

DISTRICT 5130 NEWSLETTER

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District 5130

Building Better
Friendships



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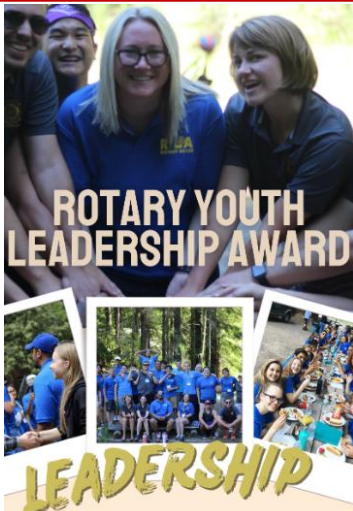
March is Rotary's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) month. WASH is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus and Rotarians have supported projects around the world that provide communities with access to clean water and sanitation. These initiatives have a large ripple effect on communities. Close, reliable access to water decreases incidents of waterborne diseases and allows children to attend school (versus spending a large portion of their day gathering water for the family). Additionally, hygiene protocols decrease illness and allow girls to attend school all month long. Learn more about WASH [here](#). Once again, thank you to all our Rotarians who have made a difference by providing better access to clean water and in building better friendships around the world.

District Governor, Jim



Celebrating 50 years of Rotary Youth Exchange!

In 2025, we mark 50 years of Rotary Youth Exchange as an official program of Rotary International. Over the past five decades, students have experienced new cultures, developed lasting friendships, and become global citizens. If you've volunteered to support Rotary Youth Exchange in your club or district, you've likely seen the tremendous effort it takes to facilitate the program. Providing a valuable, positive experience for students hosted abroad by Rotary members and nonmembers requires substantial time and effort from both the students and the volunteers. What does that mean on a global scale? Well, on average since 2018, it takes 25,000 volunteers to support 7,500 exchange students each year. Thank You, Rotarians!



WHAT IS RYLA?

CAMP RYLA, a 5-day summer camp experience in the redwoods of Sonoma County, is a place where students refine their leadership skills so they can be a part of building better communities and a better world for ALL

WHO?

High school students
interested in leadership and
service

WHEN?

June 8-13, 2025

WHERE?

Westminster Woods
Occidental, Ca

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**WORLD
WATER
DAY**
22 MARCH

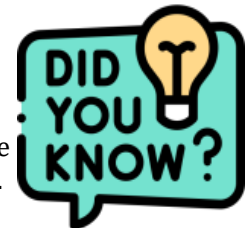
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Investing in clean water could save 2.5 million lives a year. We can't afford not to protect the world's water supply. Take action with Rotary to create access to clean water. In 1993, the UN designated **March 22nd as World Water Day.**

Follow Rotary on WhatsApp

Rotary now has a WhatsApp channel! It will have updates on exciting Rotary projects, useful news, and plenty of fun along the way. It's in English only for now. We can't wait to connect with you there! [Follow the channel.](#)



Thought of the Day: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Meade

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

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DISTRICT Training ASSEMBLY

April 5, 2025
Ukiah Valley
Conference Ctr.
8 AM-3 PM

"Kindness + Knowledge = The Magic of Rotary"

Celebrate the Magic!

District 5130 Conference

May 2nd and 3rd 2025 The River Lodge, Fortuna, CA

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!

Register
Now!

MAGIC
ALL
AROUND

21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA



History: Paul Harris, Part 1

The Rotary's founder Paul Percy Harris was born on April 19, 1868, in Racine, Wisconsin to George and Cornelia Harris. He was the couple's second child. At age three, when his family fell on hard times, Paul was moved with a sibling to Vermont to live with his paternal grandparents, Howard and Pamela Rustin Harris. He was raised by his New England grandparents with values of tolerance toward all. He was a mischievous child. He attended primary school in Wallingford and secondary school in Rutland, where he played pranks and skipped class. He also attended Black River Academy in Ludlow but was expelled after only a few weeks. After secondary school, he enrolled in the University of Vermont in 1886. He was expelled with three others in December of 1886, because of his involvement in an underground society. Harris spent the spring with a private tutor, and in the fall of 1887, he enrolled at Princeton University



Paul Harris as a student at the
University of Vermont

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Mark your calendars: -

- World Water Day: March 22, 2025
- Festival of Brotherhood: March 22nd to April 1st 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
- Epic Day of Service, May 17, 2025: [EPIC Day of Service](#)
- District 5130 Social in Calgary, Canada, June 22 @ 5:30
- [Rotary International Convention](#), June 21-25 in Calgary



Every Rotary Club
Should Have A
3-Year Plan.
Does Yours?



APRIL

MATERNAL AND CHILD
HEALTH MONTH

"If mothers are empowered and healthy, so are their families, leading to an alleviation of poverty and hunger."
RFPD co-founder Robert Zinsler

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