



Tuesday, February 24, 2026 --- District Governor Bruce Monro

Looking for our Next District Governors



Mark Your Calendar! Application Deadline: March 19th; Interview March 28th

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 (Zoom link below)
- 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 Monro 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!

[Read More](#)

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 with the details (and a photo!)

Dove Mountain's Third Peace Pole



Dove Mountain Rotary will be planting our third Peace Pole, in partnership with the Dove Mountain CSTEM K-8 School! Ms. Kalberer's 3rd period Advanced Art class is decorating an 8-foot pole with an amazing and beautiful array of custom peace-related artwork. The languages will be English, Spanish, Farsi and Vietnamese. Our ceremony will be attended by local media and by The Honorable Mayor Jon Post.

Our joint dedication will be on Friday, February 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., and we would be honored if you could join us. The address is 5600 W. Moore Rd., Marana, AZ 85658, and the Peace Pole will be prominently displayed near the main entrance to the school.
May Peace prevail on Earth!

District 5500 News and Upcoming Events You Should Know About!

Registration is now OPEN for Camp Big West Zone Institute 2026 at the stunning The Wigwam

Resort in



Invite everyone to join you September 3–6, 2026

Don't miss out on the fun, fellowship, and leadership that await. Register today!

*Fully paid Early Bird registrants will receive a special care package upon arrival!

Register today at zoneinstitute.org

—The Camp Big West Team

[#CampBigWest](#) [#RotaryZones26/27](#) [#RotaryInstitute2026](#) [#BigWestRotary](#) [#RegisterNow](#)

New TRVFA Video



Hot off the press!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/13z7LoC67ynut4ahMAL_dTrL7cJzWdJSZ/view

New TRVFA video to share. This video explains the program and can be used at club meetings, in presentations, and shared with friends and family. It can also be shared with your tax accountant. The possibilities are endless.

The Rotary Vocational Fund of AZ
<https://trvfa.org>

TRF: How do District Grants Help at Home?



A Rotary club in the United States used an US\$3,000 district grant to purchase food and personal care items for a local food pantry that saw a 50% increase in need. A Rotary club in India is using a district grant to provide hygiene kits and training to girls who might otherwise miss school when they are menstruating. The project aims to help 40,000 girls.

Clubs worldwide use district grants to support similar short-term projects in their communities. Every club has the opportunity to create positive change in their community with grants from The Rotary Foundation, one project at a time.

What do you want to accomplish in our community?

Arizona 250th Anniversary of the United States (Semiquincentennial)

By Leo J. Lawrenson



District 5500, along with District 5495, plan to participate in the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the United States during 2026 and are looking for club participation as well, including submission of service projects (especially any relevant to the event). **If you or your club are interested, please contact your Assistant Governor or DGN Leo@Lawrenson.com** We will catalog District 5500 Projects and Events related to America250 so we can help with ideas and know what is going on close to you. Below are some things already planned by the Arizona 250 Committee you might consider.

Bring the Arizona America250 Traveling Museum to Your Community:

This mobile exhibit highlights Arizona's unique role in America's 250-year story through interactive displays and educational programming. It will tour the state **from March to May** (dates subject to change), accompanied by Arizona's replica Liberty Bell before its permanent installation at the State Capitol.

Interested in hosting? Submit your interest online here: [Traveling Museum Interest Form](#) or contact America250AZ@azsos.gov with questions.

[Arizona 250 Youth Town Hall](#) Watch a recording of the Youth Town Hall with representatives from

[Wish Walls for America's 250th](#) Interactive Wish Walls hosted by Made by US.

[Arizona 250 Tool Kit](#) Resource guide from the Arizona Department of Education.

[Read More](#)



FREE Upcoming Microcredits Trip March 13-15

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Monday, February 23, 2026



There are still a few seats and rooms available for a **FREE trip to Hermosillo, Sonora March 13-15 (Friday-Sunday)** to see firsthand just how impactful the joint Districts 5500 and 5495 **Arizona Microcredits Program** really is.

This outstanding international service project, originally funded with about \$150,000 from three Global Grants from The Rotary Foundation, has recycled those funds and about \$75,000 other funds to make over \$4 MILLION dollars available via very small loans to low-income individuals, mostly women, in Sonora for their small business needs.

Ride a very comfortable commercial bus from Tucson to Hermosillo and back, stay in a nice hotel room two



nights, meet and dine with the members of the Hermosillo Milenio Rotary Club, and meet many of the recipients of our microcredit loans in their places of business. Hear from them just how important this Rotary project is in allowing them to support their families and to stay in their homes and homeland.

Please contact D5500 Microcredits Committee Chair Leo Lawrenson (leo@lawrenson.com) ASAP with any questions and to reserve your free spot on this eye-opening and life-changing trip! Additional trips will likely be scheduled for later in 2026, so if you can't make this March trip, consider letting us know you would be interested in one of those!



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. 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 Backyard

By Diane Ventura-Goodyear

To understand human trafficking: **“The unlawful act of transporting or coercing people in order to benefit from their work or service, typically in the form of forced labor or sexual exploitation.”** 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.

Learn how to:

Identify and rescue victims

Support trauma healing and recovery

Understand social media exploitation

Strengthen community response

Human trafficking awareness focuses on identifying and preventing modern-day slavery, which involves

exploiting people for profit through force, fraud, or coercion.

Hear from Hope Rising AZ, Southern Arizona Against Slavery (SAAS), and legal experts, including a Special Victims Prosecutor.

Please join us — capacity is limited. This event will be an eye-opener. Together, we can raise awareness, protect the vulnerable, and be part of the solution.

Contact Monica Oszust: oszustmonica@gmail.com

Fundraisers Your Club is Welcome to Attend

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

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

For many years, CRC has raised funds at the rodeo to support many local youth organizations. In recent years, CRC has provided much-needed funding to groups like Youth On Their Own, The Salvation Army, Mariachi youth group Rayos Del Sol, Integritive Touch, and others.

Volunteers are needed to staff beer stations. The rodeo begins on February 21, 2026, and lasts eight days until March 1. Volunteers are needed on February 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 and Mar 1. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 10am and plan to leave between 4pm and 5pm. All volunteers will have the opportunity to take breaks. Volunteer with a friend, family member, or fellow Rotarian.

To sign up: Scan the QR Code or go to:

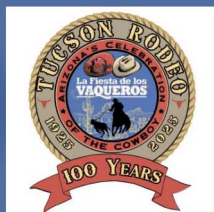
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084EABA62FAAF85-61382075-2026>

For additional information, call 520-990-0768.



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!

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
 Club of Dove Mountain

PRESENTS

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!

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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.

San Luis Frontera Food at MATO. 3/6-8/2026



The San Luis Frontera Rotary Club will be selling carne asada burritos, bean & cheese burritos and quesadillas during MATO from March 6-8 in Yuma, AZ. Find us in the southeast corner of the baseball field. All proceeds go to fund community projects, including scholarships for post-secondary education. Hours, entertainment lineup, admission and more details about MATO can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/MidnightAtTheOasisYuma/>

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 or by calling 208-691-3761 or sending an e-mail to 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



Yuma North End Bowling Fundraiser 3/14/26

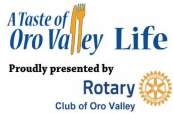
To register email rotaryavf@gmail.com

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



SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026
4:30 – 7:30 PM
Steam Pump Ranch
10901 N Oracle Rd, Oro Valley
tasteoforovalley.org

A Taste of Oro Valley - April 12, 2026
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

Saddlebrooke Golf Tournament 4/20/26

MONDAY
APRIL 20, 2026

MountainView Golf Club

Shotgun 1 pm
Four person Best Ball Scramble

ROTARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

benefiting YOUTH PROGRAMS and SCHOLARSHIPS



Golfer Contribution \$150
Foursome \$600

Register & Pay in 1 transaction
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Buffet Dinner following golf

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To register or for further information contact Dan Watson: danielwatson@aol.com (818) 314-0422

Graphics Corner - Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention

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.





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 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. *Don't forget to include photos -- the more the merrier!*
