



Tuesday, March 31, 2026 --- District Governor Bruce Monro

Introducing District Governor 2028–29: Claudine Schooley



Rotary District 5500 is pleased to announce that Claudine Schooley will be District 5500 Governor for 2028–29. A dedicated Rotarian and internationally experienced leader, Claudine brings administrative expertise and global service creativity to this role.

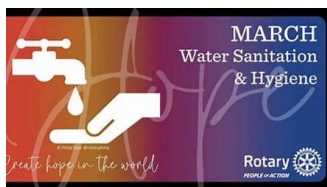
Claudine has held key Rotary leadership positions, including USA National Coordinator of the Rotary Intercountry Committee (ICC), President of the USA–Ukraine ICC, Secretary of the USA–Colombia ICC, and Rotary Friendship Exchange Chair for District 5500. She has also served as President of both the Rotary E Club of One World and the Rotary Club of Conejo Valley. She has written and implemented District Grants, Global Grants and Disaster Grants for a total of \$300,000, underscoring her deep commitment to Rotary Foundation work.

Professionally, Claudine's background spans office administration, public relations, education, and small business ownership. She is fluent in French, English, and Spanish and has lived and worked internationally—experience that enriches her Rotary leadership.

Before becoming DG, Claudine will be visiting clubs and meeting members to get to know the District.

Please congratulate Claudine on her selection as 2028–29 District governor. She can be reached at cdschooley@outlook.com.

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!)

Shelterbox in the Middle East



"We have nothing — no mattresses, no blankets. We're freezing from the cold." – A Lebanese refugee. ShelterBox continues to play a critical humanitarian role in Lebanon and across the Middle East as escalating conflict and displacement leave hundreds of thousands without safe shelter. Lebanon alone is on the brink of a humanitarian crisis. Over 1 million people are now displaced. Families are leaving their homes with only what they can carry and taking shelter wherever they can. Many have no choice but to sleep outside.

Where airstrikes have destroyed homes and forced families to flee with almost nothing, ShelterBox has been providing essential items such as mattresses, blankets, solar lights, hygiene kits and other emergency supplies to people sheltering in communal buildings like schools, helping them endure harsh winter conditions and instability.

Together with [Rotary International](https://www.rotary.org/) in Lebanon and local partner [SHIFT - Social Innovation Hub](https://www.shift-lebanon.org/), Shelterbox continues to support people with essential items they urgently need. Your donation can help us reach more people. If you're able, please donate today: <https://bit.ly/4bWAC8z>

To schedule a "ShelterBox – What's the Latest?" presentation for your club, please contact PDG Don at donjorgensen@comcast.net.

District 5500 News and Upcoming Events You Should Know About!

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>

TRVFA Giving

Rotary Clubs and Foundations
—your gift helps students get a
start in a vocational field.
Please consider donating.
TRVFA.org

"Empower dreams, change lives,
support vocational education."
Together, we can!

Hot off the press...2nd TRVFA video to share. This video explains the tax credit "how to" and can be used at club meetings, in presentations, and shared with friends and family. It can also be shared with your tax accountant.

VIDEOS to share with your club:

https://youtu.be/pvaEq6_dkx Newest

<https://youtu.be/LipgMyAnjfQ> First in the series

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 is a Global Grant for Vocational Training?

Vocational training teams are groups of professionals who travel to another country, either to learn more about their profession

The Rotary Foundation funds some vocational training teams in our areas of focus through global grants. This training is often carried out in conjunction with a humanitarian project. A team should include at least three people. The team leader needs to be a Rotary member, while the other participants can be members or nonmembers who have experience in the area of focus.

Rotary previously had a program called Group Study Exchange, which promoted international understanding and offered person-to-person opportunities for participants to learn how their vocation was practiced in other countries. It was phased out when we updated our grant model and placed this activity within global grants.

Think about whether you could join a vocational training team, or know a nonmember who could participate.

2026 District 5500 Conference Room Reservations!

2026 ROTARY DISTRICT 5500 CONFERENCE

Now Accepting Tubac Resort and Spa Reservations
Call the resort at 520-398-3507 to get a Rotary discount

CREATE LASTING IMPACT
How has Rotary impacted you?
Share Your Story

Save Date
SEPT. 18 & 19, 2026

INSPIRATION
EDUCATION
ENTERTAINMENT
NETWORKING
GOLF
GREAT FOOD
SHOPPING
FUN

Save the
2026 ROTARY DISTRICT 5500 CONFERENCE

Call the resort at 520-398-3507 to get a Rotary discount.

TUBAC GOLF RESORT AND SPA
1 Otero Road
Tubac, AZ 85646

Registration opens July 1, 2026

Tubac! Rotary District 5500

The 2026 Rotary District 5500 Conference will be held at the beautiful Tubac Golf Resort and Spa: 65 Avenida De Otero, Tubac, Arizona.

Mark your calendars for **September 18 and 19, 2026**, and start planning to attend this exciting annual Rotary District 5500 event offering an unforgettable experience for all District 5500 members and guests.

To secure accommodations at the resort, it is highly recommended to make your Tubac Resort and Spa room reservations early. For our Rotary discount rate, call the resort directly at **520-398-3507** and mention group code **ROTA 26** when booking your stay.

Registration for the conference opens July 1, 2026.

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.

Rotary Club of Tucson Hears from US Senator Mark Kelly on April 8, 2026



NOTE: DATE CHANGE!

Hello fellow Arizona Rotarians!
Our United States Senator Mark Kelly will be the program at the Rotary Club of Tucson's lunch meeting on Wednesday, April 8, at noon at the Tucson Convention Center (Coconino/Greenlee Rooms) and we'd like you to join us for this interesting and relevant discussion! We will be limiting our regular agenda to give Senator Kelly ample time to speak with us and answer questions.

Registration information:

- All attendees must register in advance by calling the Rotary office at 520.623-2281 or emailing rotary@tucsonrotary.org by Friday, April 3.
- Rotary guests get FREE PARKING at the TCC. To register your license plate please send the plate number to: Lorena Guevara at lquevara@premiumparking.com or stop by guest services right outside of the meeting space.
- Guests will only pay for their lunch (\$40/ea) which includes a buffet – and COOKIES! Please pay at registration via Cash, Check or Credit Card.
- Please submit your questions in advance (send them to Dotary@dkajobs.com) – there will be no questions from the floor).

Kino Club District Grant in Cote d'Ivoire

https://youtu.be/dAN9Wu_9Cms

Congratulations! Kino Rotary Club just completed a very successful District Grant in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). For one month, Kino Rotarian Odette Koffi, spent time in a rural area of this west African nation educating school-age



girls about hygiene issues that occur during menstruation. The grant provided 150 girls with re-usable menstrual pads, trained them on health-related issues involved in this normal bodily process, and trained two additional trainers to train other girls in the future. The video below shows how this program was received by the girls, their teachers, and their community. The importance of Rotary's contribution was highlighted in the [news coverage seen in the video!](#)

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



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!



The El Jute rest house project. Oro Valley



The El Jute rest house project. (180 km east of Guatemala City)

The Oro Valley Rotary Club, in partnership with the local Rotary clubs and those in Canada, Guatemala, Honduras and Belize, is raising funds to complete the "rest house/shelter" to be used by elderly and family travelers through the mountainous regions of north central Guatemala to visit family and friends.

The El Jute rest house has been built, but there is a need for: floor tile, bags of adhesive, exterior doors (metal), interior doors (wood), PVC windows, metal windows, metal railing. The total projected cost is \$3,400 USD.

The onsite project is being managed by local villagers and members of Gualan Rotary Club, Guatemala. We are hoping to complete the project by June 2026.

Click [READ MORE](#) to see **How to donate to the El Jute project via GoFundMe.com** [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!

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

Fort Yuma Golf 4/11/26

Saturday, April 11, 2026
Par 3 Golf Course
Desert Hills

Fort Yuma Rotary's
Pars Under The Stars Tourney

North Star \$3,000 (Includes Sponsor)
 Includes: 4-person team
 24 balls in ball drop
 CHAPMAN Trophy
 T-Sign and Social Media Recognition

Trophy Sponsor \$3,000 (Includes Sponsor)
 Includes:
 Name Plate or Yearly Trophy
 4-person team
 24 balls in ball drop
 T-Sign and Social Media Recognition

Registration Sponsor \$3,000 (Includes Sponsor)
 Includes:
 2'x10' Banner at Registration tent
 4-person team
 24 balls in ball drop
 T-Sign and Social Media Recognition

Brunner Ball Drop \$1,500 (Includes Sponsor)
 Includes: 4-person team
 12 balls in ball drop
 Banner and Brunner Ball Drop lift
 T-Sign and Social Media Recognition

**WIN \$2,000
 BRUNNER BALL DROP**

DINNER
 Sponsored by

HOLE-IN-ONE
 Sponsored by
 Registration & Dinner 5pm
 Golf Ball Drop 5:45pm
 Shot Gun 6pm

Elk Antlers \$500
 Includes: 4-person team
 4 balls in ball drop
 T-Sign and Social Media Recognition

Team Buy-In \$420
Includes T-Sign

Falling Star \$200
 4 balls in ball drop
 T-Sign and Social Media Recognition

All sponsor levels, team buy-in and per player include:
 Dinner | Glow Ball | Cash Prizes & More

Brendon Evans | 928-580-2084 | bpevans.puseptic@gmail.com

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 (501c)(3) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets go to support the foundation's educational programs including the Eight Grade Honors Program, August Summer Breakfast, Children's Clinic, Impact One Million School, and other throughout our community.

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

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

cgotaryauktion.org

For more information: cgotaryauktion.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

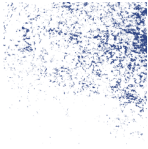
Golfer Name	E-Mail	Phone Number
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2		
3		
4		

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

Mountain Empire Movie Night 4/26/26



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Mountain Empire
Rotary Club
INVITES YOU TO



Our club loves service!

We provide books and dictionaries to students. Twice a year we have a free community dinner highlighting our teachers and students, our Peace Pole in Patagonia, support our graduating seniors with scholarship opportunities, support the County Fair and Rodeo, have a high school career fair, and annually choose students in our middle schools for awards. Plus much more! Join us by becoming a ticket holder and/or a sponsor to do even more!! See [READ MORE](#) for Sponsorship details [Read More](#)

DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT

Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, drinks and a screening of "McLintock" with cast interviews and contests



5PM | APRIL 25

Pioneer Hall
Sonoita Fairgrounds

\$65/person

Tickets available in advance and at the door



Tucson Verde 3rd Annual Tour of Tucson Homes & Businesses. 4/26/26

Tucson Verde Rotary Club presents
A Tour of Tucson Homes & Businesses
Hosted by Pam Pineda
Sunday, April 26 9 am - 2 pm
Showcasing examples of water, energy, and historical conservation and other environmental features in the community
FOR REGISTRATION, TICKET PURCHASE AND MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
www.RotaryTucsonVerde.com Rotary Club of Tucson Verde

Tucson Verde's 3rd annual Tour of Tucson Homes & Businesses is happening Sunday, April 26th, from 9:00am-2:00pm.

Tickets are \$30 each, or \$25 for 4 or more. Purchase them at www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/a-tour-of-tucson-homes-and-buildings. We need volunteers! Various shifts and locations available. If you'd like to help out as a docent, email Linda Fugate at linda@thevacationplanner.biz.

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

San Luis Frontera Rotary Club
CRAPS ROULETTE BLACK JACK
WILD WEST CASINO NIGHT
MAY 1, 2026 8:00 PM - MIDNIGHT
780 N. CESAR CHAVEZ ST. SAN LUIS, AZ
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND
anvida Health
1 FREE DRINK PLAYING CHIPS HEAVY APPETIZERS
SALOON

Wild Wild West Casino Night

Cost: \$77.00

Buy tickets here: <https://checkout.square>.

site/merchant/BYFAKXK26KW60/ checkout/ T23Y4VAN6WBYHT55CVAVQI6B
When: Friday, May 1, 2026 at 8:00 PM - Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 12:00 AM MST

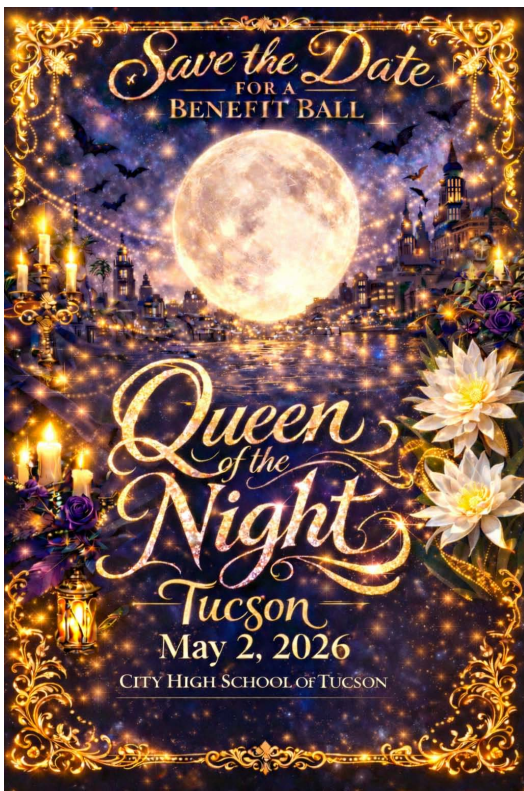
Where: [780 N Cesar Chavez St, San Luis, AZ 85349](#)

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!

Rainbow Rotary Tucson's Queen of the Night Benefit Ball 5/2/26

To buy a ticket: Use the QR code or follow this link!
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/benefit-ball>

Get ready to be part of something extraordinary at the Queen of the Night Benefit Ball, Rainbow Rotary Club of Tucson's fundraising event. In addition to the dance,



there will be great appetizers, entertainment and other opportunities to donate!

The Queen of the Night is a cactus that only shows its beauty at night. Come show the world how YOU bloom as we celebrate our community while helping City High School students and other Rainbow Rotary projects find the support they deserve.

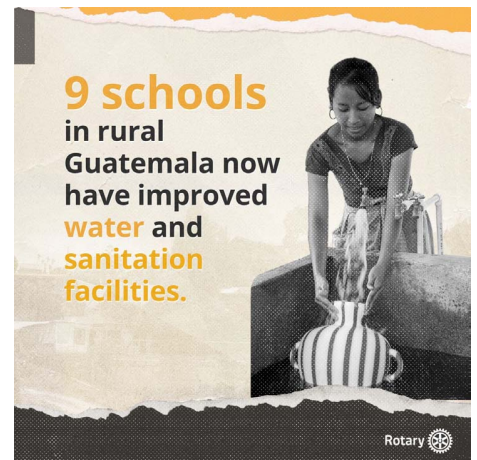
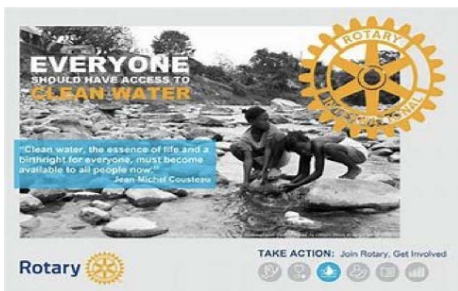
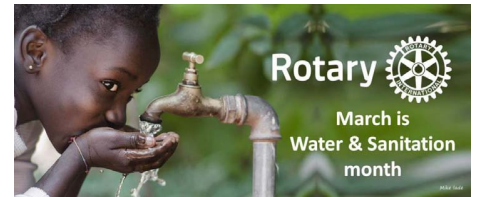
Dress to express yourself, impress others, or just dance! There will be prizes!

Tickets are \$50. Proceeds benefit City High School of Tucson Junior and Senior Trips and Rainbow Rotary Club of Tucson Service Projects!



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 yor 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!*
