

# Rotary

## District 5230



# UNITE FOR GOOD

## February 2026: Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution

### DISTRICT EVENTS

February 2nd  
[Global Grants and Projects Team](#)

February 7th  
[Central Valley Interact Conference](#)  
**CANCELLED!**

February 12th  
[District 5230 Membership Committee](#)

March 6th  
[Far West Pres-Elect Learning Seminar](#)

May 1st  
[Far West Fest - 2026 District Conference](#)

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### Peacemaking Starts at Home



*Brinet Greenlee  
District Governor*

February is an important month for Rotarians around the world. It is our annual focus on Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, reminding us that Rotary is not only about service projects, but also about building understanding, respect, and peace in our communities and across the globe. [Read More](#)

### New Rotary Peace Center Coming to Pune, India



*Rotary Archie*

Rotary International is proud to announce a major milestone in our global peacebuilding efforts: The Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University in Pune, India. This new center will bring Rotary's celebrated Peace Fellowship program to the heart of South Asia. [Read More](#)

### Far West Fest District Conference: May 1 - 3

*Joy Anderson, PDG  
District Conference Chair*

Rotarians from across the Far West will gather May 1–3, 2026 in Reno, Nevada, for the Far West Fest Multi-District Conference, a dynamic three-day event bringing together five Rotary districts. The conference will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort and is expected to draw around 800 attendees for learning, service, and fellowship. [Read More](#)

Include an article title and a high-resolution photo of yourself, plus photos for the article.



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## District Interact Speech Contest is on March 28



*Rob Slawinski  
Carmel By-The-Sea Rotary Club*

The Carmel Rotary Club will host the 2026 Interact Speech Contest at the Carmel Foundation on Saturday, March 28 beginning at 10:00 am. Each Club within our District is encouraged to send one High School student from their Interact Club to compete for a Top Interact District Award for this competition. The top competitors from each part of the District will be eligible to compete at the Far West Fest District Conference in Reno, Nevada, May 1 - 3. [Read More](#)

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## Interact Clubs to Help School in Ukraine



*Lina Contreras  
District Interact Chair*

We are delighted to report that following our Interact conference in Monterey County last November, four Interact clubs started planning for an international service project, demonstrating the spirit of partnership and service.

Congratulations to Corral de Tierra Rotary and Salinas Alisal Rotary clubs in supporting, mentoring and guiding their Interact clubs in fundraising for this humanitarian project. Palma HS Interact and Alisal HS Interact clubs have also joined the cause to Unite for Good!

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## Past District Governor Becky Moser Bids Farewell

*Becky Moser  
Past District Governor*

It's official, Tom and I are moving to St. Louis to be with



our family. We have loved our 12 years in California. We have met so many wonderful people and seen so many beautiful places. To my Rotary family in the [Rotary Club of Clovis](#) and [Rotary District 5230](#), it has been an honor and privilege to serve with you. [Read More](#)

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### In Memoriam: Linda Mackey



It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Linda Mackey, a cherished member of our Rotary family. Linda passed away suddenly, peacefully in her sleep.

Linda was the 2025-26 president of the Hanford Sunset Rotary Club, a proud Arch Klumph Society member, and a Rotarian whose commitment to service and generosity reflected the very best of our organization.

She was also the beloved wife of our District Foundation Chair and Past District Governor, Bruce Mackey.

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### Our District is Putting Your Foundation Dollars to Work



*Teresa Holman  
District Grants Chair*

Did you know that 50% of your Rotary Foundation donations come back to our District in the form of *District Designated Funds* three years later? These District Designated Funds exist to support the incredible work our clubs do in our communities and around the world. When you write a Global Grant, the District uses these monies to match all club funds, and the Rotary Foundation matches District funds at a rate of 80% — turning modest investments into transformational projects. [Read More](#)

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**Rotarians Serve their Community  
With A Holiday Turkey Drive**



*Ana Carretero*  
*President, Lindsay Foothill Rotary*

The Lindsay Foothill Rotary, in partnership with the City of Lindsay Wellness Center, proudly hosted the 6th Annual Turkey and Food Drive-Thru Giveaway on Sunday, November 16, 2025. This project was made possible by the District 5230 grant program that is offered every year. Lindsay Foothill was one of 19 clubs that received a District Grant for their own projects within Rotary's seven areas of focus; Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mothers and Children, Supporting Education, Growing Local Economies, and Protecting the Environment. [Read More](#)

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## Polio Eradication Is an Act of Peace



*Belinda Daguio*  
*Polio Plus Chair*

February is Rotary's Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, and I take peacemaking seriously. Not as a slogan, not as an abstract idea—but as a daily practice. Peacemaking is a discipline. It is a conscious, repeated choice to move humanity forward.

In that way, peacemaking and polio eradication are one and the same. [Read More](#)

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## Ride to End Polio Gets a New Rider and his Mascot



*Jerry Linscheid*  
*Reedley Rotary Club*

November 22, 2025 began cold, clear and windy: just the right conditions for a 100-mile bike ride. A few minutes after the gun went off, Jerry Linscheid and Cal Gary crossed the start line to begin their ride around Tucson (along with 11,000 other riders). Seven hours and twenty-two minutes later, they would cross the finish line in 1426th place, just before the rain clouds opened up. [Read More](#)

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## What to Do? Ways to Raise Money for the Rotary Foundation



*Bruce Mackey, PDG  
District Foundation Chair*

By this time, you and your club are out of the holiday doldrums and looking towards your 2026 activities. However, at this point in the year, some clubs find themselves rudderless — not sure how to finish up the year strongly. I have a couple of suggestions and, of course, several of them have to do with supporting the Rotary Foundation. [Read More](#)

## Rotary Foundation: Top Ten Donating Clubs



Here are the top ten club rankings as of December 2025 in these four categories: Annual Fund - Per Capita Giving, Annual Fund - Total Club Giving, Polio Plus, and Total Foundation Giving.

Kudos to these Rotary clubs who are on all four top ten lists:

Carmel Valley  
Fig Garden  
Monterey Bay Passport  
North Fresno  
Visalia County Center

It's not too late for your club to make it onto one of these club recognition lists! [Read More](#)

## Rotary Membership: A Powerful Force for Peace



*Becky Moser, PDG  
District Membership Chair*

Rotary membership is more than fellowship and service. It is a commitment to creating a more peaceful, just, and equitable world. Through education, advocacy, and hands-on action, Rotary members help prevent conflict, build understanding, and strengthen communities, proving that peace is possible when people unite to serve. [Read More](#)

**Welcome to Our Newest Rotarians!**

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Mary Remley (right) becomes the newest member of Clovis Rotary Club at 99 years old!

## Congratulations to Rotarians with 25+ Years of Service!




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## Club and District Events



District 5230 Rotarians visiting Guadalajara, Mexico for a Hospital Service project (and touring!)



Have fun with your fellow Rotarians! Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- February 3: Vision Board Creating and Fun, Monterey Bay Passport Rotary
- February 5: East Fresno Rotary Club Cioppino Dinner
- February 7: Hanford Rotary Crab Feed
- February 8: Salinas Alisal Rotary Superbowl Watch Party
- February 9: Mental Health Initiatives Rotary Action Group, with Gordon McInally
- February 19: Rotary's New Peace Center in Pune, India - webinar
- February 28: Clovis Rotary Crab Feed
- March 6 - 8: Presidents-Elect Learning Seminar, San Jose
- March 7: Kerman Rotary Crab Feed
- March 13: Tulare Rotary Crab Feed
- March 21: The Great Steak Out, Hanford Sunset Rotary
- March 27: Shake, Rattle and Roll Fundraiser, Visalia Rotary
- March 28: District Interact Speech Contest, Carmel Foundation
- May 1 - 3: Far West Fest District Conference, Reno, Nevada

[Read More](#) about these events by clicking here.

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