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District 5130 **THE LAKE**



**MAY 4–7, 2023**

Konocti Harbor Resort, Lake County, CA

# **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

# Event Program and Reference Guide

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## Welcome from the Jennifers!



*Dear fellow Rotary leaders:*

*I am so pleased that you are attending your Rotary District Conference. As you meet in the days ahead, you will have the opportunity to celebrate your successes, expand your network across borders and cultures, and share your ideas for the years ahead. As Rotarians, our commitment to service is what drives us, and we want to be a part of something larger than ourselves. This special event is where we take our passion for community service to the next level, finding inspiration in each other's accomplishments to bring our service to even greater heights. We all feel the impact that Rotary service and Rotary values have on us ... now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others. This is a year to Imagine Rotary by envisioning a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing we can make a difference. We don't imagine yesterday, we imagine tomorrow. We imagine a world without polio, with clean water for everyone. We imagine a world free of disease and where every child learns to read. We imagine kindness, hope, love, and peace. If we serve our members, we serve our communities. And if we provide comfort and care for our members, they will truly come to understand the power of Rotary. I hope you take the knowledge gained at this District Conference back to your clubs to help them succeed throughout the coming year. Together, we will achieve great things as we Imagine Rotary.*

*Warmest regards,*

***Jennifer Jones President, Rotary International 2022-23***

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Hello my dear District 5130 Rotarians!

One year ago, we all began a journey of "Re-Imagining Rotary" and all that is possible when we come together to make things happen. We've looked at our clubs through a different lens, we've tried new ways of meeting and coming together, we've built new friendships in exciting and different ways, and we've rolled up our sleeves to do the good work in our communities and around the world that truly matters. One year ago, I challenged each one of you to find the place where Rotary moves from your head down into your heart. Through my travels around the District over the past year, I've heard your stories, shared your tears, and watched you connect in meaningful ways with your fellow Rotary family members and the communities in which you serve. I've witnessed you sharing those stories with others, keeping them real for you and also opening the doors of possibilities for others. THAT is the magic, when it's in your heart it will never leave! And now, we all come together to celebrate. This particular conference is more than just a meeting. We, this group of Rotarians from around District 5130, are reopening a resort that has been closed for 15 years. We are helping to reinvigorate an economy that lost hundreds of jobs all those years ago. We are re-awakening the belief in a community that anything is possible when we work together and BELIEVE it can be done. We are making something happen that is meaningful, historic and epic beyond words. I am so thankful to have been on this journey with you over the past year. It has been such a privilege to work with you all arm in arm as we Imagined Rotary.

Now.... let's Rock this Lake!

***Jennifer Strong, District 5130 Governor 2022-23***

## Welcome from Konocti Harbor Resort!



It is with great pleasure that we welcome you as the first guests to stay in this magical place that is Konocti Harbor Resort in nearly 15 years! And it couldn't be more appropriate to have you, my fellow Rotarians, be the ones to share in this with us.

I am an immigrant to this country, a civil engineer who anticipated turmoil and moved to the US in 1977 moved to the US in 1977 from Iran with my wife, an electrical engineer, and two little children. We left behind a successful construction company, abandoned our real estate holdings and left our personal belongings in search of a better life for our family. All was going well for us until the early 80's when the Iranian revolution and the American hostage crisis created significant challenges for Iranian immigrants, even for those with American citizenship. I was desperately looking for a way to improve my social life along with much needed business connections.

I then discovered Rotary. I applied for membership in the Rotary Club of San Rafael and they accepted me graciously. This was over 40 years ago and, today, I am a proud American and Rotarian. Rotary, an organization where I found most dedicated men and women serving their community without any expectation. Men and women just like all of you. Through Rotary, I made friendships, business connections and lifelong relationships with others that believe in the ideals of giving back and making our world a better place.

And now we, Rotarians from near and far, all come together here, at this magical spot at the base of Mt Konocti on the shores of Clear Lake to share in the belief in and celebrate in what is possible. Imagination and vision. I initially discovered this resort back in 2012 and instantly fell in love with the beauty and potential of it. It reminded me of Lake Como in Italy, a place near and dear to my heart. So, after many attempts, a family friend and business partner and I were successful in purchasing this neglected property in 2018. And that, we knew, was going to be the least expensive part of the deal. But we rolled up our sleeves and got to work 2 short weeks later....

During the course of operation and restoration we have encountered many obstacles: wildfires, flood, pandemic, theft, infrastructure issues due to neglected maintenance and much more. All that has delayed the opening of the resort. Until now. Fact is we have stubbornly fought all those obstacles, never quit, didn't lose our vision, and now you all are helping us totake the first steps. The first steps in achieving a goal of reopening the resort.

The property is vast and will take us probably another few years to complete what we started five years ago. However, this is the beginning and we are inspired to know that what we dreamed is, in fact, achievable.

Our goal is to take the Resort to its full potential, to bring life, laughter and many more generations of memories made here. We recognize just how special Konocti Harbor Resort is and have imagination and plan for its future. We thank you for being here and for being a part of this very special and historic time in the continuing story of Konocti Harbor Resort.

We hope you enjoy your stay and we look forward to seeing you again very soon.

Welcome Home.

May God bless America and our beloved Rotary.

Cordially,

Joe Shekou

## District Conference Schedule of Events

### THURSDAY, MAY 4th

Time	Event	Location
1:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Hotel Check-In & Conference Registration	Main Lodge Lobby
1:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Project Expo Open - Staffed as available by clubs	Main Lodge, Classic Rock Room
6:00PM to 8:00 PM	Luau Buffet Dinner & Fellowship & Fire Dance Show	Andy's Tavern/Poolside
8:00 PM to bedtime	Fellowship & Music	Andy's Tavern

### FRIDAY, MAY 5th

Time	Event	Location
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Hotel Check-In & Conference Registration	Main Lodge Lobby
7:30 AM to 9:00 AM	Buffet Breakfast & Fellowship	Andy's Tavern/Poolside
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Project Expo Open - Staffed as available by clubs	Main Lodge, Classic Rock Room
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM	"Through the Eyes of the Locals" Excursions	Main Lodge Lobby
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM	Lip Sync Rehearsal Run Through	Showroom Theater
5:30 PM to 6:15 PM	No Host Cocktail Reception & Project Expo <b>Dress as your favorite music star or genre!</b>	Andy's Tavern
General Session #1 – Dinner		
6:20 PM to 8:20 PM	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b> <b>Youth Exchange Parade of Flags</b> <b>National Anthem Live - RYE Outbound Sinead Bermudez</b> <b>"Rotary in Action - Vibrant Clubs"</b> <b>Past Rotary International Director ~ Jeffry Cadorette</b>	Showroom Theater
8:20 PM to 8:40 PM	Break and get a cocktail -the SHOW is about to start!	Andy's Tavern
8:40 PM to 9:30 PM	<b>Battle of the Bands Lip Sync Competition</b>	Showroom Theater
9:30 PM to bedtime	DJ Music, Fellowship & Dancing	Andy's Tavern

## SATURDAY, MAY 6th

Time	Event	Location
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM	Hotel Check-In & Conference Registration	Main Lodge Lobby
7:30 AM to 8:20 AM	Buffet Breakfast & Fellowship (open until 9AM for guests)	Andy's Tavern/Poolside
General Session #2		
8:30 AM to 9:40 AM	<b>Area Governors 2022-23</b> <b>"Head to Heart - the Stories of District 5130"</b> <b>Environmental Showcase &amp; Awards</b> <b>District Disaster Relief - Humboldt County Earthquakes</b> <b>In Memoriam - Kristine Redko</b>	Showroom Theater
9:40 AM to 10:15 AM	Break & Project Expo	Main Lodge Classic Rock Room
10:15 AM to 10:30 AM	Showroom Doors Open - World Cafe	Showroom Theater
General Session #3		
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM	<b>"World Cafe ~</b> <b>Collaboration, Discussions &amp; Ideas Galore"</b> <b>Past RI Director, Jeffry Cadorette</b> <b>DG Jennifer Strong</b>	Showroom Theater
12:00 PM to 12:45 PM	Lunch Buffet & Fellowship (open until 1:30 PM)	Andy's Tavern/Poolside
General Session #4		
12:45 PM to 2:00 PM	<b>Hanwash Program in Haiti - Cathy King</b> <b>"Sinking a Battleship to Bring Peace, Economic</b> <b>Development &amp; a New Undersea Environment"</b> <b>District 4185 Governor ~ Kikis Lopez de Arbezu</b>	Showroom Theater
Hands On Projects		
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	<b>"Build a Bag for Seniors"</b> <i>Meals on Wheels Senior Centers</i> <b>"Care Packages for Deployed Troops"</b> <i>Operation Tango Mike</i> <b>"Rotary Garden - Planting Project"</b> <i>sponsored by Lake County Rotary Clubs</i> <b>Project Expo is Open</b>	Breakout Rooms & Outside in the Rotary Garden

## SATURDAY, MAY 6th

Time	Event	Location
5:15 PM to 6:15 PM	No-Host Cocktail Reception & Project Fair <b>Dress to Impress - Grammy Night!</b>	Andy's Tavern
5:15 PM to 6:15 PM	Triple Crown Member Hosted Cocktail Reception	Poolside Room
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM	General Session #5 – Dinner  <i>John Hewko</i> <b>Rotary International CEO &amp; General Secretary</b> <b>Ukraine Relief - A story of hope</b> <b>Youth Exchange - Ambassadors that Connect the World</b> <b>Special Connections Made - Klark Swan &amp; Chris Brannan</b> <b>Rotarian of the Year Award</b>	Showroom Theater
9:00 PM to .....	Live Music & Dancing & Fellowship  <b>LC Diamonds Band!</b>	Andy's Tavern

## SUNDAY, MAY 7th

Time	Event	Location
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Club Business Meeting	Poolside Breakout Room
10 AM to 11:30 AM	General Session #6 – Brunch Buffet  <b>"A Year of Imagination"</b> <b>Jennifer Strong, District Governor</b> <b>District Conference 2024 - A Preview of What is to Come</b>	Showroom Theater
Enjoy a leisurely departure and safe travels home!		

# Things You Need to Know

Location: Konocti Harbor Resort, 8727 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville

Conference Check-In: The registration desk opens at 1PM on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the lobby of the Main Lodge and will be open daily. You will receive your badge, meal tickets and a special gift. This desk will be staffed throughout the day and posted with a contact phone number for after hours (or if we've just wandered over to look out the window at the lake).

Hotel Rooms: All of these rooms have undergone a renovation with all new furniture, fixtures and bedding. As mentioned above, we are the first to stay so if there are any issues, contact the front desk and it will be addressed promptly. There are 3 main buildings that our rooms are located in. In some rooms, there will be a flight of stairs that will need to be maneuvered. Should there be mobility issues, please email rotaryrocks2023@gmail.com or call 707-349-0815 so that proper room assignments can be made. For travel to and from your room to the Main Lodge, we will have multiple running golf cart transportation available should you not want to walk. There will be a phone number in your registration packet that you can call to request a ride should a cart not be traveling by when you need it. There are no phones located in the rooms but your cell phone should work fine. WIFI: The WIFI in the Main Lodge and the surrounding areas is very strong. They are in the process of finishing up the installation in the hotel room buildings but alas, the provider has had some delays in getting that finished (I'm sure we've all experienced that once or twice). Daily housekeeping: this will not be provided during our stay however, fresh towels and anything else you may need can be requested at the hotel desk and it will be promptly taken care of.

Attire: Rotary Resort Casual is the attire for most of the time. Remember, Lake County can have wide temperature ranges during a day so be prepared with some layers.

## **\*\* Special Event Attire \*\***

**Friday Night** is the time to bring out your best rock star attire and dress as your favorite music star OR in your favorite music genre. Let's see what you can come up with!

**Saturday Night** is glamorous Grammy Night. Walk the red carpet, have your photo under the star, and come dressed to impress. We all have something glittery, shiny, or a cool tie somewhere in the back of our closets – now is a good time to pull it out, dust it off, and have fun with the excuse to dress up. You just never know... the paparazzi just may be in the house.

Meals & Drinks: You will receive your reserved meal tickets in your Registration packet (they will be inside the badge). They will be color coded and noted by meal. You will need to have these with you to present at each meal. Coffee, tea, ice-tea and water will be available at all meals and throughout the day free of charge. The full no-host bar in the Main Lodge at Andy's Tavern will be open daily. **NOTE: The resort does not accept cash and you won't be able to bill your drinks to your room so be sure to have a credit card with you. You will have the ability to open a tab.**

Parking: Since we have the entire resort to ourselves and it is closed to the public, there is plenty of parking at the Main Lodge and with the rooms. Feel free to move about as you wish.

Friday Locals Excursions: You will be contacted early in conference week with further instructions for your pre-reserved excursion. We will have a team member in the Main Lodge lobby on Friday morning to answer any questions and to assist in coordinating you with your group. Should the weather preclude a certain aspect of an excursion to occur, all possible accommodations to adjust the itinerary for an equally cool experience will be made. That's part of the adventure! But, if the weather really hampers the fun and you really would like a refund, we'll accommodate that. Our locals are looking forward to showing you around!



Saturday Afternoon Hands on Projects: We have 3 different projects scheduled for Saturday afternoon that we are really excited about!

1. [Operation Tango Mike](#): This local non-profit has been sending care packages every month for over 20 years to deployed military troops actively serving our country abroad. At this event, we will be putting together 100 care package boxes with various items needed (and loved) by the young men and women that receive them. There will be note cards on hand for you to include a hand-written message along with all sorts of fun ways to decorate the outside of the box. Would you like to bring items with you to donate? Here's a link to the "[Troop Wish List](#)"
2. [Senior Center Meals on Wheels](#): This program delivers hot meals 5 days a week to homebound elderly and disabled individuals throughout Lake County. When asked, "How could Rotary help"? the answer was a need to provide supplemental item care packages. We will be packaging 300 bags including items such as toilet paper, towels, dish soap, trash bags, shampoo, etc to be delivered by the County Senior Center Meals on Wheels programs. Note cards will also be available for your messages. If you would like to bring any non-food items to add to the bags, please feel free. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Clear Lake and Foods Etc for the donation of these items.
3. [Rotary Garden](#): We have the gloves but bring a set of clothes that can get dirty! To kick-start the landscaping projects as part of the re-opening of the resort, we will be planting a perennial Rotary Garden right at the entrance to the Main Lodge. Working with our local nursery, Poppys, we are going to create a beautiful garden which will forever be marked with a Rotary plaque commemorating Rotary's role in the re-opening of Konocti Harbor Resort.

Project Expo: We have an area located in the Main Lodge set aside for the Project Expo. Everyone is encouraged to visit the booths and learn about what the other clubs are doing. This is a fantastic time to network, meet new friends, and maybe even find some new project partners! We will have a kiosk located in the expo filled with wonderful videos showcasing the work of the clubs in our District. Looking for some new ideas and partners? Look no further and do take the time to take a look at these amazing videos! The Expo will be open throughout the conference but don't worry about manning your booth the entire time. We want you to get out and meet new friends and enjoy the program and the resort

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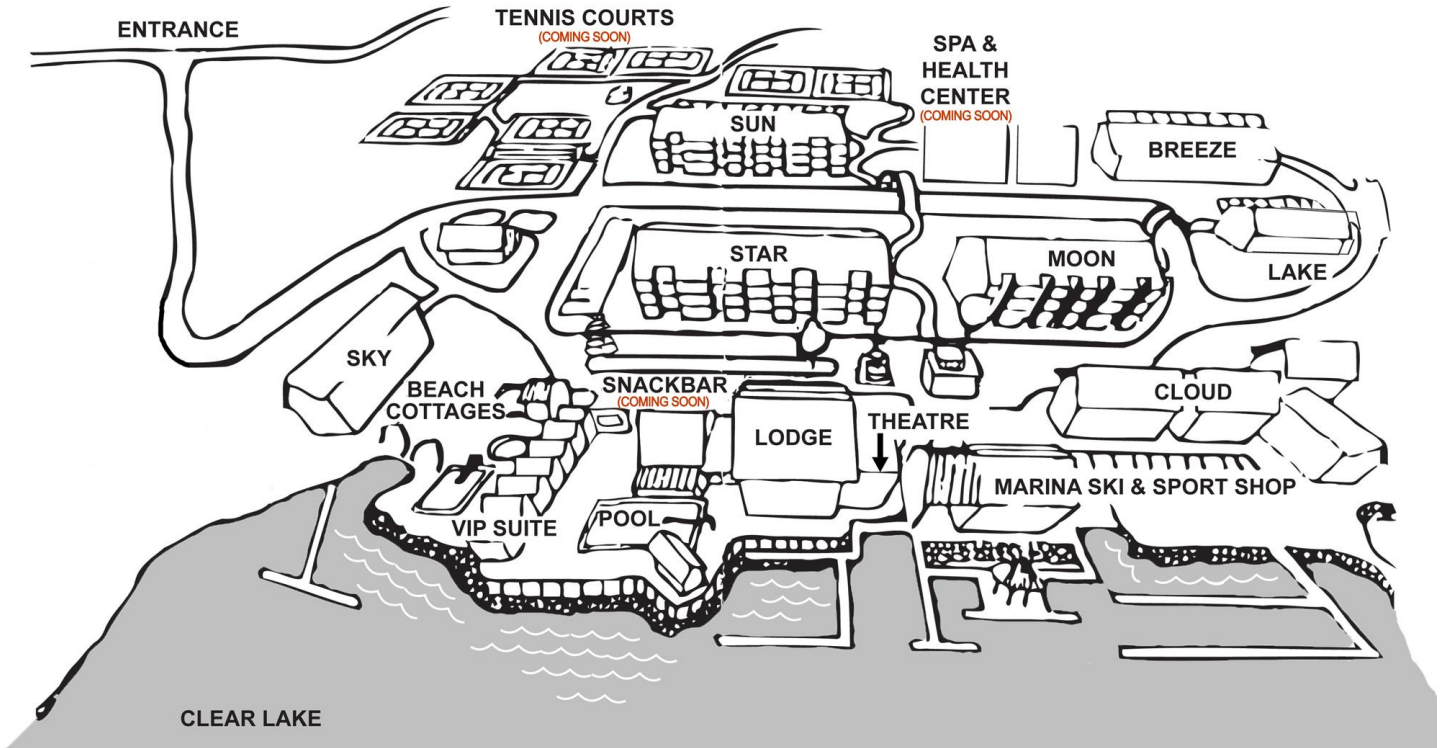
Questions or Needs?: Call 707-349-0815 or email [rotaryrocks2023@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryrocks2023@gmail.com)

# Event Facility Map



**Location:**  
8727 Soda Bay Road  
Kelseyville, CA 95451

**Website:**  
[www.konoctiharborresort.com](http://www.konoctiharborresort.com)



## Jeffry Cadorette

### **Jeffry Cadorette**

Rotary International Director (2018-2020)



Jeffry retired from health care in 1999 after a 25 year career as a physical therapist in private practice as president and CEO of Physical Therapy Associates of Delaware County in Pennsylvania until merging his practice with Riddle Memorial Hospital to form the Riddle Rehabilitation Institute and Riddle Sports Medicine. He is now associate broker and executive vice president at Media Real Estate Co., where he is active in all phases of commercial real estate sales and leasing, tenant representation, and new project development.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Rocky Run YMCA for 14 years, 4 as Board Chair, and was Honorary Chair of their Phase II and Phase III Capital Campaigns.

He is a past Board member of the Philadelphia Freedom Valley Y where he was Chair of its Branch Operations Committee. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees of Springfield College. (Mass.) He served for 9 years on the Board of Trustees at Tyler Arboretum, 3 years as Board President. He is a past General Coordinator worldwide of Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinators and he was a delegate to the Rotary International 2004 and 2007 Council on Legislation in Chicago.

He has represented the President of Rotary International at 16 District Conferences across the country and in Canada and has been the keynote and motivational speaker at numerous district conferences, Rotary Foundation dinners, Rotary workshops, and seminars around North America. In 2010 and 2011 he served as one of 40 International Training Leaders at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego. In January 2015 and January 2016, he served as one of two Seminar Leaders at the International Assembly in San Diego. Seminar Leaders train the 40 International Training Leaders who then in turn train the 547 incoming District Governors for the upcoming Rotary year.

He is currently Chair of the RI Communications Committee, was an Advisor to the Shaping Rotary's Future Committee, and was Chair of the Pandemic Response Task Force from April-October 2020.

He was appointed to the Board of Directors of ShelterBox USA in May, 2021 where he currently continues to serve. He is Vice Chair of the 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore. He is a Charter Member of the District 7450 Paul Harris Fellow Society and a Rotary Foundation Major Donor.

## John Hewko

### **John Hewko**

General Secretary & Chief Executive Officer  
Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation



John is the general secretary and chief executive officer of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

From 2004 to 2009, Hewko was vice president for operations and compact development for the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), a U.S. government agency established in 2004 to deliver foreign assistance to the world's poorest countries. At MCC, he was the principal United States negotiator for foreign assistance agreements to 26 countries in Africa, Asia, South America, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union. During his tenure, he completed the negotiation of assistance agreements totaling \$6.3 billion to 18 countries for infrastructure, agriculture, water and sanitation, health, and education projects.

Prior to joining MCC, Hewko was an international partner with the law firm Baker & McKenzie, specializing in international corporate transactions in emerging markets. He helped establish the firm's Moscow office and was the managing partner of its offices in Kyiv and Prague.

While working in Ukraine in the early 1990s, Hewko assisted the working group that prepared the initial draft of the new Ukrainian post-Soviet constitution and was a charter member of the first Rotary club in Kyiv.

Hewko has been a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University, and a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He has published papers and articles in leading U.S. and international publications, and he has spoken extensively on political and business issues dealing with the former Soviet Union, Central Europe, Africa, and Latin America. He is also a member of the Council of Foreign Relations.

Hewko holds a law degree from Harvard University, a master's in modern history from Oxford University (where he studied as a Marshall Scholar), and a bachelor's in government and Soviet studies from Hamilton College in New York.

As general secretary, Hewko leads a diverse staff of 800 at Rotary International's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and seven international offices. He and his partner, Marga, are major donors to the Foundation. They live in Evanston, Illinois.

## Kikis Lopez de Arbezu

### **Kikis Lopez de Arbezu**

Governor of District 4185 (2022-2023)



Born in Cordoba and based in the City of Puebla, for more than 25 years, mother, agent of change and development in social leadership programs, as means of transcendence. From a very young age she always had a wide interest in the social and commercial branch.

*"I am a human being with creative, intuitive and visionary virtues. Every day of my life I continue to learn, for the good times gratitude and for the not so good, hope, a woman in love with her husband, a mother who*

*inspires her children who knows how to be a friend, confidant and counselor, who has made humanity her responsibility, the best of me: I walk what I speak."*

#### PROFESSIONAL STUDIES:

Law degree with a specialty in Taxation, graduated from the University of the Americas, Puebla (UDLAP) with honorable mention and a thesis "Society before Democracy and electoral processes" • Project Development at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.

- Diploma in NLP (Neurolinguistic Programming), Consulting and Coaching in INTEGRAMENTE with Rafa Sarmiento.
- Diploma in Business Skills Development for Successful Women, Tecnológico de Monterrey.
- Diploma in Negotiation in Senior Management Homegroup from UC Berkeley.
- Diploma in Senior Management IPADE Councils in Action.
- Active member of AMEXME (Mexican Association of Women Entrepreneurs, Founding Chapter of the CDMX).
- CEO AND FOUNDER of K&V Alta Moda Mexicana, a Mexican company that amalgamates Mexican artisans, plastic artists and designers, whose mission is to spread the cultural richness of our country by supporting our communities with love for Mexico.

# Special Guests

## Master of Ceremonies:

**Laura McAndrews Sammel, President  
Rotary Club of Lakeport**



Laura joined the Rotary Club of Lakeport in 2008 (with a hiatus from 2011 to 2019) after serving with the Active 20-30 Clubs of Greater Sacramento and Redwood Empire for 15 years. She has served two terms as President of the Rotary Club of Lakeport, from 2021 to 2023. She has also served as the club's Secretary and as a Co-Chair for the inaugural Drive Thru Crab Feed event in 2021. She has a professional background in business and currently serves as the Lake County Chamber of Commerce's CEO. She also has a background in performing arts, starring in local productions of Oklahoma!, Chicago, and most recently, Fishwrap.

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## National Anthem:

**Sinead Bermudez, Senior  
Arcata High School & Outbound Youth Exchange Student**

I am Sinead Bermudez, and I'm currently a senior at Ukiah High School. I'm looking forward to my upcoming exchange to Brazil. Afterwards, I plan to attend UC Berkeley to study linguistics, and later on go into speech pathology.



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## In Memoriam:

**Kristine Redko, District Governor 2025-26  
Rotary Club of Sonoma Mountain Twilight**



Kristine has been a proud member of Rotary since 2007, as a founding member of the Rotary Club of Rancho Cotati. On July 1, 2010, she was elected President - and 29 days later she brought her beautiful twins, Roman & Katya, into the world. Over the years, Kristine has served as Club Secretary, Club Vocational Chair, District Youth Service Chair, District PI Chair, has hosted several Youth Exchange Students and also helped found a second Club - the Rotary Club of Sonoma Mountain Twilight during the pandemic. She is employed as a Strategic Account Manager for Equifax and sings in a rock band- The Pickled Beats - in her spare time.

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## Saturday Night Live Entertainment:

**The LC Diamonds!**

The LC Diamonds covers all types of music from the 50s to the 90s with songs from Elvis and The Beatles to Chris Isaak and 80s, 90s and modern pop hits...flying the LC flag from Sacramento to Eureka. Bring on your dancing shoes!



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## From the Heart of Our Governor

I grew up here in Lake County, 6th generation on the land I live on to be exact. From the time I was a small child, I remember more days spent at Konocti Harbor Resort than I can count. Sunday brunches, a "vacation day at the pool", concerts both inside and out, festivals, learning to water ski, swimming off the docks, watching my 5 year old son run through the resort with his swim shorts and batman cape flying on his way to the pool, miniature golf, spa days, dancing in the tavern until all hours, holiday parties, business retreats, Rotary galas, family reunions, and too many more memories to count. This place has been a part of my life as well as so many others for generations. It's a gem, not only within Lake County, but the entire State and beyond and an integral part of our local economy.

When I was chosen to be District Governor nearly 4 years ago, I knew right away that Konocti Harbor Resort was where I wanted to hold my District Conference. It didn't seem to matter that it was nowhere close to even being inhabitable. I just knew that it needed to be here, at the base of the magical Mt Konocti on the shores of this 2nd oldest lake in the world. "It will be done and open long before then" we all believed. Little did I know at the time that we, the Rotarians of District 5130, would be the ones to actually re-awaken the old girl. But here we are and I can't think of a more appropriate group of people to be the first. The journey that the current owners have been on since the purchase in 2018 has been an adventure. A journey filled with challenges beyond measure - massive wildfires in the Summer of 2018, flooding in 2019, and then to top it all off, a pandemic in 2020. It was a neglected resort that had been closed for 15 years and was in serious dis-repair before they even purchased it. But, they took it on anyway as a labor of love to bring this historic place into a new form of glory for generations to come.

So back to my story... Why would the current owners and management trust this crazy band of Rotarians to be a part of their journey? Well, I think that's easy - Rotarians get things done, we have vision, we have imagination and we believe in the *Possible*. This weekend we are helping to reopen a place that very soon will be filled again with families, friends, business colleagues - all making new memories that will last for generations to come. New jobs are being added daily to an economy that can very much use the boost. We Rotarians are participating in a giant community service project, an economic development endeavor if you will, that just happens to have a conference at the same time. "When something goes from your head to your heart, that's when the magic happens". I've witnessed that first hand over the last several months as Rotarians from near and far have all worked shoulder to shoulder with members of the community and staff and management of the Resort to give that final push to once again have the music and laughter grace the stage. The resort opens after we test it this weekend. I hope that you will all come back this summer and watch the progress continue to unfold, making those memories in the years to come. It's exciting to see where the momentum will now take it and I, for one, am looking forward to watching it all unfold. What we are doing here this weekend is meaningful and we are doing it together - that's the power of Rotary.



A few heartfelt thank yous for those that, while they may have looked at me like I was crazy, believed in the power of the possible and jumped on that crazy train with me.

- Russ Hamel, General Manager of Konocti Harbor Resort. Definitely a new friend.
- Jeff Warrenberg, Hotel Manager & Lakeport Rotarian. Thanks for stepping up.
- The staff of Konocti Harbor - they have worked 7 days a week and poured their heart into getting it to where it is for us to be here. They are the MacGyvers of just about everything!
  - Joe Shekou - thank you for trusting us but you are a fellow Rotarian so you get it!
- Sebastopol Rotary AV Team - Yep, this group of Rotarians figured out how to get the stage lights back on after 15 years of slumber! Thank you for overlooking the early visits and trusting in the vision
  - Sarah Dutra - Not even hesitating to say "yes" to a crazy idea of a Lip Sync
- Beth Havrilla, Conference Chair & Lake Event Design can design it all even if it maybe meant a tent inside of a structure. A true friend in every sense of the word, unconditionally.
- Michele Carson - Chair of the Lake County Certified Tourism Ambassadors. Need it done, it gets done and always with a smile.
  - April Leiferman - I know my ideas are crazy but somehow you help me believe
- Upper Lake Elementary School - the 100 hand painted welcome posters. No words
  - Clear Lake High School Culinary Program in room cookies made with love
  - The Rotarians of Lake County: Lakeport, Kelseyville, Clear Lake & Middletown -  
For some reason they still take my calls.
- Countless non-Rotarian community members that have jumped in on so many levels to make this happen.
  - **All of you.**

This past year truly has been a year that I will never forget. And now, you are all here, in our home and we are truly thankful to have you with us. We hope you will come back often and know that our door is always open.

**Thank you.**



Jennifer

District Governor 2022-23



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