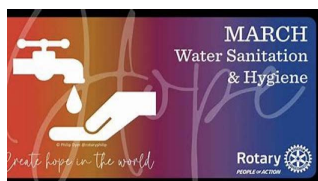




Tuesday, March 3, 2026 --- District Governor Bruce Monro

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!)

FREE Upcoming Microcredits Trip March 13-15

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Monday, February 23, 2026



There are still a few seats and rooms available for a **FREE trip to Hermosillo, Sonora March 13-15 (Friday-Sunday)** to see firsthand just how impactful the joint Districts 5500 and 5495 **Arizona Microcredits Program** really is.



This outstanding international service project, originally funded with about \$150,000 from three Global Grants from The Rotary Foundation, has recycled those funds and about \$75,000 other funds to make over \$4 MILLION dollars available via very small loans to low-income individuals, mostly women, in Sonora for their small business needs.

Ride a very comfortable commercial bus from Tucson to Hermosillo and back, stay in a nice hotel room two nights, meet and dine with the members of the Hermosillo Milenio Rotary Club, and meet many of the recipients of our microcredit loans in their places of business. Hear from them just how important this Rotary project is in allowing them to support their families and to stay in their homes and homeland.

Please contact D5500 Microcredits Committee Chair Leo Lawrenson (leo@lawrenson.com) ASAP with any questions and to reserve your free spot on this eye-opening and life-changing trip! Additional trips will likely be scheduled for later in 2026, so if you can't make this March trip, consider letting us know you would be interested in one of those!



District 5500 News and Upcoming Events You Should Know About!

Hospitality Night at 2026 District Conference

By Virginia Leavitt



The District 5500 Conference Committee is working on DGE Emma's Conference coming up September 18-19, 2026.

Last year we were able to have our Hospitality night on Friday for the first time in years. It was a great success and sold out all the 11 hospitality rooms. This is just a reminder to club president-elects to budget for this. Some regions or clubs went together for their hospitality room.

Clubs bring in their own food and drinks. The cost of the room is \$165+ tax. If you have any questions or would like to reserve your room, please let me know. Virginia "Ginger" Leavitt, 520.971.6963, vleavitt2336@gmail.com.

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

Rotary 

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

or

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

TRF: How Do Global Grants Make Sustainable Change in the World?



One remarkable aspect of The Rotary Foundation is that opportunities for significant projects exist wherever there's a need — in large countries and small ones, in metropolitan areas and rural ones.

Global grant projects are built on international partnerships, and those collaborations can take many forms. A district in Canada may be the international sponsor, with a U.S. district as the host sponsor. A club in France could sponsor a global grant project in Germany. The need, not the location, determines the project.

Here's another example: Rotary clubs in Honduras and the U.S. worked together on a global grant project to provide eye care to people in Honduras. Members from both clubs provided vision services through local clinics. They evaluated more than 1,200 people and gave prescription eyeglasses to 600. A local nongovernmental organization will continue to provide glasses and medications to people who need them.

What does this mean for the community? Better eyesight can lead to better educational or occupational opportunities, which can mean a better quality of life for people.

Clubs around the world use these grants from the Foundation to make long-term, sustainable change. Every club has the opportunity to do this, one project at a time.

How do you want to make an impact in the world?

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.

Implementation of District Grant with Ukraine, March 1 st , 2026

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](#)

Human Trafficking in Your Own Backyard

By Diane Ventura-Goodyear

Help protect human rights
HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD
 Discuss and learn what you can do about this



Rotary

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

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.

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>

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

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

VOLUNTEER WITH ROTARY

RILLITO RIVER CLEANUP

Rotary District 5500

JOIN US!

Saturday April 11
8 - 10 AM

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

Rotaract

Sponsored by PIMA COUNTY, PIMA COUNTY GOVERNMENT, and TUCSON CLEAN & 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!



Fundraisers Your Club is Welcome to Attend

If you would like to highlight your club's events in this space, contact [Dave Lenox](mailto:dave@lenox.com) with the event information and graphics!

Dove Mountain Monte Carlo Night! 3/6/2026


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

San Luis Frontera Food at MATO. 3/6-8/2026



The San Luis Frontera Rotary Club will be selling carne asada burritos, bean & cheese burritos and quesadillas during MATO from March 6-8 in Yuma, AZ. Find us in the southeast corner of the baseball field. All proceeds go to fund community projects, including scholarships for post-secondary education. Hours, entertainment lineup, admission and more details about MATO can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/MidnightAtTheOasisYuma/>

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.

Marana Tour de Cookie 3/7/26



REGISTER TODAY!

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT THROUGH FEB. 1st



March 7, 2026, for Tour de Cookie !

Fun for the entire family.



Rotary Club of Marana Marana, Arizona
www.rotarytourdecookie.org

Valle Verde Jazz in the Desert 3/7/2026



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.

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!

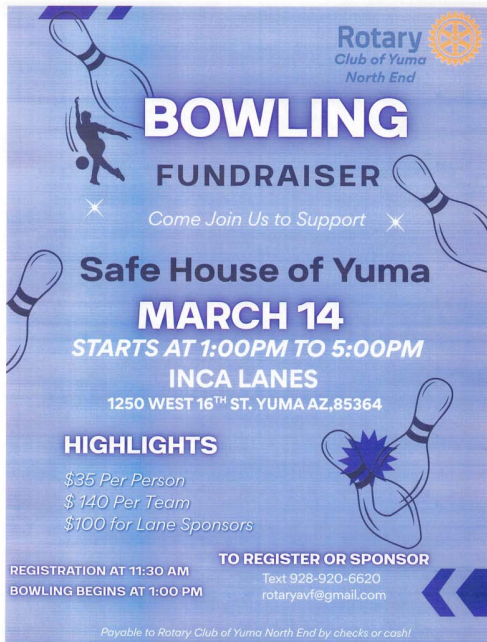
Proceeds benefit
FUSD Scholarships!

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

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.

ROTARY CLUB OF TUCSON SUNRISE PRESENTS...

TOPGOLF GAMEDAY

Topgolf Tucson
4050 W Coastco Dr,
Tucson, AZ 85741

Sunday, March 22, 2026
10:00 AM - 10:00 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 [tucsonsunrise Rotary Club of Tucson Sunrise](https://www.facebook.com/tucsonsunrise Rotary Club of Tucson Sunrise) 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.




FIRE & ICE Vacation Package

7 NIGHTS, 6 GUESTS

Canary Islands
A 7-night stay in the Canary Islands, featuring a 4-star hotel, daily breakfast, and a round-trip flight from Tucson.

Iceland
A 7-night stay in Iceland, featuring a 4-star hotel, daily breakfast, and a round-trip flight from Tucson.

Costa del Sol
A 7-night stay in Costa del Sol, featuring a 4-star hotel, daily breakfast, and a round-trip flight from Tucson.

Sweden
A 7-night stay in Sweden, featuring a 4-star hotel, daily breakfast, and a round-trip flight from Tucson.

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.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Space for 6 guests
- Cook & housekeeper
- Gardens
- 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!

WHAT'S 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



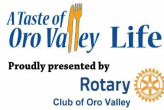
YOUTH PROGRAMS BENEFIT

Featuring THE BAND WANTED

DOC'S WATERING HOLE

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!

Taste of Oro Valley 4/12/2026



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

Casas Adobes Rotary Foundation (501)(c)(3) has funded numerous youth and educational programs including the Eight Grade Honors Program, Youth Summer Leadership, Children's Library, Spring Day Middle School and other programs for our community.

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

Saddlebrooke Golf Tournament 4/20/26

The Rotary Club of SaddleBrooke

MONDAY
APRIL 20, 2026

MountainView Golf Club
 Shotgun 1 pm
 Four person Best Ball Scramble

Rotary CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
 benefiting YOUTH PROGRAMS and SCHOLARSHIPS

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			

If we 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

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

SAVE THE DATE

Rotary Club of Casa Grande

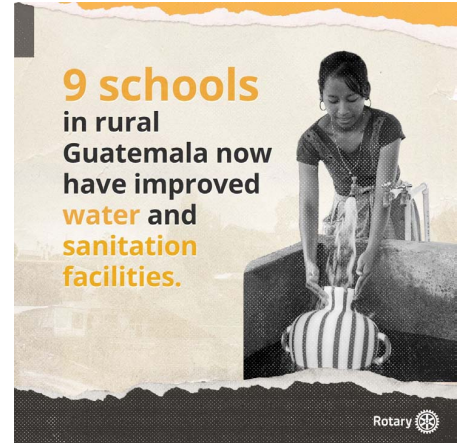
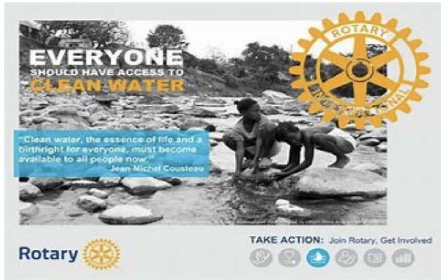
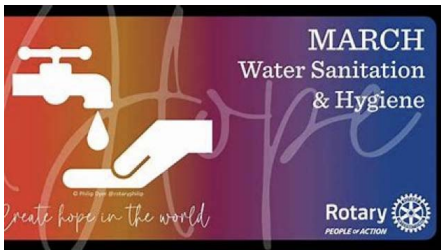
Diamonds in the Desert
 CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE
 April 18, 2026 | 5:00 p.m. | The Property Conference Center
cgotryauction.org

For more information: cgotryauction.org

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!