

# DISTRICT 5130 NEWSLETTER



Building Better  
Friendships



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Welcome to this month's newsletter!

February is a meaningful month in the Rotary calendar as we celebrate Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, highlighted by our successful Peace Conference in late January. It's also a special time to reflect on Rotary's history, with February 23 marking the anniversary of Rotary's first meeting in Chicago in 1905. As we look ahead to March, we'll be focusing on Rotary's impactful work in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene—an area of service that makes a difference in communities around the world. Thank you for the inspiring efforts you and your club are putting forth in projects and programs that promote Peace and Health! *District Governor, Jim*



## District Training Assembly April 5, 2025 - Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 8 AM-3 PM "Kindness + Knowledge = The Magic of Rotary"

### TRAINING TRACKS OFFERED:

- 1) Foundation
- 2) Membership
- 3) Leadership Development
- 4) Public Image Brainstorming
- 5) Mental Health and Human Trafficking
- 6) Visioning Program for Clubs

Our keynote speaker at lunch will be **Brittany Rohr**, a fellow Rotarian from Bradenton, FL.

*Join us on April 5!*



# Celebrate the Magic!

## District 5130 Conference

May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 The River Lodge, Fortuna, CA

Registration  
Opens Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>

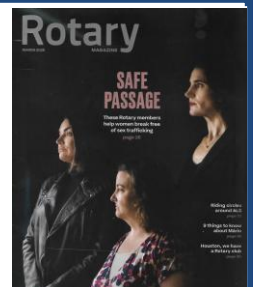
*Guest Speakers! Fabulous Food! Cultural Entertainment! Club Recognition Awards!  
Special Rotarian Recognitions! Activities Exploring Fortuna! District Golf Tourney!  
Club Project Displays! Peace Pole Dedication! And Much, Much More!*

### 5130 Theme: **Building Better Friendships**

**A cure for loneliness:** In his op-ed for the Chicago Tribune, Rotary General Secretary and CEO John Hewko talks about Rotary's ability to help people make connections and combat isolation. Rotary was formed in 1905 by Chicago Lawyer Paul Harris to help overcome his feelings of alienation. [Read more about how Rotary is helping to combat the loneliness epidemic.](#)

### 5130 Focus: **Human Trafficking**

The March 2025 *Rotary Magazine* features a comprehensive look at sex-trafficking and what Rotarians are accomplishing to help rid this scourge. It is incredibly enlightening and encouraging what our fellow Rotarians are doing to help. Read it!



Thought of the Day: *"The earth, the air, the land, and the water are not an inheritance from our forefathers but on loan from our children."* - Gandhi

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

# EEL RIVER EXPO

## A FREE Source to Sea Community Event

April 19th, 2025  
Fortuna River Lodge  
12:00pm - 4:00pm

LIVE MUSIC  
PHOTO CONTEST  
FOOD VENDORS

- Get hands-on with soil textures and Casterlin High School
- Explore Eel River science with CDFW experts
- Learn about Wiyot culture with the Da Gou Rou Louw' Cultural Center
- Try a pikeminnow board game with BLM
- Practice screen printing with TRIB
- Explore salmon through art with Friends of the Eel River
- Master local tree ID with the Trees Foundation

CALIFORNIA TROUT FISH WATER PEOPLE  
Rotary Club of Eureka



## Rotary History

The Rotary Club has a unique history that includes the formation of the first service club, the use of the Rotary wheel to symbolize movement, and the flying of the Rotary flag over the North and South Poles.

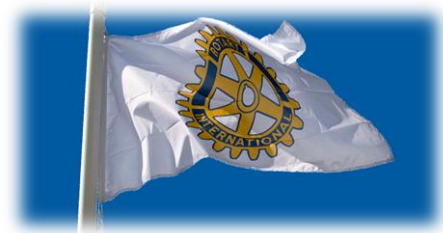
### Formation of the first Rotary club:

- The Rotary Club of Chicago was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris and three business colleagues.
- The club was named Rotary because meetings were held in rotation at the members' businesses.
- The club was originally formed for fellowship, but later evolved to serve the community.

### The Rotary wheel:

Paul Harris used the idea of a wagon wheel to illustrate "Civilization and Movement".

### The Rotary flag:



- The first official Rotary flag was flown in Kansas City, Missouri in 1915.
- Admiral Richard Byrd carried a Rotary flag over the South Pole in 1922 and again to the North Pole four years later.

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Mark your calendars: -

- [PETS Training](#), March 7-9, 2025 to be held in San Jose, CA
- Festival of Brotherhood: March 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2025
- District Training, April 5, 2025 to be held in Ukiah, CA
- The Eel River Expo, April 19, 2025 in Fortuna, CA
- District 5130 Conference, May 2 and 3 in Fortuna, CA
- District 5130 Social in Calgary, Canada, June 22 @ 5:30
- [Rotary International Convention](#), June 21-25 in Calgary



[Plan a Visit to Rotary Headquarters](#)

