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May 27, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

A Legacy of Leadership and Youth Development: Track Meet and Project Graduation

By Sue Archibald

Take a page from the playbooks of the Safford and Sierra Vista Rotary Clubs for how Rotary can leave a legacy of leadership and growth for our youth. Read on...

The Safford Rotary Club's Annual Track Meet

For decades, the Safford Rotary Club's Annual Track Meet has stood as a proud tradition in Graham County—an enduring symbol of Rotary's commitment to youth, health, and community engagement. First held in the early 1950s, this event was launched with a vision to bring young people together in the spirit of athleticism, camaraderie, and fair play.

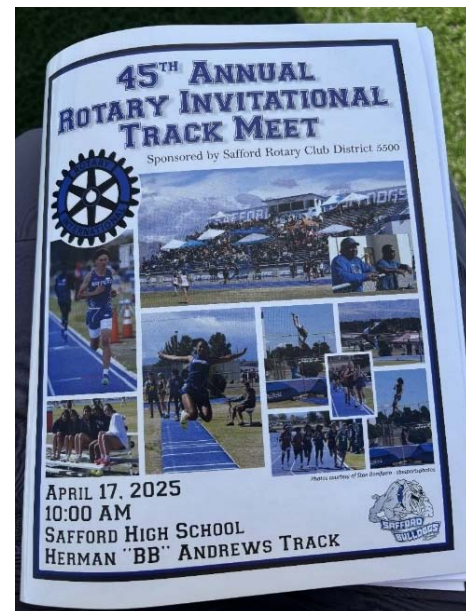
Now in its 45th year, the meet has grown from a small local competition into a much-anticipated regional event, drawing student-athletes from schools throughout southeastern Arizona. Many participants and spectators recall fond memories of competing or volunteering, with generations of families returning year after year to support the tradition.

What sets this track meet apart is the community-driven spirit behind it. Organized entirely by Rotary volunteers, the event exemplifies the Rotary motto "Service Above Self." Club members take pride in coordinating logistics, preparing the field, running timing equipment, and encouraging every athlete who crosses the finish line.

In addition to fostering athletic excellence, the track meet reinforces Rotary's broader mission: to empower youth, promote leadership, and build bridges of goodwill. Many former participants have gone on to become leaders in their communities, some even returning as coaches, volunteers, or Rotarians themselves.

Whether you're a first-time attendee or a longtime supporter, the Safford Rotary Club's Annual Track Meet is more than just a competition—it's a living legacy of service, sportsmanship, and hometown pride. Whether it's cheering from the stands, passing out water, presenting awards or helping with timing, the energy and teamwork on and off the field make this event a highlight of the year for everyone involved.

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District Governor Installation

Saturday, June 7 • 11:30am

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TODAY, MAY 27!!


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

SAVE the DATE
June 7th




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

REGISTER



Rotary
District 5500



Wanna go Phishing?

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Thursday, May 22, 2025



NO, YOU DON'T!

From Wikipedia: "Phishing is a form of [social engineering](#) and a [scam](#) where attackers deceive people into revealing [sensitive information](#) or installing [malware](#) such as [viruses](#), [worms](#), [adware](#), or [ransomware](#)." We have been receiving reports from other Rotary Districts about mass emails received by multiple members who thought they were from District leadership, asking them to click on various links for what appeared to be legitimate or interesting topics, but which would actually take them to websites that were scams.

Some of the phished Rotarians blamed ClubRunner or DACdb, since they usually received emails through those club management systems, but in actuality neither platform had been breached or compromised, even for the email addresses! The scammers had likely used public Rotary websites to get the names of leaders to use on their phishing emails and got the member email addresses from any of the multiple other public sources for email contact lists, some legitimate and some not. To protect yourself from these scams, click the [READ MORE](#) button! [Read More](#)

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.

Will your Club be a sponsor 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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TRF Weekly Message: What Can a \$1000 Gift to the Rotary Foundation Do?

A \$1,000 contribution to The Rotary Foundation pays for the materials needed to build a deep bore well in India that will supply clean drinking water to more than 300 people.

It provides materials to treat and prevent parasites and anemia in children in Brazil or pays for a tree nursery in Jamaica that will help 700 farmers increase their income.

It can provide cow and animal husbandry training to a woman in Uganda, where children often don't get enough protein and calcium.

It can pay for the polio vaccine for 2,000 children in Nigeria or provide \$50 microloans that allow 20 women in Nicaragua to start businesses.

Can you commit to donating \$1,000 per year to The Rotary Foundation to change people's lives?



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.



Hawaii International Convention 2027 Cancelled

FYI: The Hawaii 2027 International Convention has been canceled due to problems with their facility.

Since many of you have been planning to attend even though it's a few years away, we wanted to let you know.

Rotary International will announce a new location for the 2027 convention this summer.



Zone 26/27 Big West Breakfast in Calgary

Monday, June 23 at 7:00 a.m.

Going to the Rotary International Convention in Calgary?

Come gather with friends old and new from Zones 26 & 27 at the Big West Breakfast at the Telus Convention Center. The price is \$70 for a full, hot breakfast buffet.

Registration closes June 17 (or sooner, if capacity is reached), so claim your seat now. Space is limited.

[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 [Tucson](#)
- 26 Jul 2025 [Yuma](#)

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

With Bruce Monro
District Governor

Make a Difference
Make a Friend

UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary
District 5500

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

8:00am-2:00pm
Breakfast & Lunch Served
No Charge

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Presidents & Presidents-Elect
- Secretaries
- Membership Chairs

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Grants Management Certification
- Public Image
- Foundation
- Networking

All Rotarians

- 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

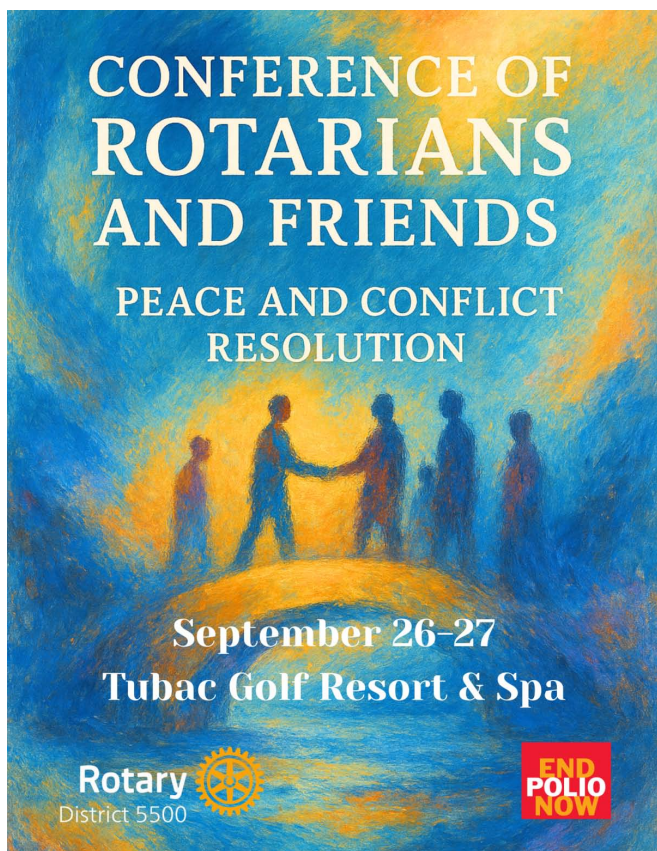
Use QR code or visit rotaryd5500.org/district-assembly

RSVP NOW

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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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.

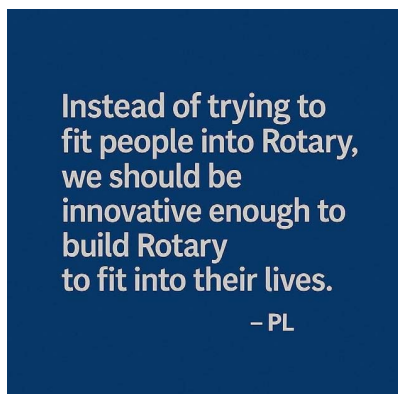
You will find the Bylaws and a handy Operational and MOU Guidance document that gives you lots of pertinent information. For questions you may have, please contact Michael Drake at Michael@drakelawaz.com, or longtime Fund Treasurer, Chad Denson at chad@tucsoncpa.com.

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



Graphics Corner

Here's your weekly graphics grab. Just download these images and save them to your photo files. You'll have a handy resource for your club's newsletters, social media posts, and other promotional materials.



October 31 - November 3, 2025
Registration opens July 1



Rotary
PEOPLE of ACTION

**Mexico - USA
Friendship Conference
& Global Grants
Exchange**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

31 Oct 25 - 03 Nov 25
Yuma, Arizona

2025

**Rotary Global Grant
Collaboration and Awards**

Sell Tickets and Keep Half the Money for Your Club!

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.



***Tucson Classics
Car Show***

PRESENTED BY:
Rotary
Club of Tucson



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!*

