



## July 1, 2025 District Governor Bruce Monro

### Welcome to Rotary Year 2025-2026

By Bruce Monro  
District Governor 2025-2026

Welcome to the Rotary year 2025-26! While the official start is in July, this transition should feel more like a seamless passing of the baton between outgoing and incoming District Governors and board members, rather than a drastic change.

By now, I hope your club has engaged in meaningful conversations about its goals for the year ahead. These discussions, ideally initiated by the president and the board, should involve all members. After all, every member plays an essential role in achieving the club's goals. Collaboration and shared commitment are key to our success.

During my summer visits to clubs, I'll be focusing on two primary goals that I am deeply passionate about:

#### Enhancing the Rotary Experience

The Rotary experience should be a rewarding journey for everyone involved. It's a two-way street—while you contribute your time, talent, and resources, you should also feel a sense of fulfillment. Rotary should represent an impactful use of your time, and your efforts should resonate as meaningful contributions to change. Beyond money and time, the true value lies in the emotional reward—the confidence and pride of knowing—and hopefully seeing—that you are making a real difference. And making friends along the way.

#### Increasing Participation in PolioPlus

The fight against polio has been a remarkable endeavor, and our Ride to End Polio has made an extraordinary impact, raising millions of dollars globally. Many District 5500 clubs have actively engaged, but member participation remains surprisingly low—only one in six members contribute.

Here's the good news: just \$100 per year equates to \$300 when matched by the Gates Foundation. These funds are critical for vaccination programs, surveillance of potential flare-ups, and addressing challenges like inadequate water and sanitation. With your help, we can eradicate polio once and for all and channel our collective energy toward new causes that resonate with our members' contemporary concerns.

Together, let's make this year one of meaningful action and unparalleled impact. Rotary is about connecting, contributing, and creating a better world. Let's ensure this year reflects those values in the most compelling way possible.



### Call for Nominations for District Governor 2028-29



Rotary International District 5500 is now accepting nominations for the position of District Governor for the 2028–2029 Rotary year. This esteemed leadership role offers a unique opportunity to guide our district, inspire fellow Rotarians, and make a lasting impact on our communities.

Serving as District Governor is both an honor and a significant responsibility. The selected individual will act as the official representative of Rotary International within District 5500, providing leadership, motivation, and guidance to Rotary clubs throughout the district. See attached Application that includes upcoming important dates.

Make a difference in our Rotary District 5500!

**Nominations of candidates to serve as District Governor in 2028-29 are due to Dave Lenox, our district administrator, at [DaveRotary5500@gmail.com](mailto:DaveRotary5500@gmail.com) not later than September 6, 2025.** Any club may nominate a candidate who is a member of that club or a member of another club (with the other club's concurrence). **We will hold an orientation and Q/A session at 10am on August 9, 2025 via Zoom, for all interested Rotarians who are thinking about applying. Candidate interviews will be held on September 13, 2025, beginning at noon, also via Zoom.**

[Click here](#) for an Application

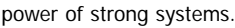
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### Welcome New District Webmaster Caitlyn Allen

Welcome our new District Webmaster, Caitlyn Allen!

Caitlyn is a multi-passionate entrepreneur dedicated to helping business owners. Since 2016, she has worked with entrepreneurs to optimize their businesses by providing expert support in online business management, process improvement, website design, and branding.

Her background in public policy, community engagement, and marketing has given her a unique perspective on leadership, strategy, and the



Originally from Michigan, she found her way to Ajo, Arizona, through AmeriCorps VISTA, where she served with the International Sonoran Desert Alliance. She fell in love with the community and decided to make Arizona her home. She now resides in Phoenix with her boyfriend and french bulldog.

Whether it's refining workflows, elevating a brand's digital presence, or creating seamless client experiences, She thrives on helping business owners take their companies (and Rotary Districts!) to the next level.

Caitlyn is also the President of the Ajo Rotary Club!

You can reach her at [caitlyn@caitlynallen.com](mailto:caitlyn@caitlynallen.com)

## TRF A Year of Insight Into the Rotary Foundation

I'll share a short message each week this year about The Rotary Foundation, its programs, and how it uses your support for service projects that change lives around the world.

Let's start with the words of Paulo V.C. Costa, the 1990-91 Rotary International president:

"The Rotary Foundation is truly Rotary's most precious jewel, for it transforms our most daring dreams into the most splendid realities."

**Thank you for supporting the Foundation and its work.**



By Leo J. Lawrenson

The first of our FOUR 2025 District 5500 Training Assemblies to provide club officers and others with valuable training and information was successfully conducted at the Sierra Vista Salvation Army Center on Saturday, 17 May. Approximately 34 Rotarians attended from various clubs, one from as far away as Yuma!

To view copies of the presentations, click on the links below:

- [Opening](#)
- **Club Governance**
- [Club Experience](#)
- [Secretary Training](#)
- [Public Image/Communications Training](#)
- [Treasurer Training](#)
- [Grant Management Training](#)
- [Youth Protection Training](#)

Be sure to register for one of the remaining three Assemblies on the D5500 Calendar:

- 12 Jul 2025 [Florence](#)
- 19 Jul 2025 [Tucson](#)
- 26 Jul 2025 [Yuma](#)

# DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY



**Rotary**  
District 5500



With Bruce Mondo

District Governor

- Sierra Vista May 17
- Pinal County July 12
- Tucson July 19
- Yuma July 26

**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**

Make a Difference  
Make a Friend

8:00am-2:00pm  
Breakfast & Lunch Served  
No Charge

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

WHAT TO  
EXPECT:

## All Rotarians

- Presidents & Presidents-Elect
- Secretaries
- Membership Chairs
- Grants Management Certification
- Public Image
- Foundation
- Networking

## 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.

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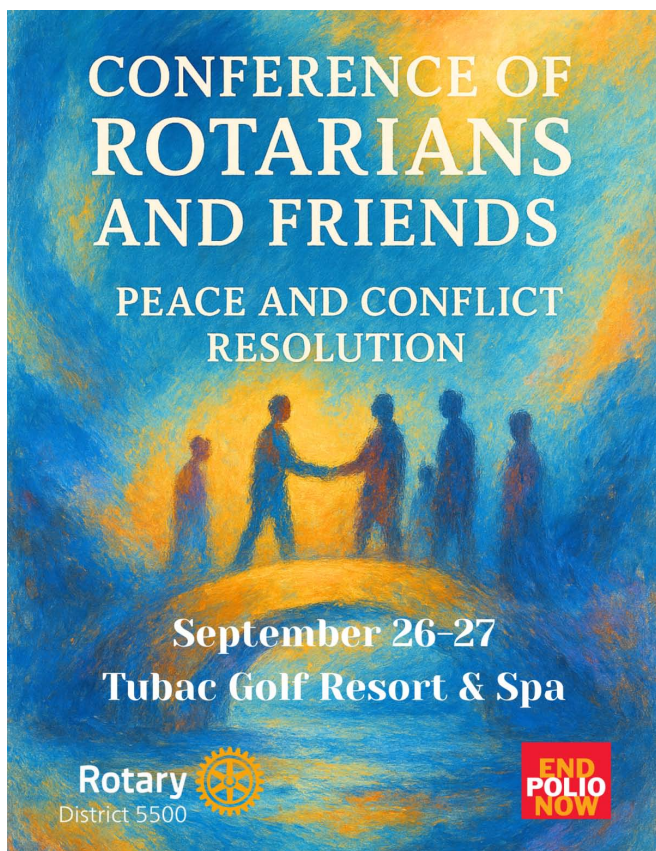
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## District Conference Update

We are excited to present the updated notice for the District Conference. Our major theme is: **Peace and Conflict Resolution. Conference registration is now open and you can register [HERE!](#)**

The conference will offer valuable insights and skills to enhance your personal and professional life. In our divided world, navigating conflict with diplomacy is essential. Our speakers and breakout sessions will provide practical **strategies for managing conflicts** in various settings. Engage with experts and gain tools to foster collaboration and dialogue.



[Read More](#)

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## Thank You, District Conference Sponsors!

We wish to extend a massive thank you to our latest Silver sponsor, **Quantum Wealth Management**, for their generosity and support. Also huge thanks to **Oracle Land and Homes, Sue Archibald, Anne Fisher, Ron Darrah, Charlotte Gates, Michael Drake, Rotary Clubs of Saddlebrooke, Mountain Empire, Tubac, Valle Verde, Rio Rico and Pantano**, who have already pledged to sponsor our District Conference this year.

### Will your Club be a sponsor this year?

This year's conference will take place September 26-27 at the beautiful Tubac Golf and Country Club.

Come learn about our District 5500's international projects, collaborate with Rotarians from neighboring clubs, generate ideas, hear inspirational speakers, share fellowship, and more. The House of Friendship promises to be outstanding again this year.

[Read More](#)



## District Conference Room Reservations

### District Conference Rooms are filling up! TUBAC GOLF RESORT ROOM RESERVATIONS

While we are over three months away from the conference, our room block is filling up quickly!! We have already exceeded our room block on Thursday and Saturday. If you are planning to attend, do not wait until the last minute to book your room. You may not get one. You can call the Resort direct at 520.398.2211.



## Celebration of Life for 2025 District Conference of Clubs

By Leo J. Lawrenson



Have any members of your club passed on since 1 October 2024? Please let us know so that they will be included in the Celebration of Life at this year's D5500 Conference of Rotarians and Friends 25-26 September, 2025. Click [HERE](#) for a simple fillable PDF form that should be completed and returned to [Leo@Lawrenson.com](mailto:Leo@Lawrenson.com).

## Save the Date! Registration is Now Open for the Mexico - USA Friendship Conference in Yuma

**October 31 - November 3, 2025**

**Registration is open!**

Mark your calendar for this year's Mexico-USA Friendship Conference and Global Grants Exchange in Downtown Yuma, Arizona. Scan the QR code below for more information. Registration is open now!



## Rotary Zone 26/27 Conference

**October 23-25, 2025, in Albuquerque, NM!**

Imagine cruising down Route 66 and stopping at the BEST attractions along the way. That's exactly what Rotary Zone Institute 2025 offers.

- Inspiring New Perspectives
- Hands-on leadership training
- Networking that fuels your Rotary journey

Don't just take the back roads—be on the fast track to success.

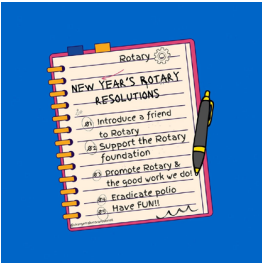
Register today! [Click here.](#)






Graphics Corner

Enjoy this week's inspiring Rotary graphics. 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.



Rotary  <b>FOUR-WAY TEST</b> FOUR QUESTIONS – 24 WORDS	
<b>THE UNIQUE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS</b>	<b>PROCESS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED OUTCOMES THAT ARE ETHICAL, FAIR AND BENEFICIAL TO ALL</b>
<b>IS IT THE TRUTH?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clarity</li><li>• Transparency</li><li>• Fact checking</li><li>• Ethical behaviour</li></ul>	That we do our homework to collect information and to apply critical thinking by asking questions to know the difference between facts, beliefs, assumptions, and opinions as well as know what we don't know.
<b>IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inclusion</li><li>• Empathy</li><li>• Acceptance</li><li>• Belonging</li><li>• Accountability</li></ul>	That we use empathy to see other points-of-view in the context of the problems to be solved and the goals to be reached.
<b>WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trust</li><li>• Do good</li><li>• Feel good</li><li>• Have fun</li></ul>	That the process is civil, and there is a feeling of respect and openness to ask the "dumb" question, they can lead to creative and innovative answers. Also, people prefer to work with people they like, respect and trust.
<b>WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What if scenarios</li><li>• Trade-offs</li><li>• Being creative and innovative</li><li>• Better decision making</li></ul>	That these are the conflict transformative answers and decisions that can lead to mutually satisfying solutions, that are sustainable and scalable. This can be an iterative process as we learn more from doing and continuously improving with time.



Yuma Sunrise Bowlro

Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Inca Lanes, 1250 West 16th Street, Yuma

[Click here](#) for registration form



**Rotary BOWL XI** All proceeds go to Rotary International Polio Plus

**SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2025**  
**REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 1PM**  
**BOWLING BEGINS @ 2PM**

**\$35 Per Player**  
**\$150 Per Team**

**LOCATION INCA LANES**  
 1250 WEST 16TH STREET, YUMA, AZ

**3 GAMES OF BOWLING & SHOES INCLUDED**

**SIGN UP NOW!**  
 Please return the registration to  
**Mike (928) 580-5992**  
**mrsuba@yahoo.com**

Make checks payable to:  
**The Yuma Sunrise Rotary Club/Bowl XI | All proceeds go to Rotary International Polio Plus**

[Read More](#)

## RCOT - 2025 Tucson Classic Car Show

Save the Date! Saturday, October 18

A fundraising opportunity for your club:

All Rotary Clubs are invited to sell tickets to the TCCS and keep half of whatever they raise ... \$5 of every \$10 ticket you sell.

[Click here](#) to learn more and to sign up.



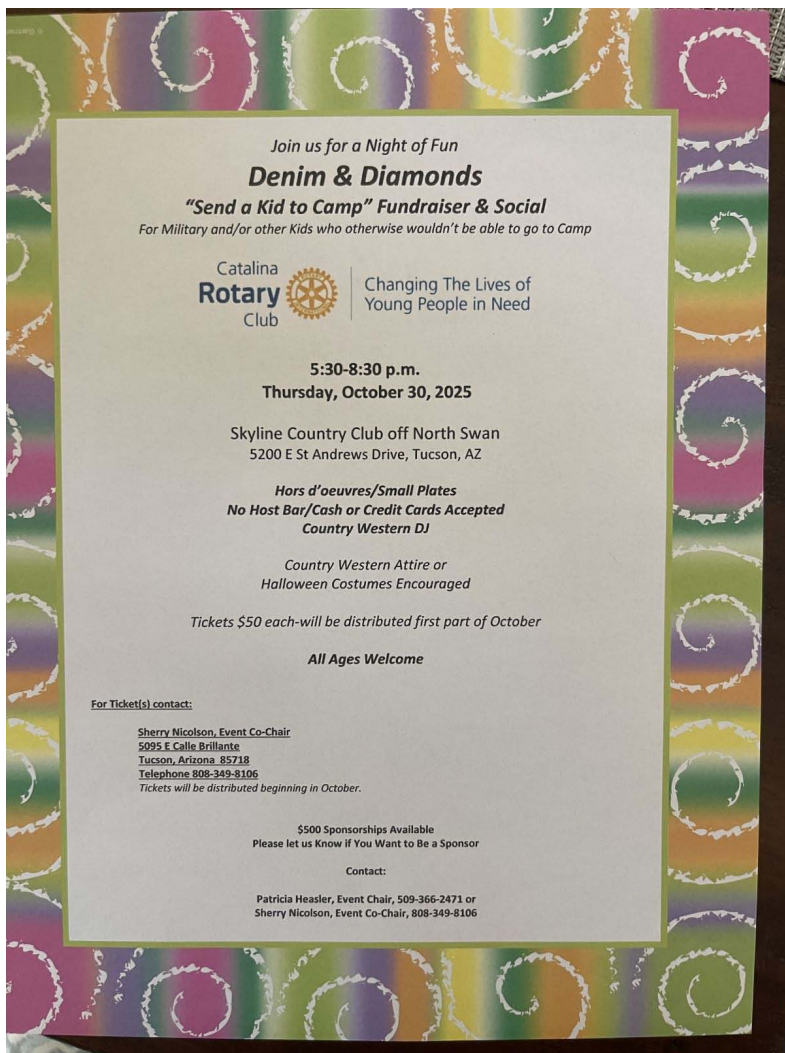
**Tucson Classics Car Show**

PRESENTED BY:  
**Rotary**  
 Club of Tucson

**WeBuyHouses.com**

## Catalina Rotary: Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser

Thursday, October 30, 2025. 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
 "Send a Kid to Camp"



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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 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.

**PLUS...SHOWCASE YOUR PAST PROJECTS & FUNDRAISERS!** We'll feature them in our **Rotary in Action Quarterly**.

Use [this form](#) and send it to [DaveRotary5500@gmail.com](mailto:DaveRotary5500@gmail.com). **Don't forget to include photos -- the more the merrier!**

