



Tuesday, January 13, 2026 --- District Governor Bruce Monro

The Next Six Months

By Bruce Monro



I've just wrapped up my visits to every club in our District, and I want to thank you all for the wonderful hospitality and warm welcomes I received along the way. Meeting many of you, learning about your clubs, and building these connections has been a highlight of my year so far. During these visits, we focused a lot on Rotary International's key priorities for the year: **polio eradication, growing our membership, and peace initiatives**. For the next six months, I'm excited to shift gears and talk more about how these goals impact our District and your individual clubs. I'm nearly done scheduling a second round of visits so we can have those conversations together.

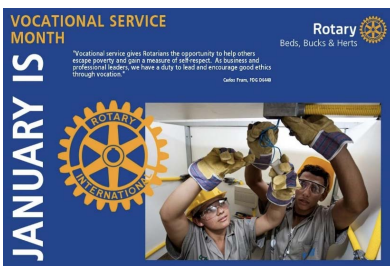
You might be wondering why I'll be visiting your club again, especially as the Rotary year is winding down. Well, Rotary is now focusing more on **leadership continuity and long-term goals**, so the end-of-year rush isn't as big a deal as it used to be. The whole District Governor team will be carrying these priorities forward, making sure we're all working together to help clubs improve.

Our District team is here for you—we're ready to support your club with programs, tools, training, and mentorship, all with the goal of helping your club get even better. When a club keeps improving, it becomes a more fun and rewarding place for members and a bigger asset to the community.

I'm looking forward to seeing you again. The whole DG team will be joining you at many of your upcoming service projects and fundraisers during the rest of the Rotary year.

See you then!

January is Vocational Services Month!



Each week during January we will highlight the great work of Rotary Clubs in District 5500 supporting Vocational Services.

If your club has a project that supports vocational services that you would like us to highlight, email DaveRotary5500@gmail.com with the details (and a photo!)

TRVFA: Don't Forget the AZ Tax Credit!

Many of you should be receiving a brochure from the Rotary Vocational Fund of AZ.



A mail-in donation form is available if you prefer to donate by check. Alternatively, the easiest method is to contribute on-line with a credit card at <https://trvfa.org>.

If you are new to AZ or your tax accountant is out of state, point them to this website. <https://azdor.gov/tax-credits/credits-contributions-qcos-and-qfcs>

You have until April 15th, 2026, to make a qualifying contribution for 2025. Some people like to know their actual AZ tax liability before deciding on the contribution amount so they can contribute enough to offset it.

The Rotary Vocational Fund of AZ - QCO 20698.

- Step 1: Donate to TRVFA
- Step 2: Keep your receipt
- Step 3: File Form 321 with your taxes
- Step 4: Receive your money as a tax credit.

Filing single \$495, Filing Jointly \$987, is the tax credit for 2025.



District Grants

Clubs can now apply for a District Grant for projects with a matching grant of \$250 to \$2000 on a first come, first served basis through May 31, 2026. If you currently have a District Grant, the Final Report must be approved before applying for new grant funds.

District Grant funds come from Annual Fund/SHARE giving our clubs contributed to The Rotary Foundation three years ago. Your club must be qualified before you can apply for a grant. The MOU and District Addendum need to be signed and submitted to the Stewardship Chair and at least two club members must have taken the [Grant Management Seminar](#), including the contact person that will be filling out the grant application. To apply for a district grant, please refer to the [District Grant Webpage](#).

Estate Planning Ideas!

By John Anthony Oszust



If you love The Magic of Rotary and the good it does for people and Planet Earth, consider adding The Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate plans.

Becoming a benefactor is simple—just commit \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation through your estate plan. For those who wish to make an even greater impact, The Bequest Society welcomes individuals who commit \$10,000 or more through their estate plans.

This process is straightforward and can be customized to support specific areas of focus, international programs, or initiatives within your district. You can even name the fund in honor of a loved one, ensuring their legacy lives on through Rotary's work.

Many Rotarians have already taken this important step to keep the Rotary legacy alive. We deeply appreciate their dedication, generosity, and continued support. Their spirit of giving allows The Rotary Foundation to fund life-changing projects, grants, and humanitarian efforts today and into the future.

For more information on how you can become part of this legacy program, please contact District 5500's TRF Endowment team, John Oszust at johnoszust@outlook.com or Monica Oszust at Oszustmonica@gmail.com.

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.

Mountain Empire Rotary Dictionary Project



This is by far one of our Club's favorite projects every year. We distribute them to 3 local schools in Elgin and Patagonia. The students and teacher use these as a part of the curriculum. This is a photo from the Elgin 3rd grade class. This project is supported by so many of our District Clubs. It all started in the **Somerton (D5500) adoption**: The project was brought to Somerton Rotary in 2001 by Dr. Richard Geyer, with the first dictionaries distributed to three schools. If your club is not involved, check out the [The Dictionary Project The Dictionary Project Promoting Literacy with Free Dictionaries](#).

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!

Swing for the Kids with RC Tubac

Formerly Carey Daniels Five Club Tournament

Swing FOR THE Kids

TUBAC Rotary CLUB
PEOPLE OF ACTION

Helping Youth With **Education, Medical, and Basic Needs**

GOLF TOURNAMENT
\$10,000 Hole In One Prizes
Beat the LPGA Pro Contest

Prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Putting Contest, Low Team and High Team Scores

\$150 Per Person
\$95 Tubac Golf Members
Includes Cart, Range Balls and after golf LUNCH

Click Here to Register:



TUBAC GOLF RESORT
JANUARY 19, 2026
0900 SHOTGUN START
Registration starts at 0700

<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/3c2a6d7e-cc12-45fa-a884-f171b3d07723>

Register using the QR code to the left or at:

<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/3c2a6d7e-cc12-45fa-a884-f171b3d07723>

Yuma Crossing: Around the World 2/7/2026

By Jesus Fuentes

ROTARY CLUB OF YUMA CROSSING
Presents

Around the WORLD Gala





9th Annual Dinner Gala Fundraiser
FEBRUARY 7, 2026
DOORS OPEN/COCKTAIL HOUR - 6:00 PM

Paradise Casino Event Center
450 Quechan Drive, Yuma, AZ 85364
Tickets \$150 per person

For Sponsorship, Tickets, and Table Purchase contact 928-304-8550

UNITE FOR GOOD

Proceeds to benefit local charities

FORMAL ATTIRE



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!

VISIT 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

Valle Verde Jazz in the Desert 3/7/2026



Valle Verde Rotary Club

2026
Saturday, March 7, 2026

In Partnership With



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.

Taste of Oro Valley 4/12/2026

A Taste of Oro Valley - April 12, 2026
tasteoforovalley.org

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

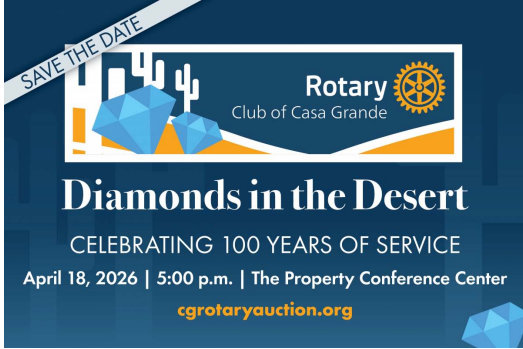
Proceeds will benefit:

Live music by:

Purchase tickets at:



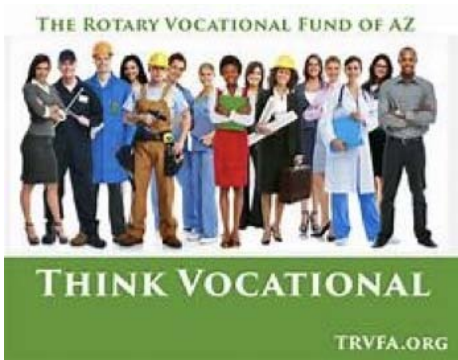
Casa Grande: Diamonds in the Desert 4/18/2026



For more information: cgr Rotary Auction.org

Graphics Corner - Vocational Services

Enjoy these inspiring Rotary graphics related to this month's international focus on Vocational Services. 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.



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



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 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!*
