

DISTRICT 5130 NEWSLETTER

Rotary
District 5130

Building Better
Friendships



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Thank you to each of the Rotary Clubs and their amazing Rotarians for the warm welcome I have been given during my club visits. It has truly been an honor to meet all of you. Our Rotary District 5130 is leading the way and creating magic for our neighbors, our communities, and the world. Joanne and I have been truly awestruck by the tremendous service and fellowship within our Rotary Family – so thank you!

This is Rotary Foundation Month; throughout my visits many clubs and individual Rotarians have taken up the mantle to reach 100% member giving to the Foundation of at least \$25 per member - again, thank you!

District Governor Jim O'Grady



On this **GIVING TUESDAY**
Consider giving to:

The
Rotary
Foundation



The Rotary Foundation is one of the highest ranked charities by Charity Navigator. The Rotary Foundation is "Doing Good" around the World and helping millions and millions of people.

On December 3, 2024, *Giving Tuesday*, please consider giving \$25 to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund. Donate online at [MyRotary](https://myrotary.org) or bring a check to your next club meeting.

DG Jim

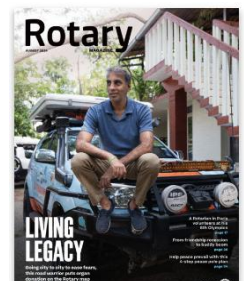
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**World Peace
Conference
2025** 

- ❖ **What's the buzz about?** The Rotary Peace Conference 2025 on **January 24, 25, 26** is the ultimate gathering of visionaries and change-makers from diverse fields coming together to revolutionize the world.
- ❖ **Who should attend?** Rotarians and Friends of Rotary, if you're passionate about peace, health, education, and community development, this conference is your golden ticket to inspiration and innovation.
- ❖ **What's in store for attendees?** Prepare to be immersed in a whirlwind of ideas, insights, and connections that will ignite your passion for creating a better world. Sunday is a special day for youth.
- ❖ **What are some of the highlights?** World Renowned Speakers, Empowering Workshops, Multicultural Entertainment, Peace Pole Presentation, Human Trafficking Educational Trailer, Amazing Dining, Fellowship
- ❖ **Why is this conference unique?** This isn't just any conference; it's a catalyst for global change, where ideas turn into action and dreams into reality. [Register HERE!](#)

Research shows how important friendship is to a person's mental and physical health; it may even help you live longer. And yet, in societies around the globe, things seem to be moving in the wrong direction. In what's been dubbed a "**friendship recession**," the number of close friends that adults have in the U.S. has declined over recent decades. On the brighter side, scientists studying this phenomenon say that with some effort, individuals can turn the friendship recession into their own friendship boom. And, for many people, **Rotary** is just what the therapist ordered. Friendship, it turns out, is the second most common reason people join Rotary clubs, according to a member survey. (Community service is number one.) And, friendship is the top reason they stay.

Read more in the [August 2024 Rotarian Magazine](#)



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TAKE ACTION: www.rotary5130.org
NorCalMentalHealth.Org – Mental Awareness
Human Trafficking | Rotary International District 5130

Focus on Human Trafficking

1. **Educational Trailer:** Our District is leading the way with a [Rotary World Peace Conference](#) to be held this January 2025. Attendees can visit a Human Traffic Educational Trailer.



2. [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 and easy-to-follow blue-print for developing a local project for school children.

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

4. Visit District [5130 Website for Resources](#); please let [DG Jim](#) know if you have additional Resources we can add.

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

Of the many global issues, human trafficking is one of the toughest to combat. It's estimated that more than 40 million people are trafficked across the world.



Rotary History: Firsts & Facts

- ❖ The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905.
- ❖ The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, CA, chartered 1909.
- ❖ The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- ❖ The first service project of the first Rotary club of Chicago was installation of public toilets in the city.
- ❖ The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931.
- ❖ The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Center) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of that club.
- ❖ The first Rotary International convention held outside the U. S. was in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1921.
- ❖ Rotary first established the Paul Harris Fellow recognition in 1957 for contributors of US \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.



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DG Jim O'Grady is happy to announce the 2024-25 Special District Grant available to all 5130 District Clubs

This year's grant is titled the "Governors 7 Areas of Focus Grant" and will be awarded as a reimbursement up to \$750. Your club chooses a special project that aligns with one or more of the Rotary Foundation's 7 Areas of Focus. Your project MUST include Rotarian involvement and have a clearly defined connection to one of those areas. The grant cannot be used for fundraising activities and cannot be used to just "write a check" without meaningful Rotarian involvement. Please review this [7 Areas of Focus Grant Final Report](#) for important guidelines. If you are unsure if your project will properly fit into the Rotary Foundation guidelines, please contact our District Grant's Chair Terry at rotary5130grants@gmail.com or call her at 707-337-2871. The deadline for completion is May 31, 2025.

Mark your calendars: Peace Conference Jan. 24,25,26 2025 to be held in Rohnert Park
District Training April 6, 2025 to be held in Ukiah

