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**Rotary District 5500 Corporate Board**

**May 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

The Rotary District 5500 Board meeting was called to order by District Governor Sue Archibald at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Present: District Governor Sue Archibald, District Governor Elect Bruce Monro, District Governor Nominee Emma Carrillo, Past District Governor Diane Ventura Goodyear, Ann Huber, Kristi Halvorson, Joe Puett, Leo Lawrenson, Melissa Short, Ellie Patterson, Dave Lenox, Kasia Yuska

1. DG Sue welcomed everyone and thanked Joe Puett whose term has ended. She introduced Dave Lenox, incoming District Administrator.
2. The minutes from Feb. 24 were reviewed. Ann noted a correction that the Calgary luncheon date should be June 24. Ann moved to approve the minutes. Kristi seconded. Motion passed.
3. Finance committee report: Diane reported that $2600 was made from the CD which was cashed in and transferred to reserve account. The district made $1500 from license plates. All club dues are current. Mickie has a district credit card. A new CPA has been engaged for about $1500, as opposed to the usual $4000 fee. Sue will meet with Mickie after she returns from Calgary to close out the year and get figures to CPA by August. Explanation re: how license plates were paid and how profits are distributed.
4. Rotary Foundation report - Global Grants: Tubac’s Cleft Palate project was approved. Tucson’s Senegal project was scaled back from $200k to $165K. They raised $154,200, little more to go. Barbara Kiernan has done a stellar job reorganizing the Global Grants program. District Grants: Mad Dash May - 20 grants: 10 submitted Final Report; 9 close to submitting; 1 returning funds. DDF: Started the year with $240,000. Deduction of the District Grant, Tubac’s $90,000 in DDF and numerous tagged global grants and draf global grants from clubs and the USA Mexico GG Conference and Sue’ $10,000DDF: we have $30,000 remaining. Will get $67,000DDF in July and Tucson will need about $65,000 in DDF for their global grant, with Bruce’s $10,000DDF allotment, we may have $22,000 for global grant activity at the USA Mexico GG Conference Yuma in October. Of course, often the tagged and draft grants often do notcome to fruition, so it is a fluid state. Goal this year was to try and use the $120,000DDF carried forward from 2020-21 and we’ve done a great job and will continue to monitor that next Rotary year.

Contributions: Contributions to the 3 Rotary Funds are on par with the past:

$190,000 Annual Fund/SHARE

$102,000 PolioPlus (up from last year)

$318,000 total to date

We only have 5 clubs instead of 11 that have not contributed anything yet, Sue working with them. Kristi I also will send an email with a copy of the Club Recognition Summary to each P and PE the first of June to encourage year end giving. And, the Spring TRF newsletter will be coming out at the end of the month with encouragement to give. In addition, we will get a nice bump from Tubac’s global grant in June with $68,000 going to the Annual Fund/SHARE.

Major Donors and Bequest Society: We have 14 new Major Donors or leveled up donors this year so far, and 2 new Bequest Members.

1. USA Mexico Friendship Conference and Global Grant Exchange in Yuma - registration opens July 1st. Planning is coming together well. This will be huge for Yuma. Sue announced as a side note that a new Yuma Rotary club is starting in July.
2. Membership update: We’re top in Zone 26/27. Up 45 members in district. Rainbow club was a major boost. The down side is that we’re losing the Pantano club. Some members are going to Sunset. Also Old Pueblo, a few moving to Sunrise, and others just focusing on the Flowing Wells School District. Wendy Guyton will be the new membership chair. Her club, SaddleBrooke, is one of the best run clubs. Bruce mentioned his installation event on June 7th. Sue said there were 59 club award nominations, indicating a strong showing of impactful work across clubs.
3. Youth Services - Leo announced that a Yuma student is going to Romania. We need to talk up RYE. Deborah Dimmett is the new district Interact chair for the district with plans to expand and improve Interact clubs. A Yuma Interact student is hung go to build a council there. Leo brought back materials from D5495 conference to send to Deb. She is cleaning up the list and hopes to organized an Interact conference in spring 2026. RYLA finished strong. Sue raised $6000 and used it as a deposit for next year’s RYLA.
4. Joint projects: Sue attended 5495 district conference. Need more RLA candidates. Need to recruit via an info session in July or Aug. TRVFA: Cruise around lake fundraiser. Diane is disappointed because applications keep coming in and clubs are not really contributing. Joe Puett suggested a TRVFA themed AZ Rotary Days of Service. Kristi asked if there’s a list of members who have donated; could be an incentive. Leo suggested presence in the House of Friendship at conference.

We’re hosting a joint district dinner in Calgary with 5495. “It’ll be a party,” said Sue. Possibility of a joint district conference in Leo’s year.

1. CODL report: district conferences are now optional. RI dues are up. Clubs only need 15 members to charter. We need younger members. Rotary is changing. Some of the growth is happening outside the US. Only 20% women in Rotary. No single-sex clubs allowed.
2. Sue announced that D5500 received an award as a high donor from ShelterBox to the LA Disaster Relief Fund.
3. Need letter for new bank account. Joe moved to approve new bank account. Ann seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Kasia Yuska