

# Rotary District 5500



## Rotary Foundation Newsletter

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The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's charitable organization.

The motto of The Rotary Foundation is:  
"Doing Good in the World"

Over the past three decades, Rotarians have increasingly relied on The Rotary Foundation to help them address humanitarian, educational and cultural needs locally and abroad.

**MAKE THE ROTARY FOUNDATION  
ONE OF YOUR CHARITIES!**

### HATS OFF TO GENEROUS D5500 ROTARIANS!!!

D5500's 22-23 Annual Fund Giving One of Highest in Zone 26

Rotary World is divided into 34 zones, and D5500 was the 3rd highest giving District to the Annual Fund in our Zone 26 at a whopping \$221.94 per capita! We ask that all Rotarians contribute at least \$10 a month through [Rotary Direct](#). But a number of our clubs do not contribute anything, so the generosity of our other clubs has raised the per capita giving for our entire district.

#### Top Four Giving Clubs:

Oro Valley (\$1,759 per member)  
Tucson Presidio (\$980)  
Catalina (\$677)  
Valley Verde (\$573)

Number of PolioPlus Society Members: 75

Number of Paul Harris Society Members: 91

Number of Bequest Society Members: 119

Number of Major Donors: 124

Number of Triple Crown Donors: 35

*(Major Donor, Paul Harris Society & Bequest Society)*

**42% of D5500 Rotarians support TRF yearly.**

#### CALENDAR

##### OCTOBER:

- 6-7 District Conference
- 21 D5500 'Celebrate World Polio Day' Zoom
- 24 World Polio Day
- 27-29 Mexico USA Friendship Conference in Prescott

##### NOVEMBER: Rotary Foundation Month

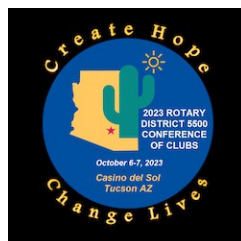
- 18 Ride to End Polio

##### DECEMBER:

ANNUAL FUND YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF CLUBS

Join us October 6-7, 2023



Global Grant Clinic in the House of Friendship: Bring your Project Ideas and Questions;



Friday Breakout: Think Big! Scale up your International Project for a more Powerful Impact;



Visit The Rotary Foundation Booth in the House of Friendship for PolioPlus Society & Honoring our Donors;



Keynote Speaker Rotary Foundation Zone Coordinator Shirley Grace.



Shirley Grace

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Ride to End Polio Founder,  
Michael J. Harris

## RIDE TO END POLIO



Rotary Fellowship  
Cycling to Serve



District 5500 is pleased to once again welcome the Rotary International Fellowship Cycling to Serve as our Presenting Sponsor. For many years, the Fellowship has supported the ride financially and they have adopted the Ride to End Polio as their signature event. We look forward to many more years of working together to end polio worldwide, and to support other Rotary efforts into the future.

In 2009, Rotarian Mike Harris was able to enroll Polio Plus as one of many non-profit beneficiaries to participate in El Tour de Tucson. Fast forward to 2023 and the Ride to End Polio, assisted by the Gates Foundation two-to-one match, has raised more than \$60 million to aid in Rotary's fight to end polio, one of if not THE single largest fund raiser in the history of Rotary.

This year's Ride to End Polio will be held on Saturday, November 18 and once again features new routes aimed to make the ride safer and more enjoyable. Cyclists can choose from distances of 102, 63, or 32. mile distances. [Click here](#) for information on Ride to End Polio, For general questions, [please email Kirk Reed, the Ride Director.](#) For information about the Indoor Ride, [please email Charlotte Harris.](#)

## POLIO UPDATE

For more information: [Michael Drake, PolioPlus Chair](#)

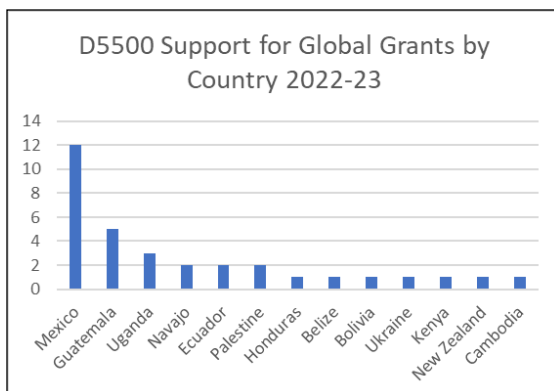
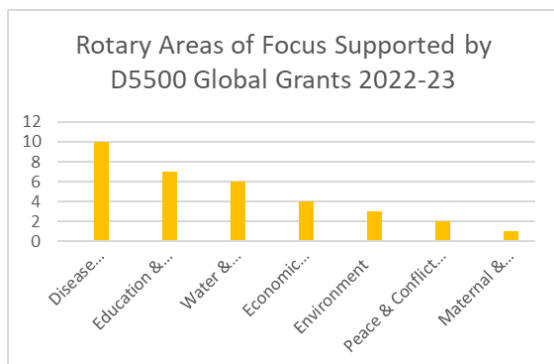
In 1985 Rotary International made the audacious pledge to eradicate polio world-wide. It would be only the second disease to be eradicated, after Smallpox in 1980. In 1985, there were 360,000 cases a year in 125 countries of paralytic polio, primarily in children.

In 1988 the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) was formed when Rotary acquired partners World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Center for Disease Control. In recent years, the Gates Foundation has been a generous supporter and partner. Using the Sabin oral vaccine, volunteer Rotarians and health workers around the world began vaccinating children. To date approximately 4 billion children have received the precious drops. Because of that, it is estimated 21 million children have been spared the scourge of polio.

Every year since the vaccination program began in 1985, the number of new cases worldwide has gone down. Of the remaining two countries where polio remains endemic, through August, 2023 Afghanistan has had 5 cases and Pakistan only 2 cases.

Though we are getting "This Close," Rotarians must continue to support the effort. Contribute at [www.endpolio.org](http://www.endpolio.org), support the Ride To End Polio in Tucson November 18, and join the [District 5500 PolioPlus Society](#). Also visit the End Polio Now booth in the House of Friendship at the District Conference of Clubs in Tucson October 6 and 7, and join our D5500 'Celebrate World Polio Day' Zoom on October 21 to celebrate World Polio Day on October 24.





### INTRODUCING THE \*\*NEW\*\* GRANT RESOURCE TEAM FOR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The Grants Resource Team (GRT) is made up of nine Rotarians in D5500 who have had significant involvement in international projects and/or grants.

The creation of this Team, along with a Senior Advisory Group, is a proactive attempt to further develop our District's grant programs.

We hope that experience on this Team will also allow members to increase the impact of international efforts in D5500 even as they expand their own network of Rotarians interested in the global arena. If you would like to participate on the Grants Resource Team or would like information on Global Grants, please contact [Grant Subcommittee Chair Barbara Kiernan](#).

## 2022-2023 DISTRICT GRANT PROJECTS

CLUB	PROJECT	GRANT
Bisbee	Bisbee Science Lab Partnership	\$2,500.00
Fort Yuma	Soccer Field for Boys and Girls Club	\$4,166.00
Dove Mountain	Little Free Library Project	\$600.00
Mountain Empire-Sonoita	Desks for Nogales	\$3,000.00
Sahuarita	Books for Kinders	\$1,599.38
Sierra Vista	Sierra Vista Pump Track Fence	\$1,857.00
Tubac	Cleft Palate Mission	\$6,000.00
Tucson Sunset	Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona Project	\$500.00
Valle Verde-Green Valley	Peace Building Reading Garden at Continental School	\$4,347.85
Yuma	Yuma Castle Park Adaptive Playground	\$6,000.00
Sierra Vista Sunrise	Outdoor Playground for Abused Women/Children Facility	\$6,000.00
Marana	Ending Human Trafficking Symposium	\$1,773.55
Yuma Foothills	Install Playpark	\$6,000.00
Tubac II	Career Project for Teens	\$2,000.00
Tucson Sunrise	Rillito River Clean-up Event	\$1,000.00
Saddlebrooke	Emergency Classroom Kits	\$2,000.00
Saddlebrooke Sunrise	Food Bank Pallet Project	\$1,735.00
Tucson	3 Club Cleanup of YMCA Camp	\$2,000.00
Tuscon Verde	Making Chicken Egg Nesting Boxes	\$500.00
Vail	Backpacks for School Kids	\$1,000.00
Vail II	Greenhouse Project	\$400.00




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D5500 Toolbox for Club Rotary Foundation Chairs

**What is The Rotary Foundation?**  
Rotary Foundation Reference Guide (pdf)  
Rotary Foundation Facts 2021 (pdf)  
Rotary Learning Center – Rotary Club Foundation Basics [CLICK HERE](#)

**What is my Role as the Club Rotary Foundation Chair?**  
Job Description of Club Rotary Foundation Chair (pdf)  
Working with your Club Foundation Committee (pdf)

**How Do I contribute to The Rotary Foundation?**  
Rotary Foundation Contribution Form (pdf)  
Rotary Foundation Multiple Donor Contribution Form (pdf)  
Rotary Direct FAQs (pdf)  
Rotary Direct Enrollment Form (pdf)  
Planned Giving Guide for Donors (pdf)  
Memorial or Tribute Form (pdf)  
IRA Transfer Instructions Form (pdf)

**What is a Rotary Legacy?**  
Your Rotary Legacy Brochure (pdf)  
Your Rotary Legacy Commitment Form (pdf)  
Planned Giving Guide for Donors (pdf)  
Your Rotary Legacy: [Endowment Pledge/Commitment Form](#) (online)

**How Do I transfer Paul Harris Recognition Points?**  
Paul Harris Recognition points transfer request form (pdf)

**What is the Paul Harris Society?**  
Paul Harris Society Brochure (pdf)

**What is the PolioPlus Society?**  
D5500 Polio Plus Society enrollment Form (pdf)

**Videos**  
Thank You to the Rotary Foundation 2022 (1:39)  
The Rotary Foundation Showcase (3:10)  
Celebrate Giving to The Rotary Foundation (1:05)

### WHAT IS THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

Not to be confused with a Paul Harris Fellow (which means a life-time gift of \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and/or PolioPlus), the Paul Harris Society is the name given to those Rotarians who pledge a \$1000 gift annually – every year.

You may know these committed individuals -- they wear a "flag" below their Rotary pin that reads "PHS".

One easy way to give at the \$1000 level is through [Rotary Direct](#) -- sign up and an amount of money you designate is automatically deducted from your account each month. [Join the PHS here.](#)

Members of the Paul Harris Society know that the need never ends -- and neither should the giving. For more information, please contact [Paul Harris Society Chair Les Orckekowsky](#).

### NEW TOOLBOX FOR PRESIDENTS & ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIRS

Find what you need at the [TRF Webpage](#).

## JOIN US AT THE MEXICO USA FRIENDSHIP CONFERENCE & GLOBAL GRANT EXCHANGE IN PRESCOTT

The Mexico USA Friendship Conference and Global Grants Exchange was started in 2000 between Rotary districts in Arizona and Mexico. As suggested by the name, it is a Rotary conference focused on friendship between members in both countries, but it is also the best way to get your club involved in doing international global grant projects.



Mexico USA Friendship Conference & Global Grants Exchange  
Hosted by: Rotary District 5495

Work on over \$500,000 in projects with friends from all over the world!

October 26-29, 2023  
Prescott, Arizona



*Register Here!*



If your club has never participated in a Global Grant, this conference is a great way to get started, by either proposing a project or making a funding pledge. The beauty of clubs working together comes from the leveraging of Rotary Foundation giving to make a lasting impact in our communities and communities across the globe.

This year's conference takes place Oct. 27-29, 2023 in Prescott, Arizona. [Click here to Register.](#)