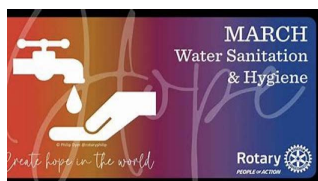




Tuesday, March 10, 2026 --- District Governor Bruce Monro

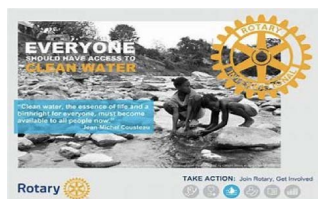
March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month!



Each week during March we will highlight the great work of Rotary Clubs in District 5500 supporting Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene.

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

Rotary's Water Project Fuels Economic Growth in Rural Mexico



In the heart of Jalisco, Mexico, the town of Tototlán faced a persistent challenge: limited access to clean water was stifling both health and economic opportunity. That changed when Rotary District 5240, led by Past District Governor Wade Nomura and the Rotary E-Club of One World, launched the **Tototlán Water Project**—a transformative initiative aligned with Rotary's focus on **Community and Economic Development**.

The project began with a simple but powerful goal: provide sustainable access to potable water for underserved families. But its ripple effects went far beyond hydration. With reliable water infrastructure, local residents could grow crops more consistently, reduce time spent hauling water, and invest in small-scale agricultural ventures. Women, in particular, gained new freedom to pursue income-generating activities, while children spent more time in school and less time helping with household water collection.

Rotary's approach combined technical expertise with community engagement. Engineers and volunteers collaborated with local leaders to install filtration systems and educate residents on water stewardship. The project also included microcredit workshops and business mentoring, helping families turn improved water access into entrepreneurial momentum.

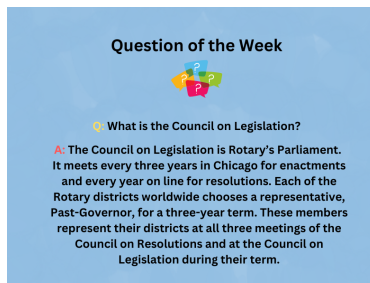
Wade Nomura, a Rotary Foundation Technical Advisor, emphasized the importance of integrating water and economic development: "Clean water is the foundation. But when you pair it with education and opportunity, you unlock the full potential of a community."

Today, Tototlán stands as a model for holistic development—where infrastructure meets empowerment, and Rotary's values come to life. The success of the Water Project has inspired similar efforts across Latin America, proving that when Rotarians invest in basic needs with strategic vision, they don't just change lives—they build futures.

For more information, contact wadeDG1112@verizon.net (805) 448-9912

District 5500 News and Upcoming Events You Should Know About!

What is the RI Council on Legislation?



The **RI Council on Legislation** and the **Council on Resolutions** give all Rotarians a voice in how our organization is governed. Each Rotary district chooses a representative for a three-year term. These members represent their districts and vote at all three meetings of the RI Councils during their term. (**PDG Don Jorgensen was honored to be selected as the new District 5500 representative at the 2025 District Conference.**)

What is the Council on Resolutions (October 2026 and October 2027)?

The **RI Council on Resolutions** meets online every year to vote on proposed resolutions.

What is a resolution?

A resolution is a request to the RI Board or The Rotary Foundation Trustees to take an action that is outside the scope of the constitutional documents. Ideally, a resolution should affect the broad Rotary world rather than address local or administrative issues.

Who may submit a resolution?

Any Rotary club, any Rotary district, the Rotary International Board of Directors, and the General Council or Conference of RIBI may submit proposed resolutions to the Rotary International Council on Resolutions.

What is the deadline for submission?

June 30, 2026 is the deadline for proposed resolutions to be considered at the October 2026 Council on Resolutions.

What are examples of successful resolutions:

"To request the RI Board to consider providing regular updates on process improvements and cost savings measures taken by RI."

"To request the RI Board to consider setting an upper age limit of 30 for admission into a Rotaract club."

To request a club program or to learn more about the Council on Resolutions and the Council on Legislation, contact PDG Don at donjorgensen@comcast.net.

Next week: "How to propose a Resolution"

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. **The schedule and opportunity to volunteer to help at the Traveling Museum when it visits your town starting March 1 can be found in the Read More section below!**

[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](#)

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!

Register today at zoneinstitute.org

—The Camp Big West Team

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

TRF: What Makes a Global Grant Application Successful?



Consult with local experts early in the planning process to build a strong project plan and global grant application. Your application needs to clearly describe how your project, scholarship, or vocational training team:

- Responds to real community needs
- Aligns with one of Rotary's areas of focus
- Actively involves Rotary members and community members
- Meets the eligibility requirements in the grant terms and conditions
- Includes measurable goals
- Will be sustainable and successful long after the global grant funds have been spent

If you need help, contact your district international service chair. The district resource network is made up of members with expertise in project planning, the areas of focus, and Rotary Foundation grants.

Our grant system empowers members to design projects with lasting benefits for communities.

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

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Save the Date

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: Installation and Program - 11:00 - 1:45
(Note: College of Governors - 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.)
Location: The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa, 3800 E. Sunrise Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85718
Cost: \$65.00 per person
Registration is now open – deadline for registration June 2, 2026
2 ways to register: click on the link <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID:77898199> or go to DACdb District Calendar
Questions: contact Dave Lenox or Debbie Haddock

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<https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77898199>

OR

<https://dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77898199>

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.

5th Annual Rillito River Clean Up. 4/11/26

VOLUNTEER WITH ROTARY

RILLITO RIVER CLEANUP

Rotary District 5500

Saturday April 11 8 - 10 AM

JOIN US!

Brandi Fenton Memorial Park
3482 E River Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718

SCAN QR CODE TO RSVP >>>
Or RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/Rillito26>

Rotary District 5500

Sponsored by PIMA COUNTY, PIMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT, CITY OF TUCSON, TUCSON CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL

Let's bring Rotary 5500 together again to clean up the Rillito River during the 2026 Rotary Days of Service!

April 11, 2026 8:00-10:00 AM
Brandi Fenton Memorial Park.
Register Here: <http://tinyurl.com/Rillito26>

In partnership with Tucson Clean and Beautiful and Pima County, let's fill a dumpster full of trash from our beautiful Rillito River for the 5th year in a row!



Human Trafficking in Your Own Back Yard

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.

Help protect human rights

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD

Discuss and learn what you can do about this



DATE: Monday, April 13
TIME: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm



BE AWARE

SPONSORED BY ROTARY CLUBS:

- Dove Mountain
- Marana
- Mountain Empire
- SaddleBrooke



Scan for event info

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

Registration is recommended due to the limited seating.

There is **NO CHARGE** for registration on the webpage. All non-Rotarians will register as guests. Parking is free.

<https://saddlebrookerotary.com/rotary-human-trafficking-awareness-seminar.php>

Also, the restaurant at SaddleBrooke Ranch is open until 11:00 am (before the seminar). Cookies and coffee will be available at the event.

Contact Monica Oszust: oszustmonica@gmail.com

Implementation of District Grant with Ukraine

By Claudine Odette Schooley



The Rotary club of Oro Valley recently worked with the Rotary club of Kiev Balzac in Ukraine to provide some necessary supplies to the center of Novovolynks in Volynska region. The center welcomed more than 580 refugees and is still increasing its capacity. The long 4-years of war left those children homeless and with nothing. Some of them lost their parents and some still have their mom, but they are all displaced in their own country, coming from occupied cities.

Before Christmas 2025, I collected some donations among members of my club and friends to buy Christmas gifts for the refugee children. Rotarians were able to bring some joy to them and some smiles on their little faces.

We continued to help them with the grant for the first necessities to survive in those difficult conditions (drones and missiles are constantly falling above their heads). A cooking stove and a washing machine were ordered online and backpacks and school supplies, hygiene products and some winter clothing are ready to be distributed to 20 children.

[Check out the video sent by Vladimir Pilipenko:](#)

[Read More](#)

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!

Florence Bunco Night! 3/13/26



You are invited to...

FRIDAY THE 13TH

Bunco Night!

03.13.2026 | 6 - 9 PM

Greentree Inn and Suites
240 W, 240 AZ-287 Florence, AZ.

Bring your spouse, friends, children ages 16 and up!
\$20 admission tickets

Join us for an evening of Bunco, Snacks, Drinks, Fun,
Laughter and \$\$\$CASH\$\$\$ Prizes!

Bring your \$\$ for the Raffle Prizes &
50/50 RAFFLE!



Proceeds benefit
FUSD Scholarships!

Contact:
Jen Nathaniel (480) 228 - 4676
William Duffey (602)380-5086

Sponsored by
Rotary
Club of Florence Arizona

Yuma North End Bowling Fundraiser 3/14/26

To register email rotaryavf@gmail.com

Rotary Club of Yuma North End

BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Come Join Us to Support

Safe House of Yuma

MARCH 14

STARTS AT 1:00PM TO 5:00PM

INCA LANES
1250 WEST 16TH ST. YUMA AZ, 85364

HIGHLIGHTS

- \$35 Per Person
- \$140 Per Team
- \$100 for Lane Sponsors

REGISTRATION AT 11:30 AM
BOWLING BEGINS AT 1:00 PM

TO REGISTER OR SPONSOR
Text: 928-920-6620
rotaryavf@gmail.com

Payable to Rotary Club of Yuma North End by checks or cash!

Tucson Sunrise Top Golf Fundraiser 3/22/26

ROTARY CLUB OF TUCSON SUNRISE PRESENTS...

TOPGOLF GAMEDAY

Topgolf Tucson
4050 N. Costello Dr., Tucson, AZ 85741

Sunday, March 22, 2026
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Premium Bay Sponsorship: \$650
Includes sponsor's name & logo displayed at the bay & golf & brunch for 6.

Individual Bay Sponsorship: \$425
Includes golf & brunch for 6.

Game Day Single Tickets: \$75
Includes golf & brunch for 1.

Game Day Brunch Ticket: \$40
Includes brunch for 1.

Buffet Sponsorship: \$300
Includes your name & logo on a sign at the buffet table.

Raffle Basket Sponsorship: \$100
Includes name on Prize Description.

LIVE AUCTION!
Place your bid at our live auction on Game Day to win a Vacation Getaway to San Miguel, Mexico & Island Park, ID!

Need to be present to win.

All proceeds will support the University of Arizona Rotaract Club & their annual projects!

For questions or more information, find us on Facebook at [tucsonsunriserotary](https://www.facebook.com/tucsonsunriserotary) or email tucsonsunrisefoundation@gmail.com

Fire & Ice Vacation Package Raffle Tickets: \$100
Tickets are available for purchase now through Game Day.
Do not need to be present to win.

CHOOSE FROM THESE 4 OPTIONS...

BUY A RAFFLE TICKET NOW!

Rotary Club of Tucson Sunrise

Buy your tickets now to attend the Tucson Sunrise Topgolf Game Day for your chance to win a 7 Night stay for 6 in San Miguel, Mexico or a 3-night stay for 12 in a beautiful cabin in Island Park, ID at our Live Auction.

Not a golfing fan? Buy a buffet ticket and enjoy having fun with fellow Rotarians and their family and friends. You must be present to win.

Already have a commitment that date? Then buy your ticket for our Fire & Ice Vacation Package. Choose from 4 awesome destinations for 7 nights and up to 6 guests and take 3 years to make the trip! Tickets on sale now. Use the QR Code in the ad. Winner will be announced at the Topgolf Game Day. You need not be present to win.

FIRE & ICE Vacation Package

7 NIGHTS, 6 GUESTS

- Canary Islands**
- Finland**
- Costa Del Sol**
- Sweden**

CHOOSE FROM THESE 4 OPTIONS...

BUY A RAFFLE TICKET NOW!

BID FOR A VACATION IN...

San Miguel, Mexico

Bid in our live auction for the chance to enjoy a seven-night escape to a charming three-bedroom Casa in Guanajuato, Estado, just 170 miles north of Mexico City.

WHATS INCLUDED

- Space for 6 guests
- Cook & housekeeper
- Golfers
- Pool & heated spa

Auction will take place at the Topgolf Game Day event on March 22nd. Must be present to win.

BID FOR A VACATION IN...

Island Park, Idaho

Bid in our live auction for the chance to enjoy a three-night stay in a spacious four-bedroom, four-bath cabin located in scenic Island Park, Idaho!

WHATS INCLUDED

- Space for 12 guests
- Fireplace
- BBQ Grill
- Easy access to Yellowstone National Park

Auction will take place at the Topgolf Game Day event on March 22nd. Must be present to win.

Sierra Vista Sunrise Fundraiser 3/29/26

ROTARY CLUB OF SIERRA VISTA

YOUTH PROGRAMS BENEFIT

~Featuring~

THE BAND WANTED

DOC'S WATERING HOLE

PERFORMING LIVE

3/29/26

7-8 PM

2026

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!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/sunrise-rotary-youth-programs-benefit-at-docs>

Benson Golf Tournament 4/11/26

www.rotaryswingintospring.com



2026
ROTARY
Swing Into
Spring
WWW.ROTARYSWINGINTOSPRING.COM

Rotary
Club of Benson

SATURDAY
APRIL 11

SAN PEDRO
GOLF COURSE

\$100 / PERSON TEAMS OF 4
SCRAMBLE FORMAT



Taste of Oro Valley 4/12/2026

A Taste of
Oro Valley Life

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 Adobes Scholarship Raffle 4/15/26

www.casasadobesrotary.org



2026 Casas Adobes Rotary
Foundation Scholarship

Guaranteed WIN*
*Everyone that buys a ticket wins with the knowledge
they have helped further youth education in our community.

GRAND PRIZE
One Week Stay in a Beautiful Kauai, Hawaii Condo
Tickets are \$20 each

Since 1990, Casas Adobes Rotary Club has awarded approximately
\$750,000 in scholarships to local high school seniors at its annual Eight
Grade Honors breakfast. These seniors have previously been honored
when they were eighth graders for showing dedication to learning, the
community, and leadership.


Please Support Local Youth & Education
by Purchasing Raffle Tickets
Casas Adobes
Rotary

Dozens of other prizes. For more information, or to purchase tickets,
visit www.CasasAdobesRotary.org



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

SAVE THE DATE



Diamonds in the Desert

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

April 18, 2026 | 5:00 p.m. | The Property Conference Center

cgr Rotary Auction.org

For more information: cgr Rotary Auction.org

Saddlebrooke Golf Tournament 4/20/26



MONDAY
APRIL 20, 2026

ROTARY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
benefiting **YOUTH PROGRAMS** and **SCHOLARSHIPS**



MountainView Golf Club
Shotgun 1 pm
Four person Best Ball Scramble

Golfer Contribution \$150
Foursome \$600
Register & Pay in 1 transaction
saddlebrookerotary.com

Includes: Golf, Driving Range
On Course Lunch
Buffet Dinner following golf

Special Hole-In-One Awards on every Par 3
Plus on course contests for Ladies and Men
Tees based on Age and Gender

	Golfer Name	E-Mail	Phone Number
1			
2			
3			
4			

I've do not have a foursome, please pair me with _____
Make checks payable to: SADDLEBROOKE ROTARY CLUB FOUNDATION, INC
P.O. Box 8388
Catalina, AZ 85738
Pay with credit card at www.saddlebrookerotary.com
To register or for further information contact Dan Watson: danielwatson@aol.com (818) 314-0422

San Luis Frontera Wild West Casino Night 5/1/26



Wild Wild West Casino Night

Cost: \$77.00

Buy tickets here: [https://checkout.square.](https://checkout.square.site/merchant/BYFAKXK26KW60/checkout/T23Y4VAN6WBYHT55CVAVQI6B)

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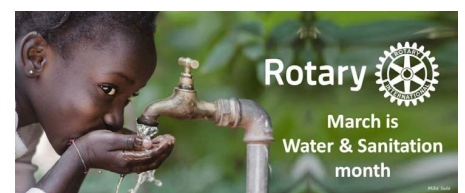
When: Friday, May 1, 2026 at 8:00 PM - Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 12:00 AM MST

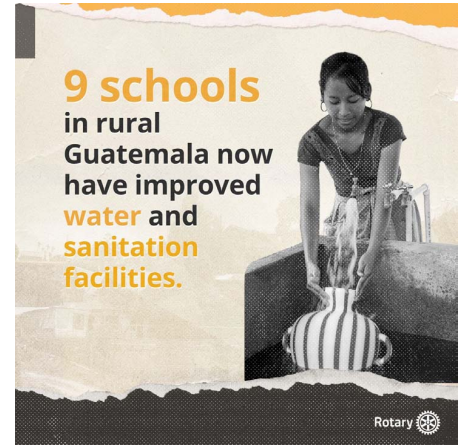
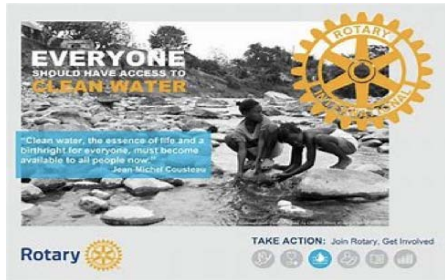
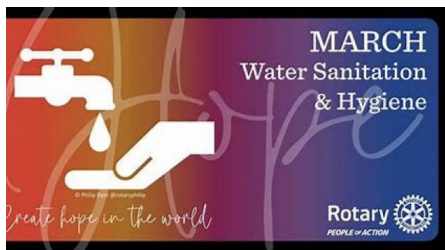
Where: [780 N. Cesar Chavez St.](#)
[San Luis, AZ 85349](#)

Step into the Wild Wild West for an unforgettable Casino Night! Join us on May 1st from 8pm to midnight for an exciting evening of Blackjack, Roulette, and Craps, plus great music and a lively atmosphere. Your ticket includes delicious heavy appetizers and one complimentary drink to keep the good times rolling. Best of all, every spin and every hand supports the San Luis Frontera Rotary Club Scholarship Fund—helping local students achieve their dreams. Saddle up and join the fun for a great cause!

Graphics Corner - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

Enjoy these inspiring Rotary graphics related to this month's international focus on **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene**. 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!**