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July 2025: New Year, New Leadership

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Together, Rotarians Are United for Good



Brinet Greenlee
District Governor 2025/26

As we begin this new Rotary year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for the work you've done, the lives you've touched, and the spirit of service you embody. It is truly an honor to serve alongside each of you as your District Governor. I would like to first thank and appreciate Governor Michael Rabara for his commitment to all of us in District 5230. Under his magical leadership, our district reached new heights in service and in giving, and I know that we can continue our successes as we move forward.

This year, I invite us all to embrace the powerful theme: Unite for Good.

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Welcome From Our New International President

Francesco Arezzo, President
Rotary International, 2025-26

Two weeks ago, I was in my living room playing with my grandchildren. A few days later, I was on a plane to Calgary, suddenly carrying the responsibility of leading this incredible organization. Life comes fast, but so often, it brings us exactly where we're meant to be.

We begin this year with a clear message:

Unite for Good.



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New Rotary Year, New Newsletter Editor



PDG Debbie Hale, District Newsletter Editor

I was editing newsletter articles with a cat on my lap, Rascal, of team Rascal and Robbie, fondly remembering when our outgoing District Communications team formed. They were three Emerging Leaders at the 2022 Rotary Zone Institute in Salt Lake City. Over those four days, they bonded and created a team that would elevate our District communications program to a new level. I am so grateful to have had them as our Communications team during the past three years. Thank you, Lynda Patrick, Nick Grim and Merritt Wiseman for all you have done to enhance communications among Rotarians in District 5230!

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Camp ROYAL: New Rotary Year, New Opportunities

Reflecting on 2025 and Gearing Up for 2026

*Nic Giannandrea
Camp ROYAL Chair and Head Counselor*

Katie Wilbur, Camp ROYAL Girl's Camp Director

Happy New Rotary Year! As we turn the page to July and begin a fresh chapter of service and leadership, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible success of Camp ROYAL 2025 and look ahead to what's next. This June, we welcomed another outstanding group of high school juniors to Lake Sequoia for a week of leadership development, growth, and unforgettable experiences. From dynamic guest speakers and team challenges to personal breakthroughs and lasting friendships, the energy and impact of Camp ROYAL 2025 was unmatched. Thank you to every Club who sponsored students, cooked meals, and supported this life-changing opportunity—we couldn't do it without you.



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Register Now for the 2026 Far West Fest!

*Brinet Greenlee, District Governor
Joy Anderson, District 5230 Conference Chair*

Join us for an unforgettable weekend of connection, inspiration, and celebration at the Far West Fest, a five-District Rotary Conference on



May 1–3, 2026 at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno! **Good news: the Early-Bird Registration price of \$225 has been extended to July 12, 2025:** click [here](#) to register now.

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Luggage of Love: Uniting for Good to Benefit Foster Youth

Yvonne Zysling
Cultural Arts Rotary Club of Fresno

The Cultural Arts Rotary Club of Fresno, Visalia Sunset Rotary Club, and the Monterey Rotary Club are Uniting for Good in the July/August 2025 Luggage of Love: Suitcase Challenge to support foster youth, by donating your new or gently used suitcases, duffel bags, sports bags, and backpacks. Rotary Clubs throughout District 5230 are encouraged to collect luggage from club members, friends, family, and neighbors during July and August 2025.



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Foundation Update: And a Great Time Was Had By All



PDG Bruce Mackey, District Foundation Chair

The Foundation Gala was a great success and a good time was had by all! There were lots of awards to both people and clubs, good food and drink (except for the amazing disappearing tequila) and outstanding fellowship. I'll leave it to our District Governor to provide the details of how much money we raised overall but it was a great success. All of you who participated need to pat yourselves on the back.

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Meet Teresa Holman, Your New District Grants Chair

Teresa Holman, District Grants Chair

I have been a proud Rotarian since 2019 when I joined the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Since then, I transferred to the Carmel Valley Rotary, where I serve alongside my boyfriend, who is also a dedicated Rotarian. Over the past year and a half, I've had the great honor of being mentored by our outgoing Grants Chair Doug Brown, who has elevated our grants program to an outstanding level over the past four years. Doug's leadership and guidance have been invaluable, and I am glad he is staying on the grants team. I hope to make him proud as I take on the role of District 5230 Grants Chair, effective July 1, 2025.



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Polio Isn't Finished - But Neither Am I



Belinda Daguio, District End Polio Now Chair

If you've never been to a Rotary International Convention, put it on your bucket list—seriously. I just got back from Calgary, where I joined Rotarians from over 140 countries, and I'm still riding the wave of inspiration. We came from every corner of the world—different cultures, languages, and beliefs—but we all spoke the same language: Service Above Self. And for me, it meant everything to feel that kind of unity around a cause so close to my heart.

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Let's Grow Rotary!

PDG Becky Moser, District Membership Chair

I just attended the RI Convention in Calgary Canada, and growing Rotary is at the forefront of everyone's mind. I participated in a breakout session about "Starting your own Companion Club" as a member of the North American New Club Task Force. This group has a mission to make our clubs more accessible to those people who in their hearts are Rotarians, but perhaps can't meet the requirements of a traditional club due to work, family or other barriers. This team of dedicated Rotarians wants to help you step-by-step to explore options to make your club more accessible to those that want to join us, and will assist you with completing the process.



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**** Club Events ****

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