



# Newsletter

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## What Does the Rotary Foundation Mean to You?

By Debbie Hale



Rotary District 5230 Governor, 2023/24

The Rotary Foundation means many different things to Rotarians. To some, the Foundation may be a way to receive recognition by the District which, in fact, will happen for our top giving clubs and individuals at our November Foundation lunches. Or, the Foundation may be how individuals show their support for Rotary, by wearing their Paul Harris Fellowship or Bequest Society pins at our multi-club gatherings. To others, the Rotary Foundation represents our flagship project, ending polio throughout the world. For me, the value of our

Rotary Foundation is that it enables our clubs to make an impact much greater than they could do alone.

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## Embracing Gratitude: A Rotarian's Perspective

By Merritt D. Wiseman

District 5230 Membership Engagement Chair

As we navigate the complexities of our daily lives, it's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle, focusing on our to-do lists and obligations. But let's take a moment to reflect on the power of gratitude, a cornerstone of Rotary's core values.

Gratitude is more than a fleeting feeling of thankfulness; it's a mindset that can profoundly impact our lives and the lives of those we serve. When we approach life with a grateful heart, it's as if we unlock a treasure trove of positive emotions and transformative experiences.

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## We Came, We Conquered, We Inspired. Run/Walk/Ride 2023 is in the Books!

By Belinda I. Daguio

Polio Chair District 5230

I would like to thank every single one of you that participated in the

event info must be submitted by the 20th of each month to make next month's issue.



Run Walk or Ride (RWR) across the Golden Gate Bridge to STOMP out Polio! We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day to celebrate World Polio Day (a few days early). It was sunny, warm and there was little to no wind.

It was such a delight to me to see Rotarians in red T-shirts all over that bridge, the parking lot, and the Golden Gate Bridge Plaza, and it tickled me that, even though I wanted us to stay together, the excitement was too high and everyone left me to get on that bridge!

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## Wandering Rotarians Visit the School of St. Jude in Tanzania

By Laurel Ashlock  
Cultural Arts Rotary Club



*Some of the students attending the School of St. Jude sponsored by Cultural Arts Rotarians and friends*

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## Low Club Attendance? Venue Issues? NO PROBLEM!

By Michael J. Rabara  
District Governor-Elect

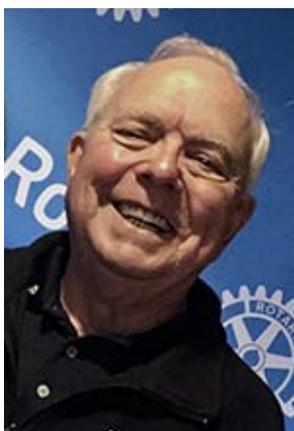
Pre-COVID, we had thriving clubs, amazing service projects, and phenomenal meetings. Then, BAM! Everything closed, in-person communication and networking - all gone! Rotarians had nowhere to go for their weekly meetings. Eventually, the Zoom unicorn came to the rescue. We found a way to reconnect with each other. Things started to get better because we got to see and talk with one another.

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# Rotary Foundation Update: Entitlement and Obligation

By Bruce Mackey



Past District Governor; District 5230 Foundation Chair

Most of us living in the US are taught, early in our education, those things to which we are entitled. "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" are enshrined in our heritage as fundamental rights. That's one of the wonderful aspects of our country, making it so attractive throughout the world. Many of us, not only here in the US but in many other countries, recognize that these entitlements bring with them an obligation to, as much as we can, share some of these opportunities with those people with little or no opportunity to improve their condition.

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## Paul Harris Society New Inductees

By Joy Gonzales Anderson

Past District Governor; District 5230 Paul Harris Society Chair

District 5230 is proud to introduce you to our latest inductees into the Paul Harris Society. These three members are being recognized for agreeing to contribute \$1,000 annually to The Rotary Foundation -

**Susan Winey**, *Rotary Club of Visalia*; **Belinda Daguio**, *Rotary Club of Monterey Pacific*; and **Harold Phillips**, *Rotary Club of Selma*.

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## Membership Matters

By Rebecca Moser



IPDG, District Membership Chair



We're very excited to welcome our newest red badgers to our Rotary District 5230 Family!

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## Upcoming Events

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## For Maui - A Thank You letter to District 5230!

On behalf of District 5230, I would like to convey a heartfelt thanks to all the Rotarians and Clubs that donated to our Maui Fire Relief Fund. Your response and generosity was truly felt across the Pacific Ocean. Your true Ohana spirit was evident during this appeal for help.  
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