



October 2020: Community and Economic Development

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Let us know what your club is doing!
Email us at editor5230@gmail.com and we will print your article or Event flyer in the next newsletter. Put text in the body of the email (not in

Building Stronger Futures: Rotary's Commitment to Community and Economic Development



*Brinet Greenlee
District Governor*

Rotary's theme for October of Community and Economic Development reminds us that lasting change begins with local action. Around the world, Rotarians and partners dedicate themselves to projects that not only meet immediate needs but also lay the foundation for sustainable growth. My personal example comes from Tanzania, where our team of Rotary volunteers worked side by side with villagers to build rain catchment systems.

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Club Leadership Learning Seminar: A Day of Inspiration and Growth

*Brinet Greenlee
District Governor*

On September 20th Rotarians from across the district came together for a powerful day of learning, fellowship, and leadership development. The program featured an outstanding keynote address on literacy by Jean Irwin Hatfield, shown in the photo, left.

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The 2025/26 District Grants Are Funded



*Teresa Holman
District Grants Chair*

Exciting news, Rotary District 5230 family! Rotary International has approved district grant funding that will empower the nineteen clubs listed below to launch new, high-impact projects across our region.

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Vote for Our District Council on Legislation Representative



*Debbie Hale
Past District Governor*

It is time for your club to vote on our 2028 Council on Legislation Representative! The Council on Legislation is Rotary International's body of representatives that meets every three years to vote on proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Ballots, voting and candidate information will be sent to your Club President and Secretary the first week of October. Your Club must email its ballot no later than 5:00 pm on November 1 to halerotary@gmail.com in order to be counted.

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Tulare Rotary Kicks Off the District Blood Drive With Gusto!



Kevin Kenoyer
District Community Service Chair

The Tulare Rotary's September 11 Memorial event isn't just a blood drive, it's a citywide party. They served food all day — the pulled pork sandwiches and root beer floats were delicious. Rotarians joined Kiwanians, members of the Sikh Temple and several churches. No wonder they had 566 blood donors in one day! I even donated a "double red" for double the credit. A big shout-out to the organizer, Jason Bender of the Tulare Rotary Club, and the staff of the Central California Blood Center. This event was the perfect kick-off for our Districtwide Rotary blood drive.

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Mark Your Calendars: Interact Conference is Saturday, November 8



Lina Contreras
District Interact Chair

Our District 5230 Interact Conference is on Saturday, November 8 - right around the corner! Please communicate with your Interact club advisors and Interactors and encourage them to come to Salinas High School for this important leadership and learning event. Click [here](#) to sign up, or use the QR code on the flyer below.

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Our Rotary Uganda Friend is Coming to Monterey County



Debbie Hale, PDG
District International Service Chair

Rotary gives you the chance to meet caring people who are making a difference around the world, such as Rotarian Valence Rutaisire. Working his way up from an orphanage in rural Uganda, Valence attended University in the United States. After getting degrees, he returned home to help others in his village get the chance for a better life. Hear Valence tell his amazing story when he visits Monterey County Rotary Clubs.

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From Togo to Fresno: Bringing Clean Water to Africa



*Mike Andritch, PDG
Fig Garden Rotary Club President*

I have an amazing story to tell about Fig Garden Rotarian Edjona (Ed) Ehe (Pronounced A-HAY), and a global grant that we are working on to provide clean water to a village in his native country of Togo, in west Africa.

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Far West Fest District Conference Registration Information is Here!



*Brinet Greenlee
District Governor*

I hope you are planning to attend the Far West Fest District Conference on May 1 - 3, 2026 at the Grand Sierra Hotel in Reno. By using the link below you can access all the information, as well as register, for this five-district event. It promises to be a fabulous event that you won't want to miss. Sign up here at

<https://bit.ly/FarWestFest2026>

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Ride, Walk or Run Across the Golden Gate Bridge to End Polio



*Belinda Daguio
District 5230 Polio Plus/Polio Society Chair*

Hey friends — it's that time again! We're gearing up for the Run Walk Ride event across the Golden Gate Bridge to End Polio, and let me tell you, this year is going to be bigger, bolder, and more fun than ever.

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Give the Gift of Giving



*Bruce Mackey, PDG
District Foundation Chair*

Do any of you know a miserable human being? I mean somebody who is unhappy most of the time and loves to share their unhappiness with as many people as possible. Why are they that way? Their outlook may be totally justified. Some folks have lived a very hard life with plenty of setbacks and tragedies. In many cases, they've been worn down by life and don't seem to have or even care about a purpose in their own lives. Want to give them a purpose? How about giving them the gift of giving?

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Grow Rotary's Membership to Increase Our Impact



*Becky Moser, PDG
District Membership Chair*

Growing Rotary International isn't just about increasing numbers—it's about amplifying impact. Here's why expansion matters.

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Luggage of Love Supports Foster Children



*Yvonne Zysling
Past President, Cultural Arts Rotary Club*

Thank you to everyone who supported the *Luggage of Love: Suitcase Challenge* this year! Due to your efforts, we donated 375 pieces of luggage to the Fresno County Office of Social Services, Foster Youth Division on Thursday, September 4.

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Club and District Events



Unlike poor Rascal here, Rotarians have no reason to be bored because there are so many exciting events going on near us! Here are the dates for the events listed in flyers below:

October 1 - Nov 18: Pies for Polio,
<https://tinyurl.com/piesforpolio>

October 11: Ride, Run, Walk
across the Golden Gate Bridge to End Polio

November 5: Valley Rotary Foundation Luncheon

November 6: Coast Rotary Foundation Luncheon

November 8: Interact Conference,
Salinas High School

November 8: Tulare Sunrise Rotary Veteran's Day Run

December 11: Rotary Commemorates the United Nations turning 80, San Francisco

March 6 - 8, 2026: Far West President-Elect Learning Session, San Jose

May 1-3, 2026: [Far West Fest](#): 5-District Conference, Reno

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