

# Rotary



## District 5300

# HIGHLIGHTER

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### A Message From the Governor

Wow, in 20 weeks we will pass the baton to the 2020 - 2021 class of Rotarians. If you are like me, you are in awe of what has been accomplished so far this year and the momentum we are continuing thanks to the 2018-2019 class that came before us.

February is World Understanding month and is a great month for us to consider how we can partner more at the International level, bring international speakers to our clubs, and continue our fight to end polio from the globe.

Share your international stories with the Editors so they can be posted in the newsletter next month, share your ideas with other members and other clubs. United we are stronger!

If you have not already registered for District Conference and District Assembly be sure to register soon. It will be a weekend to celebrate our Rotary family accomplishments, reconnect, and prepare for next year. Hospitality, world-class speakers, and more from our Gen Z and Millennials as we continue to create the Rotary of the future and bridge the generations. I'm so excited I keep bouncing around the house saying "Are we there

### Governor Line



**Lu Arredondo**  
District Governor  
2019-2020



**Greg Jones**  
Gov. Elect  
2020-2021



**Betsy McDonnough Barry**  
Gov. Nominee  
2021-2022



**Roger Gutierrez**  
Gov. Designate  
2022-2023



**John Chase**  
Immediate Past  
District Governor



### HIGH FIVE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO INCOMING GOVERNOR ELECT GREG JONES AND THE 2020-2021 PRESIDENTS

This past weekend while we were all relaxing and enjoying the incoming Spring weather, our District Governor Elect, Greg Jones and the 2020-2021 Class of Presidents were at the LAX Marriott for their PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) training. Over the course of the weekend they learned everything they need to learn to have a fantastic year. More than that, they built lifelong friendships and shared ideas with 600 other President Elects from 7 Districts. There was learning, there was sharing, and there was fellowship. The speakers were phenomenal and incoming Rotary International President, Holger Knaack, from Lauenberg-Molln Germany. Our District is in great hands - congratulations on the completion of your PETS!



yet? Are we there yet?" Look for more details this Friday in the Conference update.

As always, have a spectacular month - thank you for all that you do, your energy, your enthusiasm and passions have truly come to life. Keep doing what you are doing and sharing it with others!!!!

Hugs

Mama Lu

## FOLLOW ROTAPLAST

Our District team of non-medical Rotaplast volunteers will leave for Agra, India on February 23, 2020 from San Francisco. The two week mission will treat children with cleft lip and palate surgeries and burn scar repairs. You are encouraged to follow the team on the blog which will be produced by Janet Pancoast, the historian for the mission and should be up and running on February 26. She will narrate the highlights of the mission accompanied by photographs. Her blog may be accessed through [www.rotaplast.org](http://www.rotaplast.org).



Since last month we have had two additional non-medical members join the team. Mark Mariscal, current

## SHELTER BOX SPECIAL INVITATION TO DISTRICT 5300

Our friends at Shelter Box have extended a personal invitation to all Rotarians in D5300 to help them celebrate 20 years of humanitarian relief and partnerships.

Date: Friday, February 14, 2020

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: Gold Spike, Living Room Space

Address: 217 North Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas NV 89101

Cost: \$30.00. Your ticket includes appetizers and a drink ticket. There will also be a cash bar available.

Purchase tickets at: <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/20th-anniversary-welcome-reception> Celebrate Rotary and ShelterBox for 20 years of this incredible relationship by encouraging Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs in your district to make an impact and help ShelterBox reach more people in need. We help families like Cecilio's for as little as \$100 which covers the cost of a Shelterkit, or when needed a ShelterBox and family sized tent is still gifted directly to a beneficiary for \$1,000.

Last year, ShelterBox reached 145,000 people in communities devastated by natural disasters or conflict. We were nominated a second straight year for the Nobel Peace Prize, and ShelterBox USA maintained our 4-Star rating on Charity Navigator and Platinum Seal of transparency from Guide Star.

Today there are over 87 million people displaced due to natural disasters and conflict. This is the highest number in recorded history. We still have a big mission ahead and we appreciate your support.

Further info:

2019 In Review webinar recording with ShelterBox USA President Kerri Murray (38min)

<https://youtu.be/zAx2mluHHAk>

Also, I hope you'll view Kunyumba- The story of home. This short film is narrated by Stephano and Mary, a couple who received ShelterBox aid after Cyclone Idai struck Malawi in March 2019 I was recently at the Rotary Peace Conference in Ontario California where I met Douglas, the DG from D9210 (includes Malawi), and he watched this film for the first time. It was an incredibly moving occasion. <https://youtu.be/U-11SdugQjU>

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### HOW MUCH DOES YOUR COMMUNITY KNOW ABOUT ROTARY?

<https://youtu.be/dbycPWaVUDA>

Thank you to PDG Raghada Khoury for sharing this wonderful video. What would happen in your community if these questions were asked at one of your club events? Enquiring minds want to know - send your thoughts to [D5300news2019@gmail.com](mailto:D5300news2019@gmail.com).

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### DO YOU DREAM ABOUT VISITING THE MIDDLE EAST? DO YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACE AND GRASSROOTS PEACE BUILDING FIRST HAND?

Join the Rotarian Action Group for Peace on this once-in-a-lifetime educational experience. This second-annual trip serves as an opportunity for peacebuilders to reconnect with Rotary's Peace Area of focus by advancing goodwill, gaining mutual understanding, and collaborating with peaceactors in Israel and Palestine. RAGFP's educational mission is to establish a citizen diplomacy approach to conflict where we meet, interact, and converse with Israeli and Palestinian grassroots peacebuilders to understand the current opportunities and challenges to Peace in the region. The group will be immersed between both cultures to create a better understanding as to how Rotarian peacebuilders can assist the local communities to advance understanding, goodwill and peace on the ground.

For more information. Please review the attached detailed schedule for the trip. [CLICK HERE](#)

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president of the Rotary Club of Altadena will serve in the capacity of quartermaster, overseeing the transport of 30+ large boxes of equipment and supplies through customs to the mission site and back at the conclusion of the mission.



## LISTEN AND LEARN - SPEAKERS OF THE 30TH ANNUAL PEACE CONFERENCE

One can now access each of the presentations of the speakers of the District's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Conference. To do so, go to our district's website and there is a link on the front of the page directing you to them or go directly to <https://district5300.org/peace-conference/>

You will be enlightened by:

Dr. Marta Meana - Education's Role in Peace [12:22]

Mattias Sundholm - Internet and Dark Web in Peace [14:33]

Matt Christl & Cory Nichols - Human Trafficking [49:13]

Shannon Kendrick - Global Peace Monitors [23:29]

Azim Khamisa - A Journey of Forgiveness Destination Peace [42:21]

In addition, the opening, awards, and performances are all available on the site as well as photographs by Steve Linder for download. Appreciation goes to David Bauer for his videography.



Also it is a pleasure to announce that Rotaplast reached out to a former District 5300 Rotarian and seasoned Rotaplast volunteer, Mary Ann Avnet. She will be part of the team and will fulfil the role of recordkeeper. (She was a member and past-president of the Rotary Club of Las Vegas before moving to New Jersey where she is a member of the Denville Rotary Club.)

## IN AND AROUND THE DISTRICT...ROTARY IN ACTION

**Summerlin Rotary Club** works along side the youth to package food and create lasting change for families



**Alhambra Rotary Club** partners with D5340 to bring medical access to 25,000 people. By purchasing a small motorized boat, families now have access to care. Below is an image of a boat being made. Another example of how Rotarians are creating lasting impact by uniting and taking action. Read more about the Yonkofa project at: <https://www.yonkofa.org/rotary-helps-end-polio-in-ghana>

