

Rotary Foundation Newsletter

Spring 2025

Annual Fund/SHARE Giving May 2025 - Totals & Per Capita

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Club	ANNUAL	PerCapita
Ajo	\$680	\$97.11
Benson	\$1,405	\$93.67
Bisbee	\$500	\$50.00
Casa Grande	\$2,900	
Casa Grande Dk	\$1,950	\$203.00
Catalina	\$10,737	\$178.95
Coolidge	\$0	\$0.00
Douglas	\$0	\$0.00
Dove Mountain	\$7,025	\$270.20
Florence	\$0	\$0.00
Fort Yuma	\$9,212	\$124.49
Globe	\$0	\$0.00
Green Valley	\$11,200	\$266.67
Marana	\$11,300	
Maricopa	\$0	\$0.00
Mountain Empire	\$2,854	
Nogales	\$924	
Old Pueblo	\$1,446	\$68.88
Oro Valley	\$5,085	\$154.09
Pantano	\$1,100	
Rincon	\$4,208	
Rio Rico	\$5,092	
SaddleBrooke	\$19,559	
Saddlebrooke Sun	\$1,450	
Safford	\$0	
Sahuarita	\$25	\$2.50
San Luis Frontera	\$110	\$3.55
Sierra Vista	\$6,920	\$133.07
Sierra Vista South	\$1,450	\$96.67
Sierra Vista Sunrise	\$7,692	\$213.67
Somerton	\$1,300	\$92.86
Superior	\$220	\$55.00
Tubac	\$4,884	\$122.10
Tucson	\$12,255	\$52.37
Tucs Casa Adobes	\$2,550	\$115.91
Tucson Kino	\$2,825	\$104.63
Tucson Presidio	\$2,225	\$247.22
Tucson Rainbow	\$254	\$7.71
Tucson Sunrise	\$5,835	\$243.13
Tucson Sunset	\$1,400	\$93.33
Tucson Verde	\$7,535	\$259.83
Vail	\$1,000	\$100.00
Valle Verde - GV	\$17,361	\$394.56
Willcox	\$150	\$12.50
Yuma	\$12,635	
Yuma Crossing	\$1,000	\$18.52
Yuma Foothills	\$1,701	\$85.07
Yuma North End	\$924	
Yuma Sunrise	\$2,200	\$183.33



Update on Global Grants spearheaded by D5500



Expanding Access to Cleft Palate/Lip Treatments in Mexico: More Surgeries, Increased Follow-up Options; Improved Outcomes.

Budget: \$200,570 Approved May 2025

International Club: Tubac (D5500)

Host Club: Club Rotario Hermosillo del Sol (D4100)

Contact: Bud Eckhart

Sewing Training Program in Senegal: 'Empowering Youth One Stitch at a Time'. This two year vocational training program in sewing supports job options and economic development in Senegal.



International Club: Tucson (D5500)
Host Club: Club of Dakar Millenium (D9101)
Contact: Barbara Kiernan







Mexico - USA Friendship Conference

Plan to join over 200 Rotarians from over 30 clubs and 7 districts in Yuma from October 29 - November 1. For over twenty years, the conference has brought together Clubs to partner in Global Grants.

CLICK HERE for more information

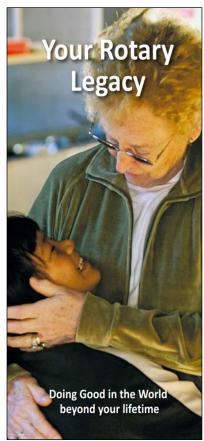


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Leaving a Rotary Legacy in 2024-25

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



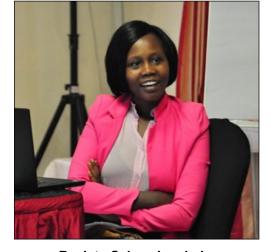
The Rotary Foundation by becoming new members or reaching a new level as a Major Donor or Bequest Society member this 2024-25 Rotary Year.

Deborah Morse	Major Donor Level 4	Tucson
Teree Bergman	Major Donor Level 3	Dove Mountain
Amos Meyers	Major Donor Level 3	Oro Valley
Charlene Meyers	Major Donor Level 3	Dove Mountain
Irv & Terry Mindes	Major Donor Level 3	Catalina
Harold Burtzloff	Major Donor Level 2	Marana
Mark Kendziorek	Major Donor Level 2	Dove Mountain
Jacqueline Kendziorek	Major Donor Level 3	Dove Mountain
Susan Archibald	Major Donor Level 1	Mountain Empire
Stacey Fox	Major Donor Level 1	Oro Valley
Gail Fraioli	Major Donor Level 1	Saddlebrooke
Tom Fraioli	Major Donor Level 1	SaddleBrooke
Harris Family Foundation	Major Donor Level 1	Tucson
Roger Harwell	Major Donor Level 1	Tucson
Benjamin Lawrance	Major Donor Level 1	Tucson Sunrise
Bruce Monro	Major Donor Level 1	Tubac
Amos Meyers	Bequest Society Level 4	Oro Valley
Charlene Meyers	Bequest Society Level 4	Dove Mountain
Millie Baycroft	Bequest Society Level 1	Yuma Foothills

D5500 ROTARY PEACE FELLOW CANDIDATE

Each year 50 Rotary Peace Fellows are selected to earn a two year master's degree & 80 Rotary Peace Fellows are selected for a one year postgraduate diploma through the Professional Development Certificate Program at one of the seven Rotary Peace Centers around the world.

Resiato Salyan Lembaka is sponsored by District 5500 and is applying for the master's degree. She is from Tanzania and represents the Maasai people for human rights. The Maasai are indigenous people who have been in the greater Serengeti-Mara ecosystem for centuries. Resiato is determined to advance her education and influence to help resolve the conflict between the Maasai and the government of Tanzania on the annexation of 1500 square kilometers of legally registered village lands. In the past, Resiato has made virtual presentations to the University of Arizona's Human Rights Practice program.



Resiato Salyan Lembaka



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District 5500 joins 3 Intercountry Committees (ICC)





Claudine Schooley

Rotary Intercountry Committees: A Global Network of People in Action

Rotary Intercountry Committees are unique entities within Rotary International that connect Districts and Rotary Clubs from different countries to foster lasting connections between Rotarians around the world, and to promote peace and international understanding across borders.

On December 2024, District 5500 signed the Inter-Country Committee Agreement between the USA and Mexico to strengthen friendship and make global grants. Barbara Kiernan, D5500 Grants Chair represents our district in this ICC.

District 5500 will sign a new ICC between the USA and Israel on June 14, 2025. Diane Ventura Goodyear will be the representative for our district and Joyce Finkelstein will also join the new ICC.

ICC USA-Guatemala/Honduras/Belize is in preparation for the end of summer 2025, under the guidance of Rick Chimble (Rotary club of Oro Valley), President of ICC USA-Spain.

Rotarian Claudine Schooley from the Oro Valley Rotary Club is the Intercountry Committee National Coordinator for the USA. Please email Claudine if you would like more information.

Sister Clubs: Saddlebrooke and Hermosillo Milenio



On May 22nd, 10 members of the Hermosillo Milenio Rotary Club came up to Saddlebrooke Ranch to meet 22 members of the Saddlebrooke Club. President Wendy Guyton and President Tere Ruiz signed a three year Sister Club Agreement to promote and embrace fellowship, joint projects, reciprocal visits and exchange club news.

Both clubs are partners in the Arizona Rotary Microcredit Program that gives small loans to qualified business people in Hermosillo. Mexico.



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2024-2025 DISTRICT GRANT PROJECTS

Lead Club Name	Project Name	Allotted Funds
Catalina (Tucson)	Support for Mariachi Conference in Tucson	\$3,760
Coolidge	Outdoor Space at Hope Women's Center	\$3,592
Fort Yuma	Indoor Playground	\$3,760
Green Valley	Wrightson Ridge STEM Pilot Project	\$1,880
Mountain Empire-Sonoita	Community Food Pantry Improvements	\$940
Oro Valley	Springboard Home for Girls Project	\$3,760
Rincon (Tucson)	Dictionaries for Students	\$2,520
Rio Rico	Rio Rico Rotary Walking Trail Benches	\$940
SaddleBrooke	Low Income Senior Christmas Party	\$2,350
Sahuarita	Books for Kinders in English and Spanish	\$2,250
Sierra Vista	Research Books for Students	\$2,047
Somerton (9 Rotary clubs)	The Dictionary Project	\$3,600
Tubac	The Cleft Palate / Cleft Lip Surgery Mission	\$3,760
Tucson Verde	Chinle/Navajo Solar Light Project	\$1,880
UA Rotaract	Period Poverty Project	\$500
Valle Verde-Green Valley	Musical Garden	\$3,674
Willcox	Willcox Rotary Peace Poles	\$1,260
Yuma	Yuma Rotary MIKID Sensory Room	\$3,760
Yuma Foothills	Serenity Garden Project	\$3,760

Plan NOW to apply for District Grant Funds in JULY

Doing a District Grant has Never Been Easier in 2025-26

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 matching 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 <u>District Grant Webpage</u>.

