

# IMPACT! e-bulletin



April 22, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

## Rotary's Cleft Palate Initiative

By Sue Archibald



Rotary International has several initiatives focused on **cleft lip and palate** treatment, often in partnership with medical organizations and NGOs. These programs aim to provide **surgical care, therapy, and rehabilitation** for children born with cleft conditions, especially in underprivileged communities.

In District 5500, Rotarians from the Tubac Rotary Club and the I-19 corridor clubs work with St Andrews Clinic in Nogales monthly focused on health care for children traveling from Mexico. They also annually participate in the weekend of cleft palate surgeries through a collaboration with Children's Surgery International. This year the Tubac club has applied for a Global Grant to increase the number of surgeries and necessary follow-up care for these children. If you want more info or want to help, contact Bud at [eckhartbud@gmail.com](mailto:eckhartbud@gmail.com) from the Tubac Rotary Club.

[Read More](#)

## 5th Annual Arizona Rotary Days of Service

April 22-29, 2025: Supporting the Environment

### HAPPY EARTH DAY!

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](#)



## Record Your Club's Rotary Days of Service Project Impact

Thank you for your involvement in the Arizona Rotary Days of Service focused on supporting the environment! A Google Doc has been provided for you to record your club's project title and other pertinent information. [Click here.](#)

After entering information into Google Doc, please email it to Kasia at [kasiarotary@gmail.com](mailto:kasiarotary@gmail.com), along with before and after photos of your project with a brief description.

Please complete Google Doc entries and send photos (to Kasia) by **Friday, May 2, 2025**. If your project extends beyond this date, provide and send information when your project is complete. We want to celebrate and recognize our collective efforts aimed at protecting and nurturing our environment in one of our Rotary publications.

**Let us continue to embody the spirit of Rotary by working together to support and protect our environment. Each of these efforts will contribute to creating a healthier and more sustainable future for our communities.**



## Peacebuilders Network 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=xVkJ485iREkeUAUe4litJNaawYXln.1>

Meeting ID: 812 9353 7458

Passcode: 868276

[Read More](#)



## ShelterBox Webinar for Rotarians

### Wednesday, April 30 • 9:00 a.m.

All club members are invited to **All Hands Rotary Roundup: Don't Wait Until Disaster Strikes**, a very special ShelterBox USA webinar on Wednesday April 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Pacific (noon Eastern).

Registration is required. [Click here](#) to register.

This webinar will bring together Rotary members, ShelterBox supporters and Rotary District leaders to learn about our ongoing efforts to deliver emergency shelter and supplies to families devastated by disasters. Take away key insights so your club can be better prepared before a disaster strikes in your community.



ShelterBox

Rotary



During this event, you will:

- Get updates on the latest ShelterBox responses from ShelterBox USA President Kerri Murray.
- Gain insights from a panel discussion with Rotarians who played key roles in the North Carolina and LA Rotary responses. Panelists include RI Director Zone 33-34 Patrick Eackes, DGE D7670 Western North Carolina Coronel (Ret.) Alex Portelli, DG D5280 Los Angeles County Albert Hernandez, and Altadena Rotary Club D5300 member Rene Amy.
- Learn how you and your Rotary club and District can take an active role in our mission.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a global network making a tangible difference in the lives of countless families.

We hope to see you on Wednesday, April 30th (9AM PT - Noon ET)

Reserve your spot today by clicking [here](#).

Together, we can ensure no one is left without shelter after disaster.

## 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](mailto: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 campaign

☐ Best Youth Engagement Award – Outstanding Interact/Rotaract 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

## TRF Weekly Message: What Are Programs of Scale?

The Programs of Scale process awards funding to successful member-led programs so they can implement larger, higher-impact initiatives in our areas of focus. Each year, The Rotary Foundation grants one Programs of Scale award of \$2 million to a club- or district-sponsored program that has proven its effectiveness and is ready to expand.

The programs need to use sustainable, evidence-based methods and have outcomes that can be measured. This allows us to track our progress and share what we learned in order to increase our impact — one of our Action Plan priorities.

Learn more about the [Programs of Scale process](#).



## Zone 26/27 Expert Hub: A Great Resource!



Zone 26 & 27 has announced a major upgrade to the ExpertHub platform on their website. This upgrade will provide users, specialists, and administrators with additional tools to enhance and improve their experience with ExpertHub, including:

- Significantly improved search function;
- Automatic contact notifications for specialists and users;
- Ability for specialists to track and update their contacts and progress with users through the ExpertHub site;
- Automated and confidential evaluation forms sent to the users and specialists at the conclusion of the engagement;
- Online application process for individuals interested in being specialists;
- Individual specialist accounts that allow specialists to update their contact info, bios, and areas of expertise.

Just as important, these improvements will allow us to better track the usage and effectiveness of ExpertHub over time.

Be sure to check out the new [ExpertHub](#) on the Zone website, and please spread the word to others. And if you know members who have expertise in specific areas, and who would be willing to help their fellow members, encourage them to apply to be a volunteer specialist in ExpertHub. We will soon be sending an email to all members in the Zones to let them know about this valuable resource at their fingertips.

## 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**

**Bruce Monro District Governor Installation**

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am**

**Arizona Sands Club - Dunlap Room,  
U of Arizona Football Stadium**


**REGISTER**

**Rotary District 5500**

## 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
- Assistant Governors
- Treasurers
- Public Image Chairs

#### WHAT TO

#### EXPECT:

- Grants Management Certification
- Public Image
- Foundation
- Networking
- Membership
- Youth Protection
- Governance Training

### ✦✦ 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%20assembly)

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**RSVP NOW**

## 2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends

**SAVE THESE DATES: September 26-27, 2025**

It's not too early to start planning for District 5500's biggest event of the year. The 2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends will be held at the wonderful Tubac Golf Resort & Spa.

Make your room reservations early! Call 1-800-848-7893 and mention group code ROTA25.



## Now Accepting Reservations

1-800-848-7893, group code is ROTA25



**Inspiration**

**Fun**

**Great Food**

**Golf**

**Shopping**

**Tubac!**

## Save the Date!

**2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends**

**September 26-27**

**Tubac Golf Resort & Spa**



## 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>

**Rotary**  
District 5500



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## 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.



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## National Pretzel Day Community Art Project

**Saturday, April 26 • 9am-12pm**  
**ArtMobile: Art That Heals on Wheels**  
**422 N. Florence St. #1 in Casa Grande**

Mark your calendars for a fun and creative morning!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FREE  
COMMUNITY PUBLIC ART PROJECT ON

# NATIONAL PRETZEL DAY

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 · 9 a.m. to Noon

ArtMobile Creative Center  
422 N. Florence Street, #1, Casa Grande

*All ages of the public are invited to come paint clay pretzels for  
a community art project to be revealed at this year's Oktoberfest.*

PRESENTED BY

Rotary  
Club of Casa Grande




This free, drop-in event is open to all ages and abilities—come paint a pretzel that will be featured in Phase II of the Rotary Pretzel Mural in downtown Casa Grande.

No need to stay the whole time—just stop by, get creative, and be part of a public art project that brings our community together! Please email [zcooper@pinalcentral.com](mailto:zcooper@pinalcentral.com) for more information.

## Tucson Verde: 2025 Home & Building Tour

Sunday, April 27 • 10am-2pm [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

LOOKING AT SOLUTIONS FOR A CHANGING WORLD



SUNDAY  
APRIL 27

10AM  
TO 2PM

*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](http://www.RotaryTucsonVerde.com/ht25)



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## Camp Lawton Cleanup Project

**Saturday, May 3 • 9am - 3pm**

Camp Lawton is the oldest Scout camp in the country. It's a beautiful spot in the Catalinas that's served generations of kids and families—and it needs a little care. So on **Saturday, May 3rd** from **9AM to 3PM**, we're showing up to clean, fix, and restore what we can.

Some amazing people from Rotary will be there, along with Scouts and members of the community. If you've ever wanted to be part of something bigger than yourself, this is one of those days.

Here's the link to sign up: <https://scoutingevent.com/011-RotaryDay2025>

Or you can call the Scout Office at 520-750-0385, or call/text John Harned at 520-675-1240...someone will get you squared away.



## 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](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofthelowercolorado)

Friends of the  
Lower Colorado

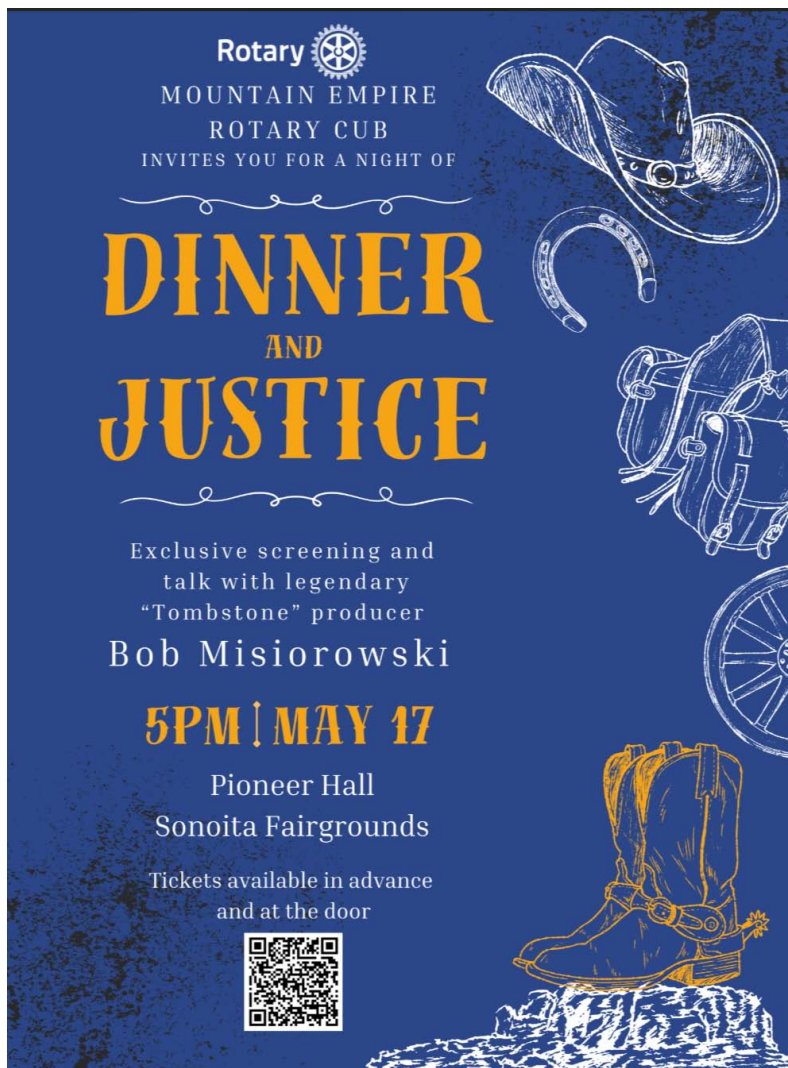
Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION

## Dinner and Justic

**Saturday, May 17 • 5-9pm**

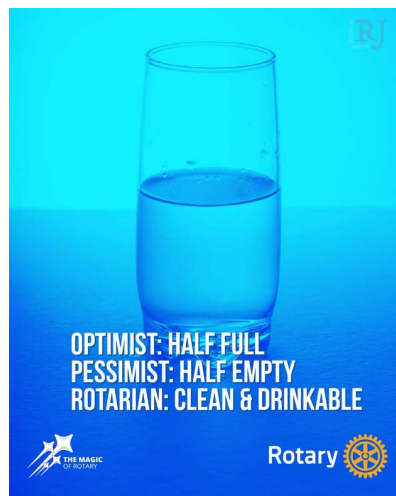
Mountain Empire Rotary is hosting a special dinner and exclusive screening of "Tombstone" with acclaimed producer Bob Misiorowski.  
[Click here](#) for tickets and details.





## Graphics Corner

Celebrate Earth Day and Rotary's impact with these inspiring graphics. They're yours to download and use in your club's communications, from social media posts to newsletters and more.





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## 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 [kasiarotary@gmail.com](mailto:kasiarotary@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 [kasiarotary@gmail.com](mailto:kasiarotary@gmail.com). *Don't forget to include photos -- the more the merrier!*

