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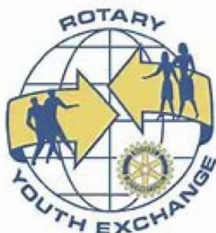


May 20, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

Rotary Youth Exchange: A Life-Changing Program

By Sue Archibald



The Rotary Youth Exchange program offers high school students in District 5500 the life-changing opportunity to study abroad through either a short-term or long-term exchange. Participants immerse themselves in a new culture, attend school, and live with host families—fostering international understanding, personal growth, and global friendships.

Exchange Options

- Long-Term Exchange: A full academic year abroad, with students attending school and living with multiple host families.
- Short-Term Exchange: A summer exchange lasting a few weeks, typically as a family-to-family experience.

Students serve as ambassadors of their home countries while gaining valuable life skills and new perspectives. Thanks to the support of Rotary clubs, this transformative experience is accessible to a diverse range of students.

A Hosting Experience to Remember

This year, DGND Leo Lawrenson and his family hosted exchange student Javier from Spain.

"Javier was a joy for our club and family to host," says Leo. "He was a model student, a great athlete, and a kind, caring young man. He brought a global perspective into our lives that was worth far more than the modest cost of hosting him. Having his parents and twin sister visit us from Spain for ten days and explore northern Arizona and the Tucson area together was an unforgettable bonus. Javier was our second exchange student—and my family and I are ready and eager to host again soon!"



TRF Weekly Message: What Can a \$500 Gift to The Rotary Foundation Do?

A \$500 donation to The Rotary Foundation can help six disabled workers in the Philippines start a watch-repair business, provide safety equipment for a boat that brings health services to isolated locations in Peru, or help women in Mexico start five small sewing businesses and be more self-sufficient.

Can you commit to donating \$500 per year to the Foundation to make lasting change?



One of District 5500's Best Kept Secrets

by PDG Ellie Patterson

Many of you have heard of the Rotary District 5500 Charitable Fund, and several clubs around the district participate in the Charitable Fund. But several years ago, PDG Joe Hentges called it one of our District's best-kept secrets. I still think it is.

There are several benefits in using the Charitable Fund. According to PDG Michael Drake, a Rotary Foundation expert, a major benefit is for clubs that don't want the expense and maintenance of a club foundation. Our district's Charitable Fund is a 501(c)(3) and is available to stand in. Since it doesn't raise funds of its own and is instead simply a pass-through, donations that benefit a club are paid into it, the donor gets a tax deduction, and the club directs the Fund Treasurer where to pay out the funds, usually to the club itself, or to a particular charity.

Rotarians are encouraged to check out the D5500 Operations Manual [here](#) to get all of the information on our Charitable Fund, a Tax-Exempt Arizona Non-Profit Corporation.



You will find the Bylaws and a handy Operational and MOU Guidance document that gives you lots of pertinent information. For questions you may have, please contact Michael Drake at Michael@drakelawaz.com, or longtime Fund Treasurer, Chad Denson at chad@tucsoncpa.com.

Let's not keep our D5500 Charitable Fund a secret any longer.

Create Your Personal Rotary Legacy



If you love The Magic of Rotary and the good it does for people and Planet Earth, consider adding The Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate plans.

Becoming a benefactor is simple—just commit \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation through your estate plan. For those who wish to make an even greater impact, The Bequest Society welcomes individuals who commit \$10,000 or more through their estate plans. [Read More](#)

2025 District Training Assembly in Sierra Vista in the Books!

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Sunday, May 18, 2025

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**



With Bruce Monro
District Governor

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

Rotary
District 5500

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

**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

- Assistant Governors
- Treasurers
- Public Image Chairs
- Membership
- Youth Protection
- Governance Training

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.

Location specifics
available when registering

Use QR code or visit
rotaryd5500.org/district-assembly



rotaryd5500.org
RSVP NOW


District Governor Installation

Saturday, June 7 • 11:30am


REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 27!!

For more info and to register for the event, please [click here](#).

SAVE the DATE
June 7th





Rotary
District 5500



- Bruce Monro District Governor Installation
- Saturday, June 7th, 11:30 am
- Arizona Sands Club - Dunlap Room, U of Arizona Football Stadium

REGISTER

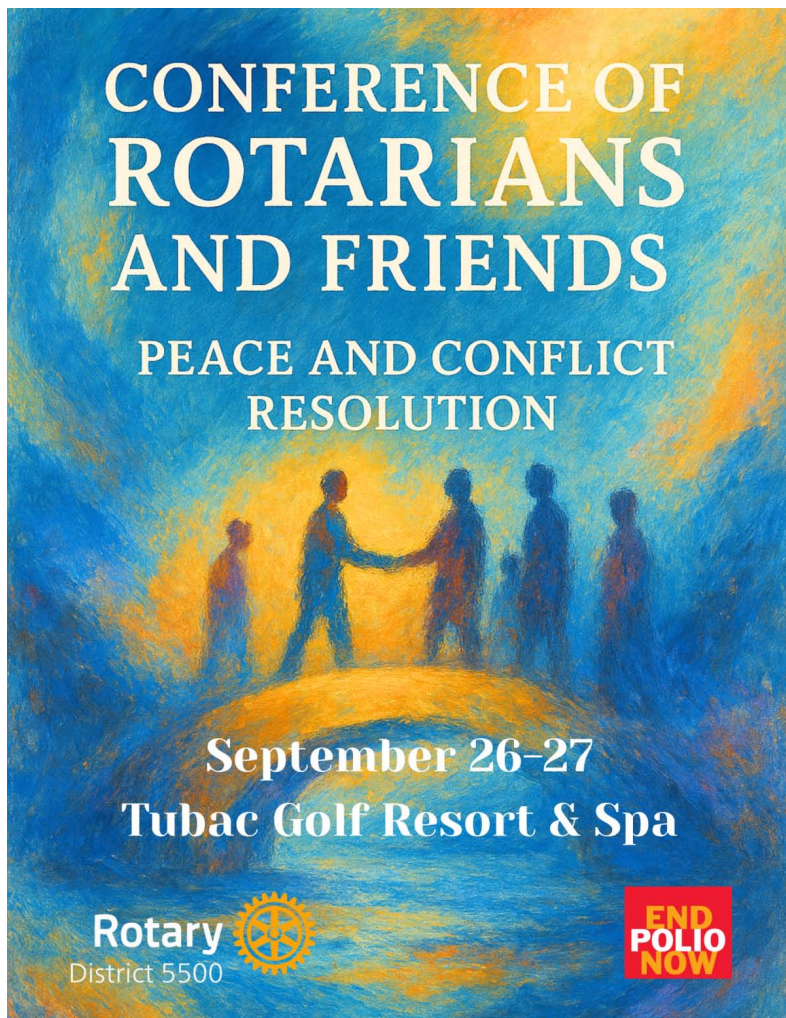




District Conference Update

We are excited to present the updated notice for the District Conference. Our major theme is: **Peace and Conflict Resolution**.

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](#)

Reserve Your Table NOW for The House Of Friendship



District Conference of Rotarians and Friends in Tubac is just around the corner!

The conference takes place September 26 & 27, 2025, so secure your table now at the House of Friendship.

It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your Club's projects and share with fellow Rotarians the great work your Club is doing.

There are only 24 spaces available, so don't wait! Reserve your spot today by contacting **Monica Oszust** at oszustmonica@gmail.com. See you there.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

Rotary Global Grant Collaboration and Awards



[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](#) for more info.



Rotary Zone 26/27 Conference

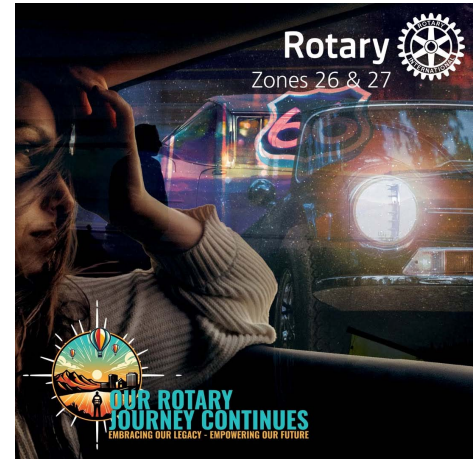
October 23-25, 2025, in Albuquerque, NM!

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

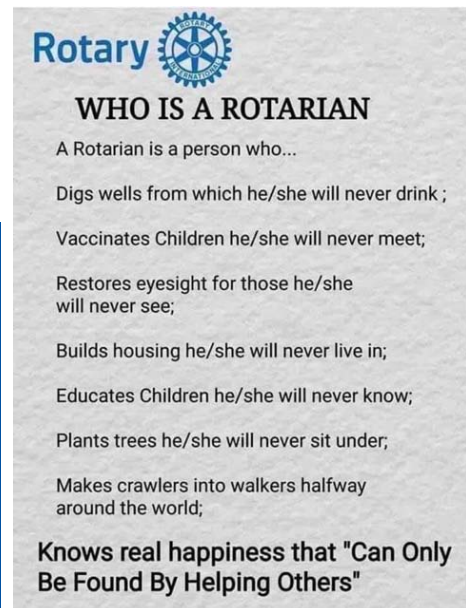
Don't just take the back roads—be on the fast track to success.

Register today! [Click here.](#)



Graphics Corner

Don't keep Rotary a secret! Spread the word about all the wonderful ways that a Rotary membership adds value to your life. Feel free to download these inspirational graphics and use them in your social media posts (both your club's and your own), newsletters and other promotional materials.



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 kasiarotary@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 kasiarotary@gmail.com. *Don't forget to include photos -- the more the merrier!*

