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District Governor Message - August 2023

By Debbie Hale



With Monterey Pacific Club
President and Polio Plus Chair,
Belinda Daguio

Are Your Club Members Getting Engaged with Rotary? August Theme: Membership and New Club Development

One of my favorite expressions about recruiting new Rotarians is, "You've got to go on a date before you get married." It means you need to take your time recruiting new members. You don't want to be desperate to accept anyone as a member – becoming a Rotarian is a special honor. You want to inform potential members about Rotary's Service Above Self-expectations. Invite potential members on a few dates - a club meeting, a service project, a social event – and ensure it's a good fit before you propose them for membership.

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President Highlight - John Lollis Porterville Breakfast

By John Lollis
Porterville Breakfast President

Groucho Marx famously said that he wouldn't join any club that would take him as a member. However, he apparently wasn't aware of the Porterville Breakfast Rotary Club. [Read More](#)



Focus on Membership in 2023-2024

By Rebecca Moser

IPDG & District Membership Chair

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I am so pleased to be your District Membership Chair this year, and to assist with the continued growth of Rotary in District 5230 in the coming year. Last year we created a Membership Liaison position to assist Club Presidents and Club Membership Chairs with Attraction, Onboarding and Retention/ Engagement. These dedicated members are experienced Club Membership Chairs, enthusiastic and are skilled at the latest and greatest tips and resources available through District 5230 and RI regarding Membership. I hope you will welcome them into your clubs as a valuable asset to assist you with growing, engaging and retaining your membership!

Our Foundation and the Leadership of Just One Rotarian

By Bruce D. Mackey

"When the history of Rotary is written in the days to come, the name of Arch Klumph will stand high in the place that marks the remembrance of anyone who has achieved great things in the history and development of the organization." ~ E. Leslie Pidgeon, 1917-18 RI President in a speech to the 1918 Rotary Convention

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Selection for 5230 District Governor, 2026-27

By Rebecca Moser

We are seeking nominations for 5230 District Governor candidates for the 2026-2027 Rotary year.

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Clean Water for Thailand Villages

By Michael J. Andritch



District Governor 2015-2016
Rotary International District 5230
Fig Garden Rotary, Fresno, CA USA

In a true team effort, 31 Rotary Clubs in five countries, together with the wonderful support of the Rotary International Foundation, raised \$330,000 to bring safe water and sanitation to 21 villages in the jungle highlands of Northern Thailand. Fig Garden Rotary Club of Fresno is the international sponsor and the Chiang Mai International Rotary Club is the host sponsor of this multi-faceted, impactful project. Our construction partner, our "boots on the ground", is the Integrated Tribal Development Foundation headed by Michael Mann. [Read More](#)

Nine Steps to Start a New Club

By Joy Gonzales Anderson

District 5230 New Club Development Chair
Past District Governor, 2020-21

Step one in forming a new club is to find a champion and supporters. You need someone who is passionate about starting your new club. It may be you! You want someone who knows their "why."
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Second Annual Run Walk Ride - Save the Date

By Belinda I. Daguio

District Polio Plus Chair



District 5230 Women Empowerment Resource Fair - Soledad



On September 16th, Rotary District 5230 will partner with the Women are Limitless Mentorship and Scholarship Program to hold the second Women Empowerment Resource Fair. This event will take place in Soledad at Soledad High School. It will build on the very successful event held in King City on May 6th.

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Why Camp ROYAL?

By George Wyhinny

Every year, an elite group of high school rising senior girls and high school rising senior boys leave their daily lives behind for six days and take residence on the banks of Lake Sequoia. However, in 2020, COVID brought Camp ROYAL to a halt. For 3 years, students' lives were disrupted: social norms on hiatus, human interaction limited, and computer screens became the connection to the outside world. For those 3 years, the banks of Lake Sequoia were silent.

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From Global Warming to Global Boiling

By Yavuz Vural Atila

As July 2023 is set to be the hottest month ever recorded, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said that humanity is in the hot seat, urging that "leaders must lead" with dramatic, immediate climate action to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

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What Does it Take to Be District Governor & Club Treasurer Basics

Are you interested in the qualifications of becoming the District Governor or the responsibilities that role entails? If so, join us as Joy Anderson explains the succession path and the benefits and duties that accompany the position.

The Club Treasurer position is very important in your club's ability to carry out service projects,

fundraisers, and support the Rotary Foundation. Join Jeff as he leads us through the basics required for this position and answers questions around the role of this position.

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Fresno Airport District Rotary Club highlighted in The Business Journal

Last month, the Fresno Airport District Rotary Club was officially registered at the Vision View Business Formation Center near Fresno Yosemite International Yosemite Airport (FAT).

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Porterville Breakfast Rotary Club - Run for Life



Please join the Porterville Breakfast Rotary Club at the Annual Run for Life at Granite Hills High School, 1702 E. Putnum Ave in Porterville on Sat., Sept. 9, 2023 from 8-11 a.m. This event recognizes the lives of those who are bravely battling, or have lost their fight, against cancer. This year's honorees will be Robert Krase, Sabra Galloway, and Maribell Gonzalez.

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The Visalia Community Rotaract Little Free Library Project

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.

Our goal with the The Little Free Library Project is to increase free access to literature for all people of the community. Thank you to our generous library hosts who make it all possible! Take a book, leave a book, return a book, read a book!

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Luggage of Love: Suitcase Challenge

Create HOPE for Foster Youth

The Cultural Arts Rotary Club of Fresno in July/August 2023 will host the Luggage of Love: Suitcase Challenge! Support foster youth by donating your new or gently used suitcases, duffel bags, and backpacks. Three hundred fifty-one pieces of luggage were collected last year and were donated to the Fresno County Department of Social Services to benefit local foster youth. Social Workers were thrilled they were able to replace trash bags and cardboard boxes with suitcases. These young people utilized the luggage to travel between foster homes, to travel to visits with family members, and to travel on school-related trips for academics, athletics, and other co-curricular activities. All 351 pieces of luggage were distributed by the county; it's time to get the word out and start collecting luggage to meet this year's goal of 400+ suitcases!

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District 5230 Rotary 25+ Anniversaries



Congratulations to all of our members who had a milestone Rotary Anniversary of 25 years or more during the past month!

Rotary is not just a gift that you give to yourself, but a gift you give to your clubs, community and the world. Thank you for your service. We look forward to many more years with Rotary!
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District 5230 New Members for July 2023

We give a warm welcome to the following new members of District 5230:
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District 5230 Upcoming Events

[Beautify Fresno Mayor's 2023 Citywide Cleanup ~ Saturday, August 5th](#)

[Gonzales Rotary Club & Betty Macias Family Scholarship Golf Tournament ~ Saturday, August 12th](#)

[29th Annual Pacific Grove Concours Auto Rally ~ Friday, August 18th](#)

[2023 Rotary All City BBQ ~ Tuesday, August 22nd](#)

[Second Annual Run Walk Ride To End Polio Now ~ Saturday, October 21st](#)