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## District Governor's Column: Building Connections with Rotary Fellowship(s)

By Debbie Hale



District Governor

Have you ever heard the expression, "it's not what you know, it's who you know"? Success in Rotary, as in life, is about developing relationships. Fellowship is the heart of Rotary: building connections with those who share our desire to help others in the community. My favorite part of being District Governor has been the fellowship I have experienced at your clubs. I've truly enjoyed

meeting Rotarians and seeing you in action!

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## Cheers to Summer! 5230 Comms Updates for June



Your 5230 "Comms" Team (left - right)  
Merritt Wiseman - Editor, Lynda Patrick - Chair,  
Nick Grim - 5230 Webmaster

**Congratulations to Nick Grim,  
District 5230 Rotarian of the Year!**

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## Creating Lasting Friendships Around the World through Rotary Fellowships!

By Michael J. Rabara

**Governor 24's - 25's  
Rotary International District 5230**

One of the primary reasons when asked why anyone joins Rotary is networking and creating new friendships.

In today's interconnected world, finding a club or a community where you feel accepted, cherished, and understood is invaluable. Rotary Fellowships are communities that not only offer a space for individuals to come together but also celebrate diversity, shared causes, and the spirit of Rotary fellowship.

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or to submit an article, contact Nick Grim and Merritt Wiseman at [editor5230@gmail.com](mailto:editor5230@gmail.com).

Please note all articles or event info must be submitted by the 20th of each month to make next month's issue.

## From Vision to Reality: A year long journey developing and executing an inspiring a successful DC

By Renata Barnwell



District 5230 District Conference Chair

As anyone who has completed successful event planning, from birthday parties to large conventions and everything in between, it requires an exceptional focus on vision and planning.

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## District Conference Awards 2023/24

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## â€œWe Played by The Bay and We Had a Blast!â€

~Rocky



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## Monterey Rotary Clubs Take a Stand Against Human Trafficking

By Annette Yee Steck  
Human Trafficking Awareness Chair, Rotary District 5230

**5230 Newsletter Editor's note:** The Symposium about which this article references has already taken place. That does not, however, discount the immensely serious crime of human trafficking, as well as other heinous sex crimes such as targeting, grooming, and child molestation taking place right here in our district. It is symposiums like this, and articles such as this one shared, that help to improve awareness of these crimes and, most importantly, to help us all - as Rotarians - stay vigilant, to always remain on the lookout, and to have the ability to recognize red flag behaviors so we can help put a stop to these insidious crimes happening right under our noses. Monterey County Superintendent of Schools, Rotarian Deneen Guss, comment was particularly poignant: "You would be surprised by how many individuals get tricked into these situations. It could happen to you or anyone you love if you don't see the signs." [Read More](#)



## Rotary International Global Grant Delivers Ultrasound System in Columbia

By Kharma Yi-Ting Garcia



The Rotary Club of East Fresno

Global grant 2454722 is a Rotary international project which has provided a DC-40 ultrasound system for a low-complexity healthcare facility, the Puente Barco Health Center. This facility is located in a border city of Colombia and Venezuela, San José de Cúcuta, Colombia, which provides aid to Colombian citizens and Venezuelan migrants. This ultrasound machine is projected to serve 4,000 patients yearly. The system has general imaging to serve both female and male patients, OB/GYN cardiology, prenatal exam, and pregnancy screening capabilities.

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## Monterey Rotarians for Maui Fire Victims

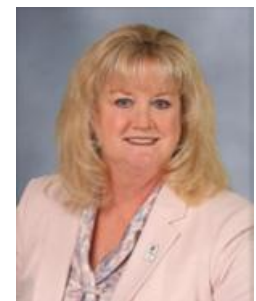
By Charlene Huihui  
Rotary Club of Salinas Valley and Project Chair  
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## Your Monthly Membership Moment

By Rebecca Moser  
District 5230 Membership Chair

### Designing your Rotary Experience

People join Rotary to establish meaningful connections, engage in service that makes a real difference, develop their leadership skills, and broaden their perspectives. But how they grow through Rotary and how they experience membership depend on how they choose to participate. Each member has a unique blend of interests, skills, and talents, and each is attracted to different programs and different ways to serve. [Read More](#)



## A Passion of Rotarians

By Bruce D. Mackey



District 5230 Foundation Chair

*A Herd of Cattle, a Pack of Dogs, a Gang of Elk, a Band of Gorillas, a Troop of Kangaroos, a Pod of Porpoises, a Gam of Whales, A Bevy of Otters!*

I was privileged to attend our annual District Conference this month in Monterey. A great event on all counts - Beautiful weather, a wonderful venue, a varied and engaging program, and lots and lots of fun!

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## District 5230 Happenings

**Fresno Sunrise: What a Week We Had!**

**A Great Example of How Rotary Works to Create Hope in the World**

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