

IMPACT! e-bulletin



April 15, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

Rotary Environment Month: A Cleaner, Greener Future

By Sue Archibald

Rotarians see the world as their backyard, understanding that climate change affects us all. That's why they take action—leading projects, advocating policy changes, and planning for a sustainable future. In 2020, Rotary reaffirmed its commitment by making the Environment its seventh area of focus.

This year's Arizona Week of Service, kicking off on Earth Day, is all about environmental initiatives. Each year, the Arizona Rotary districts choose a key focus, and for 2025, the District Governors have made the Environment their top priority. Across the state, Rotarians will roll up their sleeves for river and park clean-ups, recycling drives, beautification efforts, tree plantings, and more.



As we celebrate Earth Day this month, I want to shine a light on the incredible work of the **Tucson Verde Rotary Club**. Founded in 2021 as a cause-based club, its members are deeply committed to service, lifelong learning, and friendship. They pour their energy into sustainability projects, proving that no effort is too small to make a difference—because every action counts!

A special thank you to the Tucson Area and Yuma Area Rotary Clubs for leading River Clean-up efforts along the Rillito and Colorado Rivers.

Together, we can create a cleaner, greener future—one project at a time!



Rotary Days of Service IMPACT

Rotary clubs, please take pre-/post- photos of your environmental project.

This is one way to share the impact of your club's project through visuals. A Google doc will be sent out next week to club presidents to share your service project volunteer data and photos. We would like to share this information in our Rotary in Action Quarterly.

Thank you for your dedicated planning and future participation in your upcoming Rotary Service project focused on supporting the environment.

Scheduled for April 22-26, your project will have a significant impact on promoting environmental sustainability and raising awareness about conservation efforts. Your commitment to this noble cause is deeply appreciated. Together, we will be undertaking various activities aimed at protecting and nurturing our environment, including community clean-ups and educational efforts. Each of these efforts will contribute to creating a healthier and more sustainable future for our community and beyond.



5th Annual Arizona Rotary Days of Service

April 22-29, 2025: Supporting the Environment

District 5500 Governor Sue Archibald and District 5495 Governor Michelle Holcomb have selected this year's Arizona Days of Service projects focus: Supporting the Environment.

Join us in making a difference and contributing to a sustainable future. Your club's participation will make an impact in raising awareness, promoting sustainability, conserving natural resources, and engaging the community.

The 5th Annual Arizona Days of Service offers an opportunity to participate in various environmental service projects. Options for a Service Project Focused on the Environment:

- The Rillito River Clean Up Service Project on April 26. Registration now open (see flyer-read more)
- Environmental service project ideas generated by the Rotary Club of Tucson Verde (list attachment- read more)
- Have your own environmental service project? Share and collaborate with other clubs.

Join us in coming together to make a significant impact on the environment. [Read More](#)



2024/25 Rotary District 5500 Awards Nominations

Nomination Deadline: Thursday, May 15

Get ready to celebrate excellence, innovation, and Rotary spirit with the 2024/25 District Awards.

We're looking for nominations in a wide range of categories, from innovative club projects and promotional campaigns, to enthusiastic handshakers, social butterflies and more.

Awards will be announced during the District Governor installation ceremony on June 7th. But you can start submitting your nominations now. Just [click here](#) or on the image at right to download a fillable form, and send the completed form to Kasia Yuska at kasiarotary@gmail.com.

Multiple entries are ok.



2024/25 Rotary District 5500 Awards Nomination Form

Rotary District 5500

Celebrating Excellence, Innovation, and Rotary Spirit

Nominee Information

Nominee Name or Club Name: _____

Position/Role (if applicable): _____

Email / Contact Info: _____

Select Award Category (Check one per nomination)

Formal Club Awards

☐ Membership Growth Award – Best Creative Member Recruitment Event

☐ Public Image & Marketing Award – Best promotional campaigns

☐ Best Youth Engagement Award – Outstanding Interact/Rotact involvement

☐ Innovation in Service Award – Unique and creative club projects

☐ Collaboration & Partnership Award – Successful joint efforts

☐ Best Fundraising Event Award – Most successful & innovative fundraiser

Fun & Lighthearted Individual Awards

☐ The Energizer Rotarian Award – Never runs out of energy

☐ The Super Recruiter Award – Brings in the most members

☐ The Social Butterfly Award – Most active networker

☐ Most Enthusiastic Handshaker Award – Firmest handshake in the club

☐ The "Walking Billboard" Award – Always in Rotary gear

☐ The "Selfie King/Queen" Award – Most Rotary event selfies

Peacebuilders Meeting

Wednesday, April 23 • 6pm on Zoom

Join us on April 23rd to hear Rotarian **Claudine Schooley**, the Inter Country Committee (ICC) National Coordinator for the USA as she shares with us how "Intercountry Committees are Peace Ambassadors." Claudine is a new member of the Rotary Club of Oro Valley and a member of their new Peace Committee. Claudine's background illustrates her commitment to Rotary and to Peace Through Service. Let's give Claudine a warm welcome to our district 5500.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81293537458?pwd=xVkJ485iREKeUAUe4IitJNaawYXln.1#success>

Meeting ID: 812 9353 7458

Passcode: 868276

[Read More](#)



TRF Weekly Message: What is the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers?

The **Cadre of Technical Advisers** is a group of Rotary members who offer their expertise and advice to clubs and districts that are planning and carrying out grant projects around the world. They also strengthen the impact of Rotary's grants by safeguarding Foundation funds.

Cadre members provide guidance about conducting community assessments, incorporating sustainability, setting up monitoring or evaluation plans, and properly managing the financial aspects of a project.


More than 550 Cadre members who speak more than 80 languages come from 75 countries. You can connect with Cadre members who have expertise in a specific area of focus or in a particular language, country, or district.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Cadre, connect with a member, or join the Cadre.

District Training Assembly

All club officers for the upcoming Rotary year are invited to attend the District Assembly Trainings. These in-person trainings offer a great opportunity to meet other Rotarians and build confidence as a leader.

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY



With Bruce Monro
District Governor

**Make a Difference
Make a Friend**

Rotary
District 5500

- Sierra Vista May 17
- Pinal County July 12
- Tucson July 19
- Yuma July 26

8:00am-2:00pm
Breakfast & Lunch Served
No Charge

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

WHO SHOULD

ATTEND:

- Presidents & Presidents-Elect
- Secretaries
- Membership Chairs
- Grants Management Certification
- Public Image
- Foundation
- Networking
- Assistant Governors
- Treasurers
- Public Image Chairs
- Membership
- Youth Protection
- Governance Training

WHAT TO

EXPECT:

✦ All Rotarians ✦

Join us for the annual District Training Assembly. Come learn more about the 2025-26 Rotary club year. Engage and share ideas as you learn about best practices, tips and tools with Rotarians across southern Arizona.

Location specifics
available when registering

Use QR code or visit
[rotaryd5500.org/district assembly](https://rotaryd5500.org/district-assembly)

rotaryd5500.org

RSVP NOW




District Governor Installation

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 7 • 11:30am

For more info and to register for the event, please [click here](#).


SAVE the DATE
June 7th



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District 5500

- Bruce Monro District Governor Installation
- Saturday, June 7th, 11:30 am
- Arizona Sands Club - Dunlap Room, U of Arizona Football Stadium

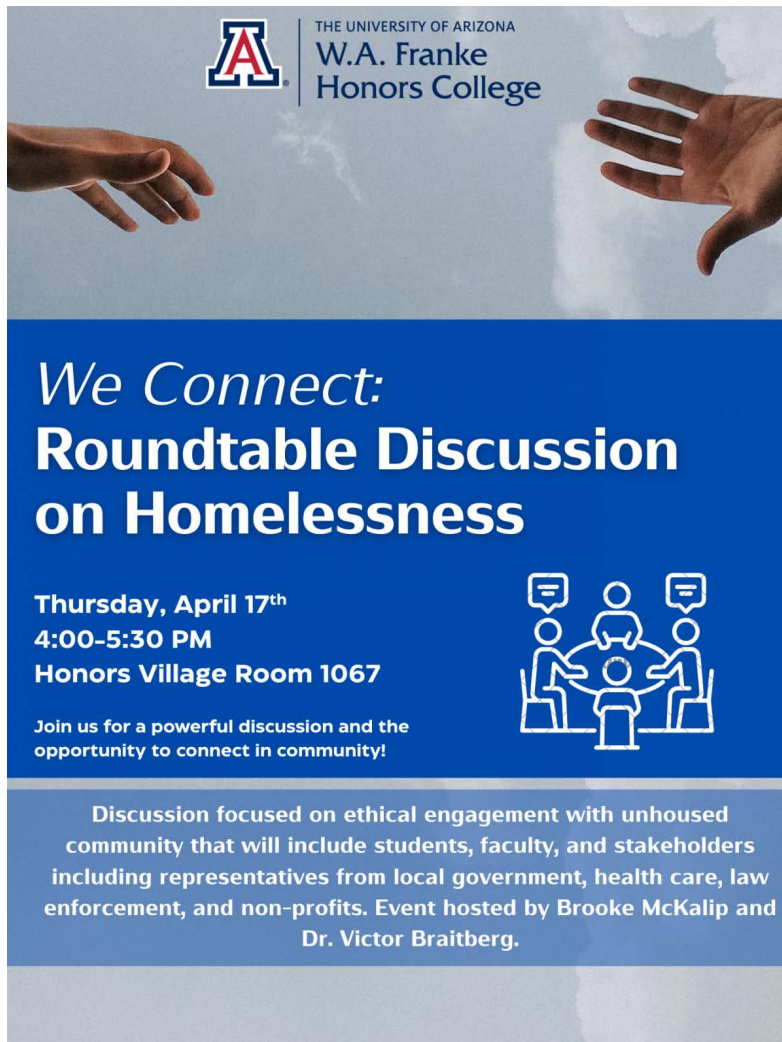
REGISTER



UA Rotaract - Roundtable Discussion on Homelessness

Thursday, April 17 • 4:00-5:30pm
W.A. Franke Honors College, 1101 E Mabel St. Room 1067
All are welcome!

UA Rotaract President Brooke McKalip will be hosting a roundtable event on homelessness. The roundtable will consist of community stakeholders, law enforcement, healthcare providers, etc., speaking on homelessness in Tucson and how we can more ethically and sustainably connect with the issue.



The poster features the University of Arizona logo and W.A. Franke Honors College name at the top. Below is a blue section with the title 'We Connect: Roundtable Discussion on Homelessness' and event details: Thursday, April 17th, 4:00-5:30 PM, Honors Village Room 1067. It includes an icon of four people in a circle and a paragraph about the discussion focus on ethical engagement with the unhoused community, including students, faculty, and stakeholders from local government, health care, law enforcement, and non-profits. The event is hosted by Brooke McKalip and Dr. Victor Braitberg.

We Connect:
Roundtable Discussion
on Homelessness

Thursday, April 17th
4:00-5:30 PM
Honors Village Room 1067

Join us for a powerful discussion and the opportunity to connect in community!

Discussion focused on ethical engagement with unhoused community that will include students, faculty, and stakeholders including representatives from local government, health care, law enforcement, and non-profits. Event hosted by Brooke McKalip and Dr. Victor Braitberg.

[Read More](#)

Volunteer Opportunities at the International Convention in Calgary

Rotary International offers a variety of volunteer roles at the 2025 convention this June 21-25 in Calgary. Volunteering is a great way to contribute to this global gathering and help make it a resounding success.

Some areas of volunteering are:

- Airport Terminal Arrivals Area
- Public Transit and C-Train Stations
- Convention Campus
- Hotel & Other Venues

[Click here](#) to learn more.



4th Annual Rillito River Cleanup - District 5500 Service Project

April 26, 2025 • 8:00-10:00am
Brandi Fenton Memorial Park

Let's bring District 5500 together again to clean up the Rillito River during Arizona Rotary Week of Service. In partnership with Tucson Clean and Beautiful and Pima County, we'll fill up a dumpster for the fourth year in a row!

[Register here.](#)

VOLUNTEER WITH ROTARY

RILLITO RIVER CLEANUP

Rotary
District 5500



**Saturday April 26
8 - 10 AM**



JOIN US!

**Brandi Fenton Memorial Park
3482 E River Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718**

**SCAN QR CODE
TO RSVP >>>**



Or RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/Rillito25>

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Tucson Verde: 2025 Home & Building Tour

**Sunday, April 27 • 10am-2pm
Volunteers Needed!**

Rotary Club of Tucson Verde is looking for volunteers to be docents for their 2nd annual environmental-focused home tour. It's fun! Email Ellie Patterson at ellie.patterson1@outlook.com



Photo Credit: Building Teatro Carmen by Herb Stratford

A Tour of Tucson Homes and Buildings

Visit Locations Featuring:

- **Off the grid** home highlighting passive solar, water harvesting, and a cooling tower
- 43-acre earth friendly mud adobe **cohousing community** in the desert
- Urban all-electric infill in the **Mercado** with sustainable building examples
- **Santa Rosa Barrio** eclectic modern build with a 1911 art studio renovation and a fun courtyard
- 7,000 sq.ft. **Barrio Viejo** urban infill home built in 2003 with an old soul feel
- Transformation of a 1929 garage to artist studio with water harvesting in **Iron Horse**
- Backyard infill and award winning ADU in **midtown**
- Watershed Management Group's **Living Lab** tour to engage, learn, and share



Enjoy the day visiting locations with environmental features, meeting new people and learning how to make a better tomorrow.

Purchase Tickets:
www.RotaryTucsonVerde.com/ht25



03/19/25

Annual Food Fight to Benefit Local Food Banks

The Annual Food Fight between the Valle Verde Rotary Club and the Green Valley Rotary Club is in full swing, now through April 30.

The winning club will be determined by the amount raised per capita per club. The beneficiaries of the Food Fight will be the Sahuarita Food Bank and the Green Valley Food Bank.

The Valle Verde Rotary Club has entered the competition with full enthusiasm and has created teams within the club hosting weekly auctions and events to increase interest and donations.

Stay tuned for the final results!



Dinner and Justice

Saturday, May 17 • 5-9pm

Mountain Empire Rotary is hosting a special dinner and exclusive screening of "Tombstone" with acclaimed producer Bob Misiorowski. [Click here](#) for tickets and details.



MOUNTAIN EMPIRE
ROTARY CUB
INVITES YOU FOR A NIGHT OF

DINNER AND JUSTICE

Exclusive screening and
talk with legendary
"Tombstone" producer
Bob Misiorowski

5PM! MAY 17

Pioneer Hall
Sonoita Fairgrounds


Tickets available in advance
and at the door



Yuma River Cleanup

Saturday, May 17 • Check-in at 8am; start at 8:30am

[Click here](#) for more information.



Rotary Clubs of Yuma County

River Clean-Up

We are looking for volunteers to help clean up the Colorado River. There will be several areas along the river to be cleaned up.

Saturday, May 17th 2025

Check-in 8:00 AM
Start from 08:30 AM

Sign-up through Club Runner
Supplies will be provided!

Recommend wearing tennis shoes.
Visit our website for more information
www.facebook.com/friendsofthelowercolorado

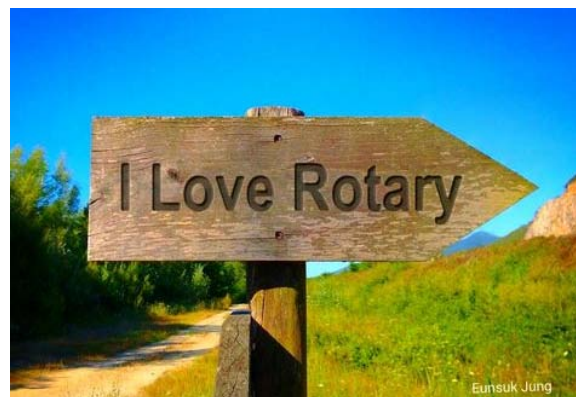
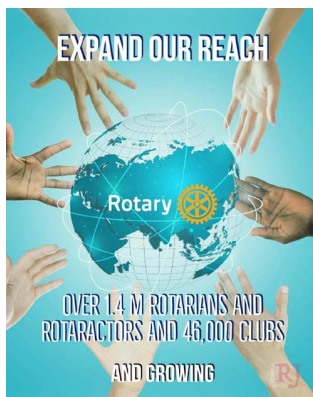
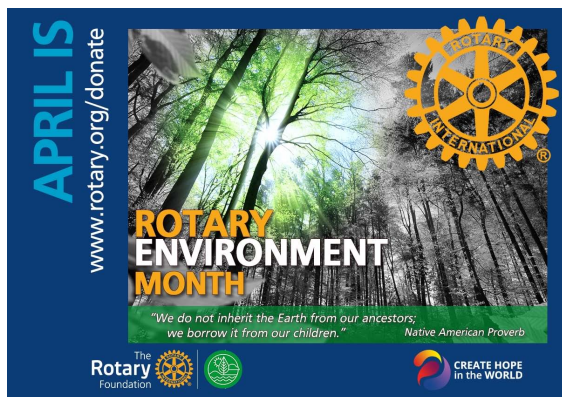


Friends of the Lower Colorado

Rotary  PEOPLE of ACTION

Graphics Corner

Check out these cool Rotary graphics! They're yours to download and use for your club's social media, newsletters, and other promotional materials. Enjoy!



Save the Date! Mexico - USA Friendship Conference in Yuma

October 31 - November 3, 2025

Registration opens July 1

Mark your calendar for this year's Mexico-USA Friendship Conference and Global Grants Exchange in Downtown Yuma, Arizona. Watch for more information to come and registration opening July 1.



Share Your Club's News!

Would you like to publish your club's upcoming events, projects or fundraisers in **IMPACT?**

Fill out [this form](#) with your information and send it to kasjarotary@gmail.com by Friday for the following week's newsletter. Include your photo or graphic as a separate attachment as a jpg or png file.

PLUS...SHOWCASE YOUR PAST PROJECTS & FUNDRAISERS! We'll feature them in our **Rotary in Action Quarterly**. Use [this form](#) and send it to kasjarotary@gmail.com. *Don't forget to include photos -- the more the merrier!*

