

IMPACT! e-bulletin



May 6, 2025

District Governor Sue Krahe-Archibald

Youth Service Month - A RYLA Story

By Sue Archibald

I hold RYLA in my heart because it's a Rotary program that can have a lifelong impact on those that participate. I believe our youth need opportunities to establish who they are as well as who they can be. Many of you know I have sponsored 4 of my young family members to our camp! Each comes home afterwards with a new vision of their future and an appreciation for the values of Rotary and especially the Four Way Test.

A RYLA Story – Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders

When Sarah first stepped into the RYLA camp, she was quiet, unsure, and a little overwhelmed. Surrounded by students from across the district, each with different backgrounds and stories, she wasn't sure where she fit in.

But by the end of the weekend, everything had changed.

Through team-building activities, leadership workshops, and honest conversations, Sarah discovered her voice. She learned that leadership isn't about being the loudest in the room—it's about listening, lifting others up, and staying true to your values. She made new friends, gained confidence, and left with a sense of purpose she'd never felt before.

RYLA isn't just a leadership camp—it's a transformational experience. It sparks courage, empathy, and lifelong connections. And for students like Sarah, it's the start of something bigger: believing in themselves, and believing they can make a difference.

This is why Rotary invests in youth leadership. Because the future is bright—and it starts with moments like these.



Shelterbox Turns 25 with a New Recognition!

ShelterBox began in the year 2000 as one Rotary's millennium projects and has grown to become an internationally respected charity, which has now delivered aid to over 3 million people in 100 countries. ShelterBox remains Rotary International's Project Partner in disaster relief, and 90% of ShelterBox deployments involve local Rotary clubs.

In recognition of its humanitarian work in 2024, ShelterBox recently received its 3rd nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize.

[Read More](#)



TRF Weekly Message: What is Raise for Rotary?

Raise for Rotary is The Rotary Foundation's peer-to-peer fundraising platform.

Members, donors, and participants use it to create fundraisers for birthdays, athletic challenges, and events like World Polio Day. You can quickly post fundraisers and updates on social media to raise awareness about your favorite Rotary cause.

[Read More](#)



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](#)

District Training Assembly

All club officers for the upcoming Rotary year are invited to attend the District Assembly Trainings. These in-person trainings offer a great opportunity to meet other Rotarians and build confidence as a leader.

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY



With Bruce Monro
District Governor

**Make a Difference
Make a Friend**

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

**UNITE
FOR
GOOD**

WHO SHOULD

ATTEND:

- Presidents & Presidents-Elect
- Secretaries
- Membership Chairs
- Assistant Governors
- Treasurers
- Public Image Chairs

WHAT TO

EXPECT:

- Grants Management Certification
- Public Image
- Foundation
- Networking
- Membership
- Youth Protection
- Governance Training



All Rotarians

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](https://rotaryd5500.org/district-assembly)

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RSVP NOW



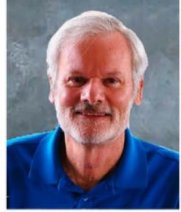
District Governor Installation

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 7 • 11:30am

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 - Duntap Room, U of Arizona Football Stadium

REGISTER



District 5500 Dinner at the RI Convention June 24th

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.

Join us for our District 5500 dinner with a buffet of Carved Prime Rib and Truffle Mushroom Ravioli (vegan), five salad choices, charcuterie, cheese and crudite displays, plus veggies and an assortment of desserts (including celiac friendly).
Cost: \$75 per person. Cash bar.

Zone 26/27 Big West Breakfast in Calgary

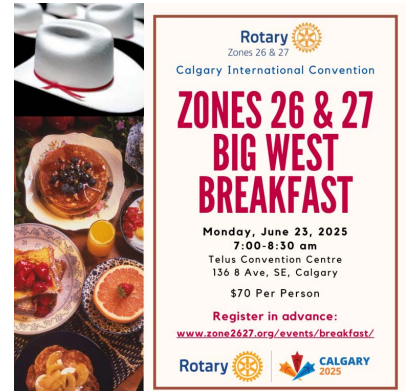
Monday, June 23 at 7:00 a.m.

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 Conference of Rotarians and Friends

SAVE THESE DATES: September 26-27, 2025

It's not too early to start planning for District 5500's biggest event of the year. The 2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends will be held at the wonderful Tubac Golf Resort & Spa.

Make your room reservations early! Call 1-800-848-7893 and mention group code ROTA25.

Now Accepting Reservations

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Save the Date!

2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends

September 26-27

Tubac Golf Resort & Spa

Inspiration

Fun

Great Food

Golf

Shopping

Tubac!



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.



Casas Adobes Rotary: 35th Annual 8th Grade Honor Roll Celebration

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

On May 7th, the Casas Adobes Rotary Club will be recognizing 8th grade students from 17 local area schools and awarding over \$55,000.00 in scholarships to high school seniors during a breakfast at the University of Arizona.

This is the 35th year of the club's flagship event program. The 148 8th grade students recognized this year from 17 area schools were selected by their school administrators and teachers based on leadership, character, personal presentation and scholarship.

[Read More](#)



Oracle Road Cleanup Project

Saturday, May 10 • 8:15 a.m.

Rotary Club of Tucson is hosting a road cleanup project. Come join the fun!

Everyone will gather at **Fiesta Lanes, 501 W. River Road**, at 8:15 a.m. to clean up Oracle Road between Wetmore and River Road.

The city has installed the RCOT recognition sign on a light pole on N. Oracle. The city will be joining us for a photo opportunity.

Bring gloves, a hat, sunscreen, and water. Please wear closed-toe shoes, and you must be 18 or older.

The club will provide some additional refreshments.

Email Lee Olitzky at Lee@WIT2Tucson.com if you plan to participate, or if you have questions or concerns.

The morning is a great time to be out participating in this community service project.



Yuma River Cleanup

Saturday, May 17 • Check-in at 8am; start at 8:30am

[Click here](#) for more information.



Rotary Clubs of Yuma County

River Clean-Up

We are looking for volunteers to help
clean up the Colorado River. There will be
several areas along the river to be
cleaned up.

Saturday, May 17th 2025

Check-in 8:00 AM
Start from 08.30 AM

Sign-up through Club Runner
Supplies will be provided!

Recommend wearing tennis shoes.
Visit our website for more information
www.facebook.com/friendsofthelowercolorado

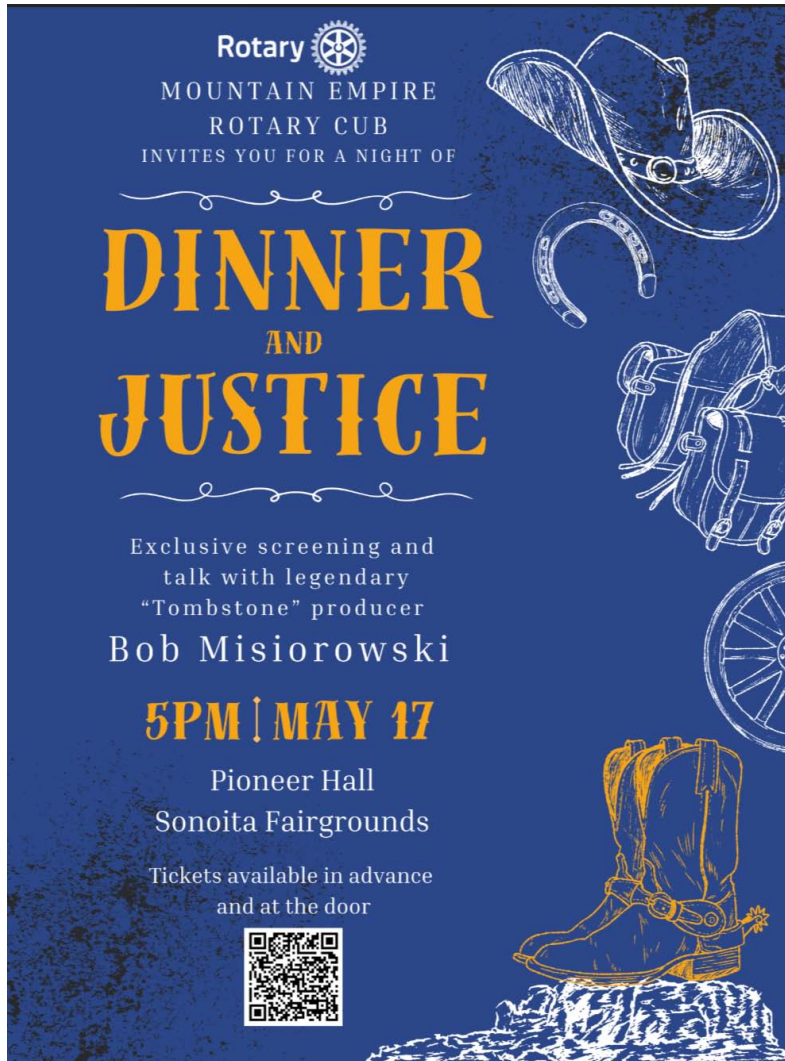



Rotary **PEOPLE of ACTION**

Dinner and Justice

Saturday, May 17 • 5-9pm

Mountain Empire Rotary is hosting a special dinner and exclusive screening of "Tombstone" with acclaimed producer Bob Misiorowski.
[Click here](#) for tickets and details.



Rotary 

MOUNTAIN EMPIRE
ROTARY CLUB
INVITES YOU FOR A NIGHT OF


**DINNER
AND
JUSTICE**

Exclusive screening and
talk with legendary
"Tombstone" producer
Bob Misiorowski

5PM | MAY 17

Pioneer Hall
Sonoita Fairgrounds

Tickets available in advance
and at the door



2nd Annual Willcox Spring Raffle

Sell Tickets and Keep Half the Money for Your Club!

Any Rotary club or other group can participate by selling tickets and keeping half the money. The prizes are all donated, and the tickets are all printed. Willcox Rotary has set it up so that many groups can share in the opportunity.

Entry deadline: June 10, 2025, at 8pm



Here's your weekly crop of inspiring Rotary graphics to help you with your club's messaging. Simply download and save the images, then use in your social media posts, newsletters, and other promotional materials. Enjoy!



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 kasarirotary@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!*

