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WELCOME!

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
KATIE HOBBS

Commendation

WHEREAS, Rotary International is an international service organization of 46,000 clubs in more than 200 nations with 1.4 million individual members, providing approximately 47 million volunteer hours each year. International Rotary Clubs' stated purpose is to bring together business, professional, and community leaders to provide humanitarian service. In addition, the Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International District 5500 has been created within this larger international organization to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise with more than 50 Rotary Clubs and approximately 1,500 members in Southern Arizona, working together to be of greater service to those in need throughout Southern Arizona; and

WHEREAS, District 5500 fosters high ethical standards in all aspects of personal, professional, and community life; and

WHEREAS, District 5500, as part of a global network, values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, rotarians gather on a weekly basis to educate, inspire, and engage one another on topics relevant to the Southern Arizona communities they serve and enjoy learning from one another across various types of collaborations; and

WHEREAS, District 5500 Clubs offer Rotarians, Rotary Youth, and others the chance to grow together through shared goals of enhancing mutual collaborations on international, regional, and local humanitarian efforts, as well as sharing experiences from the wider world of Rotary at annual conferences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, commend Rotary International District 5500 Clubs for its service and efforts to build goodwill and peace throughout Arizona.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this tenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Ninth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE



WELCOME!

PROCLAMATION



CITY OF TUCSON ♦ OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, Rotary International is an international service organization comprising 46,000 clubs in more than 200 nations with 1.4 million individual members providing approximately 47 million volunteer hours each year, and whose stated purpose is to bring together business, professional, and community leaders to provide humanitarian service. In addition, the Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International District 5500 has been created within this larger international organization to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise with more than 50 Rotary Clubs and approximately 1,500 members in Southern Arizona working together in community to be of greater service to those in need throughout Southern Arizona; and

WHEREAS, District 5500 has joined together to bring Rotarians, Rotary Youth, and others to a District Conference at the Casino Del Sol Hotel and Resort in Tucson, Arizona on October 18 – 19 to share ideas and initiatives for local and global service projects and to build greater awareness of the services that Rotary provides; and

WHEREAS, District 5500 fosters high ethical standards in all aspects of personal, professional, and community life; and

WHEREAS, District 5500, part of a global network, values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Rotarians have been anticipating gathering in person to Educate, Inspire, and Engage one another on topics relevant to the Southern Arizona communities they serve and enjoy learning from one another across varied types of collaborations; and

WHEREAS, the District 5500 Conference offers Rotarians, Rotary Youth, and others the chance to grow together through shared goals of enhancing mutual collaborations on international, regional, and local humanitarian efforts as well as exposing the wider world of Rotary to Rotarians interested in providing leadership for Rotary's efforts in the future;

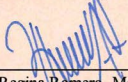
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Regina Romero, Mayor of the City of Tucson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2024, as

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5500 DAY

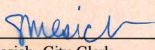
in Tucson, Arizona, and encourage all residents to join me in honoring all Rotary Clubs in Rotary International District 5500 for their commitment to humanitarian efforts throughout the world to provide service to others, valuing diversity and inclusion, promoting high ethical standards, and advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Tucson, Arizona to be affixed this 18th day of October 2024.




Regina Romero, Mayor

ATTEST:


Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk



Bruce Monro

2025-26

District Governor

District 5500

(Southern Arizona)

Bruce has been a Rotarian for 11 years, all of it with the Tubac, AZ Rotary Club. Tubac is a community of less than 2,000 people, but the Tubac club has over 35 members. He has served two terms as club President, as Club Membership Chair, and as the Club Foundation Chair. Bruce is a Paul Harris Society member, Major Donor, Bequest Society donor, and Polio Plus Society member.

Before Bruce became a Rotarian, a co-worker told him about a community shoe distribution project that needed volunteers. He helped give out over 1,000 pairs of shoes that day. It wasn't until he was invited to a Rotary club meeting some months later that he realized that many of the people volunteering at the shoe drive were Rotarians. That motivated him to join the Tubac club. With the club, he has been involved with many projects including leading a multi-club winter jacket distribution project and initiating Rotary sponsorship for cleft palate surgeries in Hermosillo. He led a team that started the new club in Sahuarita, AZ.

Bruce is an industrial engineer who has worked for IBM, Honeywell, and Raytheon. In his career, he has helped design & manage the construction of two new factories and improved the operations of numerous others. He has an Industrial Engineering degree from Arizona State University and a master's degree from the University of Arizona.

Bruce & his wife Cindy enjoy traveling to Wyoming to enjoy family, the weather, and fishing.



Emma Carrillo

2025-26

District Governor-Elect

District 5500

(Southern Arizona)

Emma Carrillo is a native Arizonan. She holds a BA in education, MA in Reading, Language, and Culture from the University of Arizona and an administration certificate from Northern Arizona University. She is a retired elementary school principal from the Sunnyside School District in Tucson, Arizona. As an educator that spanned four decades plus, her career in education encompassed training educators in effective learning and teaching strategies, and mentoring educators for future administrator roles.

Emma is a proud member and past president of the Tucson Kino Rotary club in District 5500. She has served in multiple leadership roles in her club and has been active on numerous community service projects with the focus on literacy. She has served as a member of various District 5500 committees: the 2023-2026 District 5500 Strategic Action Plan, district conference planning committee, district Service Project chair, and serves as an Assistant Governor to Region 7. She also completed the Arizona Rotary Leadership Academy 2023-2024, Emerging Leader program Zone 26/27, Governor Nominee Leadership training Zone 26/27.

Outside of Rotary, Emma enjoys attending movie theaters, gardening, and laughing with friends and family. Part of her personal daily ritual involves four actions: trying something new, improving her home environment, doing something for someone else, and nourishing her soul.

Emma is currently the District 5500 DGE and will serve as District Governor for Rotary years 2026-27.

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Rotary Leadership Institute

The D5500 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district leadership and Rotary development program using training and facilitation in small groups to engage Rotarians and strengthen clubs. RLI is a recommended program of Rotary International but is not an official program of Rotary International. RLI seeks to provide quality education, leadership skills, and Rotary knowledge to club members interested in improving their Rotary experience, developing their Rotary participation, and strengthening their leadership potential. The Rotary Leadership Institute is composed of three courses. The first two (Level 1 and Level 2) are being offered at this District Conference. Those interested in completing the 3rd course will be able to do so in 2026. All three courses will be offered in 2026. To be an RLI graduate, attendees must eventually attend all three courses.

All conference attendees are welcome to join any of the sessions offered even if they don't intend to become an RLI graduate.

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8:00am – 11:30am **Registration Open (Tin Cup Room)**

8:00am - 5:00pm **House of Friendship (Apache Patio)**

9:00am – 11:30am **International Project Fair (Chapel)**

Bruce Monro, *D5500 District Governor*
Barbara Kiernan – *Grants Committee Chair, D5500*

Join us for the 2nd D5500 International Project Fair, which offers an exciting opportunity to learn about the international activities being done by D5500 Rotary Clubs and others. Clubs have developed 20 exhibits with pictures and descriptions of their international projects, and there will be a short dynamic presentation. Attendees will use passports to visit the exhibits, providing opportunities to learn about projects, volunteer, partner and donate to projects.

10:00am – 5:00pm **Silent Auction (Otero Conference Room)**

Silent Auction

11:30am – Noon ***Transition/HOF* (Apache Patio)**

11:45am – 1:30pm **Luncheon & Keynote Speaker (Geronimo Room, meal ticket required)**

M/C: Melissa Short, RC of Yuma

Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome: Bruce Monro, *D5500 District Governor*

**Keynote Speaker: Kerri Murray,
President, ShelterBox, USA**

Join Kerri Murray, President of ShelterBox USA, for a powerful keynote exploring one of the most urgent humanitarian issues of our me: global displacement. From disasters and conflict to the accelerating impacts of climate

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change, millions of families are being uprooted every year. For 25 years, Rotary and ShelterBox have partnered to deliver emergency shelter and supplies to communities that have lost everything. In this inspiring session, Kerri shares real stories from the frontlines and highlights how this enduring partnership is transforming despair into hope—one family, one shelter, one community at a time.

1:30pm – 2:00pm **Transition/HOF (Patio)**

2:00pm – 3:10pm **Breakout 1-1– Rainbow Club Activities and Goals (Tack Room)**

Dave Lenox, Autumn Holder, David Hollier

Rainbow Rotary Clubs are chartered clubs whose members identify as part of the LGBTQIA community. That includes Allies. There are only 7 Rainbow Rotary Clubs in the world! In this session we will explore aspects of our club that are both the same as other Rotary clubs and how we might be different We will talk about the projects we undertake and explore opportunities for collaboration with other clubs in the district.

2:00pm – 3:10pm **Breakout 1-2 – Membership (Apache Room)**

Wendy Guyton, District 5500 Membership Chair

[\[Description\]](#)

Breakout 1-3– Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Level 1A (Otero Conference Room)

The Level 1 Course, “My Rotary World”, covers My Leadership in Rotary, My Rotary World, Ethics and Vocational Service, The Rotary Foundation, and Creating Service Projects. Session 1A will cover a portion of these topics: My Rotary World ([Don](#) , [Jorgensen](#), [D5500](#))

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PDG), My Leadership in Rotary (Leo Lawrenson, D5500 DGN), Ethics and Vocational Service (Kirk Reed, D5500 PDG). To complete Course 1 (towards RLI graduation requirements), attendees must also attend RLI session 1B at 3:40pm on Friday.

Breakout 1-4 – SVP Community Coalition for Prosperity (Dos Silos)

Jennie Gable, Chief Program Officer, *Social Venture Partners Tucson*

The Prosperity Initiative focuses on addressing the “root causes” of poverty in Pima County, and is intentionally focused on removing unfair barriers for families who are living in high-poverty, low-opportunity areas. One of the major findings of the report is that Pima County provides less economic opportunity to children who grow up here than the rest of the nation!

3:10pm – 3:40pm

Transition/HOF (Apache Patio)

3:40pm – 4:50pm

Breakout 2-1 – “Just Smile More” and other Bad Advice: Mental Health Today & How to (Really) Help (Tack Room)

Don Jorgensen, D5500 Past District Governor

An interactive and engaging presentation that addresses the state of mental and behavioral health in today’s stressful world, common challenges, everyday strategies to improve mental well-being, how to help oneself and others, and how you and your Rotary club can make a positive impact for those in need of support

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3:40pm – 4:50pm ***Breakout 2-2* – Your Rotary Club’s Public Image - Digital Marketing & More! (Apache Room)**

Jane Shurtleff

Your Rotary club's public image is what will draw potential members to your club. Digital marketing gives you infinite visibility with people looking for service opportunities and Rotary clubs in specific geographic areas within our District. This breakout session will provide you information on the excellent Rotary Public Image digital resources that exist in MyRotary, Google digital marketing programs, and tips and tricks for a greater digital presence for your club!

3:40pm – 4:50pm ***Breakout 2-3* – Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Level 1B (Otero Conference Room)**

The Level 1 Course, “My Rotary World”, covers My Leadership in Rotary, My Rotary World, Ethics and Vocational Service, The Rotary Foundation, and Creating Service Projects. Session 1B will cover a portion of these topics: The Rotary Foundation (Kristi Halvorson, D5500 TRF Chair) and Creating Service Projects (Wanda Bailey, D5500 RLI Co-Chair). To complete Course 1 (towards RLI graduation requirements), attendees need to attend both RLI session 1A (offered Friday at 2:00pm) and this session.

***Breakout 2-4* – Living in Exile (Dos Silos)**

Franz Garcia de Parades, D5280 Past District Governor and his wife Karla Hernandez

Our presentation will focus on the reasons we had to flee El Salvador, the process of seeking political asylum in the United States and the rebuilding of our lives, and the degradation of democratic institutions in Central America.

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3:40pm – 4:50pm ***Breakout 2-5* – DACdb Consulting Open House (Chapel)**

Leo Lawrenson, Patrick Longano & Steve Sibulski

Ask your DACdb questions of the D5500 and DACdb "experts" to improve your use of this excellent member management system provided by the District free to all D5500 clubs. Use it for your own member data, your club's member, officer and committee data, communications and publications! This will be a consulting session, so almost any topic you want to discuss with Leo, Patrick or Steve is fair game.

4:50pm – 6:00pm ***Transition/HOF* (Apache Patio)**

6:00pm – 8:30pm **Hospitality Suites (Posadas)**

Come and enjoy Rotary fellowship and a selection of variety of foods and drinks supplied by our fellow Rotarians across all 15 regions..



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- 7:30am - 4:30pm Registration Open (**Tin Cup Room**)
- 8:00am - 3:00pm House of Friendship (**Apache Patio**)
- 8:00am - 5:20pm Silent Auction (**Otero Middle Room**)
- 7:45am – 9:30am **Breakfast & Keynote Speaker**
(**Geronimo Room, meal ticket required**)
M/C: Melissa Short, RC of Yuma
TRF Recognition,
Keynote Speaker: Michael McGovern
- 9:30am – 10:30am **Plenary Session (Geronimo Room)**
M/C: Melissa Short, RC of Yuma
Bruce Monro, D5500 District Governor
PDG Sue Archibald

2024 RLA/RLI Graduates, Club excellence awards
- 10:30am – 10:50am **Transition/HOF (Apache Patio)**
- 10:45am – 3:40pm **Youth Service Projects (Dos Silos, Interact & Rotaract Only)**
- 10:50am – 11:50am **Breakout 3-1 – Ben's Bells Service Project For Members (Dos Silos)**

Ben's Bells are colorful ceramic ornaments hung in communities throughout the world as symbols of kindness for people to find and take home. Thousands of volunteers visit our studios and help us make Bells each year. By the time each Bell is hung, many hands have had a part in its journey, and it represents the efforts of an entire community coming together to make one person's day a little kinder.

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10:50am – 11:50am **Breakout 3-2– Setting and Achieving Your Club Goals (Track Room)**

Leo Lawrenson

Learn why setting goals are important, what the Rotary Action Plan is, and how it should be used to set effective goals for your club. Also learn how to set and monitor club goals in Rotary Club Central.

Breakout 3-3 – Türkiye Peace Center (Apache Room)

Leta Lindstrom, RC of Sierra Vista Sunrise

Come hear about Rotary Peace Centers, particularly the new one just opened at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Türkiye, where our own Leta Liondstrom was in attendance!

Breakout 3-4 – Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Level 2A (Otero Conference Room)

The Level 2 Course, “The Club”, covers planning for Success, Attracting and Engaging Members, Club Communication, Team Building and Effective Leadership Strategies.

*Session 2A will cover a portion of these topics: **Planning for Success (Joe Daniszewski, D5500 Visioning Chair),***

Attracting and Engaging Members (Diane Demeroutis, SaddleBrooke Membership Chair and Wendy Guyton, SaddleBrooke President, Club Communications (Kasia Yuska, D5500 Communications Chair and Jane Shurtleff, D5500 Communications Committee).

To complete Course 2 (towards RLI graduation requirements), attendees need to also attend RLI session 2B at 3:40 pm on Saturday.

11:50am – 12:10am **Transition/HOF (Apache Patio)**

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12:00pm – 1:40pm

Luncheon & Keynote Speaker
(Geronimo Room, meal ticket required)

M/C: Melissa Short, *RC of Yuma*

Celebration of Life

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Susan Hartley,
PhD, Rotary Peace Fellow

“Leading with Curiosity - We have the tools!”

The presentation will focus on how curiosity - both in how we lead in our communities or organizations and in how we engage in dialogue - can help to heal divided relationships, communities and societies. This will be illustrated through stories and lessons learned as a conflict transformation professional. It will also remind Rotarians of the historical, organizational, and partnership commitments to peace that Rotary has, as well as the tools Rotary gives us to build peace in all projects, and how all areas of focus are stronger and more sustainable when we approach our projects with a lens of peacebuilding.”

1:40pm – 2:10pm

Transition/HOF (Patio)

2:10pm – 3:20pm

Breakout 4-1 – Courageous Conversations- The Power of Dialogue (Dos Silos)

Presenter: Dr. Susan Hartley, *PhD, Rotary Peace Fellow*

This interactive session will include an introduction to how conflict between people arises and the power of listening with curiosity. It will engage participants in activities to demonstrate ways of using curious listening and value-based dialogue to transform relationships and

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hold difficult conversations.

2:10pm – 3:20pm

Breakout 4-2 – Courageous Conversations- The Power of Dialogue (Tack Room)

Sue Archibald, PDG

Breakout 4-3 – Courageous Conversations (Apache Room)

[Presenter]

Breakout 4-4 – Courageous Conversations (Otero Conference Room)

Doug May

3:20pm – 3:40pm

Transition/Coffee Break/HOF (Apache Patio)

3:40pm – 4:50pm

Breakout 5-1 - Council on District Legislation (Dos Silos)

Dr. Don Jorgensen, PhD, 5500 Past District Governor

The Council on District Legislation is the legislative body of District 5500. You do not have to be a Voting Delegate to attend. Voting Delegates from each club will consider proposed amendments to District Bylaws; elect Rotarians to several important District offices, such as District Board of Directors; District Finance Committee; District Charitable Fund Board of Directors; and elect a Representative and Alternate to the 2028 RI Council on Legislation in Chicago, and discuss and approve the statement and report of 2024-25 District finances.

3:40pm – 4:50pm

Breakout 5-2 – Arizona Microcredits Program (Tack Room)

Presenters: Abe Feder, *D5495 PDG* & Leo Lawrenson, *D5500 DGN*

Learn how the joint D5495 and D5500 AZ Microcredits Program has made over \$4 MILLION in small loans to over 10,000 low-income entrepreneurs in Sonora, Mexico in the last 11 years, allowing them to build their businesses, support their families, and improve and stay their communities.

Breakout 5-3 – Youth Protection Practices and Policies (Apache Room)

Presenter: Candyce Pardee

Protecting the young people and other vulnerable populations MUST be a priority in both talk and action. This session will identify what to look, what do if you suspect abuse or neglect, and how to protect yourself and Rotary in these situations.

Breakout 5-4 – Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Level 2B (Otero Conference Room)

The Level 2 Course, “The Club”, covers Planning for Success, Attracting and Engaging Members, Club Communication, Team Building, and Effective Leadership Strategies.

Session 2B will cover a portion of these topics: Team Building and Effective Leadership Strategies (**Don Jorgensen, D5500 iPDG**) and RI Learning Center: Recommended Assignments (**Wanda Bailey, D5500 RLI C-Chair**). To complete Course 2 (towards RLI graduation requirements), attendees need to also attend RLI session 2A at 10:50 am on Saturday.

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4:50pm – 5:20pm **Transition (Apache Patio)**

5:20pm – 6:20pm **DGE Reception Hosted by RC of Tucson Kino (Apache Patio)**

Join us as we welcome DGE Emma Carrillo .

6:20pm – 8:20pm **Dinner & Keynote Speaker (Geronimo Room, meal ticket required)**

M/C: Melissa Short, *RC of Yuma*

Keynote Speaker: Catherine Tornbom, *U of AZ School of Government & Public Policy*

“Wired for Survival: What Neurobiology Reveals About Conflict

In moments of conflict, staying grounded and clear-headed can feel out of reach. This keynote explores why: the human brain is designed to prioritize survival, not collaboration. When we feel threatened—whether by disrespect, dismissal, or disagreement—our nervous system responds automatically. From the amygdala’s rapid-fire alarm system to the shutdown of higher reasoning, we’ll explore the neurobiological roots of reactivity. Understanding these patterns sheds light on why conflict so often escalates—and how awareness of these processes creates space for more intentional and skillful responses.”

MASTER OF CERMONIES



Melissa Toler Short

***Conference MC
Yuma Rotary Club***

Melissa Toler Short joined Rotary in 2013 after relocating to Yuma, Arizona with her husband, Rodney. She served as President of the Yuma Rotary Club in 2016 and later as Assistant Governor for District 5500 from 2020 to 2022. One of her most memorable projects as club president was the “Bugs in a Bug” exhibit for the Children's Museum of Yuma County. Melissa currently serves as a Director-at-Large on the District 5500 Governing Board. She believes that beyond fellowship and service, Rotary offers invaluable opportunities for personal growth through leadership development.

Friday, September 26 – Luncheon 11:45 am - 1:30 pm



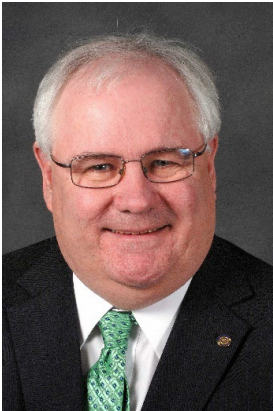
**Kerri
Murray**
*President,
ShelterBox
USA*

Kerri Murray serves as President of the global disaster relief charity, ShelterBox USA. Kerri has worked since 2009 in disaster relief, often serving on the front lines of disaster. Prior to working in nonprofits, she spent 13 years as a pharmaceutical executive for GlaxoSmithKline. Kerri is a proud member of the Montecito Rotary Club and served for six years as Board President for GIRLS ROCK Santa Barbara. No stranger to helping others, listen to hear how the disaster in Haiti and other coincidences helped Kerri decide to work with ShelterBox USA.

ShelterBox, Rotary International's official Partner for Disaster Relief, has provided shelter, warmth, and dignity as it responds urgently to earthquakes, volcanoes, floods, hurricanes, conflicts and other world emergencies for over 25 years, including more than 300 disasters in over 100 Countries, helping more than 2.5 million people. Helping to provide shelter, essential household supplies, and a team to help during a crisis is her gift to help build a far better world.



Saturday, September 27 – Breakfast 7:45 am - 9:30 am



**Michael
McGovern**
*Chair, Rotary
International
PolioPlus
Committee*



Mike McGovern has chaired the Rotary International PolioPlus Committee since October 2014. He also represents Rotary on the Polio Oversight Board which governs the global polio eradication initiative partnership and chairs its Finance Accountability Committee. The Rotary IPPC oversees all elements of Rotary's polio eradication efforts including annual grants to UNICEF and WHO, relationships within the polio partnership, advocacy to governments, Rotarian engagement, polio communications and fundraising.

He joined Rotary in 1986 as a member of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA. After serving as a club president, he was a district governor in 1999-2000 and has served in many Rotary positions including as a director and vice president of Rotary International and as a trustee and vice chair of the Rotary Foundation. Mike has also chaired the Rotary International Membership Committee, the RI Zoning Committee, the RI President Nominating Committee, the Rotary Action Group for Family Health and AIDS Prevention and was the international chair of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

He served his entire professional career with the Town of Cape Elizabeth, Maine USA beginning as an intern in 1977 and serving as the chief appointed officer (town manager) for 31 years until his retirement in 2016 and again for five months in 2024.

Saturday, September 27 – Luncheon 12:00 pm – 1:40 pm



**Dr. Susan
Hartley, PhD**
*Rotary Peace
Fellow*

Susan Hartley Ph.D is a peacebuilding activist, Rotary Peace Fellow, clinical psychologist, and an advocate for promotion of population wellness through addressing the social determinants of health. She has extensive experience in gender rights and anti-poverty activism and is a long time volunteer with not for profit organizations that address human rights and gender based structural and cultural violence. She has taken on numerous leadership roles in peacebuilding including coordinating the Women’s Peace Tables Worldwide in which she collaborated with Peace Women across the Globe and provided program and project development consultation to groups in Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina and Bolivia. She regularly speaks to community and service groups on the role and work of Rotary Peace Fellows and peacebuilding. She was a visiting professor on the topic of Gender, Peace and Conflict at the Rotary Peace Centre at Bangkok’s Chulalongkorn University.

She also has extensive experience working within the not-for-profit sector, sitting on numerous NGO Boards of Directors and volunteering for local, regional and national community groups. Her work in this area is varied yet focused on helping those organizations working to address human rights, poverty, and social justice issues. She established the Atlantic Chapter of Right to Learn Afghanistan (formerly, Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan), sits on the Board of the Atlantic Summer Institute for Healthy and Safe Communities (an organization promoting Health in All Policies, upstream health policy and the social determinants of health), and volunteers with the PEI Working Group for a Living Income (advocating for the implementation of Basic Income Guarantee in Canada).

Global Voices for Peace is her first book.



Saturday, September 27 – Dinner 6:20 pm - 8:20 pm



Catherine Tornbom

*University of Arizona
School of Government
and Public Policy*

*Center for Community
Mediation & Facilitation*

Catherine Tornbom is a high-level organization development consultant, professional mediator, and trainer focused on helping management teams resolve conflict and productivity roadblocks. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Arizona, School of Government and Public Policy. She teaches conflict management in the public sector at the graduate level.

A long-time member of the team at the Center for Community Mediation and Facilitation (CCMF) in Tucson, she serves on its Board of Directors and also helps with mediation and facilitation of various aspects of life in Tucson, providing all community members with transformative conflict resolution processes that address conflicts safely, respectfully, effectively, and less-expensively than legal processes.

Catherine also serves on the Boys to Men Tucson Board of Directors and is in her third term on the board currently serving as the chair of the Governance Committee.



The Center
for Community Mediation
and Facilitation

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On the Apache Patio

AZ Microcredit Project
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Human Trafficking
Keynote Speakers/Authors Booksigning
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September 18–19, 2026 at Tubac Resort and Spa

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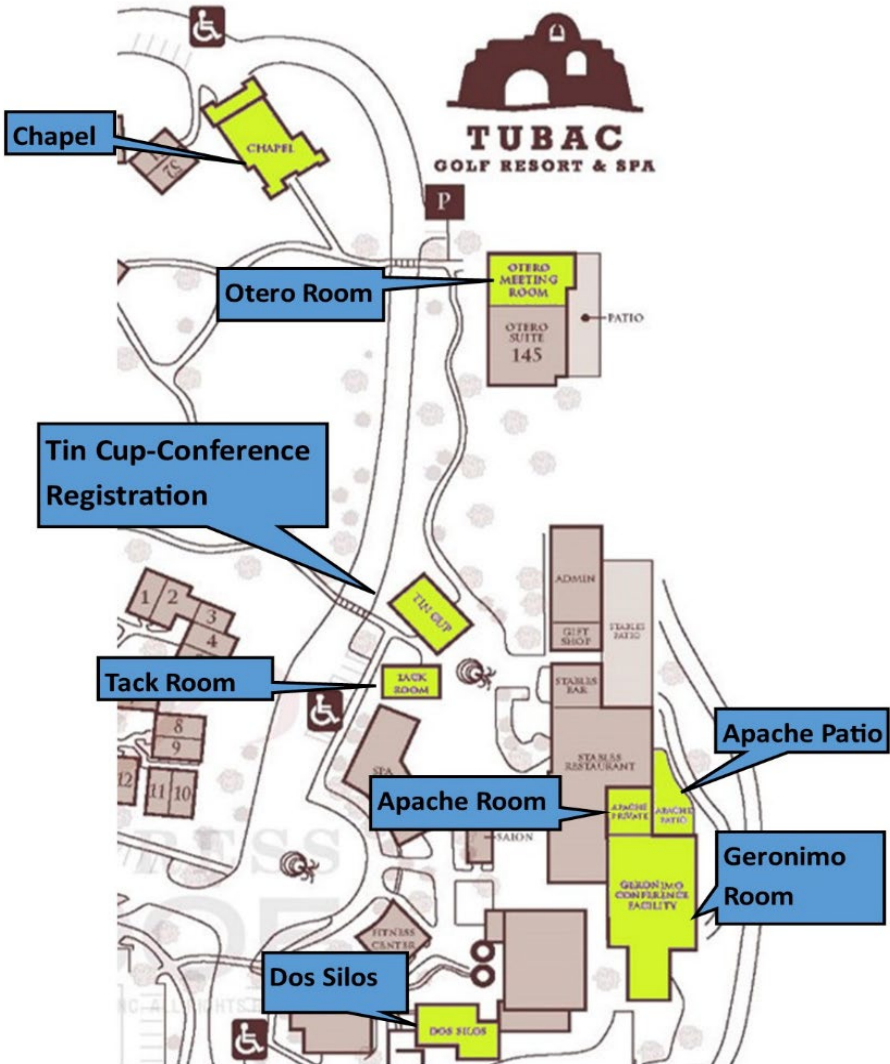
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CONFERENCE CENTER MAP



Events at a Glance

DAY	START	END	EVENT
Thu	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Border Community Alliance Tour (\$95 registration req)
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Guided 5.2 mile Anza trail hike (no cost registration req)
Fri	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Registration
	8:00 AM	5:50 PM	House of Friendship (HOF)
	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	International Projects Fair
	9:30 AM	5:00 PM	Silent Auction Fundrasier
	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Breakout- Club Digital Marketing – Jane Schurtleff
	11:45 AM	1:30 PM	Lunch/Keynote - Kerri Murray, Pres ShelterBox USA (\$45 registration required)
	2:00 PM	3:10 PM	Breakout- Rainbow Club Activities & Goals
		3:10 PM	Breakout- RLI 1A
		3:10 PM	Breakout- SVP Community Coalition for Prosperity
	3:40 PM	4:50 PM	Breakout- “Just Smile More” Mental Health- PDG Don Jorgensen
			Breakout- Membership - Wendy Guyton
		5:20 PM	Breakout- RLI 1B
	4:50 PM	Breakout -“Living in Exile” El Salvador - PDG Franz Garcia de Parades	
		Breakout- DACdb Consulting – DGN Leo Lawrenson/Patrick Longano	
	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	Hospitality Suites (no cost registration required)
Sat	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	Registration
	7:45 AM	3:00 PM	Silent Auction Fundrasier
		5:00 PM	“Every Step Counts” for Polio 50/50 Raffle (\$20 registration req)
		9:30 AM	Breakfast/Keynote - Michael McGovern, Polio Plus Chair (\$40 registration required)
	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Youth Continental Breakfast
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Youth Breakout - Service Project - Ben's Bells (Youth)
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Plenary Session
	10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Youth Breakout - Peace Building/Leadership Workshop - Part 1
	10:50 AM	11:50 AM	Breakout- Ben's Bells Service Project
			Breakout- Club Goal Setting – DGN Leo Lawrenson
			Breakout- Türkiye Peace Center – Leta Lindstrom
		12:00 PM	Breakout- RLI 2A
	12:00 PM	1:40 PM	Lunch/Keynote – Susan Hartley, Rotary Peace Fellow (\$45 registration required)
	1:45 PM	2:45 PM	Youth Breakout - Peace Building/Leadership Workshop - Part 2
	2:10 PM	3:20 PM	Breakout- Courageous Conversations
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2:45 PM	3:40 PM	Youth Breakout - Theory of Change	
3:40 PM	4:50 PM	Breakout- Council on Legislation	
		Breakout- AZ Microcredits Program – PDG Abe Feder/DGN Leo Lawrenson	
		Breakout- Youth Protection and Policies, PDG Candyce Pardee	
	5:20 PM	Breakout- RLI 2B	
	4:00 PM	Youth Breakout- D5500 Interact Council	
5:20 PM	6:20 PM	Reception for DGE Emma Carillo (no cost- sponsored by RC Kino)	
6:20 PM	8:35 PM	Dinner/Keynote – Catherine Thornbom, UoA,CCMF (\$80 registration req)	
Sun	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Guided 2 mile hike on Anza Trail (no cost registration req)