

Rotary



District 5300

HIGHLIGHTER

October Zoom Treats



Monday, October 19 @ 4:00 p.m. -- Tarnished Brass. For the current District Governor line and all Past District Governors. By invitation only.

Monday, October 19 @ 5:30 p.m. -- Club Presidents Meeting. For current club Presidents to learn about district developments. By invitation only.

Tuesday, October 20 @ 5:00 p.m. -- Summerlin Rotary Child Sex Trafficking Awareness Committee. All are welcome to attend. This committee may become District-wide during this year. Contact Michael Turner of Summerlin Club for Details.

Tuesday, October 20 @ 6:00 p.m. -- Connecting for Global Grants. PDG Chehab ElAwar hosts a monthly forum for people from around the world to connect and put together global grant proposals. If you are interested in sponsoring a global grant for your club or contributing to an ongoing grant, you will find this session worthwhile.

Thursday, October 22 @ 4:00 p.m. -- Rotary International Webinar "Connecting with Prospective Members in your Community." This webinar will explain how to use RI's prospective member system.

Saturday, October 24 @ 9:00 a.m. -- District 5300 Peace Conference, featuring Past Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney and other engaging speakers.

Thursday, November 12 - Saturday, November 14. Rotary Zone 26/27 Virtual Institute. This year you have a rare opportunity to join the annual zone institute! You will hear from Rotary leaders and luminaries. Travel Expert Rick Steves will be a special guest.

Monday, November 16 @ 5:30 p.m. District monthly webcast. Geoff Cochran from The Rotary Foundation will be discussing the Annual Programs Fund and the importance of The Rotary Foundation in our efforts to improve lives in our communities and around the world.

Register Now for the District Peace Conference!

Rotary District 5300
Garbis Peace Institute
31st Annual Peace Conference

PEACE out of **CHAOS** - a Pandemic
Saturday, October 24, 2020 / 9:00 am—1:00 pm
VIRTUAL — Free via Zoom

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mark Daniel Maloney
 President, Rotary International 2019-2020



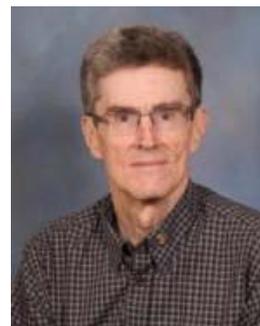
"How has Covid-19 Impacted Rotary's Priorities and Opportunities of Working Together"

<p>Dr. Quentin Wodon Lead Economist, World Bank</p> <p>"The Long Term Effects of Covid-19 Pandemic: Education, Human Capital, and How Rotarians Can Help"</p> 	<p>Michael Brosowski Founder-CEO, Blue Dragon Children's Foundation</p> <p>"The Impact of Covid-19 on Children and Women"</p> 
<p>Dr. Siobhan Nash Marshall Professor and Chair of Christian Philosophy and Philosophy Departments, Manhattanville College, NY</p> <p>"The Spiritual Response to Covid-19"</p> 	<p>Sheila Gutierrez, MA, LMFT Marriage and Family Therapist and Anthony J. Hill, ESQ Attorney at Law</p> <p>"Harmful Effects of Covid-19 on the Family"</p>  
<p>Eugene Whitlock, J.D. Assistant Vice Chancellor for People and Culture, Chief People and Culture Officer, UC Berkeley, CA</p> <p>"Creating a Culture of Belonging in a Virtual World"</p> 	<p>Information, Registration and Updates go to: www.district5300.org/peace-conference/ Registration is Free Must Register to obtain the Zoom link</p>

Art for Peace Student Contest *Cash Prizes*
 Email Denise Wadsworth denise.wadsworth@gmail.com for entry forms and information

 <p>Rotary District Governor Greg Jones</p>	 <p>Conference Chair Dr. Garbis Der-Yeghian, PDG</p>	 <p>Conference Emcee Michael D. Driebe</p>
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Michael Soden Named 2023-2024 District Governor



Michael Soden of the Rotary Club of Green Valley has been named as the District 5300

Governor for the 2023-24 year. Michael is a familiar person to everyone in the district from his work as the District Communications Officer and as a member of the registration team for most district events.

Michael first joined Rotary in 2003 and is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Green Valley, Henderson, Nevada. He is a two time President. The first time was in Central Virginia, District 7600, Brandermill (Midlothian), 2008-2009. The second time was for his current club Green Valley, District 5300, 2013-2014.

During his year as President of Green Valley, the club was named the #1 medium size club in District 5300, received the RI Presidential Citation with Distinction and the club became a 100% Paul Harris Fellow club. Michael was honored in receiving Rotarian of the year by his respective clubs on three separate occasions.

Michael currently serves as District Communications Officer (DCO) for District 7600 and District 5300 and is the District 5300 Grants Chair 2017-2021. He has been serving on the SWR PETS committee since 2015 as a committee chair for the Website/Social Media/USummit. Additionally, Michael is a Paul Harris Fellow +8.

Michael is the owner/founder of Harcalf Agency, a web development firm since 2001. He lives with his wife Sylvia in Henderson, Nevada. They have one daughter (Alycia) and two grandsons (Aden and Alejandro).

Please join us in welcoming Michael to the District Governor Line for our District!

Rotary Food Heroes



LAS VEGAS - Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Rotary's 10 clubs in Las Vegas and North Las Vegas partnered with Delivering with Dignity to mobilize both dollars and volunteers for Rotary Food Heroes Day on Tuesday, Sept. 15 when they delivered nearly 1,300 fully prepared meals to needy, homebound neighbors.

Having received an \$8,000 grant from Rotary International, the clubs collaborated to identify nonprofit partners that are addressing the critical food needs in Las Vegas created by the pandemic's unprecedented impact. A requirement of the grant was to not only fund meals, but also actively volunteer, explained Glenn Ritt, an assistant governor for Rotary District 5300, which encompasses more than 60 clubs in Nevada and California. Our search led us to Delivering with Dignity.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, 64 Rotary volunteers arrived at four restaurants across the valley to receive the prepared meals and delivered them safely to residents who face a triple threat: at high-risk for COVID-19, are not served by any other organization or support system for provision of food to their homes, and financially unable to meet their food needs without leaving their home.

There are so many critically important organizations providing food support, many of which our Rotary clubs continuously support with money and volunteer time. What immediately attracted us to Delivering with Dignity was the opportunity to reach out directly to our neighbors in every community where we have a club from north to south, east to west, said Jaqueline Thornhill, also an assistant governor. We were so impressed how rapidly and effectively Delivering with Dignity has emerged since the pandemic began to make such a difference. We are very appreciative of the Rotary's generosity, said Punam Mathur, co-founder of Delivering with Dignity. Not only are they funding the preparation of healthy meals that will benefit so many in need, but they are giving their time to serve as Food Heroes, who are truly the heart and soul of the program. Delivering with Dignity is founded on our community coming together to feed those in need, and we welcome the Rotary clubs support in this effort.

Since Delivering with Dignity's inception on March 23, more than 3,000 volunteer Food Heroes have delivered more than 158,000 meals. By recruiting restaurants as

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partners, Delivering with Dignity has also helped save more than 55 jobs, especially during the early stages of the pandemic when restaurants were not yet able to serve customers beyond takeout. In addition to the grant and volunteers, many of the Rotary clubs also prepared personalized cards to accompany the meals that were left safely at recipients' doorsteps.

◆ Many of our club members who wished to get involved are not able to deliver meals, so this is a way for them to be involved, ◆ said Ritt. ◆ It's a modest but very meaningful way for all of us to touch those in need and let them know there are hundreds of neighbors who care and think about them. ◆

Rancho Cucamonga Club Celebrates 50 Year Anniversary



This article, about the Rancho Cucamonga Rotary Club 50th Anniversary celebration held on Wednesday 9/30/20, was copied from the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin. The Rancho Cucamonga Rotary Club celebrates its 50th anniversary at a gala - and virtual - celebration Wednesday night, Sept. 30.

And it's certain the anniversary party - via Zoom - will look a lot different from the club's first assembly a half-century ago.

The then-Cucamonga Rotary Club received its formal charter from Rotary International on Sept. 30, 1970, but its charter presentation party was held Oct. 21 at the Regina Winery Restaurant on Base Line Road.

That party had the usual presentations and introductions, but it's assured there wasn't a cell phone, laptop or any other kind of computer anywhere, even in the wildest imagination of any of the nearly 600 people attending. There were 26 charter Rotary members listed in an Oct. 23 account of the event in the Sun.

It'll be a lot different Wednesday night, admitted longtime club member H. Firat Tuncay. Featured on Zoom will be two men who attended that 1970 charter event - Richard Frey, one of the charter members, and Harvey Stone, president of the Upland Rotary Club which had sponsored the fledgling Cucamonga club.

◆ They will each give a five-minute talk on their memories of that first night and the start of our club, ◆ said Tuncay.

Frey has written a remembrance of the early days of the club, whose venue at that time was still in this area's fabled wine-producing region. Local wineries, some with members in the club, took turns providing wines at meetings.

◆ One claim to fame in the early days was having free wine on the tables at all regular luncheon meetings, ◆ Frey wrote. ◆ In fact, I think we got more than a few visiting Rotarians just to check that for themselves. ◆

Another change from the original group today is the male-only club now has a large number of women among its members. It also changed its name to Rancho Cucamonga Rotary after the city incorporated under that name.

Rotary Gratefulness Week

ROTARY GRATEFULNESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 16-22, 2020

Join the Rotary Districts of Zone 26/27 as
we say thank you to our essential workers!

THANK YOU!

Being an essential worker during this pandemic means potentially exposing themselves and their families to COVID-19 while performing their job duties. Essential workers are having to deal with new stresses of adding physical distancing measures to their jobs, shifting work hours, changing childcare needs with school closures among many other challenges, all while serving our community. They are making sure there is food, water, electricity, trash, sanitation services, and health care services.

Suggested ways to celebrate essential workers:

- Coordinate a vehicle parade to drive past their business location. Decorate the vehicle with thank you signs. Be sure to follow the rules of the road.
- Provide meals for the late shift at the hospital, police department, fire department, etc.
- Hand out gift cards to local restaurants, bakeries, coffee shops.
- Provide needed personal protective equipment.
- Hand out appreciation cards (business card size) with club logo
- Take out an ad in the local newspaper appreciating essential workers.
- Send thank you cards to the businesses with essential workers

Encourage Rotarians to participate and take photos of their celebrations. Share those photos on your District and Club social media pages, and with your District Governor, who will in turn share the photos with our Rotary International Director and Vice President Johrita Solari.

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Shelterbox Hero Clubs



Five Rotary Clubs and One Interact Club in District 5300 have been recognized by ShelterBox USA as a ShelterBox HERO for their club's financial support in the Rotary year 2019-20. A ShelterBox HERO is committed to making an impact in worldwide disaster response. Less than 8% of the over 7,500 Rotary Clubs in the USA are recognized as ShelterBox HERO Clubs. The Rotary Clubs of Claremont Sunrise, Lancaster West, Las Vegas, Las Vegas West and Griffith Middle School received BRONZE HERO recognition for donations of \$1,000 or more. The West Covina Rotary Club achieved GOLD HERO status for donating \$5,000 or more, one of just 39 GOLD HERO Clubs in the U.S.

HERO Clubs give ShelterBox the resources to be ready when disaster strikes. Thanks to the efforts of HERO Clubs, ShelterBox is able to purchase and pre-position aid around the world, resulting in a more efficient and timely response. ShelterBox USA awards the HERO designation to Rotary Clubs that donate \$1,000, \$3,000 and \$5,000 or more within a Rotary fiscal year. SO far, in Rotary Year 2020-21, District 5300 has two Hero Clubs: Claremont and Las Vegas Summerlin.

Shelter is critical to reducing the spread of COVID-19. ShelterBox continues working

with partners in places like Syria, Cameroon, India, Nigeria and Burkina Faso, finding new ways to tackle the challenges and adapt to changing circumstances during this pandemic. The emergency shelter provided by ShelterBox enables social distancing by helping to move families out of overcrowded collective centers and reduce the risk of transmission of the infection by providing families with personal aid items like water filters, blankets, and cooking sets. ShelterBox is customizing its standard aid packages to include soap and handwashing basins and has modified distribution practices by distributing to smaller groups, encouraging social distancing, and using personal protective equipment.

ShelterBox provides humanitarian aid in the form of family-sized tents and essential tools to start repairing and rebuilding homes. Additionally, the organization's kits and boxes help transform shelter into a home by providing items such as cooking sets, solar lights, blankets, water filters, and more.

Have you joined Rotary Direct?

Sunday, September 6, 2020



A message from District 5300 District Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson

District 5300 reminds its members it will donate 250 of its Foundation Recognition Points to those who enroll in Rotary's recurring giving program, "Rotary Direct," which makes contributing to "The Rotary Foundation" fast, easy and secure.

Under this program, District 5300 Rotarians can schedule monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions made in any increments, i.e. \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more, empowering them to change lives in their local community or throughout the world. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation to either its featured causes (Annual Fund, Polio Plus, World Fund or Disaster Relief) or the seven areas of focus (Peace Building and Conflict Prevention, Disease Prevention and Disease, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Community Economic Development, and Supporting the Environment) are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition, however, only those donations to the featured causes generate District Designated Funds (DDF). Enrolling in "Rotary Direct" can be accomplished through Rotary International's website or by contacting your District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson.

In addition, District 5300 will match up to 500 of its Foundation Recognition Points to contributions made by or on behalf of Rotarians who have not yet reached their First Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Such contributions can be made by monetary donations or transfer of recognition points by member or club. For example, a member contributing \$500 will receive a match of 500 District matching points, resulting in him or her reaching their first Paul Harris Fellow recognition. A member contributing \$250 and receiving a 250-point match of recognition points by his or her club, will also receive 500 District matching points, again resulting in him or her reaching such distinction.

What is the Deadline? When all District Recognition Points are depleted!
Contact your District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson, if interested!

Zone 26/27 Virtual Library

Sunday, September 6, 2020



The Zone 26/27 website now includes a Virtual Library. This is a new feature that will include information about virtual fundraising, speaker recommendations, virtual meeting suggestions and more. You can also find valuable information and resources for membership, brand, and foundation topics.

