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Please note all articles or event info must be submitted by the 20th of each month to make next month's issue.

### Happy New Year!

By Debbie Hale



Me and Mr. Hale back home in sunny Capitola

Rotary District 5230 Governor, 2023/24

The start of a new year gives us a time to reflect upon what our goals are, and what we need to do to reach them. We're actually only halfway through our 2023/24 Rotary year, which means we have six months left to accomplish great things that we can extend into what promises to be a fabulous 2024/25 Rotary year.

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### Exciting Updates on Rotary's Rancho Cielo Vocational Training Program

By Mark John Grandcolas

District Vocational Service Chair (far right)

Many of you may have seen the recent national news that Rancho Cielo, the Monterey County Youth Campus for vocational training of at-risk youth, has won a national competition on tiny home construction. They have also received a \$200,000 grant from Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance to expand their Classic Car restoration vocational training program. This auto restoration program was started as a global grant project by the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and was supported by several Rotary clubs within District 5230. With this grant, and more from the State of California, Rancho Cielo intends to grow this Classic Car vocational training project into their next "marquee" program.

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### Club Training Assembly and PrePETS Training 2024

By Michael Rabara



District Governor Elect

Happy New Year to all of you! As we embark on our 2024 Rotary journey, I am excited that we have a great response for our 2024 District 5230 Club Training Assembly and Pre-President Elect Training at Justin Garza High School on Saturday January 13 from 8:30 to 1:00 pm. Click here: [CTA Registration Link](#) [Read More](#)

## Rotary Leadership Institute

By Jon Pree  
Area 6 Assistant Governor

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a training program established to substantially improve the Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of the future leaders of Rotary clubs and our District.

District 5230 is excited to bring this one-day training program to our members in 2024. We will be offering module one in the Valley on February 3 and again at the Coast on April 6. The course will run from 8 am to 3 pm.

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## District Conference Sponsorships Are Available! Come Play by the Bay in Monterey: May 10 - 12, 2024

By Michelle Coyle



District Conference Sponsorship Chair

Your District Conference Committee has been hard at work to bring you an outstanding conference to Come Play by the Bay in Monterey, May 10 - 12, 2024.

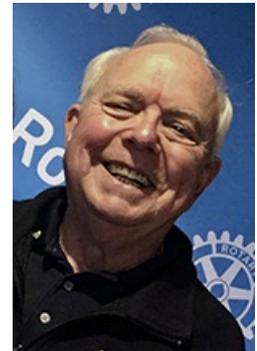
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## Your Personal Foundation Mentors

By Bruce Mackey  
District Foundation Chair

I'm honored to be your District Foundation Chair. While I was District Governor, I gave a lot of thought to what I would do after my term. It was actually a pretty easy question since I had been my Club Foundation Chair for many years and really enjoyed both the job and the cause. I applied to be the Chair at District level, a three year gig, and was approved. Yahoo! I put together an All-Star team of folks to assist Clubs with the Foundation.

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## PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY: New Members

By Joy Anderson



District 5230 Paul Harris Society Chair

I was so happy to present Dexter Farm from the Rotary Club of Monterey Bay Passport with his certificate and chevrons as our newest Paul Harris Society member in District 5230. As a bonus, he also received his pin and recognition for his first Paul Harris Fellow. That means not only has Dexter contributed \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation (Paul Harris Fellow), but he has pledged to continue to do so on an annual basis (Paul Harris Society). Dexter is currently the Public Image Chair for the Club. (Read Club Updates for fun photos!)

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## Will 2024 Be The Year We Eliminate Polio?

By Belinda I. Daguio  
Polio Plus Chair (pictured center)

Happy Happy New Year, My Rotary Family!

I hope that all of you had a joyous and healthy holiday season and you are ready for 2024 - I am ready! I always love the New Year because on January 1st we start the year with zero cases of Polio for the Year, my favorite number.

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## 5230 Membership Milestones!

By Rebecca Moser



Past District Governor , Membership Chair

WE ❤️ OUR MEMBERS

Welcome, new Rotarians! With much gratitude, congratulations to our members celebrating their 25+ years anniversary! Please scroll to see the list of names and years.

Each year Districts in Zones 26/27 are presented with awards for outstanding achievement in their District for the previous year. District 5230 received several awards related to Membership and New Clubs, and all Districts were thanked for their incredible support of our Rotary Foundation. Thank you to each and every member of District 5230 for your hard work, support and outstanding performance in

2022-2023!

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## The Darlene Acosta Youth Center: A Rotary Student Lounge Dedication

By Steve Adams  
King City Rotary , Area 4 Assistant Governor

The King City Rotary Club held a dedication ceremony at its December 6th meeting to celebrate the completion of the Darlene Acosta Youth Center Rotary Student Lounge. Gathering together at Sun Street Centers in King City, Rotary Clubs from the Salinas Valley, and local Rotarians, collaborated to sponsor, fund, furnish and install the furnishings of the student lounge, which is the primary feature of the new youth center. The King City Rotary Club partnered with the Rotary Clubs of Soledad, Gonzales, Salinas Valley Passport, Hartnell College Rotaract and King City Interact, along with individual Rotarians and their businesses, to fund the project and obtain a joint Rotary District 5230 grant to make this project possible.

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## Rotary District 5230 Celebrates a Successful Holiday Season Blood Drive



Pictured: Visalia County Center Rotarians Sam Logan and Merritt Wiseman (Santa and Mrs. Claus) doing their part to give blood during the holidays

As we bid farewell to another joyous holiday season, we are delighted to express our heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming support and participation in this year's Rotary District 5230 Holiday Blood Drive initiative. Your commitment to service and generosity has truly made a significant impact on our district communities, even in ways not always realized: "Postpartum hemorrhage can take a new mother's life in an instant. But with the right interventions and blood products, newborns still have their moms.

Every blood donor should know that they have the gratitude of obstetricians, surgeons, oncologists, and emergency medicine physicians. Every blood donor saves lives. Donating is just that impactful," shared Mark Wiseman, local Visalia surgeon. [Read More](#)

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