

DISTRICT 5130 NEWSLETTER

Rotary
District 5130

Building Better
Friendships



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Please join Past International President Jennifer Jones, Rotary International Directors Vicki Puliz and Wyn Spiller along with Michael Collins, the Executive Director of the Institute for Economics and Peace, and dozens of other renowned speakers including authors, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, and Rotary Peace Fellows for an enlightening weekend of learning, multi-cultural music, and fellowship. [Register Today!](#)

MISSION STATEMENT: This event will motivate and prepare people to develop practical action plans and to enhance their efforts to bring about a more peaceful world. [January 24,25,26 2025](#)



District Governor Jim O'Grady

Rotary

Jennifer Jones
Past President of
Rotary International

Join Us in Peace Building
January 24, 25, 26 2025

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5180, 5190, 5220, 5230

**ROTARY PEACE
CONFERENCE**

Unite for a Better World

January 24-26, 2025
Sonoma Wine Country - Rohnert Park [Learn more: Peace25.org](#)

District 5130 Rotarians contributed immediately to our District Disaster Relief Fund, and together with LARCA funds has collected \$95,000 for those impacted by the Boyles Fire in Lake County. Thank You, Rotarians!

Did you know that your club can partner with other District 5130 Rotary Clubs to get involved in International Service? Many clubs have already applied for Grants but need partnering clubs. We now have a list on our [District 5130 Website](#), you can choose from Africa, Asia, South Pacific, Central or South America – and find a project your club members would love to be involved in.

Call for Nominations

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District Governor 2027-2028

Submission Deadline
November 30, 2024

Contact the Nominating Committee Chair, PDG [Dustin Littlefield](#) for more information on submitting paperwork to be our next DG!

One of the very best ways to grow your club is also the simplest: **Invite a Guest!** Be persistent. There will be times that it takes literally a dozen requests to get someone to a meeting. Keep “ASKING”. They may come to a meeting, or tell you they can't join now because they are too busy, or they aren't interested in joining at the moment. These are all fine answers as long as you keep track of them and keep in touch. How many times did you have to be asked? We have lots of strategies for growing our clubs – but the best: **Just Ask!**

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2025

TAKE ACTION: www.rotary5130.org
NorCalMentalHealth.Org – Mental Awareness
[Human Trafficking | Rotary International District 5130](#)

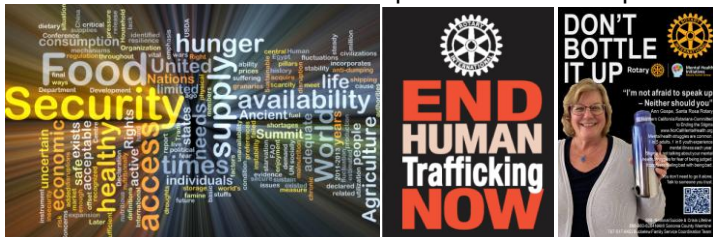
Rotarians Tackle the Difficult

All that we do as Rotarians can create a lasting impact in those we serve. And Rotarians have never shied away from the difficult: Eliminating Polio, Creating a World of Peace, Helping those with Mental Health Issues, Serving the Homeless, and Bringing Awareness to Human Trafficking.

Mental Health: Russian River, Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Santa Rosa Rotary teamed up recently to hand out posters at community events that reduce the stigma of Mental Health.

Creating World Peace: Our District is leading the way with a [Rotary World Peace Conference](#) to be held this January 2025.

Serving the Homeless and Vulnerable: Sebastopol Sunrise has distributed 23,000 sandwiches partnering with a church and the food bank; many clubs have ongoing “backpack” programs which are packed with food and given weekly to families in need; others provide coats for the unhoused. Sonoma Mountain Twilight Rotarians partner with Unsheltered Friends Outreach to provide needed help.



Human Trafficking: See presentations at [Peace Conference](#).



Also, [Raine Howe](#), Executive Director of the Polly Klaas Foundation, will come to your club and give a presentation on Human Trafficking; she can also provide your club with an easy-to-follow blueprint for developing a local project for school children.

Are you interested in leading the way as **District Chair** of our [Human Trafficking Task Force](#)? If so, please contact [DG Jim](#)

Rotary History:

Our Challenging History in Germany

Did you know that Rotary Clubs faced significant challenges in Germany during the Nazi era? Initially, Rotary clubs "met with approval" by Nazi authorities, but this changed drastically over time.

In the early 1930s, Rotary members included Nazi Party members. However, by 1937, the Nazi regime started viewing Rotary as incompatible with its ideology, leading to severe restrictions and eventual dissolution of clubs.

Despite these hardships, Rotary's commitment to international understanding and humanitarian efforts prevailed. This period serves as a reminder of the importance of resilience and standing firm in the face of adversity. During WWII, Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, and Japan were forced to disband. Despite the risks, many continued to meet informally and following the war's end, Rotary members joined together to rebuild their clubs and their countries.



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Calendar

World Polio Day October 24th 2024 Use the [event guide](#) in the Brand Center to help plan an event.

2nd Tuesday of Each Month (Nov-Mar) Foundation Speaker Series (ZOOM)

[Rotary World Peace Conference](#) (Rohnert Park) Jan. 24th-26th 2025 [Registration Open!](#)

District Training in Ukiah, CA April 5, 2025

District 5130 Conference in Fortuna May 2nd-3rd 2025



Looking for a partner club in District 5130 who has an International Project? [Go Here!](#)