



Rotary Business Directory Is Here!

I am excited to announce that the **Rotary District 5520 Business Directory is ready for action.** This new tool is designed to support Rotarian-owned and or managed businesses, strengthen connections, and reconnect the business world with our culture of “*Service Above Self*” in New Mexico and West Texas. This directory is more than a list of businesses; it is a platform that highlights the skills, services, and entrepreneurial spirit within our Rotary family, making it easier than ever for Rotarians to engage with one another

in meaningful and mutually beneficial ways and for working people to find additional value in joining the Rotary family.

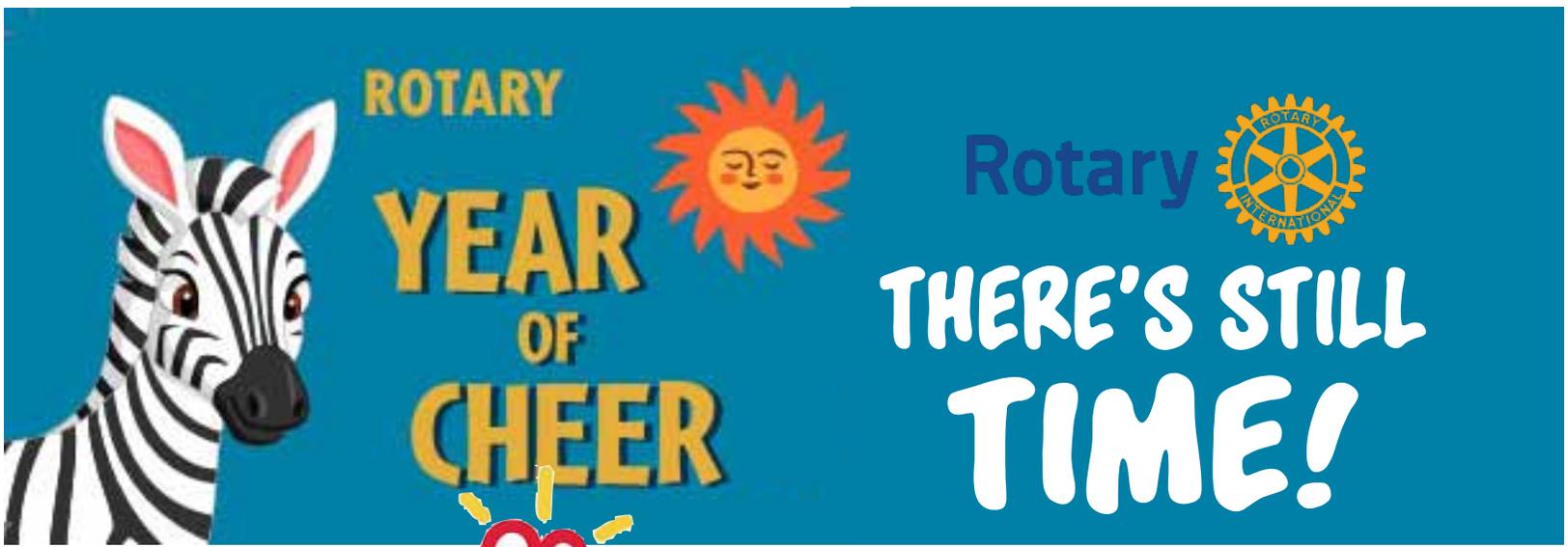
As Rotarians, we know that trust, ethics, and relationships matter. The District 5520 Business Directory provides a practical, service-oriented way to live out those values. Whether you are searching for a contractor, an accountant, a lawyer or a nonprofit partner, the directory encourages you to “look within Rotary first”—supporting local members whose businesses strengthen our communities every day. It creates a district-wide network of professionals who share the 4-Way Test, who operate with integrity, and who are committed to making a difference.

There is no charge to participate. If you own, manage, or represent a business or organization, we invite you to add your listing today. Your participation helps grow the reach and usefulness of this tool for all 59 clubs and more than 1,800 Rotarians across District 5520. Adding your business is easy and free. Visit: <https://business.rotary5520.org/businesses> By contributing your information—and by using the directory when you need goods or services—you help build a stronger, more interconnected Rotary community. The directory’s success depends on broad participation, and every new listing makes the resource more vibrant and valuable for all.

Just in time for the holidays, the same platform now offers an exciting additional feature: gift cards that you can purchase from participating businesses. These gift cards make excellent holiday presents for family, friends, clients, or employees—and best of all, a portion of the proceeds comes back to Rotary District 5520. This means that every card you purchase helps fund the humanitarian work, youth programs, and service projects that our District carries out throughout the year.

Explore the gift card options here: <https://business.rotary5520.org/gift-cards/prz>
Questions? Reach out to District 5520 Service Chair, Katie Kmetz at Katie.Kmetz@mcmelegante.com or me at tomrsimon@gmail.com.

Tom Simon, District Governor 5520 2025-2026



El Paso Children's
HOSPITAL



CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL

The Rotary Year of Cheer Brings Smiles to Hospitalized Children

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The Rotary Year of Cheer is going great! From July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, clubs across District 5520 will be collecting new toys and gifts to bring comfort and joy to children at **UNM Children's Hospital and El Paso Children's Hospital.**

This **District-wide initiative** is our chance to make a meaningful impact—one toy, one act of kindness, one smile at a time.

Want to get involved?

Click on the QR code or the toy logo below and see the ways you can help!

For questions or district-level coordination, reach out to the project co-chairs:

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Berdel Boulanger

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(505) 328-2166

* QR Code will take you to both hospitals and will allow you to donate money or to buy gifts.



** Or you can click on the toy logo to the left to go to the site, then you can **CLICK ON** the QR code for the hospital you want to support and the type of donation you want to make. It's easy!



To Highlight your club's impact on the community!

Hello Public Image Chairs, Club Presidents and District 5520 Leaders,

I'm excited to share that we've launched the District 5520 Story Bank at rotary5520.org/stories - a showcase of the incredible work happening across our clubs in the district.

To make this valuable for everyone - we need YOUR club's stories :)

Why submit your stories?

- Share your success District website and social media.
- Use the stories on the site to show people the huge impact Rotary has in the community
- Get community service ideas for your club.

How to submit:

Scroll to the bottom of the district homepage at rotary5520.org and click "Share a Story" or go directly to the form below. The form takes about 10 minutes and asks for:

Project details and impact

- A photo
- A memorable moment or quote
- Contact information
- What makes a good story?

The form includes:

- Recent projects (last 6-12 months)
- Measurable impact (people served, funds raised, lives changed)
- Community partnerships
- Unique approaches to service

Every story submitted gets reviewed and published within a week. The best stories also get featured on my LinkedIn (5K+ connections) and in district communications.

For questions, please email me.

Thank you for all you do!

Meredith Eisenberg

District 5520 Public Image Chair
meredith@mereditheisenberg.com



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District 5520



**RIO GRANDE
PETS**



President Elect Learning Seminar

Mar. 13, 2026 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. [Mountain Daylight Time](#)

Dear Presidents-elect,

Registration is now open for this year's Presidents-Elect Leadership Seminar (PELS), March 13–14 at the Sheraton Uptown in Albuquerque!

PELS is required for all Presidents-elect and will give you the tools, inspiration, and connections to lead with confidence.

Your club officers and board members are also welcome to attend. Their presence can be especially valuable as you begin planning for the year ahead. Working together at PELS helps ensure your leadership team is ready, aligned, and energized to make the most of the opportunities and challenges that come with a new Rotary year.

Please feel free to share the registration link below with your leadership team if they are interested in participating.

Register soon to reserve your spot and take the first step in preparing for an impactful year of service.

Register by Jan 15th for \$30 savings! Register at web site below.

Warm regards,



Jeff Weinrach, District Governor 2026-2027
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Jen Dresser, District Learning Facilitator
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P.S. Save the Dates (all Saturdays, 9–11 AM):

Jan 17 – Pre-PELS I (required for Presidents-Elect; registration opening soon)

Jan 31 – Be A Vibrant Club Workshop (registration opening soon)

Feb 21 – Pre-PELS II (required for Presidents-Elect; registration opening soon)

<https://rotary5520.org/events/president-elect-training/>

2025 COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS RESULTS

The 2025 Council on Resolutions contained 32 proposed resolutions; of those, 9 resolutions asking the Rotary International Board of Directors or The Rotary Foundation Trustees to consider the resolutions were adopted.
2025 Council on Resolutions (COR) nine Adopted Resolutions

Resolution Title/Description

25R-01 *... recommending that governors encourage the participation in district committees by those who have been members for five years or less

25R-02 *... encouraging Rotaract clubs to establish an upper age limit of 30 years to join Rotaract

25R-09 *... appointing a committee with representation of the districts in Zone 8 to provide input to the current regionalization pilot

25R-14 *... reestablishing the annual presidential theme

25R-19 *... encouraging clubs to hold an official meeting every year focused on the Council on Legislation

25R-21 *... allocating time within the governors-nominee learning seminar to RI's governance documents

25R-22 *... developing and promoting enhanced public image training programs at the district level

25R-31 **... providing the amount of available investment income derived from contributions to the Endowment-SHARE

25R-32 **... membership in the Paul Harris Society for those who donate to the Endowment Fund

*To request the RI Board to consider...

** To request the Trustees to consider...

The fact that these Resolutions were adopted means that the Rotary International Board of Directors or The Rotary Foundation Trustees will consider them; the BOD/Trustees may reject them, consider that equivalent/relevant action is already being taken, or direct that appropriate action be taken. Following BOD/Trustee consideration, there will be a report of action taken

The complete report of all 32 Resolutions is attached in .PDF format and an EXCEL spreadsheet contains the results of voting.

https://donpowell.biz/DistrictNewsletter/rotary_summary.pdf

https://donpowell.biz/DistrictNewsletter/rotary_summary.xlsx

As always, don't hesitate to contact me if I may of assistance.

Tom Walker

District 5520 Council on Legislation (and Resolutions) Representative (2023-25)

District 5520 Governor 2015-16

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Tom Walker



*What has been accomplished by others is now Rotary history.
It is our time to add to our glorious history.*

What is said of us in the future will be determined by you and me.





Where is the ... District Governor?

Scotch or Bourbon? We don't know which Paul Harris preferred or if he would have abstained. I'm a bourbon man myself and usually on ice with sweet vermouth and a Luxardo maraschino cherry. In other words, a Manhattan.

Deborah and I enjoyed visiting the Rotary Club of Roswell last week at The Liberty, where no alcohol was consumed but where we had some fun with Paul Harris and the bartender.



Rotary Action Group for
Reproductive, Maternal
and Child Health

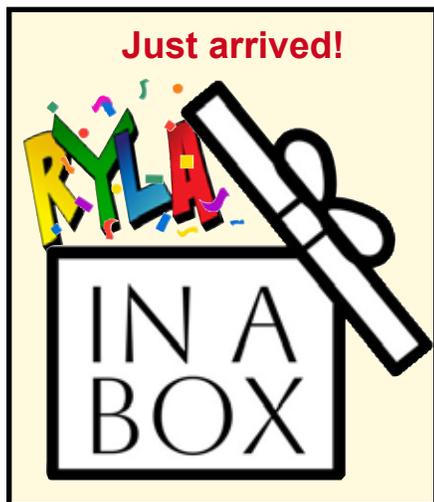
<https://rotaryrmch.org/>

The Rotarian Action Group for Reproductive Maternal and Child health (RMCH) is an international non-profit organization with 25 years of experience in maternal and child health, including family planning. Within the context of Rotary International, RMCH assists Rotary clubs and districts in the planning, implementation and co-funding of projects in MCH and organizes discussions on the implications of these activities for families, communities and countries.

The central aim of this endeavor is to foster improvements in human well-being and dignity, women's empowerment and a sustainable balance between population and environment. These objectives are in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) "reducing maternal and child mortality and ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health care services."

To achieve these goals, RMCH follows a strategy of piloting, evaluation, replication and scaling up. Small-scale pilot projects are planned and implemented in cooperation with an international and a host club, for example in one project hospital or community. Successful initiatives are further refined through lessons-learned and replicated in additional areas. In some cases, projects are then gradually scaled-up to expand the range of impact by serving an increasingly larger population. Such large-scale projects contribute to improvements in national health systems and can be organized through a coalition of multiple clubs and districts, forming a regional team. RMCH provides clubs and districts with assistance and council for their MCH projects at every step, including in the application for global grants and other sources of funding.

Remember - December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month



**LET'S
START
NOW**

**Start now to make this
the best RYLA year ever!**



Erin Connelly
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RYLA Chair
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RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) takes place worldwide, with District 5520 camps held at Manzano Mount Retreat in July:

2026 Boys Camp: July 12-18

Girls Camp: July 18-24

Learn more at <https://rotary5520.org/page/rotary-youth-leadership-award>

Clubs help bring RYLA to youth in New Mexico and far west Texas by recruiting, selecting, and sponsoring students at no cost, supporting their leadership growth. Clubs are also encouraged to connect with RYLA Alumni as future Rotarians.

Here is a copy of the **RYLA In-A-Box** and a link to it in the Google Folder "RYLA for Rotary Clubs".

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aF_j49gWhitd3u6-HwzDXHqe9iMKpRsl?rtpof=true&usp=drive_fs

Here's also the link to the entire folder "RYLA for Rotary Clubs" which contains lots of info, and some examples and templates.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IZmyrHoK5zh4SwSeyHEWqxrjR3m_Xz3&usp=drive_fs

Online Application

It's just about ready. A few more t's to cross and i's to dot then a quick test. When it's ready we'll also get it linked on the District 5520/RYLA webpage.

<https://rotary5520.org/page/rotary-youth-leadership-award>

Brochures!

...are now available! Please complete the Camper Commitment Form and send to Debbie LeMon. It's where you let us know how many brochures you need too. While you are waiting for the hardcopy brochures, you might want to check out the digital version RYLA Brochure 2026_both pages.

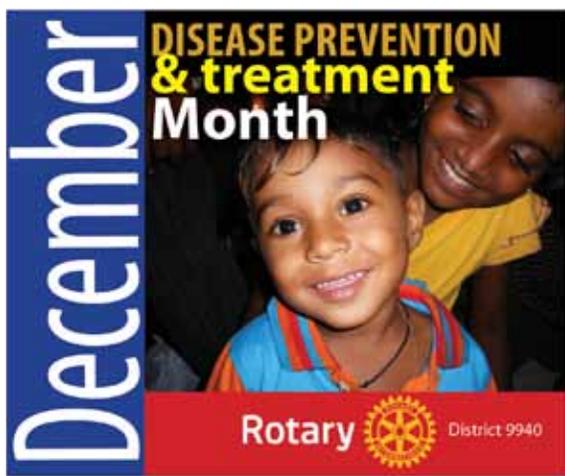
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TkyrACzWXqzQ0trp0z0p_Nf_0YVh4f5M/view

The Commitment Form is available in the RYLA for Rotary Clubs. I've attached a copy here that you can fill out, save, and send to Debbie. We would LOVE to have these forms from each club by December 1, and funds to Debbie (RYLA Foundation) by Jan 1.

<https://donpowell.biz/DistrictNewsletter/Camper-Committment-Form.docx>

Contact me if you need help with access or have other questions that I might be able to answer.

Thanks
Erin



December is Rotary’s Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, which is one of the six areas of focus for Rotary International. This month emphasizes Rotary’s work to combat diseases globally, with its signature project being the eradication of polio.

Primary focus: The main goal is disease prevention and treatment.

Signature project: The eradication of polio is a central initiative.

Other work: Rotary members also work on other diseases, such as HIV/AIDS and malaria, and projects related to water and sanitation.

Related activities: Clubs may organize health camps, support studies, help immunize people, and work on other health-related infrastructure. **Join the PolioPlus Society.**

Why It Matters

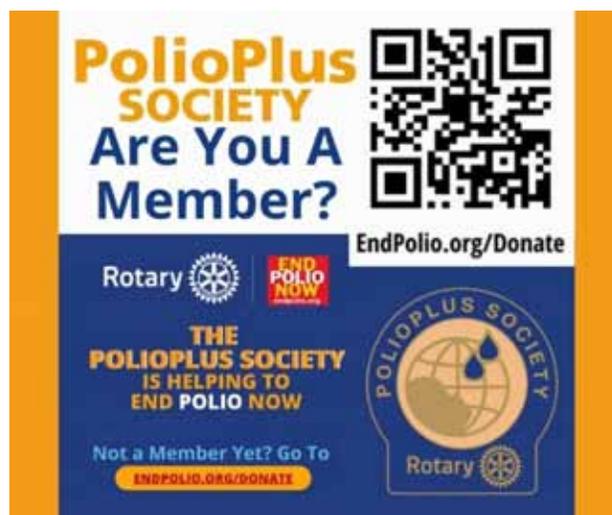
The **PolioPlus Society** has already proven to be a powerful way to raise funds, engage members, and sustain giving over time. Your commitment helps Rotary thank and recognize its most generous supporters—and most importantly, brings us closer to making polio only the second human disease ever eradicated.

Together, We Will End Polio. Thank you for being part of Rotary’s Countdown to History and for supporting our shared goal to EndPolioNow.

Click the link below to set up your own recurring, tax-deductible donation to the Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund.

It’s only \$100 per year!

<https://EndPolio.org/Donate>



A Reference for the Rest Of Us!

A Rotary Peace Scholar actually receives a fellowship to study and gain practical experience in peace and conflict resolution at a **Rotary Peace Center**, with the goal of becoming a leader who promotes peace in their community and internationally. They complete academic coursework, a self-designed field study, and professional development workshops, and they are expected to work in fields like government, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), law enforcement, or international organizations to make a positive impact on conflict resolution *throughout their careers*.

Rotary Peace Centers are located in seven locations: Duke University/University of North Carolina (USA), University of Bradford (England), Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), International Christian University (Japan), University of Queensland (Australia), Makerere University (Uganda), and Uppsala University (Sweden). These centers offer master’s degrees or professional certificates in peace and development studies.

Rotary Peace Scholars go on to lead impactful initiatives in conflict resolution, humanitarian aid, education, and policy—many directly shaping peacebuilding efforts worldwide. They don’t just study peace; they actively apply their training in governments, NGOs, international organizations, and grassroots projects.

OK, but what have Rotary Peace Scholars accomplished? See the next page for what Rotary Peace Scholars actually do!



What does a Rotary Peace Scholar do?

◆ Global Leadership Roles

- United Nations & World Bank: Many alumni hold senior positions in agencies like the UN, World Bank, and UNESCO, where they design and implement peace and development programs.
- Government Advisors: Some serve as diplomats or policy advisors, helping shape national strategies on conflict prevention, refugee resettlement, and human rights.

◆ Conflict Resolution & Mediation

- Peace Negotiations: Fellows have facilitated dialogues between warring communities in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, helping reduce violence and foster reconciliation.
- Community Mediation: Others return to their home countries to establish local mediation centers, training citizens in nonviolent conflict resolution.

◆ Humanitarian & Development Work

- NGO Leadership: Alumni often lead or found NGOs that provide trauma counseling, education for displaced children, or economic opportunities in post-conflict zones.
- Disaster Relief: Some coordinate humanitarian responses in crisis areas, ensuring aid reaches vulnerable populations while reducing tensions among competing groups.

◆ Education & Research

- University Professors: Many become educators in peace studies, international relations, or development, training the next generation of peacebuilders.
- Research & Policy Reports: Scholars contribute to influential studies on migration, climate-related conflict, and gender-based violence, shaping global policy debates.

◆ Social Innovation

- Grassroots Initiatives: Fellows have launched projects like women's cooperatives in conflict-affected regions, youth leadership programs, and cross-border cultural exchanges.
- Technology for Peace: Some develop digital platforms that track hate speech, monitor ceasefires, or connect peace activists across regions.

◆ By the Numbers

- Since 2002, Rotary has trained 1,800+ Peace Fellows from over 140 countries.
- Alumni are now active in governments, NGOs, law enforcement, peacekeeping, and academia worldwide.

◆ Why It Matters

The real accomplishment of a Rotary Peace Scholar is not just academic—it's **turning knowledge into action**. Whether that's negotiating ceasefires, designing refugee education programs, or shaping international policy, their work ripples outward, creating more stable and just societies.

A Rotary Peace Scholar example is Lucas Peña, who used his fellowship to earn a master's degree in conflict, security, and development, and now works for the World Wildlife Fund as a specialist in land governance, applying his peacebuilding knowledge to land and resource issues in Colombia. Other examples include Nancy Nguyen, who worked on policy for alternatives to incarceration and human rights in Italy and Greece before an internship with a dispute resolution branch, and Linda Low, who studies the link between environmental issues, climate change, and peace, with a focus on migration.



Rotary believes that ..

Peace is Possible!

Watch this 8 minute video about Rotary's Peace Scholars

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s99s9oJ1Ei4>

Now you know ...

Rotary Peace Fellows are **HEROS!**

Upcoming Events

Pre-PELS I

📅 Jan. 17, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Be A Vibrant Club Workshop

📅 Jan. 31, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Pre-PELS II

📅 Feb. 21, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

AG/LG Training

📅 Feb. 27, 2026 1:00 p.m. – Feb. 28, 2026 12:00 p.m.



President Elect Learning Seminar

📅 Mar. 13, 2026 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (UTC-06:00)
📍 2600 Louisiana Blvd NE



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Prices go up on December 15th!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026

Rotary   #Rotary26

<https://convention.rotary.org>

The Rotary Club of Zaragoza Rotary Club's ongoing project - **Restoration of Smelertown Cemetery**

There is always lots of work to be done from pulling weeds, arranging rocks, racking, placing hand-made crosses at burial sites, etc.

Collaborating with other clubs and organizations is always a goal of ours. The Mesa Hills Idea School Leos Club worked alongside us on our last visit.

We will continue to help on a monthly basis to beautify this resting place.



Members of Zaragoza Rotary Club & Mesa Hills Leos Club



Trisha Reade & Nancy Casas

Smelertown Cemetery is a historic El Paso cemetery, established in 1882 as the final resting place for workers and families of the nearby American Smelting and Refining Company (ASARCO) smelter. The cemetery is one of the oldest in the borderland and is the last physical remnant of the Smelertown community, which was condemned and relocated in the 1970s due to environmental concerns like lead poisoning from the smelter. Today, the cemetery is preserved by volunteers who have worked to restore it and ensure the history of the community is not forgotten.

Thank you, Rotary Club of Zaragoza!



**Dubai, United Emirates,
has been tentatively
selected to host the 2027
Rotary International
Convention
May 22–26, 2027.**

**This will be the first Rotary International Convention ever held in the Middle East.
As long as we are on the subject:
2028: 27-31 May – Minneapolis, Minnesota
(tentatively selected)
2029: TBD
2030: 25-29 May – Chicago, Illinois (tentatively selected)**

Congratulations

**To Mark Goodman, Rotary Club of Albuquerque for being selected as District Governor Nominee Designee 2028-2029!
And to Tom Walker for being selected as our District Council Representative 2026-2028.**



Mark Goodman



Tom Walker



Invitation to Submit Letter of Interest – **BOOKKEEPER**

Dear District 5520 Members Rotarians,

Rotary District 5520 is seeking **Letters of Interest** from qualified Rotarians or non-Rotarians familiar with Rotary for an important contracted position within our District.

Attached is the job description for the bookkeeper position. Current budgeted annual funding level is
Bookkeeper: \$15,035 per year

Interested individuals should submit a Letter of Interest outlining their relevant experience, skills, and understanding of Rotary, along with contact information to the District Governor: tomrsimon@gmail.com, by no later than **December 10th**. The duties will begin July 1, 2026 with training from the existing Bookkeeper prior to that time period.

I also want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to **Debbie LeMon**, who has faithfully and expertly served in her role for many years and will continue to do so through June 30th, 2026. Debbie's skill as Bookkeeper has kept our finances transparent, compliant, and in excellent order. Her commitment and institutional knowledge have been invaluable to the success of our district.

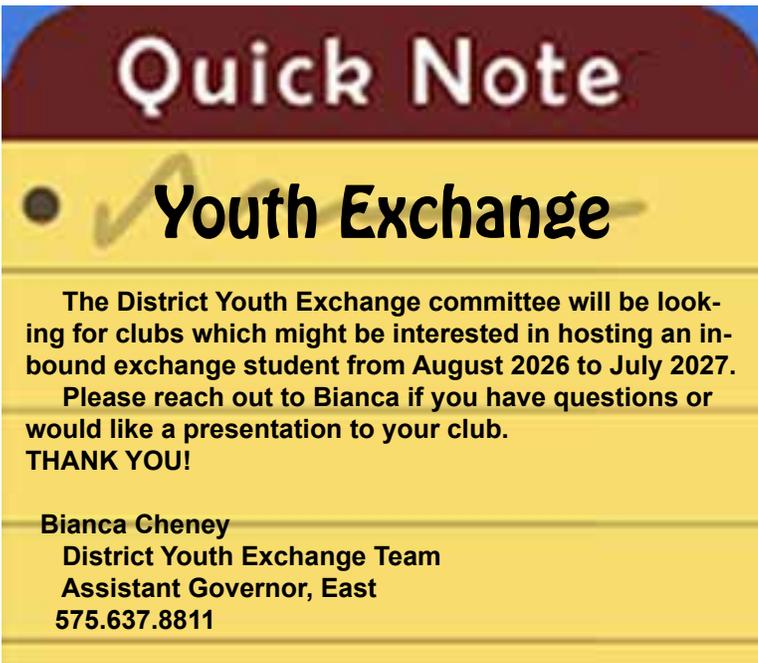
This is an exciting opportunity to serve our District behind the scenes—ensuring that our operations remain strong, our members well supported, and our mission of *Service Above Self* carried forward efficiently and professionally.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Rotary and to the success of District 5520.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Tom Simon
District Governor 2025–2026, Rotary District 5520



Bookkeeper

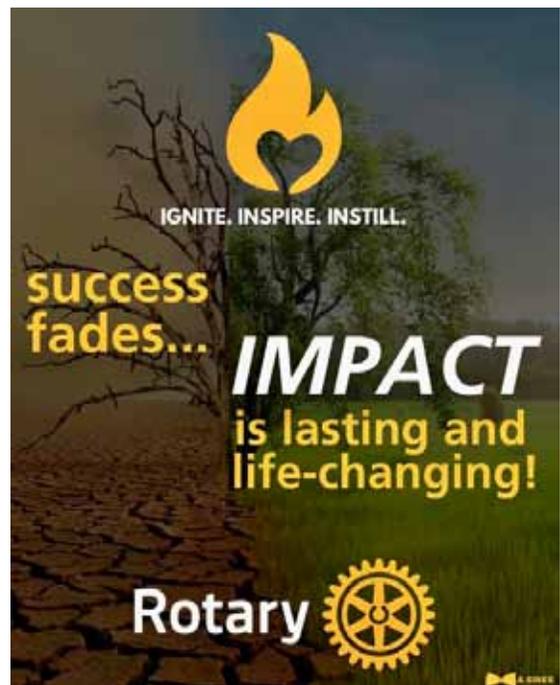


Quick Note

Youth Exchange

The District Youth Exchange committee will be looking for clubs which might be interested in hosting an inbound exchange student from August 2026 to July 2027. Please reach out to Bianca if you have questions or would like a presentation to your club.
THANK YOU!

Bianca Cheney
District Youth Exchange Team
Assistant Governor, East
575.637.8811



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success fades... **IMPACT** is lasting and life-changing!

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Learning Center Highlights



District Vibrant Club
Workshop Leader's Guide

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E-learning

Innovation at your District Vibrant Club Workshop

A key priority of Rotary's Action Plan is to strengthen our ability to adapt to change. As a facilitator, you can support this by leading events that help members generate and be receptive to new ideas.

The updated **District Vibrant Club Workshop Leader's Guide** now has an Innovation session. You can also include this session in other learning events.

Use it to help members:

- Collaborate effectively
- Explore changes to their club's practices to stay relevant
- Develop practical solutions and implement them

[CLICK HERE](#)



Outbound Rotary Friendship Exchange to New Zealand District 9930

by Mark Goodman, Governor Nominee Designate, Rotary District 5520 (2028-29)

On Monday, October 13, eleven folks from District 5520, Rotarians, their spouses and friends, began a Rotary Friendship Exchange to District 9930 in New Zealand. The participants came from four different clubs: from the Rotary Club of Alamogordo were Ferial Abood and her partner, Rod Sims; from the Rotary Club of Albuquerque del Norte came Marilyn Strube and her husband, Joel Grieshaber; Diana Maldonado and Deborah Gutierrez joined from the El Paso El Camino Real Rotary Club; Scott Schafer and his wife, Carol, Herb Wright and his wife, Michele Moore, and I were from the Rotary Club of Albuquerque. Originally organized by Fernando Lopez, District 5520 RFE Chair, I served as the coordinator for our exchange with the good folks of New Zealand.

Over fifteen days we visited five different clubs and were most graciously hosted by them. District 9930 is on New Zealand's North Island, a beautiful and varied landscape of farms, lush forests, volcanic geothermal areas, deep river gorges, Maori towns rich in culture, and beautiful beaches. Thanks to the careful planning of our Kiwi hosts, we experienced all of this and more.

To read the whole article ...

[CLICK HERE](#)



CLICK THE FACEBOOK LOGO TO SEE ALL THE OTHER GREAT THINGS GOING ON IN OUR DISTRICT!

GET A FACEBOOK PAGE AND JOIN IN!



Rotary on Stamps Worldwide



- Rotary has been honored by many countries with commemorative stamps since 1931.
- For the **50th anniversary in 1955**, 27 nations issued Rotary stamps. The U.S. stamp was part of this global celebration.
- Later anniversaries (75th, 100th) saw stamps from countries like France, Ghana, Peru, and Togo — but the U.S. did not issue additional Rotary stamps.

Why It Matters

- The 1955 stamp is historically significant because it reflects Rotary's global humanitarian mission and its roots in Chicago.
- For collectors, it's a sought-after piece of Rotary memorabilia, especially in mint condition or on first-day covers

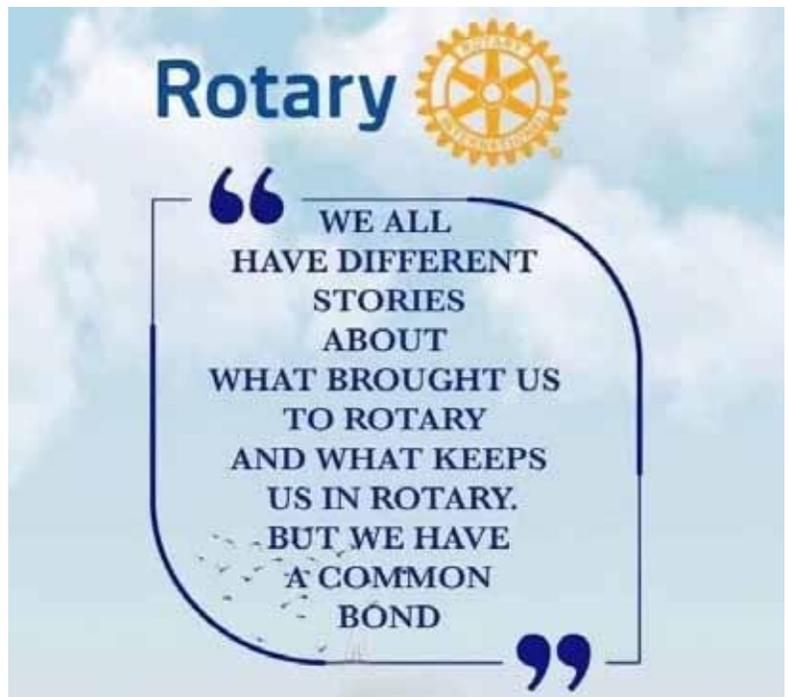


TOGETHER, WE WILL END POLIO!

September 2020... this photo captures Bill Gates giving a vaccine to a child in India. He has kept his long-standing commitment to ending the disease. The Gates Foundation has already given away more than USD 100 billion in 25 years.

In June this year, Rotary and the Gates Foundation announced a joint commitment to direct up to USD 450 million over the next 3 years to support polio eradication.

A generation ago, polio paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children every year. Many countries have eliminated the disease. Polio eradication is within reach. 'Let's finish the job.' Our generation has the chance to eradicate it.



The strength of the team is each individual member.
The strength of each member is

the **TEAM**

- Phil Jackson

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

As we work together to build a stronger world, **Rotary's Action Plan** — our strategic plan — is leading our organization to form more meaningful connections and make a more sustainable difference through service. Using the plan's four priorities as a guide, we're fulfilling the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation: creating healthy clubs, providing engaging experiences for all, and uniting people to take action with us to create lasting change.

INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Focus our programs and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

EXPAND OUR REACH

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new ways for participants to experience Rotary
- Increase club flexibility and appeal
- Build understanding of our impact and brand

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Improve understanding and support for individual participants
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide learning opportunities for leadership development and skill building

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Foster more diverse perspectives in decision making

The Rotary Club of Zaragoza El Paso Participates in District 5520

Year Of Cheer!!

Lots of toys were collected at a recent meeting and several members had the opportunity to deliver the toys and take a tour of El Paso Children's Hospital.

We are happy to have a partnership with this state-of-the-art facility that works to bring comfort and brighten the days of hospitalized patients and their families.

Some of the displayed artwork is created by children who have experienced a hospital stay there. One of the paintings was crafted by an 11-yr old cancer patient who lost her battle and the piece of art was donated in her memory. Her family members are generous supporters of the hospital.

Turina Cordova (Rotarian & Lion) was photographed with one of the wagon's donated by her local Lion's Club.

Front row - Turina Cordova, Roni Cordova and Rita Soliz
Back row - Marie Casas- Chavez, Felix Chaves, Nellie Casas-Aguilar & Geneva Van Matre



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHEAST EL PASO



El Paso Northeast Rotary Club had its Annual Foundation Giving Day luncheon at LaNube to 8 Charities for \$51,500. Organizations are El Paso Community College, El Paso Fighting Hunger, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mighty Irvin Marching Band, Pregnancy & Fatherhood Solutions, Rebuilding Together El Paso, Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), University of El Paso (UTEP). Foundation President James Cuiity was the Master of Ceremony and organized this event.

ROTARY CLUB OF ALBQ SANDIA



Celebration Boxes (zebra not included)

Spreading smiles, one bell at a time

These cheerful boxes are for children finishing treatment for cancer or other serious illnesses — a joyful way to celebrate courage, hope, and healing.

When a child finishes treatment, they ring a bell to celebrate courage and hope. Rotary's Celebration Boxes help mark that moment with a small box of

cheer — a brass bell, toys, and a hug from Rotary!

Let's pack some smiles!



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Rotary e-Clubs

Rotary e-clubs are clubs that use digital platforms for their statutory meetings.

Their members, often geographically dispersed (sometimes across the globe), hold regular virtual meetings, allowing them to balance busy schedules or frequent travel with their Rotary commitments.

Their operation is distinguished by its great flexibility. An in-person meeting can be organized periodically to foster a sense of community.

The main advantage lies in the elimination of geographical and time barriers.

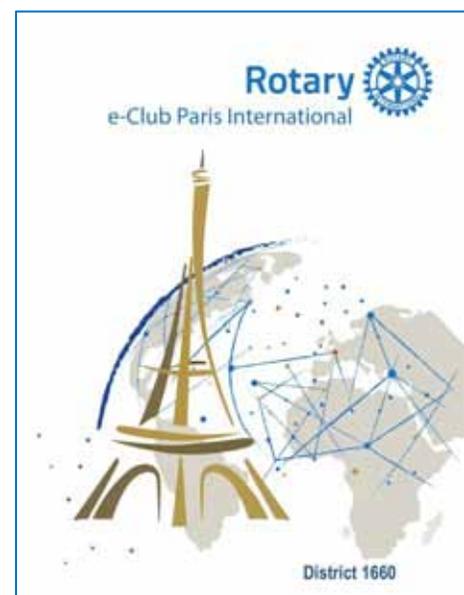
This makes it possible to recruit professionals who, otherwise, would not be able to maintain the required attendance in a traditional club.

Beyond convenience, e-clubs also promote cultural diversity and global cooperation.

Members can share experiences, projects, and ideas from different countries and backgrounds, enriching discussions and initiatives.

Many e-clubs are pioneers in using technology to advance Rotary's humanitarian goals, such as organizing online fundraisers or coordinating international service projects.

In this way, Rotary e-clubs truly embody Rotary's motto — "Service Above Self" — in a modern, connected world.



Rotary
Club of El Paso



6th Annual Sun Bowl Topgolf PAR-TEE Fundraiser



TOPGOLF

Golf fundraiser is Thursday Dec. 26 and the Sun Bowl is on Dec. 31. Enjoy the fun and visit El Paso. On Dec 31 Wednesday, enjoy the second oldest bowl in the USA! If you haven't seen downtown El Paso lite up for Christmas, now is your chance! Click on Winterfest Logo above.

**December 26, 2025
5:00pm-8:30pm
Topgolf
365 Vin Rambla Circle**