

Rotary
District 5230



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District 5230 Newsletter

May 2023 – Youth Service

Hello my fellow Rotarians, family and friends!

WE REALLY GOT WILD!! Thank you for joining us at our 2023 District 5230 Conference at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. District Conferences, or Celebrations as we like to call them, are a time where we can come together for fellowship, fun and celebration of our accomplishments each Rotary year.

Although we still have a few months to go, and time to do more great work, we have already accomplished so much together. District 5230 has really flourished this year, under the leadership of all of our wonderful Club Presidents, District Chairs and Board of Directors. We have grown, not only in our number of clubs, but in our number of Rotarians. The spark of Rotary spirit has been alive and well this year, seeing almost all of our clubs add new members. New members bring a different perspective, new ideas and a curiosity for learning about and finding what is their passion in Rotary. Thank you for welcoming them into Rotary.

We have accomplished so much in our communities, both locally and internationally. The creativity and thoughtfulness of our club's projects and fundraisers, never ceases to amaze me. Your generosity with your time, treasures and expertise has been unwavering, and has created such an impact on those that we serve. We have also seen your Rotary Foundation donation dollars at work through your District Grant projects, walking across the Golden Gate Bridge for Polio Plus, bringing fresh water to remote villages in Thailand, and our disaster relief efforts in Ukraine, Turkey and our own back yard in Monterey and Tulare Counties due to the recent floods, as well as many others. Thank you for your generosity and everything you do in our communities and for Rotary.

The Celebration's theme was all about Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus. Everything we do in Rotary touches at least one, if not all of these areas. We gave out Passports, where we provided a description of how Rotarians work to improve lives through these Areas of Focus, and some additional information from our friends at Fresno Chaffee Zoo addressing these issues in the animal kingdom. I hope you enjoyed exploring the Zoo, making new friends with your fellow Rotarians and discovering more about how your efforts in Rotary touches lives and improves our world.

Thank you so much to all that attended (approx. 350 Rotarians, family, friends, Interact, Rotaract & Youth Exchange) and your continued support of Rotary, District 5230, your clubs and me. We celebrate together all you have accomplished as you "Imagined Rotary" this year, and brought it to fruition.

Some highlights from this year's District Celebration!



**2022-2023
District Governor
Becky Moser**

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We started off on Friday Night with our Past District Governor's dinner at Veni Vidi Vici, great food and company!



Then on to the Friday night Social at Tioga-Sequoia Beer Garden for some beers and snacks!



Then the big day at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo! Of course I wanted to get everyone's picture from the stage! WE LOVE ROTARY!



The Passports and Banners made for a fun day throughout the Zoo





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We had some great presentations from Lee Blankenship (Salinas Steinbeck) and Youth Exchange ROTEX member Dayana Hernandez – Japan 19-20, Jon Dohlin (Fresno), CEO of the Fresno Chaffee Zoo, PDG Mike Andritch (Fig Garden) our Thailand Water and Sanitation Global Grant, and Victor Rosa (Pres. Hanford) and Superintendent of Hanford Joint Union High School District regarding his journey in life and Rotary.



We also had some great entertainment from Steel Drums, visiting animals and Kat the Musician!



And gave away some awesome raffle prizes!



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Youth Service

Had our DG Line Pin Exchange at the Business Meeting



And gave away some awesome raffle prizes



And last but not least, we gave out some AWARDS to District Chairs, District Board of Directors and Polio Donation winners for 21-22!



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PDG Mike Andritch won the District 5230 Foundation Award for his leadership in our Thailand Global Grant. District Communications Chair, Pauline Hershey-Gambino, won District 5230 Rotarian of the Year for her outstanding and dedicated service.



Then on to the most important, the CLUB AWARDS!!
BEST SMALL CLUB –
FOOTHILL ROTARY CLUB OF LINDSAY

BEST MEDIUM SIZED CLUB – IT WAS A TIE BETWEEN:
THE ROTARY CLUB OF CARMEL VALLEY



AND, THE ROTARY CLUB OF FRESNO CULTURAL ARTS



**BEST LARGE CLUB –
THE ROTARY CLUB OF VISALIA BREAKFAST**



**BEST OVERALL CLUB –
THE ROTARY CLUB OF VISALIA COUNTY CENTER**



Thank you again to our wonderful sponsors, we couldn't have done it without you!

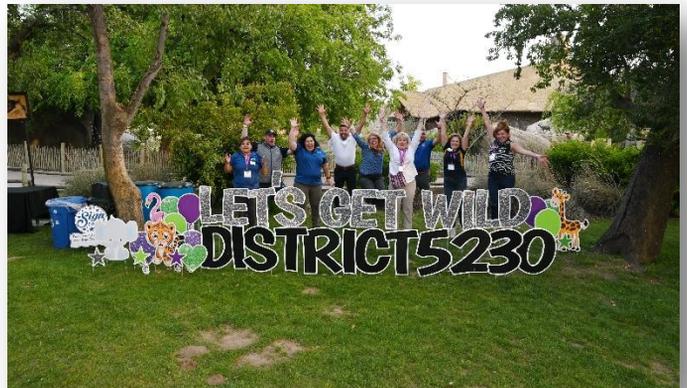
- East Fresno Rotary
- Aspen Public Schools
- Sanger Rotary
- Michael Rabara
- Visalia County Center
- Hanford Rotary
- Visalia Rotary
- Laura Martina & Leadby
- Foothill of Lindsey Rotary & Ana Carretero
- Clovis Rotary
- Kepler Neighborhood School

And a special thanks to our dedicated District Conference Committee for all your hard work, it was an amazing day!

- Michelle Coyle, Chair
- Ana Carretero
- Lina Contreras
- Dan Carter
- Nick Grim
- Pauline Hershey-Gambino
- Maureen Lewis
- Laura Martina
- Larry Metzler
- Lynda Patrick
- Michael Rabara
- Susan Winey
- Merritt Wiseman

Thank you all, and see you all next year in Monterey!

Thank you to all of our clubs for a fabulous year!



May 2023

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH!

Youth Service

So many of our Clubs focus on Youth Service, which is a wonderful thing. We need to expose our youth to community service, giving back and building friendships and leadership skills in the process. We also support them in many other ways to grow and find their path, through sponsorships and scholarships.

We are extremely fortunate to have such strong Youth Service Programs in District 5230, and I thank our wonderful District Chairs for making this happen. DGD – Brinet Greenlee – Interact, PDG Lee Blankenship – Youth Exchange and Nic Giannandrea – Camp Royal.

Interact – We currently have 57 Interact Clubs in District 5230. Four new were added this year – Patino School of Entrepreneurship - Sponsored by Fresno Rotary, St. Annes Porterville – Sponsored by Porterville Breakfast, Golden West HS – Sponsored by Visalia Rotary and Sanger West HS – Sponsored by Sanger. Our other clubs are well established and help us in so many ways with our service projects and fundraisers.

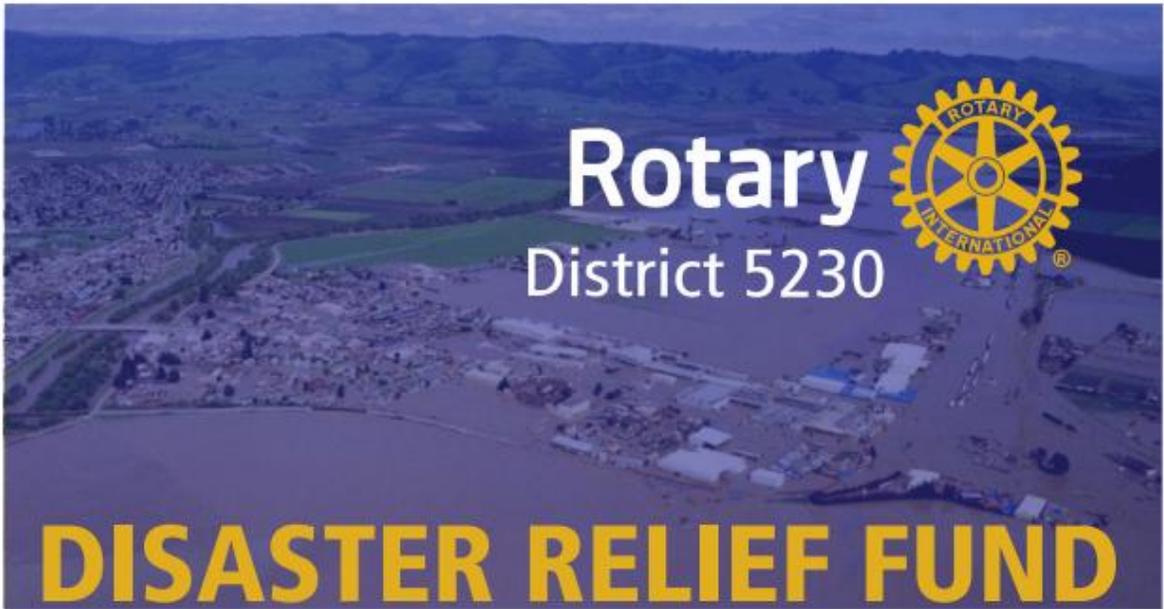
We were thankful to have many clubs represented at the District Celebration including: Patino School of Entrepreneurship in Fresno, Sanger HS, Sanger West HS, Rancho San Juan HS in Salinas, Carmel HS, Justin Garza HS and SOUL, both also Fresno. We had 45 Interactors join us to spend the day learning about Rotary, meeting others and enjoying a day at the Zoo. We were so thankful you to have you with us. Please consider sponsoring an Interact Club and create an incredible relationship with the youth in your area.

Youth Exchange – At the District Conference we were joined by our 6 current Inbound Students staying with us for the year, and 9 of our 12 Outbound Students traveling next year. We also got to hear from Dayana Hernandez, a ROTEX member that traveled to Japan in 2019-20. Her talk about her experience was incredibly moving and reminds us of the monumental impact this experience can have on our youth. Please consider sponsoring a YE student, both outbound and inbound, and you will change their lives forever. Becoming a Host Family is the best way to support!

Camp Royal – We are currently working with our clubs to nominate students for this amazing program held this year from June 11 – 16th. Your student sponsorships can have such a great impact on them, that will last a lifetime. Nic, our Chair, is an alumni and long time Counselor in the program that has stepped up this year to become the Chair. Let's all make sure we take advantage of this wonderful experience for our students by referring them to attend Camp Royal!

Our Youth are our future, not just in Rotary, but in life. Let's work together to expose them to all of these wonderful opportunities, so our future will be bright with service oriented, kind, ethical leaders that care about us and our communities.





Please make your donations now so we can get much-needed help to these communities. Individuals, Rotary Clubs, outside organizations and friends of Rotary are all invited to participate. **Share this flyer and help us get support to these displaced families ASAP.**

Help us get to \$500,000

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Rotary District 5230
Memo: Disaster Fund

Rotary International District 5230
5132 N. Palm Avenue, #225
Fresno, CA 93704

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SCAN TO DONATE

Volunteer opportunities will also be available for donation distribution, clean up and material donations provided by GEM. Additional information will be shared as these opportunities develop.



Rotarian Spotlight

Chris G.



Chris is our Rotary Club President. He is a Customer Success Manager at a software company that supports public safety. He is passionate about working with first responders; prior to his current role he worked in a 9-1-1 center as a dispatch supervisor for over 14 years. He also enjoys hiking, CrossFit, and volunteering at community events. Chris got involved in Rotary to honor his late mom, she inspired him to give back to the community because she was a giving person and always helped those in need.



Tower District Rotary Club

Member Spotlight

Rotarian Spotlight



Heather V.

Heather is a motivated HR professional with a degree in psychology. She is passionate about partnering with people for positive change, and advocates for mental health and well-being. She enjoys fitness, wine, bad reality T.V and being in bed by 9pm.





Mark Your Calendars for October 21 2023!!

The preparation for our Second Annual “Run Walk Ride” across the Golden Gate Bridge to End Polio has begun!

If you missed out on the fun last year, now is your chance to participate in walking this iconic and Breathtaking Bridge.

Come for the day or make a weekend out of it, as many of us assembled for dinner after a day of walking and fellowship with not just members from our district, but also Rotary members from the Bay Area Districts.

So break in those walking shoes, plan on going with a group, form a team from your club..... hmmm, let's see which club team can raise the most for a trophy.

Now that's a thought!!!! YUP!



Submitted by
Belinda Daguio
District 5230
Polio Plus Chair

INTERACT

From centerpieces to celebrations, our Interactors have been involved!





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Pajaro Flood Relief Activities Continue

On April 27th, a series of four large semi-trailer trucks pulled into a parking lot where they were awaited by local Rotarians and other volunteers. The trucks were loaded with household goods for the flood victims of Pajaro and surrounding areas. Two of the trucks contained over 500 new, quality mattresses. The other two trucks were filled with all types of essential household goods. These truckloads were part of an even larger effort by Rotary District 5230 to address the devastating floods that affected thousands of residents in Monterey and Tulare Counties. The total value of relief goods distributed to both areas to date is over \$1 million! Our Rotarians planned and carried out the crucial logistical planning for a fair distribution to all in need.

To accomplish this effort, we partnered with Global Empowerment Mission (GEM), an international disaster foundation, and the local nonprofit, All In Monterey County. GEM arranged for the donation of the goods and Rotary paid for the freight and related costs. All In Monterey County secured the gifting center where goods are being stored and organized. Volunteers from all three organizations unloaded and organized the goods to allow for a smooth distribution to all in need.

The operation was a logistically complex undertaking. Finding a location that was large, clean and accessible was very challenging. Forklifts and other heavy equipment had to be arranged. Distribution will take place by appointment over several weeks via a case management system developed by All In Monterey in coordination with Pajaro residents and the County of Monterey.

Despite the challenges, Rotarians, GEM and All In Monterey made a significant difference to our community. A huge thank you to all the volunteers involved, especially Rotarians Joy Anderson and Doug Brown, as well as Tanya Kosta from All In Monterey, and Elizabeth Jernberg from GEM. You can assist by volunteering, or donating to the relief effort. Sign up at the Rotary5230.org website!



GEM Worker Jason unloaded 98 Pallets and 500 mattresses



Rotarian Dayton Hughes (Monterey Peninsula Sunrise) and Rotex Member Pedro Cocenza did some heavy lifting!



Rotarian Nancy Chita-Garcia and District Governor-Elect Debbie Hale Posing In Front of a Pallet of Mattresses



Rotarians Geoff Arnold (Carmel By The Sea) and Area Governor-Elect Ana Carretero Cleared Pallets and organized goods onto the shelves



District 5230 Rotary Anniversaries April 2023

Congratulations to all of our members who had a milestone Rotary Anniversary of 25 years or more during the past month!

Rotary is not just a gift that you give to yourself, but a gift you give to your clubs, community and the world. Thank you for your service, and we looking forward to many more years with Rotary!

Member Anniversaries	Club	Total
Barlogio, James E.(JIM)	Visalia County Center	25
Pope, Doyle(DOYLE)	Visalia	25
Rana, M. Carl(CARL)	East Fresno	25
Salierno, Anthony E.(TONY)	Visalia	25
Durant-Jones, Jane(JANE)	Pacific Grove	26
Foltz, Wayne E.(WAYNE)	Porterville	26
Lowe, Gary(GARY)	Fresno	26
McCusker, Kevin(KEVIN)	Visalia Breakfast	26
Simonetti, Larry(LARRY)	Tulare	26
Kuszmar, David P.(DAVE)	Fresno	28
Thomas, Mose E.(MOSE)	Seaside	28
Hannigan, Michael S.(MIKE)	Sanger	29
Machado, Richard(RICHARD)	Fig Garden	29
Matthews, Larry(LARRY)	Fig Garden	29
Taylor, Allen(ALLEN)	Fig Garden	29
Harr, Bruce Milton(BRUCE)	North Fresno	31
Perry, Mark A.(MARK)	Visalia Breakfast	31
Figg, Charles E.(CHARLIE)	Fresno	32
Kremer, Donald E.(DON)	Monterey Peninsula Sunrise	32
Silva, Sandra(SANDY)	Fresno Cultural Arts	32
Smith, Bradley C.(BRAD)	Fig Garden	32
Hadden, Zetta A.(ZETTA)	Fresno	33
Levy, Herbert I.(BERT)	Fresno	33
Speake, Anne(ANNE)	Fresno	33
Downey, Wayne G.(WAYNE)	Monterey	34
Hillman, Scot(SCOT)	Tulare	34
Coulter, Ronald J.(RON)	Monterey	35
LaRue, Annette(ANNETTE)	Fresno	35
Mendoza, Dale J.(DALE)	Fresno	35
Freeland, Susan C.(SUSAN)	Monterey	36
Parola, Randall J.(RANDY)	Salinas	37
Yavasile, Klare W.(KLARE)	Clovis	37
Leifer, William H.(BILL)	East Fresno	38
Shannon, Eric(ERIC)	Visalia	40
Wecker, Terry L.(TERRY)	Monterey	40
Griffith, William E(BILL)	Fig Garden	41
Mora, David R.(DAVE)	Salinas	41
Bohn, Charles(CHARLES)	Reedley	42
Lagomarsino, Fred L.(FRED)	Visalia County Center	42
Mast, Michael(MIKE)	Marina	44
Oliver, Robert H.(BOB)	Fresno	46
Oberti, Jack M.(JACK)	East Fresno	47
Hudson, Jay M.(JAY)	Monterey	48
Forester, Dennis R.(RANDY)	Visalia	56



Rotary District 5230 New Members April 2023

When you join a Rotary club, your potential to make a difference in the world grows exponentially. That's because you're joining a network of over 1.4 million people who take action — volunteers from all over the world who share a common goal of improving others' quality of life.

Welcome to our Rotary family! To our wonderful Rotarian Sponsors, thank you for bringing in a new member and sharing the gift of Rotary!

Member Name	Club	Sponsor	Classification
Preciado, Alvaro (ALVARO)	Avenal	Antony Lopez	
Leuzinger, Ryne (RYNE)	Carmel Valley		
Yee Steck, Annette (ANNETTE)	Carmel Valley	Loren Steck	
Heredia, Giovanni (GIO)	Clovis	Sean Wheelock	
Stone, David C. (DAVID)	Clovis	Paul W Nibur	
Tarabay, Haisam (SAM)	Clovis	Thomas Bekhdoud	
Taylor, Teresa (TERESA)	Clovis	Nelson T. Sebra	
Cortez, Michael (MICHAEL)	Corcoran	Mike Graville	Dentist
Hansen, Erik (ERIK)	Corcoran	Troy VanVelson	Farming
Groger, Ethel (ETHEL)	Fresno	Jason Hannold	Healthcare
Brar, Sukhjot (SUKHJIT)	Fresno	Nicole Linder	Healthcare
Cavalletto, Tessa (TESSA)	Fresno Cultural Arts	Sally M. Caglia	
Ferraro, Cameron (CAMERON)	Fresno Cultural Arts	Adrienne Vanderberg Bachman	
McIlvaine, Liz (LIZ)	Fresno Cultural Arts	Debi Ruud	
Advincula, Tino (TINO)	Greenfield		
Langborg, Jim (JIM)	Greenfield		
Mixer, Bill (BILL)	Greenfield	Jim Langborg	
Palma, Salvatore (SALVATORE)	Greenfield		
Sanchez Matos, Janet (JANET)	Greenfield		
Santibanez, Joe (JOE)	Greenfield		
Curtis, Gabriela (GABRIELA)	Hanford	Pauline Hershey-Gambino	
Grant, Nick (NICK)	Hanford	Jennifer Giuliani	Realtor - Property Manager
Nordberg, Ken V. (KEN)	Hanford	Dean Osterling	
MacGregor, Berry (BERRY)	King City		
Sarina, Jeremy (JEREMY)	King City		
Leffel, Mary Ann (MARY ANN)	Monterey	Dave Hober	
Sawhney, Mitchel (MITCHEL)	Monterey	Dino Pick	
Teresi, Jeff (JEFF TERESI)	Monterey	Adam Hughes	
Williams, Robin M (ROBIN)	Pacific Grove	Martin E Dietz	Choral Director
Mendez-Arce, Frida G (FRIDA)	Porterville Breakfast	Claudia Habib	Member
Kuyper, Jennifer (JENNIFER)	Salinas	Meryl Rasmussen	Community Banking
Spelman, Tiana (TIANA)	Tulare	Ryan Spelman	
Andrada, Michael L (MIKE)	Visalia County Center		GOVERNMENT FED/ST/LCL-- Superintendent
Arias, Jose (JOSE)	Visalia Sunset	Tim Foster	
Doane, Genevieve (GENEVIEVE)	Visalia Sunset	Laura Dimmer	



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PLAY BALL!

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, in the heart of the City of Monterey on an auburn and faded green baseball field called Jacks, two teams made up of mighty softball playing Rotarians squared off for the 2nd annual "Over the Hill" Rotary Club Monterey Peninsula Softball Championships. It had been a year since the inaugural contest in which the outcome was determined in the last of the final frame in a back-and-forth game held on the grounds of Carmel Middle School. On that day, the winner emerged representing the Rotary Clubs of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel Valley, and Carmel Sunset. The opponent, consisting of members from The Monterey Rotary Club, Pacific Grove Rotary, and Monterey Pacific Rotary could only walk away in shame, with sore limbs and battered egos after giving up a sizeable lead in the bottom of the ninth. With the Carmel team's win came the bragging rights for a full and dismal year (dismal at least for Monterey/Pacific Grove).

Now it is 2023, and a new year! Under the guidance of a determined Manager, Monterey Rotary Club past-president and retired attorney Dennis McCarthy, the men and women of the northern Monterey Peninsula teams began their quest to claim the perpetual "Over the Hill" trophy, a mighty sculpture of faux granite and fool's gold standing a full 7 inches tall and weighing over 10 pounds. Numerous practices took place under the watchful eye of Coaches Terry and Mike Wecker. Jerseys with players names on the back were ordered along with matching Rotary Club hats. Team scorer and Assistant Coach Dan O'Brien organized positions and batting order, all leading up to April 16th, the date set for the 2nd meeting of these two Rotary softball powerhouses. For the Monterey/Pacific Grove team, it was going to be a DAY OF RECKONING for their Carmel rival!

Players met on the "Field of Pulled Muscles" at 11:00am, and after warm-ups and batting practice, members from both teams gathered around home plate to be instructed about rules of the game, discuss safety measures, and agree that no matter what the outcome, all should have a good time and not get hurt. Officials for the day were introduced and included past and future District 5230 Governors: Joy Anderson, Brinet Greenlee, and Debbie Hale, as well as Genevieve Almandariz, a local beauty queen representing our Central Coast and soon vying for the Miss California title at the upcoming pageant to be held in Visalia (yes, you read that correctly-Visalia a city in our very own District 5230!). The crowd in attendance numbered in the 10's and eagerly awaited the start of the game. Finally, the American flag was presented, the National Anthem was played via a cell phone, and then the call often heard throughout the spring and summer months in our great nation was echoed-"Play Ball!"

The Monterey/PG side took the field first as they were the home team and soon found themselves down 5-0 after the Carmelites, led by Mike Holl and Lew Leader, punished their own pitching with shot after shot to the outfield. After Carmel's fifth run, players from the Monterey/PG team gathered in their dugout to an atmosphere of gloom and doom. Was this to be the outcome of the day? Were they to be "5-run ruled" every inning? In the bottom of the first frame, two quick outs followed without a run scored, and such a prediction appeared even more likely. But then, a two-out rally seemed possible when #19 (yours truly) hit a lazy blooper to right field that scored two speedsters (ok..not really speedsters, but they were fast enough) making the score 5-2.

As the game progressed, Monterey/PG rediscovered their defensive skills and held the Carmelians to 5 consecutive scoreless innings. Meanwhile, the mighty swings of Henry Ruhnke and Jonathan Geisler sent the ball deep and far enough to be counted as in-the-park home runs, and the rout was on! The final score -- Carmel/Carmel Valley/Carmel Sunset 9, Monterey/Pacific Grove/Monterey Pacific 14. For the latter Clubs revenge was sweet! At least for 12 months, until the two teams square off again somewhere in the dark confines of the Carmel region for year three of this annual softball classic!!

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Pictured are the softball teams from Monterey, Pacific Grove and Monterey Sunset Rotary Clubs alongside Carmel-by-the-Sea, Carmel and Carmel Sunset



Shown are team managers and coaches left to right: Dan O'Brien, Terry Wecker, Dennis McCarthy (Monterey Side), and Mike Holl and Loren Steck (Carmel Side)



The victorious team comprised
of members from the
Monterey, Monterey Pacific
and Pacific Grove Clubs



Photo of MVP Jeff Teresi



Carmel Sunset
Rotary
District 5230



Empowering Youth Through the Arts

April News 2023



Member Spotlight - The Carmel Sunset Rotary Club officially welcomes Nicole Cromwell in a pinning ceremony on April 12th. Pictured left, membership chair, Lynda Patrick, Sponsor, Jennifer Purlmutter, Nicole Cromwell and President, Cameron Stoddard.

District Conference - Carmel Sunset Rotary Foundation Chair, Pamela Thayer, accepts the **Foundation Giving Award for 100% Club Participation**. Pictured right with Past District Governor Bruce Mackey.



6th Annual AIM Design Challenge - Carmel Sunset Rotary Club hosted our 6th Annual AIM Design Challenge Reception and Exhibition on April 20th as a featured event of the AIM Youth Mental Health Symposium – Bridging the Gap. More than one hundred images were presented by middle and high school students from Monterey County and beyond. Through their authentic voices and creativity, these students powerfully share with their peers -- and the general public -- both the challenges and emerging solutions to the mental health crisis people their age are facing today.



Monterey Mayor Tyller Williamson was a featured guest speaker who shared his own mental health challenges he had faced as a young person and helped distribute awards. Here with Camel Middle School student Nizhoni Madfis.



2023 Overall winner, Rachel Vita
Salinas High School



Interact Supports AIM Project

Stevenson Interact Club assembled gift bags and assisted with guest registration at the AIM Design Challenge. Pictured left with Monterey Mayor, Tyller Williamson. Thank you Interact members!!

Carmel Sunset Participated in the 2nd Annual **Over The Hill Softball Game** on April 16th Thank You Pamela Thayer and Mike Buffo for representing our club.





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South Africa

Unique African Safari

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If you're looking for a getaway that is iconic and truly memorable, come with us on an unforgettable journey and experience ... our **Unique Rotary African Safari**.

The 9-day Safari includes stays at Letaba Camp and the luxurious five-star Kings Camp in the famous Greater Kruger National Park, the domain of **Africa's Big Five - Lion, Elephant, Leopard, Rhino, and Buffalo**. Abundant plains game and birdlife abound.



A day on safari is a unique experience. Watch the sunrise whilst on a morning game drive, cameras clicking away to capture a lion roaring, or marvel at the beauty of a lilac-breasted roller. Spend your day relaxing in camp before the late afternoon game drive. Sunset, moonrise, discovering night wildlife in the African bush is a mix of awe and wonder!



It is our intention for the safaris to be unique and special for our guests. The 9-day safari is limited to only **SIX GUESTS** at the incredible price of only **US\$4590*** per person sharing (all-inclusive). Non-Rotarians are welcome. Polokwane Rotarians with guiding experience and a passion for wildlife will accompany the entire safari, providing that all-important personal service and seeing to your every need. Profits generated will be for worthy Rotary Community Service Projects. *Excludes international and domestic flights.

Comments by a previous safari participant:

"I'm still on Cloud 9! I can't thank you enough for the trip of a lifetime. I was very excited about the trip as visiting Africa has been a dream of mine for many, many years; however, I had no idea it would be like that. I assumed we'd be looking at animals thru binocs from quite a distance. To be surrounded by a pride of lions is something I will never, never forget! I realize that it's an experience very few people are privileged to have had." Sandi Hulstrom USA.

For more details and a full itinerary contact:
Rtn Charles Hardy charlois1044@gmail.com



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1st Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

May 20, 2023

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For further information please contact: Vickie Bimat (559)791-5410 or Lina Contreras (559)836-7589



You're invited to Imagine What's Next...

Registration is now open for the 2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia.

Whether you're new to Rotary or a longtime member, the convention will be an unforgettable experience.

Register today at: <https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne>

Golf at the Melbourne Convention

My dear Rotary friends,

The Rotary International convention is coming to Melbourne next May, and the citizens of this great city are really looking forward to welcoming you.

One of the things for which Melbourne is renowned is the Sand Belt of eight world-class golf courses, and one of them is Victoria Golf Club, site of the Australian Open in November 2022. Because many Rotarians would enjoy the opportunity to play on such a course, we have arranged for a Rotary day at Victoria G C on Friday 26th May 2023 (the convention starts on Sunday 28th May).



<https://www.victoriagolf.com.au/cms/>

The net proceeds of this day will be contributed to the Polio Eradication campaign, which you know is Rotary's highest humanitarian priority. There will be no PHF credits or other TRF recognition attached to this event, but players will have the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped eradicate polio while having a fun day of golf.

There is a morning group and an afternoon group, and transportation will be arranged from and to the *Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre*. Light Refreshments plus drinks will be provided for each group.

Ride on carts are very limited in number and can only be made available to those with a genuine medical certificate. Push/pull buggies are provided. Clubs are available for hire if required. If you require either a cart or clubs, please contact Victoria Golf Club directly at golfshop@victoriagolf.com.au before you register.

The cost for participants is AUD\$550, which represents excellent value for this rare opportunity. Numbers are limited, so don't delay.

Use the accompanying QR code to book via the *Host Organising Committee* website. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Melbourne.

Book Here



<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/events>

Ian Riseley

Chair of Trustees for The Rotary Foundation.



Here are seven reasons you'll want to attend the 2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne.

1. You'll (re)connect with the Rotary family.

The last [Rotary International Convention](#), in Houston, was proof there's nothing like connecting face to face. But for many Rotary members in the Asia-Pacific region, where COVID-19 restrictions complicated travel plans, Melbourne will be their first in-person convention in four years. With five districts (representing more than 250 Rotary and Rotaract clubs) across the state of Victoria hosting the event, it's sure to be a big reunion.

2. You'll explore the world — all in one place.

The convention is the best way to appreciate Rotary's global scale and reach, says Rebecca Fry, founding chair of RYLA ([Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#)) Oceania and charter president of the Rotary Club of Social Impact Network, New South Wales. "The House of Friendship is a true festival of Rotary, showcasing our organization's fellowships, action groups, and community projects from around the world."

3. You'll discover cities within a city.

The coastal metropolis is known as the Australian capital of culture, food, sports, architecture, and theater. It's also a shopping mecca. Mary Barry, chair of the [Host Organization Committee](#), proudly notes Melbourne's regular recognition as one of the world's most livable cities. It is a family friendly place where visitors will feel instantly welcomed and at ease. "The city looks after its tourists with excellent public transport to unique attractions," says Roslyn Teirney, an assistant Rotary public image coordinator for Zone 8 and a member of the Rotary Club of North Hobart, Tasmania.

4. You'll be inspired.

Rotary conventions are all about an exchange of ideas. And each year's gathering brings you big name speakers to inspire, connect, and spur solutions to the world's toughest challenges. Just look at the list of some past speakers: Bill Gates, Justin Trudeau, Mikhail Gorbachev, and Princess Anne of the United Kingdom. "While still early to announce 2023 program highlights, be assured only outstanding international speakers will take part," says HOC Chair Barry.

5. You'll get your kangaroo fix.

Experience quintessential Australia with a visit to the Melbourne Zoo for a close-up and safe encounter with some of the world's most unusual, cute, and dangerous species — kangaroos, koalas, snakes, spiders, crocodiles, wombats, and platypuses. Just 13 miles northeast of Melbourne's central business district, the Gresswell Forest nature reserve provides spectacular sightings of eastern gray kangaroos, says Jennifer Scott, a past district governor and member of the Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains. Need more cuteness? Head to Phillip Island, 75 miles southeast of Melbourne, and check out the largest colony of little penguins in the world.

6. You'll feel energized.

Looking for a place to hang out with all your new Rotary friends once the day is over? Melbourne has endless options. Laura Telford, chair of the Rotaract Australia multidistrict information organization and member of the Rotaract Club of Canberra, describes Melbourne as another of the famous cities that "never sleep." "Visitors will enjoy jumping on one of more than 475 trams that cover 250 kilometers [155 miles] of track to take you to every corner of this exciting city."

7. You'll want to see more of Australia.

While the distance can be a challenge in traveling to Melbourne, visitors may fly in to Sydney, Brisbane, Darwin, or Perth to make the most of a unique travel opportunity by seeing other parts of Australia. "The Great Barrier Reef, Uluru and the Red Centre, our tropical north, and the rugged coast of Western Australia all present memorable sightseeing experiences," Scott says.



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