



## Tuesday, February 10, 2026 --- District Governor Bruce Monroe

### Looking for our Next District Governors



Mark Your Calendar! Application Deadline: March 19<sup>th</sup>; Interview March 28<sup>th</sup>

Are you a passionate Rotarian who loves helping others and stepping up to lead? We're on the lookout for enthusiastic members with big hearts and a vision for our district's future. If you're passionate about service and making a difference, consider applying to be District Governor.

This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire and guide Rotarians across our district, all while living out Rotary's values every day.

Due to a recent opening, we are looking for **two District Governors**, one for 2028-29 AND another for 2029-30. This may seem like a long way away, but it will be here before we know it! You'll be joining the District Governor line of current and future District Governors focused on improvement and continuity. You will not be alone!

Here's What You Need to Know:

- Information Meeting February 26th
- Application Deadline: March 19th
- Interview Date: March 28th, on ZOOM
- Who Can Apply: You'll need to be a Rotarian who has served as club president and should have some leadership experience in our district.
- The path to DG if you are chosen: You will attend education sessions and work on various District initiatives. Workload increases as you get close to the year you will be District Governor.
- How to Apply: Attend the information session to learn more about the position, and if you decide to apply, fill out the application form and send it in before the deadline. [Click here for the Application Packet](#)

We promise the selection process will be fair and open—every application gets considered carefully and thoughtfully. If you have any questions or want to chat more about what it's like to be District Governor, please reach out to District Governor Bruce Monroe [bruce-tubacaz@outlook.com](mailto:bruce-tubacaz@outlook.com) ; 520-850-4406

Thanks so much for your commitment to Rotary. We can't wait to see who steps up for this exciting role!

### Where Service Leads, Peace Follows

By Bruce Monroe



Peace is often defined as the absence of conflict, but its meaning is much broader. We speak of *peace of mind*, *inner peace*, and *keeping the peace*—phrases that point to a deeper truth: **peace is the presence of stability, dignity, and wellbeing**. It is the feeling that life is not under threat, that one's needs are met, and that one belongs to a community that cares.

Acts of service create these conditions. When we repair a wheelchair ramp, tutor a child, install a smoke alarm, or provide clean water, we reduce fear and uncertainty. We make daily life safer and more predictable. We give people room to breathe. In doing so, we cultivate peace—not in the geopolitical sense, but in the human sense.

**Service is one of the most practical ways to build peace** because it addresses the root causes of instability. A family with clean water has peace of mind. A student who can read has the peace that comes from confidence and possibility. A community with strong social bonds has the peace that comes from trust. These outcomes are not abstract ideals; they are the direct result of people choosing to help.

There is also an inward dimension. **Serving others strengthens our own sense of purpose** and steadies us in a world that often feels chaotic. Helping someone else shifts our attention outward, reduces stress, and reminds us that we are part of something larger than ourselves. In that way, service fosters inner peace as surely as it creates peace for others.

**When we broaden our understanding of peace, we see that every act of service—no matter how small—is a contribution to a more peaceful world.** Peace is not only negotiated in conference rooms; it is built in food banks, classrooms, clinics, and neighborhoods. It is built by ordinary people choosing to reduce suffering and increase wellbeing.

Service is peace in action. And a world with more service is, inevitably, a world with more peace. Thank you for your service.

### February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month!

Each week during February we will highlight the great work of Rotary Clubs in District 5500 supporting Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention.

If your club has a project that supports more peace and less conflict and you would like us to highlight it for you, email [DaveRotary5500@gmail.com](mailto:DaveRotary5500@gmail.com) with the details (and a photo!)



## Peacebuilders E-Network Meeting February 18, 2026



What if we saw Rotary not just as a network of service clubs, but as a global movement for peace? Together we can create a world built on dialogue, collaboration, and understanding.

**PEACE IS POSSIBLE**

Dear Peacebuilder Club Members, Club Presidents, Assistant Governors and Peace Ambassadors,

How do you advance people's human rights one country at a time? Our featured speaker, Professor William Simmons (Bill), will show us how it's done. Bill has more than 25 years of experience as a human rights educator and researcher, receiving numerous awards for his teaching, research, community service, and diversity initiatives. He is the Founding Director of the Human Rights Practice program and Professor of Gender & Women's Studies at the University of Arizona. Professor Simmons previously taught at ASU where he was the Founding Director of the MA Program in Social Justice and Human Rights.

Simmons' scholarship, teaching, and activism focus on working collaboratively with marginalized groups to advance their human rights. He has worked with vulnerable communities in more than a dozen countries including Bangladesh, Tanzania, Niger, Nigeria, Ghana, Uganda, The Gambia, Senegal, China, Mexico, and the United States. He is proficient in qualitative, quantitative, theoretical, and legal research methods. Please join us Wed. evening, Feb. 18 at 5:00 pm on Zoom and hear Professor Bill's fascinating presentation that helps break down barriers and promotes Peace.

**The D5500 Peacebuilders committee is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. We have a new start time of 5:00 pm. Any questions? Contact Doug May of SaddleBrooke Rotary, [dougmay@gmail.com](mailto:dougmay@gmail.com). Please let us know if you're interested in joining our District Peacebuilders committee or if you would like to become a Peacebuilder Club. Thank you. Doug, Dennis, Fatima, Leta, Ellie**

**Topic: February Peacebuilders Network Meeting**

**Time: Feb 18, 2026 05:00 PM Arizona**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86161103995?pwd=62wT3wODZqEaozjqfqtIKhrRKASpbf.1>

**Meeting ID: 861 6110 3995**

**Passcode: 124472**

## ICC (Intercountry Committees) Ambassadors for Peace



**Intercountry Committees**

In a world facing increasing violence, humanitarian crises, and deep-rooted conflicts, Rotary Intercountry Committees (ICC) stand out as powerful partners for peace and conflict resolution—bringing people together, delivering life-saving aid, and creating pathways toward long-term friendship and stability. By connecting Rotarians from diverse cultures, languages, and political systems, ICC was designed to break down barriers and build trust. These partnerships help prevent misunderstandings that often lead to conflict and instead encourage cooperation, goodwill, and mutual respect.

### How ICC Began

The first ICC was created after the Second World War between France and Germany to promote international understanding, goodwill, and peace through collaboration between Rotary clubs in two different countries.

### The Mission of ICC

- **Building friendship across borders**
- **Encouraging dialogue and cooperation between nations**
- **Supporting humanitarian assistance and peace-focused projects**
- **Reducing conflict by increasing understanding and trust**

Peace is impossible when people are starving, displaced, or living in fear. ICC provides emergency aid such as food, clean water, medical support, and shelter to those affected by war and disaster. ICC supports education, trauma healing, and economic stability—giving people the tools they need to move beyond conflict and create a better future.

## District 5500 News and Upcoming Events You Should Know About!

### Save the Date: DGE Emma's Installation June 7, 2026

**Save the Date**

**Governor Installation – June 7, 2026**

Dear Rotarians of District 5500,  
Please mark your calendars and save the date for a very special Rotary celebration!

Join us as we gather to celebrate the installation of  
**Emma Carrillo**  
as District Governor, Rotary Year 2026-2027.

**Date:** Sunday, June 7, 2026  
**Time:** Afternoon (exact time to follow)  
**Location:** The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa  
3800 E. Sunrise Drive  
Tucson, Arizona 85718  
**Cost:** \$65.00 per person  
**Registration opens:** February 16, 2026

Additional details will be shared soon.  
We look forward to celebrating together!

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## What are District and Global Grants?



The Rotary Foundation has spent more than US\$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects around the world. Rotary members can work with communities through Foundation grants, and two key options are district and global grants.

**District grants** fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad. Your district chooses what activities it will fund with these grants, such as humanitarian projects, scholarships, youth programs, or vocational training teams.

**Global grants** fund large, international activities with sustainable and measurable results in Rotary's areas of focus. These can include humanitarian projects, scholarships for graduate-level study, or vocational training teams.

**Learn about another kind of grant next week!**

## RI Funded a Well Which Created the Need for More Classrooms

By Dennis L. Bergquist



### Mukuyuini Village School Expansion Project

#### Background

Mukuyuini village has recently experienced significant development, thanks to a well-funded project by Rotary International. The new water source has greatly improved living conditions, making the village more attractive for families seeking better opportunities. As a result, a growing number of families are moving into the village, leading to an increase in the population.

#### Current Challenge

While access to clean water has been a tremendous benefit, it has also created new challenges for the local school. The influx of families has led to overcrowding, with only three classrooms available for six classes. This limited space is not sufficient to serve the needs of the expanding student body.

[Read More](#)

## Club Projects Happening in District 5500 To Celebrate AND That Might Give Your Club Some Ideas!

Yes, we are trying something new again! If your club has a project underway or just completed that you would like other clubs to know about, send the details to [DaveRotary5500@gmail.com](mailto:DaveRotary5500@gmail.com). We will save this spot in IMPACT! each week for those stories. Be sure to include contact information for someone other clubs might reach out to for more information.

## Human Trafficking in Your Own Back Yard

By Diane Ventura-Goodyear



Help protect human rights.

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD

Discuss and learn what you can do about this.

## SAVE THE DATE

DATE: Monday, April 13,  
TIME: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
LOCATION: La Hacienda building at  
SaddleBrooke Ranch

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Mountain Empire,  
SaddleBrooke.



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To understand human trafficking, experts often use the "Action-Means-Purpose" framework:

**Action:** The trafficker recruits, transports, or harbors a person.

**Means:** They use force (violence), fraud (false job promises), or coercion (threats to family or legal status).

**Purpose:** The goal is to exploit the person for forced labor or commercial sex acts.

Contact Monica Oszust: [oszustmonica@gmail.com](mailto:oszustmonica@gmail.com)

Please join us — capacity is limited. This event will be an eye-opener.

Human trafficking awareness focuses on identifying and preventing modern-day slavery, which involves exploiting people for profit through force, fraud, or coercion.

## Fundraisers Your Club is Welcome to Attend

If you would like to highlight your club's events in this space, contact [Dave Lenox](#) with the event information and graphics!

## Spaghetti Spree for Green Valley 2/11/2026



THE ROTARY CLUB OF GREEN VALLEY

# Spaghetti Spree

Spaghetti, Meat or Marinara Sauce,  
Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert  
Water/Coffee  
Wine & Soda available  
for purchase



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026  
4:30 to 6:30  
\$20.00 "Eat in or take out!" \$20.00  
GVR/WEST SOCIAL CENTER

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:  
GV/SAHARITA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
ANY CLUB ROTARIAN AND AT THE DOOR

MANY THANKS:  
LA POSADA GREEN VALLEY FOR THE FOOD  
GREEN VALLEY RECREATION, INC.  
KGVY RADIO  
GREEN VALLEY NEWS

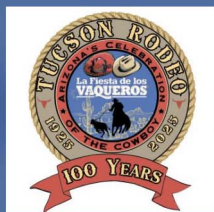
Our annual fundraiser attracts 400 people or so the Green Valley Rec Center West in the heart of Green Valley. For just \$20, enjoy a full spaghetti meal and the company of fellow Rotarians and guests.

## Catalina Club Call for Volunteers 2/21-3/1



**Changing the Lives of Young People in Need!**

**Support local youth organizations by volunteering to Sell Beer at the Tucson Rodeo!!**



Sign up here:



Simply pick the date(s) and slot you are interested in. Contact Arturo Mojica (520) 990-0768 for more information!

**February 21 – March 1, 2026**

**Over \$100,000 given to local youth groups!**



**Sign up today and put a smile on someone's face!**

## Poster Sale at the Tubac Arts Fair

The Tubac Arts Festival is fast approaching. The Tubac Rotary Club will be selling posters at the Chamber information booth by Tumacacorey. We will also have past years posters for sale. Please come visit us.

The artist, Jennifer O'Cualain, will be in our booth on Wednesday from 10am to 12pm and all day on Saturday. The only place to buy posters will be from us and at K Newby Gallery where her original artwork is on display.



## Globe's Dominion Royale 2/28/26

**11TH ANNUAL**  
**DOMINION ROYALE**  
**1920'S SPEAKEASY**

**February 28, 2026**  
**Cobre Valley Center for the Arts**  
 Doors open at 6pm  
 Casino tables open at 6:30pm

**\$50 per person Admission Includes:**

- Complimentary Drink from the Bar
- Casino Bucks
- CATERED Appetizers - Vida e Caffè
- Live Raffles and Entertainment

**Dress up to get more casino bucks and be entered into the costume contest.**

**Get your tickets online or reach out to your local Globe Rotarians!**

For more information please contact:  
 Cami Lucero - State Farm - (928) 425 - 4444



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**Dove Mountain Monte Carlo Night! 3/6/2026**

**Rotary**  PRESENTS  
 Club of Dove Mountain

**A NIGHT IN MONTE CARLO**

MARCH 6, 2026 5 PM TO 10 PM

AN EVENING OF ELEGANCE  
 AT THE BUTTES AT REFLECTIONS  
 IN ORO VALLEY

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!**

VISIT [WWW.DOVEMOUNTAINROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.DOVEMOUNTAINROTARY.ORG)



Join us for an **unforgettable evening** and enjoy a night of glamour and fun with casino games, plated dinner, appetizers, desserts, cash bar, DJ, Silent Auction, Raffle Baskets and more, all for a good cause.

**ROTARY CLUB OF DOVE MOUNTAIN**  
 A 581C3 ORGANIZATION SERVING CHILDREN, FAMILIES & VETERANS

**Yuma Rotary: Midnight at the Oasis! 3/6-8/2026**

Yuma Rotary is excited to be back at the iconic Midnight at the Oasis Classic Car Show, happening March 6–8 in Yuma, AZ presented by the Caballeros de Yuma. If you follow the smell of sizzling tri-tip, you'll know you're getting close! Our Rotary booth will be in full swing serving up our famous sandwiches to car lovers, locals, and visitors from all over.

This favorite annual fundraiser helps support something close to our hearts—local scholarships for students right here in



the Yuma community. We invite Rotarians near and far to stop by, soak in the amazing cars, enjoy the concerts, grab a sandwich, and share in the Rotary spirit.

Great cars, great food, great music—and an even better cause.

## Valle Verde Jazz in the Desert 3/7/2026



### Ticket Sales underway for Jazz in the Desert 2026!

The Valle Verde Rotary Club, in partnership with La Posada Green Valley, present Jazz in the Desert 2026.

This exciting fundraising event is set for Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Quail Creek's Madera Clubhouse.

Middle and High School jazz bands from up and down the I-19 corridor will take the stage for a Matinee at 1 PM and a Dinner show at 5:30 PM.

Jazz In the Desert 2026 will feature jazz bands from: Sahuarita High School, Nogales High School, Rio Rico High School, Continental School, Sahuarita Middle School, Walden Grove High School, and Anza Trail School.



Matinée tickets are \$10. Dinner show tickets are \$60 and require advance purchase.

Tickets are available online at [www.vvrotaryfoundation.net](http://www.vvrotaryfoundation.net) or by calling 208-691-3761 or sending an e-mail to [jazz@vvrotaryfoundation.net](mailto:jazz@vvrotaryfoundation.net)

Over the years, Jazz in the Desert events have raised over \$300,000, benefiting the various schools' music programs, as well as local, national and international Rotary projects.

## Marana Tour de Cookie 3/7/26

**CAVING ALL  
COOKIE MONSTERS!**

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT THROUGH FEB. 1<sup>st</sup>

**March 7, 2026, for Tour de Cookie!**

Fun for the entire family.

Rotary Club of Marana  
Marana, Arizona  
[www.rotarytourdecookie.org](http://www.rotarytourdecookie.org)

## Yuma North End Bowling Fundraiser 3/14/26

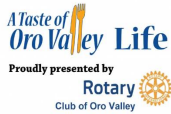
To register email [rotaryavf@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryavf@gmail.com)

## Sierra Vista Sunrise Fundraiser 3/29/26



For those in Sierra Vista and surrounding communities — MARK YOUR CALENDARS — come support our local youth. Doc's Watering Hole is hosting a Youth Programs Benefit on 29 March, 4-8pm. There will be music by "The Band Wanted", dancing, raffles, and most importantly...fun. You can get your tickets using the QR code In the graphic — cost is \$20 through 28 March, which jumps to \$25 the day of the event and at the door. There is also a door prize drawing for early bird ticket holders. Doc's Watering Hole — Good for What "Ale's" Ya!

## Taste of Oro Valley 4/12/2026



Proudly presented by  
Rotary Club of Oro Valley

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026  
4:30 – 7:30 PM  
Steam Pump Ranch  
10901 N Oracle Rd, Oro Valley  
[tasteoforovalley.org](http://tasteoforovalley.org)

A Taste of Oro Valley - April 12, 2026  
[tasteoforovalley.org](http://tasteoforovalley.org)

Food/Drink, Live Music, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle,  
Wine Garden & More!

Proceeds will benefit:



Live music by:



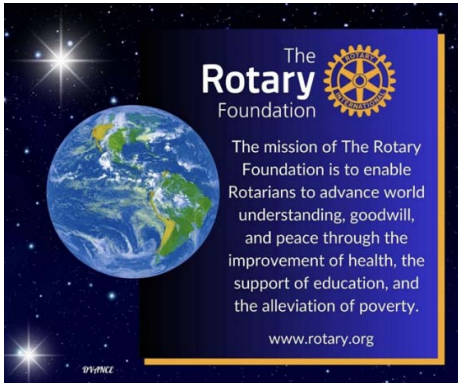
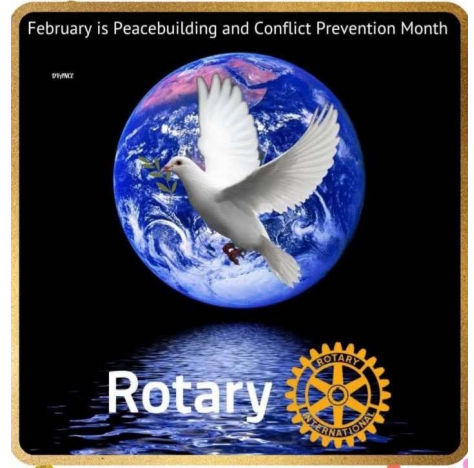
Purchase tickets at:



## Casa Grande: Diamonds in the Desert 4/18/2026

For more information: [cgrotaryauction.org](http://cgrotaryauction.org)

Enjoy these inspiring Rotary graphics related to this month's international focus on **Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention**. They're yours to use for your club's communications. Just download and save to your graphics library, then use them in your social media, newsletters and other Rotary promotional items.



## Share Your Club's News!



**IMPACT!** Showcases District 5500 news, updates, and upcoming events your club needs to know about. It also provides a place to advertise upcoming club projects and fundraisers you want other clubs to know about. To publish your club's upcoming events, projects or fundraisers in IMPACT! Fill out [this form](#) with your information and send it to Dave Lenox at [DaveRotary5500@gmail.com](mailto:DaveRotary5500@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.

**ROTARY IN ACTION!** is a Quarterly newsletter designed to SHOWCASE YOUR CLUB'S PAST PROJECTS & FUNDRAISERS! We are working on the best way to publish and archive all these great stories. For now, watch for ROTARY IN ACTION! to come your way by the end of October. For now, share your successes and great ideas so you have a record of them in our archives AND to remind yourself of the amazing difference your club has made in the past quarter. Use [this form](#) and send it to

[DaveRotary5500@gmail.com](mailto:DaveRotary5500@gmail.com). Don't forget to include photos -- the more the merrier!