



Rotary Club of Oro Valley Bulletin - 5/4/2025

Club Meeting

Oro Valley
Meets at Westward Look
Wyndham Grand Resort
(1st four Thursdays each
month)
245 E Ina Rd
Tucson, AZ 85704
Time: Thursday at 07:30
AM

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Join us for our meetings!

Rotary
Club of Oro Valley



The Rotary Club of Oro Valley meets at 7:30AM MST
the first four non-holiday Thursdays of every month at
Westward Look Wyndham Grand Resort at [245 E Ina
Rd, Oro Valley, AZ 85704](#) and on Zoom at:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83038868976>
Passcode: 85737.

¡Bienvenidos a Hermosillo! Microcredit Report

By Claudine Odette Schooley on Sunday, May 4, 2025



Rotarians from District 5495 and District 5500, representing clubs from Valley Verde, Tempe South, Gilbert, Queen Creek and Oro Valley, visited seven microcredit recipients in Hermosillo, Mexico. We took turns completing a survey with each business. [Read More](#)

Dr. Michael Lokale Shares His Story from Kenya to Oro Valley

Friday, May 2, 2025



Dr. Michael Lokale is a family medicine physician in Oro Valley, AZ and has over 10 years of experience in the medical field. He was recommended to speak to our club by his patients and Oro Valley Rotary Club members Rick and Rianne Chimblo. And as it turns out, he is the doctor to a number of our club members!

Dr. Lokale and his siblings were raised by their mother after his father was tragically killed in a raid on their village. He left Kenya after high school to attend the Virginia Military Institute, where he graduated with a degree in Biology and Chemistry. He pursued graduate school in England, where he earned a Master's degree in cardiac physiology as a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford. He then attended Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

[Read More](#)

Youth on Their Own Collection & Service Project - May 8th!



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Club Young
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Service Chair



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Chair



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Branham
President-
Nominee



Jane Shurtleff
Club
Communications
Chair
Public Relations
Chair
Club Programs
Chair

Events

May 8th
Oro Valley Weekly Meeting

Speaker: New Member
Bios (Bill, George,
Ralph, Hailey, Dale,
Ken)

May 8th
Youth on Their Own
YOTO) Mini-Mall
Collection and
Stocking

Speaker: NA
Subject: We will be



Don't forget to sign-up for the Youth on their Own (YOTO) Collection and bring your supplies to the Thursday, May 8th club meeting. We will be collecting the following items:

- Chips - snack-size multipaks
- Boxes of Pop Tarts
- Sunscreen full size
- Lotion full size
- Hair Conditioner full size

After the meeting on May 8th at 9:30 am, a group of us will meet at the YOTO offices and stock our donations into their "mini-mall," at 2525 N Country Club Rd, Tucson, AZ 85716. If you would like to join us, please contact janeshurtleff@gmail.com.

TRF Weekly Message: What Kinds of Rotary Foundation Service Awards Exist?

Rotary members use their skills, time, and talent to support our programs. These awards are some of the ways that we can recognize people's contributions:

- The **Rotary Foundation District Service Award** honors members at the district level who are making a difference through the Foundation's programs. It's awarded by the district governor.
- The **Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service** honors one member from each district each year who has been actively involved in service related to the Foundation.
- The **Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award** is the Foundation's highest service award and recognizes exemplary service that extends beyond the district level and is sustained for a long period.

Help nominate a worthy Rotary member for one of these awards today!



2024/25 Rotary District 5500 Awards Nominations

Nomination Deadline: Thursday, May 15

Get ready to celebrate excellence, innovation, and Rotary spirit with the 2024/25 District Awards.

We're looking for nominations in a wide range of categories, from innovative club projects and promotional campaigns, to enthusiastic handshakers, social butterflies and more.

Awards will be announced during the District Governor installation ceremony on June 7th. But you can start submitting your nominations now. Just [click here](#) or on the image at right to download a fillable form, and send the completed form to [Kasia Yuska at kasiarotary@gmail.com](mailto:kasiarotary@gmail.com).

Multiple entries are ok.



2024/25 Rotary District 5500 Awards Nomination Form

Rotary District 5500

Celebrating Excellence, Innovation, and Rotary Spirit

Nominee Information

Nominee Name or Club Name: _____

Position/Role (if applicable): _____

Email / Contact Info: _____

Select Award Category (Check one per nomination)

Formal Club Awards

☐ Membership Growth Award – Best Creative Member Recruitment Event

☐ Public Image & Marketing Award – Best promotional campaigns

☐ Best Youth Engagement Award – Outstanding Interact/Rotaract involvement

☐ Innovation in Service Award – Unique and creative club projects

☐ Collaboration & Partnership Award – Successful joint efforts

☐ Best Fundraising Event Award – Most successful & innovative fundraiser

Fun & Lighthearted Individual Awards

☐ The Energizer Rotarian Award – Never runs out of energy

☐ The Super Recruiter Award – Brings in the most members

☐ The Social Butterfly Award – Most active networker

☐ Most Enthusiastic Handshaker Award – Firmest handshake in the club

☐ The "Walking Billboard" Award – Always in Rotary gear

☐ The "Selfie King/Queen" Award – Most Rotary event selfies

collecting supplies for YOTO and stocking their Mini-Mall at their facility.

May 15th

Oro Valley Weekly Meeting

Speaker: Carlos Jonathan Zelaya Fonseca, Honduras Compassion Partners
Subject: Honduras Compassion Partners' services.

May 15th

Oro Valley Board Meeting

May 22nd

Rotary Club of Oro Valley Weekly Meeting

Speaker: Terry Randolph and Tim Kromer
Subject: Terry & Tim are from Catholic Community Services

May 29th

Oro Valley Rotary Club Social - No Meeting

Speaker: TBD

May 29th

Oro Valley Weekly Meeting

Speaker: Club Social - TBD

Birthdays

David Edward Stevenson

May 20th

Claudine Odette Schooley

May 31st

William Lawrence Day
June 1st

District 5500 Leaders



Sue Archibald
District Governor



Bruce Monro
District Governor Elect



Emma M. Carrillo
District Governor Nominee



Leo J. Lawrenson
District Governor Nominee Designate



Ronald George Darrah

Weekly Trader Joe's Food Pickup for IMPACT of So. AZ

By Jane Shurtleff on Wednesday, July 31, 2024

It is hard to believe, but children and their families in Tuscon go to bed hungry. In fact, the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona serves more than 18,000 people in Pima County every month, with a 30% increase in need over the holidays. For the last eight years, the Rotary Club of Oro Valley, along with Interact students, have gone to Trade Joe's every Saturday morning to pick up food for the IMPACT Community Food Bank - an estimated 26,000 lbs of food per year. By providing food for families, children and seniors, IMPACT is helping people stretch their budgets as well as ensure they have healthy food options and food to prepare at home. [Read More](#)



May is Rotary Youth Service Month

By Sue Archibald



May is Youth Service Month, a time when Rotary celebrates the power of young people to lead positive change. Through programs like Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, and Youth Exchange, Rotary empowers youth with leadership skills, global connections, and opportunities to serve their communities.

This month, Rotary clubs are encouraged to:

- Highlight and support youth-led service projects
- Partner with schools and youth groups
- Promote mentorship and leadership programs
- Celebrate the achievements of young leaders

Rotary believes in investing in the next generation—because they're not just our future, they're our present. Let's inspire and support youth as they shape a better world. In our District, we are constantly exploring ways to enhance our impact through programs and projects that focus on our community's young people. As I've traveled to clubs throughout the year, it's clear just how committed we are to this mission.

From **Rotary Interact**, **Rotaract**, **RYLA**, and **Youth Exchange**, to an incredible variety of local initiatives—Dictionary Projects, Scholarship Awards, Book Drives, Character and Reading Programs, Career Fairs, Teacher Grants, Mentoring Opportunities, and more—our clubs are making a real difference. Together, we're helping young people grow, lead, and thrive—and that's something to be proud of.

The **Maricopa Rotary Club** has actively engaged elementary school students in the community through various educational and philanthropic initiatives, fostering a connection to the city's rich railroad heritage and broader learning opportunities. One of their service projects has been providing 10 fourth graders with the opportunity to build their own miniature railroad display (pictured here).



2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends

SAVE THESE DATES: September 26-27, 2025

It's not too early to start planning for District 5500's biggest event of the year.
The 2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends will be held at the wonderful Tubac Golf Resort & Spa.

Make your room reservations early! Call 1-800-848-7893 and mention group code ROTA25.



Gary R. Friedman
District
Conference
Chair



Kristi A. Halvorson
District Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Donald Jorgensen
Immediate Past
District Governor

Now Accepting Reservations

1-800-848-7893, group code is ROTA25



Inspiration
Fun
Great Food
Golf
Shopping
Tubac!

Save the Date!

2025 District Conference of Rotarians and Friends

September 26-27

Tubac Golf Report & Spa



District Training Assembly

All club officers for the upcoming Rotary year are invited to attend the District Assembly Trainings. These in-person trainings offer a great opportunity to meet other Rotarians and build confidence as a leader.

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

Rotary
District 5500



UNITE
FOR
GOOD

With Bruce Monro

District Governor

Make a Difference
Make a Friend

- Sierra Vista May 17
- Pinal County July 12
- Tucson July 19
- Yuma July 26

8:00am-2:00pm
Breakfast & Lunch Served
No Charge

WHO SHOULD

ATTEND:

- Presidents & Presidents-Elect
- Secretaries
- Membership Chairs
- Assistant Governors
- Treasurers
- Public Image Chairs

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Grants Management Certification
- Public Image
- Foundation
- Networking
- Membership
- Youth Protection
- Governance Training

Join us for the annual District Training Assembly. Come learn more about the 2025-26 Rotary club year. Engage and share ideas as you learn about best practices, tips and tools with Rotarians across southern Arizona.

Location specifics
available when registering

Use QR code or visit
[rotaryd5500.org/district assembly](https://rotaryd5500.org/district-assembly)



rotaryd5500.org

RSVP NOW



District Governor Installation

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, June 7 • 11:30am

For more info and to register for the event, please [click here](#).

SAVE the DATE
June 7th



Rotary
District 5500



- Bruce Monro District Governor Installation
- Saturday, June 7th, 11:30 am
- Arizona Sands Club - Dunlap Room,
U of Arizona Football Stadium

REGISTER



