





June 3, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

By Sue Archibald

June is designated Rotary Fellowships Month to recognize the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians with similar recreational and vocational interests, promote increased participation in fellowships, and increase understanding of this program.

"Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life's pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth high price." Rotary Founder, Paul Harris

What are the benefits for Rotarians in joining the Rotary Fellowships?

Fellowship provides opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district or country. Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace. Also, Fellowships serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining our existing members. Indeed, Rotary Fellowship, together with the Rotarian Action Groups, serve as an effective tool in promoting membership development and should be actively promoted in our Districts.

There are many Fellowships that would be of interest to our members, and they are detailed on http://www.rotary.org/fellowships. For example - there is a Rotary Tea Fellowship, a Rotary Cybersecurity Fellowship, a Golfing Fellowship, a Beer Fellowship, a Wine Fellowship, a Travel Fellowship and so many more! 18 new ones were approved in 2023!

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As This Rotary Year Ends, a New Chapter Begins—Introducing Our New District Website!

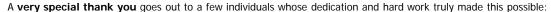
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A Message from District Governor Sue Archibald

As we approach the close of this Rotary year, I find myself reflecting with gratitude on all we've accomplished together—and looking forward with excitement to what lies ahead. One project that has been quietly in the works throughout the year is now ready for its debut: our brand-new District website! Visit rotaryd5500.org.

This new site represents more than just a fresh look. It's a modern, streamlined platform that will better serve our clubs, members, and the broader community. Designed with usability, functionality, and future growth in mind, it will be a vital tool to help us communicate, collaborate, and celebrate the impact of Rotary across our District.

Building a website is no small task, and this one has been a true team effort. It's taken vision, time, technical know-how, and a deep understanding of who we are as a Rotary District. I am deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to bringing this project to life.



- Caitlyn Allen, of the Ajo Rotary Club, brought creativity, technical skills, and tireless energy to the project.
- Jane Shurtleff, from the Oro Valley Rotary Club, offered invaluable input, support, and collaboration throughout.
- Kasia Yuska, our Website Committee Chair from the Tucson Verde Club, provided outstanding leadership, coordination, and vision.





We are pleased to announce that Dave Lenox, a member of the Tucson Rainbow Rotary Club, is the new District Administrator for our Rotary District, succeeding Kasia Yuska in that role.

Dave brings a wealth of experience in leadership and organizational management, and we are excited to have him supporting the work of our clubs and members across the district. In his role, Dave will be helping to coordinate district operations, support club leaders, and ensure that our programs and initiatives continue to run smoothly and effectively.

With his strong background and commitment to service, Dave is a tremendous addition to our Rotary District leadership team. Please join



us in welcoming him warmly and offering your full support as he settles into his new role.

Dave has served as President and CEO of three State Special Olympics Programs: West Virginia, North Carolina, and Washington. He also served for 17 years as Vice President for Leadership Development, Education, and Inclusive Governance Models for Special Olympics International in Washington, DC.



"The most rewarding, and surprising, aspect of my work over the years at Special Olympics has been seeing the impact of giving our athletes voice that allows them to advocate for themselves, and for a better world for all of us. I have learned that there are two essential aspects of advocacy: an articulate voice to express need and solutions; and an audience willing to recognize wisdom even when comes from unconventional voices."

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The Spring District Rotary Foundation Newsletter is Here!

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for our **Spring District Rotary Foundation Newsletter** for your review. There's so much great information inside, including:

- The Annual Fund/SHARE giving from clubs to date
- An update to the two global grants spearheaded by D5500 clubs
- The Mexico USA Friendship Conference and Global Grant Exchange in Yuma
- · Rotarians that left a Legacy in 2024-25
- Our new Peace Fellow applicant
- A new sister Rotary club in D5500
- Rotary's Intercountry Committees
- And a reminder that an application for a district grant must be submitted in the month of July.

If you ever have any questions or needs, please contact District Rotary Foundation Chair Kristi.



TRF Weekly Message: What's the Last Day of the Year to Donate to the Rotary Foundation?

Every year, **June 30** is the last day for donations to be counted toward the final annual giving total for you and your club. We encourage you to make your year-end contributions early to be sure that your gifts are processed in time.

Remember, every contribution made to the Annual Fund-SHARE by June 30 means that your club and district will have more grant funding available in the years ahead.

Make a contribution today to ensure that your club can make a difference in the world in the future!



Clubs, Please Consider a Rotary Year-End Donation to TRVFA



Your club can assist students in vocational programs.

Rotary Clubs have the opportunity to make direct donations to TRVFA. By supporting numerous students, you can significantly enhance the impact of your club. For more details, I encourage you to visit our website at https://trvfa.org.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Diane Ventura-Goodyear directly.

The job market for medical and dental students, as well as for those pursuing careers in truck driving, is strong. Your club's donation will help many students achieve their goals while also benefiting the community.

For additional information, please feel free to reach out to me: Diane Ventura-Goodyear dvg@rotaryd5500.org (520) 409-8656



DACdb Ignite Mobile App Puts Your Club in Your Pocket!

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Monday, June 2, 2025



You don't have to log into DACdb on your computer to access info about your club and its members- DACdb has a terrific smartphone app for both Apple and Android devices called DACdb Ignite! EVERY D5500 member can, after installing the app from your usual app source:

update your own profile data

find and message other members, including prospective ones

see and sign up for scheduled calendar events read club and district ezStories and ezBulletins

log service hours

monitor your Membership Action Plan (Goals)

shop Rotary licensed vendors

view and join Rotary Action Groups and Fellowships

connect to Rotary resources

donate to the Rotary Foundation

pay invoices, 50/50 raffle, happy sad dollars (through DACdb Finance module)

District Officers and Team Leaders can do even more at the district level

AND THERE ARE MORE FEATURES COMING!

For a video on this app, see Ignite - Moble App - VIDEO - 2023 - Knowledgebase / IGNITE - Support and Knowledge Base on DACdb, or

Attention, Peacebuilders and Peace Ambassadors

June 19, 6:00pm on Zoom

contact Leo@Lawrenson.com!

Join us on Thursday, June 19, to hear Leta Lindstrom, Club President of Sierra Vista Sunrise, share her experience, personal observations and takeaways from the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference held in Istanbul, Turkey this past February. Led by Rotary International President, Stephanie Urchick, the conference focused on the theme of "Healing in a Divided World" and explored ways to create environments that foster peace and understanding.

Leta has a strong desire to help people and make a positive impact. She works in a clinic that helps people struggling with sleep apnea, and she is also a certified yoga teacher. Her students develop mindfulness and peaceful well-being from her instruction. Leta feels that Rotary has helped her tremendously both in her professional and personal life.

When Leta discovered Rotary's deep history of peace and how active Rotary is in the promotion of peace, she wanted to learn more about peacebuilding. Leta was excited when she found out about the Peace Conference and asked her son, who helps with Rotary Fundraisers, to go with her to the International Conference.

Leta feels privileged to be a part of Rotary where she can help people, work on building a stronger community, and get more involved in the promotion of peace. That's why she ended up in Istanbul!

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Register by June 10th for the District 5500 Dinner in Calgary

Tuesday, June 24 at 5:30pm

at the Hotel Blackfoot, Trail SE, Calgary, located 3.5 miles from the convention center.

Dinner registration deadline is June 9th.

Click here to register.

If you're attending the RI Convention in Calgary this year, you won't want to miss our District 5500 dinner. There will be a buffet of Carved Prime Rib and Truffle Mushroom Ravioli (vegan), five salad choices, charcuterie, cheese and crudite displays, plus veggies, an assortment of desserts (including celiac friendly), and great Rotary fun.





Cost: \$75 per person. Cash bar.

A Guide to Calgary

VisitCalgary.com

If you're attending the RI Convention in Calgary and are looking to explore the city, here's a guide for things to do and places to see. Click here.

Partnering for Peace at the RI Convention

If you'd like to attend this PFP event, be sure to join us afterwards for our District 5500 Dinner. Click here to register.



2025 District Training Assembly in Sierra Vista in the Books!

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 <u>Tucson</u>

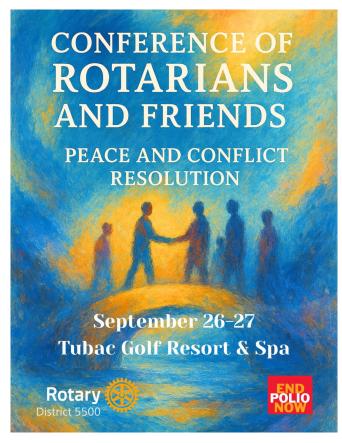


• 26 Jul 2025 Yuma

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.



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Thank You, District Conference Sponsors!

A huge thank you to Oracle Land and Homes, Sue Archibald, Anne Fisher, Ron Darrah, Charlotte Gates, Michael Drake, Rotary Clubs of Mountain Empire, Tubac, Valle Verde, Rio Rico and Pantano, who have already pledged to sponsor our District Conference 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.

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Save the Date! Mexico - USA Friendship Conference in Yuma

October 31 - November 3, 2025 Registration opens July 1

Mark your calendar for this year's Mexico-USA Friendship Conference and Global Grants Exchange in Downtown Yuma, Arizona. Watch for more information to come and registration opening July 1. Learn more here or scan the QR code below.





2nd Annual Willcox Spring Raffle

Sell Tickets and Keep Half the Money for Your Club!

Any Rotary club or other group can participate by selling tickets and keeping half the money. The prizes are all donated, and the tickets are all printed. Willcox Rotary has set it up so that many groups can share in the opportunity.

Entry deadline: June 10, 2025, at 8pm



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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.

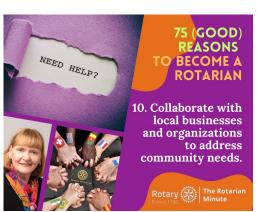


Graphics Corner

June is here, along with a fresh crop of inspiring Rotary graphics for you to enhance your club communications. Just download the images and save to your computer. Enjoy!







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 <u>DaveRotary5500@gmail.com</u> by Friday for the following week's newsletter. Include your photo or graphic as a separate attachment as a jpg or png file.

