

June 2025: Fellowship Month

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Fellowship is the Foundation

By Michael J. Rabara



District Governor 5230

As this Rotary year draws to a close, I find myself thinking back, and savoring the memories — not just on what we've accomplished, but on who we've become together.

Serving as District Governor for Rotary District 5230 has been one of the greatest honors of my life. It has also been deeply humbling. I've traveled our incredible District and seen first-hand the power of Rotary in action: service projects that meet real needs, fundraisers that bring communities together, and Rotarians who live out "Service Above Self" with grit, grace, and joy.

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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.

5230 Communications Team Chair

As I wrap up my three-year term as Chair of Public Image and the Communications Committee, I want to take a moment to reflect with immense gratitude on the incredible journey we've had—and especially to thank two extraordinary Rotarians, Merritt Wiseman and Nick Grim.
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Connected by Fellowship: Celebrating June with Rotary

By Merritt D. Wiseman



5230 Newsletter Editor

(Photo: DG Mike at Visalia County Center Rotary, Merritt's home club.)

As part of your District Communications Team, I get the privilege of seeing and sharing the incredible stories happening all across District 5230—and one thing shines through every time: fellowship.

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5230 in Action: Events and Happenings

As we wrap up an incredible Rotary year, let's come together to celebrate the milestones we've reached—Rotary-style—with BBQ, ice cream, karaoke, and plenty of good cheer!

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A Million Reasons to Celebrate

By Michael J. Rabara

District Governor 5230

What a night! The Million Dollar Gala was more than just a celebration—it was a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we believe in something bigger than ourselves.

This year, Rotary District 5230 proudly raised **over one million dollars for The Rotary Foundation**. That number is more than a milestone—it's a promise. It's clean water flowing in villages that had none. It's children being vaccinated against polio in the last corners of the world where it still threatens. It's women receiving literacy training, families gaining access to medical care, and peacebuilders being trained for the future.

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Leveling Up Together!

By Brinet Mullen Greenlee



District Governor Elect

Wow—what an incredible adventure PETS was! Getting to connect with all of you incoming Club Presidents felt like discovering a secret power-up in the Rotary game. The energy, the passion, the laughter—you all brought such heart to the weekend, and I left inspired and ready to hit the ground running.

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Get Ready: FAR WEST FEST 2026 is Coming

By Brinet Mullen Greenlee

District Governor Elect

Hey there, 5230! It's not too early to start dreaming about our Rotary 2025–26 District Conference—and trust us, you won't want to miss this one!

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Building Hope in Uganda: A Rotary International Service Journey

By Robert Cullen

King City Rotary Club

A Journey of Service and Heart:

In April 2025, a diverse team of Rotarians and Interact Club members embarked on a life-changing service journey to Uganda. Led by Steve Adams of the King City Rotary Club, the group departed San Francisco International Airport on April 11 and returned home on April 22. Over the course of twelve incredible days, they brought hope, education, and opportunity to communities partnered with the Youth Focus Africa Foundation (YOFAFO). This trip was about more than just travel or charity — it was about connection, empowerment, and building a better future for some of the world's most resilient and inspiring people.

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It Didn't Work Out Until It Did: An Ongoing Service

Opportunity

By Michael Djubasak



Monterey Peninsula Sunrise Rotary

Imagine, if you will, a child with a severe disability unable to participate in activities such as school, therapy or doctor's appointments or even a trip to the grocery store with Mom because of a lack of mobility. Imagine a parent carrying a child from birth until their teen years or beyond because there was no access to a wheelchair. These families are without resources and are sometimes encouraged to abandon their child because the burden of caring for them is overwhelming. We help them. For free.

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Fellowship First: Where Rotary Gets Real

By Rebecca Moser

PDG, 5230 Membership Chair

Rotary has historically been referred to as a Service Organization, but that thought process has been changing. Recently, Rotary leadership has been calling us a Membership Organization that provides Service. I agree with that because most of what we experience in Rotary is in our clubs.

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And a Good (Great) Time Was Had By All

By Bruce D. Mackey



District 5230 Foundation Chair, PDG

Well the Gala came off and a good time was had by all. Lots of awards to both people and Club, 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 we did overall but it was a great success and all of you who participated need to pat yourselves on the back.

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From the Heart: A Note from Your PolioPlus Chair

By Belinda I. Daguio

District 5230 PolioPlus Chair

As we draw to the close of another Rotary year, I just want to take a moment—coffee in hand—to say thank you. Thank you for your support, your kindness, and for welcoming me with such open arms at your club meetings, your fundraisers, your special events, and everywhere in between. It's been such a joy to serve as your PolioPlus Chair and to witness firsthand the passion and generosity that lives in every corner of our district.

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