

Annual Fund/SHARE Giving May 2024 - Totals & Per Capita

Club	ANNUAL	PerCapita
Ajo	\$1,250	\$250
Benson	\$0	\$0
Bisbee	\$550	\$42
Casa Grande	\$106	\$4
Casa Grande Dybk	\$1,150	\$115
Casas Adobes	\$4,175	\$167
Catalina	\$16,635	\$308
Coolidge	\$816	\$63
Douglas	\$0	\$0
Dove Mountain	\$13,326	\$579
Florence	\$0	\$0
Fort Yuma	\$8,939	\$126
Gila Valley	\$0	\$0
Globe	\$0	\$0
Green Valley	\$11,885	\$270
Marana	\$22,486	\$1,405
Maricopa	\$0	\$0
Miami	\$0	\$0
M-E-S	\$1,690	\$106
Nogales	\$924	\$42
Old Pueblo	\$2,535	\$110
Oro Valley	\$7,475	\$267
Pantano	\$1,050	\$95
Rincon	\$0	\$0
Rio Rico	\$3,322	\$133
Saddlebrooke	\$15,034	\$235
Saddlebrooke Sun	\$165	\$7
Safford	\$0	\$0
Sahuarita	\$550	\$50
San Luis Frontera	\$510	\$19
Sierra Vista	\$17,057	\$341
Sierra Vista South	\$470	\$28
Sierra Vista Sunrise	\$10,472	\$255
Somerton	\$1,400	\$100
Superior	\$220	\$55
Tubac	\$5,993	\$162
Tucson	\$10,747	\$48
Tucson Kino	\$1,625	\$68
Tucson Presidio	\$275	\$31
Tucson Sunrise	\$6,635	\$246
Tucson Sunset	\$3,616	\$258
Tucson Verde	\$3,510	\$113
Vail	\$0	\$0
Valle Verde - GV	\$22,263	\$428
Willcox	\$0	\$0
Yuma	\$9,603	\$130
Yuma Crossing	\$0	\$0
Yuma Foothills	\$2,882	\$152
Yuma North End	\$2,924	\$487
Yuma Sunrise	\$2,225	\$185

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PDG Michael Drake honored with Citation of Meritorious Service



District Rotary Foundation Chair Kristi Halvorson and PolioPlus Chair Michael Drake

The **Citation for Meritorious Service** recognizes a Rotarian that has demonstrated outstanding active service to The Rotary Foundation. Past District Governor Michael Drake more than fit the bill as he was awarded the distinction at the March College of Governor/Major Donor Luncheon in Tucson.

A charter member of the Rotary Club of Tucson Sunset in 1983, Michael served as President of his club in 1992-1993, District Governor in 2011-12, District Rotary Foundation Chair from 2016-19 and has served as our PolioPlus Chair since 2020-21. He helped charter the Tucson Verde club and now is a member of that Rotary club.

He was also a member of the all Rotarian Group Study Exchange (GSE) team to the Russian Far East in 1998 and was Team Leader for the GSE team to Japan in 2007. A list of all of his Rotary accomplishments are listed [HERE](#).

A graduate of Stanford University and the University of Arizona College of Law, he is the past-president of the Pima County Bar Association. He currently practices personal injury law and civil litigation in Tucson.

Leaving a Rotary Legacy in 2023-24

Maya Angelou once said: "If you're going to live, leave behind a legacy. Make an impact on the world that can never be erased." We are grateful to the Rotarians in our District that are leaving a Legacy to The Rotary Foundation by becoming new members or reaching a new level as a Major Donor or Bequest Society member this Rotary Year.



Major Donor Level 3	Prudy Abeln	Dove Mountain
Major Donor Level 2	Debra Haddock	Tucson Kino
Major Donor Level 2	Kristi Halvorson	SaddleBrooke
Major Donor Level 2	William A. McGibbon	Green Valley
Major Donor Level 1	Cliff Bowman	Tucson
Major Donor Level 1	Harold Burtzloff	Marana
Major Donor Level 1	Steve Di Muzio	Casa Grande
Major Donor Level 1	Leslie Hawkins	SaddleBrooke
Major Donor Level 1	Ric Holm	SaddleBrooke
Major Donor Level 1	Hank Huisking	Sierra Vista Sunrise
Major Donor Level 1	Steve Johns	Sierra Vista Sunrise
Major Donor Level 1	Sharon Lake	Sierra Vista Sunrise
Major Donor Level 1	Michele Lewis	Valle Verde-Green Valley
Major Donor Level 1	Joe Puett	Sierra Vista
Major Donor Level 1	Russell Pulver	Green Valley
Major Donor Level 1	Maureen Kelly Raso	Valle Verde-Green Valley
Major Donor Level 1	Debbie Rue	SaddleBrooke
Major Donor Level 1	Jeanne Zetah	Tucson
Bequest Society Level 6	John and Monica Oszust	SaddleBrooke
Bequest Society Level 3	Tim Dugan	Valle Verde-Green Valley
Bequest Society Level 1	Don and Kathy Jorgensen	Marana

D5500 ROTARY PEACE FELLOW

Each year, Rotary Peace Fellows are selected to earn a two year Master's Degree, or a one year postgraduate diploma through the Professional Development Certificate Program at one of the Rotary Peace Centers around the World.

Stela Almeida from Mozambique has applied for the Certificate Program either at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda or Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey. Since March of 2022, Stela worked as a political intern at the American Embassy in Mozambique. She recently completed the internship and received a letter of congratulations from Ambassador Peter Vrooman. Her work involved researching and monitoring political and social topics, human rights, political analysis, conflict resolution, and democracy development.



Stela Almeida

Partners Wanted: Arizona Rotary Microcredit Program

Three Global Grants, from 2013-2018, totaling \$274,000 established the basis for this program which is shared between D5500 & D5495 in Arizona and managed by the FinReg Bank in Mexico.

Money invested in microcredit is one of the most successful means to eradicate poverty in the world. This program makes small business loans for 6 months to the poorest people who could never get financing, the majority of them women. Businesses in Hermosillo or Nogales can get loans starting at \$100, but must have a 12 month history and looking for expansion capital. Borrowers are organized in groups of 4-8 and co-sign a Promissory Note. When the loan is paid, new loans are made available and payback rates are 97-98%. D5495 has 8 Partner Clubs and D5500 has Valle Verde Green Valley as a Partner Club so far. Other contributing D5500 clubs are Green Valley, Casas Adobes, Mountain Empire, Tubac and Tucson Sunrise. A Partner Club has membership on the Arizona Rotary Microcredit Committee and commits \$5,000 paid over 5 years.

[CLICK HERE](#) to contact Gary Friedman if your club is interested in learning more about the program.



\$2M Program of Scale Grant to Help Indian Farmers



The fourth recipient of the \$2M "Program of Scale Grant" was just announced at the RI Convention in Singapore. **Partners for Water Access and Better Harvests in India** is a five-year evidence-based program designed to improve livelihoods of over 60,000 rural farmers across four states in India through the implementation of sustainable agriculture and water management practices.

Farming communities will gain knowledge and skills in resilient agricultural practices such as drip irrigation, layered cropping, and fruit tree cultivation. The program will also use rainwater harvesting systems such as check dams and retention ponds to increase groundwater availability for farming by 40%, improving crop yield and productivity.

2023-2024 DISTRICT GRANT PROJECTS

Bisbee	Naco, Mexico Kitchen Rebuild	\$1,550.00
Dove Mountain	Little Free Libraries	\$750.00
Green Valley	High School Mentoring Project	\$2,000.00
Mountain Empire	Voices from the Border - Library Project	\$600.00
New Generations Grant	Spain New Generation Grant	\$2,500.00
Oro Valley	Edge High School Project	\$2,000.00
Saddlebooke	Oracle Community Center Environmental	\$2,000.00
SaddleBrooke	Mountain Vista School Emergency Classroom Kits	\$1,396.75
Sahuarita	Bi-Lingual Books for Kinders	\$1,800.00
Sierra Vista	Good Neighbor Alliance Dining Facility	\$4,000.00
Sierra Vista Sunrise	Echoing Hope Ranch Program	\$4,000.00
Tubac	The Cleft Palate / Cleft Lip Surgery Mission	\$4,000.00
Tubac	Community Assessment for Global Grant	\$1,000.00
Tucson Kino	Haitian Leadership Training	\$1,250.00
Tucson Rotaract	STEM tools, delivery of Calculators & Thumbdrives	\$750.00
Tucson Sunset	Books for Children & PJ's - Christmas	\$500.00
Tucson	Community Assessment for Global Grant	\$2,000.00
Valle Verde Green Valley	School Clean Drinking Water Project	\$3,199.00
Yuma	Live Insect Display	\$2,500.00

Plan NOW for a Project using District Grant Funds

Doing a District Grant has Never Been Easier in 2024-25

Does your club have a yearly community project your members are actively involved in, whose budget is \$500 or more, and whose beneficiaries are new every year? All clubs can apply for a District Grant from \$250 to \$4000 in the month of July. District Grants are administered by D5500 with funds that D5500 Rotarians contributed to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund/SHARE three years ago.

Your club must be qualified before you can apply for a grant. For more information on qualification or applying for a district grant and using the new DACdb database, please go to the [District Grant Webpage](#).