

# 2025 Conference News

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## 2025 Conference Hotel



Disneyland Hotel & Resort  
1150 West Magic Way  
Anaheim, California 92802

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to attend the...

## 2025-2026 District Training Assembly



Join us on April 11, 2025, for the annual District Training Assembly. The program will run from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm with check in beginning at 8:30 am. General sessions and breakout sessions will be informative, filled with best practices, tips, tools, and information to prepare your club leadership and members for the 2025-2026 Club year. Sessions include:

- Grants Management Certification
- Public Image
- Foundation
- Community Based Projects
- Membership
- International Projects
- Governance Training

Your free registration includes early

## How Well Do You Know The Governors?



In the spirit of Disney fun, the conference team is hoping to bring out your competitive spirit. Let's see how well you know our district governors'.

Your challenge, should you choose to accept it - guess which attribute belongs to each governor.

Is there a prize involved (you might ask)? Of course there is, it wouldn't be competitive if there wasn't one.

For all those that guess correctly, your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win 1 of 4 prize bags.

To enter the competition, simply text or email your selections to Mama Lu. She will immediately let you know if you are correct and your name entered.

Text to: [626-703-3041](tel:626-703-3041)  
Email to: [rotarylu@gmail.com](mailto:rotarylu@gmail.com)

Attribute 1: This governor coached youth sports, captained a ship along the coast of CA, and won the top chef award in 2005...who is he?

Attribute 2: This governor likes to cook, listen to the Beatles, and has a history of rock climbing...who is he?

## Fun Facts about Disneyland



The conference team would like to take you back in time a few decades - 7 to be exact. A time when social media platforms were not an option, an era with rotary telephones and where the written press ruled the day.

July 17, 1955, opening day for Disneyland. The opening was intended to be an international press preview of the park and was limited to selected invitees. However, counterfeit invitations were distributed, resulting in more than 20,000 guests showing up to take part in the festivities. Imagine the buzz that had to exist for this to occur. Within a few weeks more than 1 million people were reported to have visited the park.

In each issue of the Conference News we will share fun and astonishing facts about Disneyland.

Fun fact 1: The earliest documented account of Disney's plans was in 1948 in a message to a production designer. He referred to his concept at the time as "Mickey Mouse Park."

morning pastry, fruit and beverage; and mid-morning finger foods and beverage. The beverages include tea, water, and coffee.

Who Should Attend: Club leadership, Club Board Members, and all members interested in learning more about the District and Rotary.

To LEARN MORE about the 2025-2026 Annual District Assembly, visit the district website using the link below, or **CLICK HERE**.

<https://www.district5300.org/district-assembly/>

Fun Fact 2: There are approximately 200 wild cats that live in the park to help get rid of rodents. All the cats were spayed and neutered before being re-released back into the park. When the cats can't survive by only hunting the rodents, there are feeding stations set up for them around the park.

Fun fact 3: In the Pirates of the Caribbean ride, all the skeletons used to be real, taken from UCLA's medical center. Now there is only one human skull in the ride, which is the one attached to the headboard.

Fun fact 4: There is a time capsule that was buried at Sleeping Beauty's castle in 1995 for the 40th anniversary, which will be opened 50 years later in 2045...what do you think lies within the capsule?

Fun fact 5: Walt Disney would sometimes wait in line with park visitors just because he loved spending time with them.

Circling back to 2025, there is no need to forge conference tickets, jump over walls, or stand in line - registration is only a few clicks away. **Register for the Joint District Conference today!**

## Be A Seed of Hope



During this interactive and engaging session, we will learn more about the threat of predators who are looking to compel someone, most often children, through force, fraud or coercion, to perform labor or commercial sex. Bringing in millions of dollars for predators, human trafficking is an underground epidemic, which has been growing exponentially in Southern California. Our speakers include:

- D5280 PDG Cozette Vergari, who has combined her legal background with her Rotary platform to raise awareness, while collaborating with nonprofits, law enforcement and elected officials, in support of victims.
- CEO and President of Million Kids, Opal Singleton, is a national keynote speaker and trainer in the areas of labor trafficking, foreign national trafficking, gang trafficking, child sex trafficking, extortion, child pornography, and social media exploitation. In addition to hosting a national radio show and podcast, Opal works with local law and fire, and partners with non-profits to address the challenge at all stages.
- You will also hear from a survivor, who will share how she was trafficked from age 10 to 14.

After this enlightening panel discussion and engaged dialogue with the attendees, we will fill 250 backpacks in total. Backpacks will be donated to three non-profits that serve rescued victims and survivors - *Saving Innocence* (serving most of Los Angeles County), *Run to Rescue* (serving Riverside and Orange Counties), and our very own *Rotary Club of Pomona*.

We will be working collaboratively with the Rotary Club of D5280 Rotarians Fighting Human Trafficking and the Rotary Club of Westchester in D5280 to stuff the backpacks. These clubs are providing one hundred of the backpacks that will be given to *Saving Innocence*.

The remaining one hundred fifty backpacks are being donated by Moe's Kitchen Consulting and Design, owned by Rotarian Moe Arredondo. Fifty of these backpacks will go to *Run To Rescue* and one hundred will go to the *Rotary Club of Pomona*.

The Conference team hopes you will join us in thanking our donors and that you will also join us for the Hands-On Project at the District Conference - it is a project that truly reflects the Magic and Promise of Rotary.

