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March 2026: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

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Rotarians Know that Water is Life



*Brinet Greenlee
District Governor*

March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Month for Rotary International—a time to spotlight one of Rotary's most transformative areas of focus. Around the world, access to clean water and safe sanitation remains one of the most pressing challenges facing developing communities. Waterborne diseases, inadequate sanitation facilities, and limited hygiene education continue to impact health, school attendance, and economic opportunity. Through WASH initiatives, Rotary members are helping to change that reality—one community at a time. [Read More](#)

Thailand Water & Sanitation Project Nears Completion — A Transformative Global Project



*Samantha Rummage- Mathias
Past President
Visalia County Center Rotary Club*

Our highly successful Thailand Water and Sanitation Global Grant Project is now approaching full completion. Spearheaded by the Fig Garden Rotary Club of Fresno in partnership with the Chiang Mai International Rotary Club, this \$330,000 project has nearly completed construction of clean water and sanitation systems in 21 remote villages across the northern jungle highlands of Thailand. [Read More](#)

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Rotarians Send Crockpots to Help Ukrainians During Wartime



Doug Brown
International Chair
Corral de Tierra Rotary

In communicating with their friends at the Rotary Club of Kharkiv Nadiya, the Rotary Club of Corral de Tierra learned that people living near Stariy Saltiv in Ukraine had to flee their village due to war. When asked what they needed, they said they needed crockpots to cook hot meals. To meet this need, the Rotary Clubs of Corral de Tierra, Salinas Steinbeck, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Carmel Valley Rotaries partnered with Church of the Good Shepherd and raised \$7,500,

which funded 140 crockpots. [Read More](#)

Judging the District Interact Speech Contest



Rob Slawinski
Carmel By-The-Sea Rotary

We have finalized the judging criteria for the District 5230 Interact Speech Contest, to be hosted by the Carmel Rotary Club at the Carmel Foundation on Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 am. Clubs are encouraged to hold their own contests using similar criteria to select a winner and runner-up to send to the competition to compete for a \$500 District-sponsored award. Several schools have indicated an interest in participating, including Carmel High, Everett Alvarez (Salinas) and York School

(Monterey). More schools are welcome to join in — it's all up to your club to select the speakers. [Read More](#)

Strong Clubs Begin with Strong Leadership



Susan Winey
District Governor-Elect

Join us on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 10:00 am in Visalia for our **Club Leadership Learning Seminar**, a focused and practical training designed for club presidents, presidents-elect, secretaries, treasurers, committee chairs, and emerging leaders. This seminar supports meaningful, role-based learning opportunities that equip club leaders for success and aligns with Rotary's commitment to ongoing leadership development at the club level. (My dog Bandit will not be able to make it, but we will still have a lot of fun!)

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Far West Fest Sponsorships Now Available!



Some people may be taking the train to the Far West Fest — our multi-district conference on May 1 - 3 in Reno — now that sounds like great fun! But if you really want to go the extra mile, your club or business can become a conference sponsor. There are many sponsorship levels, including program ads and in-kind donations. Sponsorship commitments are due by April 1. Get more details by clicking *read more*.

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Get Involved With Youth Leadership at Camp ROYAL



Nic Giannandrea
District Camp ROYAL Chair

Our fabulous Rotary youth leadership academy, Camp ROYAL, will be taking place June 7 - 12, 2026. Information has already been sent out to Rotary Clubs, and we truly appreciate everyone who has begun early outreach and conversations with student applicants. Information and documents to assist your club in selecting campers are available on our Rotary District and Club database (DaCdb) via the link [here](#). The final date for submittal of all camper information to me is April 1, 2026 (no foolin!). For those looking to support Camp ROYAL even more, keep reading.

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War, What Is It Good For? Absolutely Nothing



With District Governor Brinet Greenlee in Avenal

Bruce Mackey, PDG
District Foundation Chair

In February, Rotary observed Peace Building and Conflict Prevention Month. As someone who has seen war close up on several occasions and held his breath as my sons went off to war four times, I've got to agree with the lyrics above. That is, unless our freedom and safety are threatened. I strongly believe that Rotary's Peace Building and Conflict Prevention are a very noble and worthy cause that we should all support both with our efforts and financial resources. Rotary is doing wonderful things around the globe to reduce conflict and heal the scars of war.

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Congratulations to the Top Ten Donating Clubs as of January 2026



Thank you to all the clubs who have donated so generously. Here are the results for the month of January, 2026. The number of asterisks(*) next to the club's name indicates how many of the Top Ten lists the club appears on this month. Remember, there is plenty of time to make a donation that brings your club onto one of these lists!

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Understanding Polio Buzz Words



*Belinda Daguio
Polio Plus Chair*

Every week I post Facebook updates on Polio and I realized that the terminology I use may be a little foreign to some people. So, I thought it would be a good idea to elaborate on these terms in the newsletter. That way, when you read my Facebook post, you will understand a little more about Rotary's work in eliminating this deadly disease.

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Small Events, Big Impact: How Simple Gatherings Can Bring New Members to Rotary



*Becky Moser, PDG
District Membership Chair*

Growing a Rotary club doesn't always require large fundraisers or elaborate programs. In fact, some of the most effective membership-building moments happen in small, relaxed settings where people can experience Rotary's spirit of service and fellowship firsthand. These low-pressure events create natural opportunities for conversation,

connection, and curiosity, exactly what prospective members need to feel welcome.

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Congratulations to Our Members with 25+ Years of Rotary Service!



Kudos to Don Freeman for celebrating 53 years with the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Don served as the City Attorney for several municipalities in Monterey County. Word is that he retired in 2019, but then again, we thought he retired in 2017, too, so who knows. Congratulations, Don!

As of this month, the Rotarians listed below have 25 or more years of membership. You'll see several distinguished names from clubs around our District. Thank you to all of our 25+ anniversary members for your long-term dedication to Service Above Self!

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Welcome to Our Newest Rotarians!



Our District 5230 Rotary clubs inducted 14 new members in February, including Bob Greenlee, spouse of our District Governor Brinet Greenlee.

Congratulations to all our clubs with new members. To our new Rotarians, welcome! To see the list, click on the *read more* link.

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Rotarians in the News: Ramon Resa, Porterville

*Charles Wisnand
Reprinted Courtesy of the Porterville Reporter*

What began more than a decade ago as a project featuring the inspirational story of Porterville [Rotarian] Dr. Ramon Resa has become the inspiration for others to share their similar stories. The end result of Resa's story is now a reality in the documentary "Migrant Child Farmworkers: Now High-Profile Professionals." A film screening for the documentary will be held on March 11 at Claremont McKenna College and Resa will participate in the



screening.

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Club and District Events



Join Rotarians for learning, fellowship and fun - you never know who might show up - like these Rotarians at the Santa Cruz Warriors basketball game who ran into RI President Nominee Larry Lunsford! (He's from Kansas City, go figure.)

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events: (click [read more](#) for details)

- March 6 - 8: Presidents-Elect Learning Seminar, San Jose
 - March 7: Kerman Rotary Crab Feed
 - March 7: King City Rotary Centennial Celebration
 - March 13: Tulare Rotary Crab Feed
 - March 14: Pigs, Pinot and More, Salinas Downtown Rotary
 - March 21: The Great Steak Out, Hanford Sunset Rotary
 - March 21: Reedley Rotary's 43rd Annual Auction & Dinner
 - March 27: Shake, Rattle and Roll Fundraiser, Visalia Rotary
 - March 28: District Interact Speech Contest, Carmel Foundation
 - April 10: Women's Conference, sponsored by Reedley and Selma Rotary Clubs
 - April 11: Lemoore Rotary Food Drive
 - April 18: Club Leadership Learning Seminar, Visalia
 - May 1 - 3: Far West Fest District Conference, Reno, Nevada
 - June 7 - 12: Camp ROYAL, Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly, Lake Sequoia
 - June 13 - 17: Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan
 - June 15: Big West Breakfast at the Convention [Read More](#)
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