



Tuesday, January 20, 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!)

District 5500 News and Upcoming Events You Should Know About!

Join us on Instagram!

Greetings Fellow Rotarians, District 5500 is preparing to increase our Social Media presence by launching an Instagram page on February 1st! Instagram is a visual platform and in order to make it successful we need your help. Going forward, we would love to post content from all of our clubs. Please take photos of "People of Action" and send them to me at fondatucsonrotary@gmail.com Please don't forget to send me information on fundraisers and upcoming events for our District Facebook page also.



SW PELS Registration for Presidents Elect



Don't forget! If you are currently the President-Elect of your club, you should be registered for the Southwest Presidents-Elect Learning Seminar, February 19-22, 2026. Be sure to reach out to [DGE Emma](#) if you have questions.

TRF: What are the Rotary Peace Fellowships?



Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders to study at Rotary Peace Centers at universities around the world. Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, these professionals develop their capacity to become effective catalysts for peace. Rotary Peace Fellows earn either master's degrees or professional development certificates in subjects related to peace and development.

Since 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,500 fellows who work in over 115 countries in education, in government roles, and at international organizations. Rotary members like you can shape the next generation of peace leaders by identifying and interviewing potential candidates.

Learn more about the [Rotary Peace Fellowships](#) and the [Rotary Peace Centers](#).

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.

More Funds Are Available! District Grant Applications are Being Accepted Now!



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](#).

District Grants

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

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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!

Rotary

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.

Catalina Rotary Club Helps Send Kids to Camp!



The Catalina Rotary Club will help send children from both low-income and military families to summer camps. The Catalina Club raised the money during its "Denim & Diamonds" event on October 30, 2025. The club's generosity was highlighted in the December 30, 2025, issue of the Arizona Daily Star.

Photo caption: Patricia Heasler, Denim & Diamonds Co-Chair; Pat Jessup, Arizona Daily Star Sportsmen's Fund; Debbie Kornmiller, Senior Editor-Arizona Daily Star; Jeff Hamstra, Catalina Rotary Club President; Matt Matthewson, Catalina Rotary Club Secretary

More thanks to readers for generous donations

Catalina Rotary Club seeds science camp for 2026

DEBBIE KONNILLER
Director, Arizona Daily Star

The Arizona Daily Star Sportsmen's Fund raises money so children from low-income households and active military families in Southern Arizona can attend summer camp on scholarships funded by Star readers.

We send local kids to weeklong YMCA, Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts) and Girl Scout overnight camps, as well as overnight camping at Camp Tatiyee for school-age children with special needs. New this year were scholarships for Flowing Wells students to go to the overnight Sky



VIEW: Click the QR code to learn more about the Arizona Daily Star Sportsmen's Fund and how your donation helps send kids to summer camps.

School camp on Mt. Lemmon. We plan to expand our Sky School camp partnership in 2026 to fund additional children from Title I schools.

So far, we've received 1,055 donations totaling \$203,457.07 and spent \$256,252 on scholarships to send 423 Southern Arizona boys and girls to camp. A \$5,000 donation from Catalina Rotary Club's Denim and Diamond event in October will allow us to expand our sponsored camps in 2026 to the University of

Arizona Sky School at the Steward Observatory atop Mt. Lemmon. The four-day, three-night science camp will draw from middle and high school classes at Title I schools.

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!

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

Spaghetti Spree for Green Valley 2/11/2026

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.

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/SAHUARITA 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

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 501C3 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.

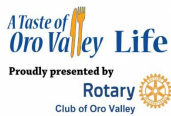


Matinée tickets are \$10. Dinner show tickets are \$60 and require advance purchase.

Tickets are available online at www.vvrotaryfoundation.net 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



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

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:



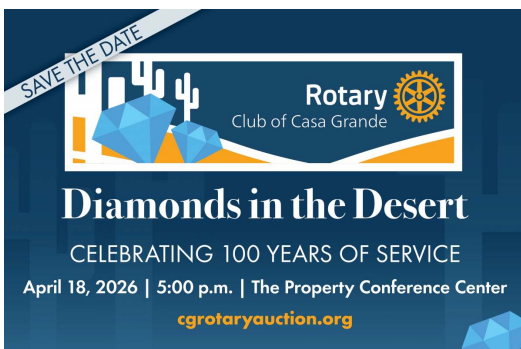
Live music by:



Purchase tickets at:



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



For more information: cgrotaryauction.org

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.



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!**