles County were foster kids. These statistics are most likely lower than the actual number because it is difficult to track all child sex trafficking incidents.

Registration is on the District Calendar on [dacdb](#).

For more information contact [Michael Turner email](#)

## Rotary Night With Wayne Brady

Saturday, December 5, 2020



### A Rotary Exclusive Evening with Wayne Brady

We are excited to partner with Sharlock Inc. Productions as we continue to raise money for The Rotary Foundation and the End Polio Now campaign. Please join us for a Rotary exclusive fundraising event featuring the artistic talents of Wayne Brady. Wayne will share his comedic flair and stories about Rotary. It will be a night to remember! Proceeds from the event benefit The Rotary Foundation, End Polio Now campaign, and local club efforts. Invite your friends, your family, and prospective members. Be sure to utilize your press contacts as well so we can cast a broad net and maximize the money we are able to raise for The Rotary Foundation.

Event Date: January 15, 2021

Event Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. PST

Event Platform: Virtual

Registration is on the District 5300 Calendar on [dacdb](#)

[Sharlock Inc Production Information](#)

[Email iPDG Mama Lu Arredondo](#)

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## Project Peanut Butter



Our neighbors in Rotary International District 5330 are seeking financial contributions for their Global Grant in support of Project Peanut Butter. Many areas of the Ivory Coast are forgotten, undeveloped places. With a large population in isolated areas that have no paved roads and not one electric line, progress as defined by the twentieth century has yet to arrive. Health care is non-existent, meaning 8% of all children there will die of malnutrition. The proposal is for the development of Project Peanut Butter (PPB) in the Ivory Coast.

Project Peanut Butter (PPB) seeks to advance the treatment of severe malnutrition, the single largest cause of child death in the world today, using effective, locally produced ready-to-use therapeutic foods. This nonprofit provides needed nutritional and medical support primarily to children suffering from severe acute malnutrition in sub-Saharan Africa and beyond. Clubs and Rotarians are encouraged to donate to this humanitarian cause started by local Rotarians.

District 5330 is looking for monetary contributions to this international project. District 5300 will match either direct contributions made to this grant or contributions to the Annual Programs Fund (SHARE) with the intent of supporting this grant.

For more information go to:  
[Project Peanut Butter Webpage](#)

or email  
[Dennis Spurgin](#)

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## Global Grant Matching Dollars Still Available

The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



PDG Chehab ElAwar reminds you that District 5300 still has funds available to match your Global Grant Projects. Demand for Rotary International World Fund Matching dollars remains high so it is likely that funding for international projects will only be available for a short time. The Rotary Foundation is no longer matching direct contributions to projects so PDG Chehab recommends that clubs donate instead to the Rotary Annual Programs Fund (APF) SHARE. The District will match both direct project contributions and also donations made to the APF with the intent of supporting a project. District matching funds are allocating to projects in the order in which they are approved by the Rotary Foundation.

PDG Chehab has been offering monthly zoom meetups for Rotarians around the world to share ideas and attract funding to their projects. These meetups are held the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

He also recommends that you visit [Matching Grants Website](#) to look for projects to support or to advertise your own projects.

A new site [Raise Rotary website](#) is now available to assist you in raising funds or your club projects, both international and local.

## Sweeten Up Your Giving

# See's CANDIES®

District 5300, Group Five Rotary Clubs (Azusa, Glendora, La Verne and San Dimas) have combined forces to support their local efforts and The Rotary Foundation.

Through Christmas, the Group Five Clubs will be selling See's Candies online through their portal at [www.supportrotarians.com](http://www.supportrotarians.com).

Half of the money raised will go directly to The Rotary Foundation. The other half will be used by the individual Group Five Clubs to support their efforts.

Every District 5300 Rotarian can be a part of this effort by making their holiday candy purchases through the site. But, more importantly, please share the website as far and as wide as Rotary's influence.

For more information contact Raymond E. Foster, President-Elect, Rotary Club of San Dimas at [sandimasrotary@gmail.com](mailto:sandimasrotary@gmail.com).

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## Report from Global Scholar Natasha Ovied

Sunday, December 6, 2020



Global Scholar, Natasha Oviedo

This September I arrived in Belfast, Northern Ireland to begin my studies in Conflict Transformation and Social Justice at Queen's University Belfast with the support of the Sierra Madre and Belfast Rotary Clubs.

This autumn legacies of conflict and human rights violations are manifesting in Belfast with a new sense of urgency. A potential no-deal Brexit threatens the Good Friday Agreement, which brought stability to Northern Ireland after The Troubles. Additionally, reliance on often inaccessible technologies and broadband for education, and closure of in-person social services due to the pandemic, brings new challenges to integrating vulnerable populations of refugees and asylum seekers from Syria and Somalia.

During this first semester I am taking three classes: Transitional Justice, Global Concepts of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice, and Research Methods. Transitional Justice and Global Concepts both take interdisciplinary approaches to examining different aspects of peacebuilding, conflict prevention, commemoration and justice. So far, my courses included topics and disciplines that ranged from anthropology, psychology, sexual and gender based violence, environmental harm, and concepts surrounding victim, survivor, and perpetrator identities. Additionally, I am taking Beginners Arabic and Intermediate German through the QUB Language Center

Outside of the classroom, I will soon begin volunteering with Horn of Africa People's Aid NI (HAPANI), a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower and support the integration of refugees and asylum seekers in Northern Ireland. While speaking to Suleiman Abdulahi, Director of HAPANI, he explained to me how creating the conditions in which refugees and migrants can be independent and not rely on charity is true empowerment. Supporting grassroots efforts to empower displaced survivors of violent conflicts will be an invaluable experience that will help prepare me for a future working on the ground with people impacted by violent conflict.

As part of a book club for the Conflict Transformation program, I am reading Milkman by Anna Burns - a fiction novel in which the main character's internal dialogue reveals the psychological and social impacts of living through a sectarian conflict. While reading Milkman and speaking with Belfast residents who migrated here or lived through The Troubles, I realized what I originally might perceive as mundane traditions and memories, or quirky features of the city, could have traumatic and violent underpinnings. These nuances are reshaping how I view conflict transformation and bring new depths to my understanding of the impact of conflicts on communities and civilians.

Even as political tensions arise globally, and readings expose me to immense human suffering and the failures of institutions to avoid or remedy injustice, the human resilience, decency, and compassion that I am also witnessing here in Northern Ireland brings me tremendous hope. While formulating my research, volunteering at HAPANI, and engaging in debates and discussions with my classmates along with fellow Rotary Global Scholars, I hope to gain insight into how to foster the human potential for resilience and empathy to bring sustainable peace in more challenging and unstable circumstances.

Thanks to the North American team at Queen's University, I also had the opportunity to meet the consulate general to Northern Ireland, Elizabeth Kennedy Trudeau, who gave great advice on making the most of my time in Belfast.

I look forward to soon sharing more stories of my coursework, volunteer experience with HAPANI, and my independent research with you!

This photograph was taken with the other US Graduate Scholars studying at QUB and the Consulate General Elizabeth Kennedy Trudeau. The Consulate General is at the front and I am in the back with Leena Hornlein another Rotary Scholar in my program. (We are spaced about for social distancing!)

