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Rotary and Leadership Two Sides of the Same Coin



When Rotarians are asked why they joined Rotary or why they are still a Rotarian, they will often answer something around either fellowship or service, which makes total sense. For me, one reason that I am in Rotary today, although it certainly wasn't a reason I joined, was for leadership growth and opportunity. Even though it wasn't why I joined, it has become the most significant aspect of my Rotary world.

Several years after I joined the Rotary Club of Albuquerque Del Sol, I was asked to participate in the first year of our District's involvement with the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). I was a trainer by trade, and the District Leadership thought that I would be a good addition to our initial team of RLI facilitators.

For the first several years, RLI participants were largely incoming or current Club leaders (including Rotaractors!), but we started to see relatively new Rotarians participate as well to complement their new member orientation. The exchange of ideas and perspectives regarding Rotary, in general, and leadership, specifically, was illuminating and powerful. From that experience as a RLI facilitator, I started really focusing on my own leadership journey as a Rotarian, which continues to this day.

Everyone who wears the Rotary pin proudly is a leader, whether they have an official title or not. The key for those of us who currently serve on the District Leadership Team is to identify potential leaders (including new members!) and provide opportunities for them to learn and grow so they can have an even greater impact than they have today.

A focus on leadership development and opportunities is an important strategic initiative for us, and we have set up an area on the District website to highlight and reinforce its importance. Currently, we have information about the Lone Star Rotary Leadership Institute, for which our District is a member. Much more information about Lone Star RLI and other leadership development opportunities will be coming this month.

While *"Service Above Self"* is our unifying motto and "Create Lasting Impact" is RI President Yinka Babalola's Message this year for all of us, we need to at the same time focus on identifying and cultivate leaders if we're going to maximize the opportunities that we have to serve. Please reach out to me if you have suggestions or feedback about this very important initiative.

Thank you all VERY much!

Yours in Rotary Service,



Jeff Weinrach
2026-27 District 5520 Governor
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PolioPlus Society
KENNEL KLUB

Will you and your loving pet help END POLIO FOREVER?
In cooperation with the Polio Plus Society and
Rotary Zones 26 and 27



DISTRICT 5520 ANNOUNCES ROTARY'S KENNEL KLUB!

Join the Kennel Klub and give the equivalent of at least $10 in treats every month. You and your pet can be a part of Rotary's polio eradicating effort, END POLIO NOW.

Joining the Kennel Klub is a 2-step process:

Make an annual donation ($100 minimum) to PolioPlus
https://my.rotary.org/en/donate

Fill out the Kennel Klub New Member Form here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqooESLnAfH6cO5F9VaKB2KnEILZTkv-DxzqtO-s657CqRFWQ/viewform?usp=send_form

A bandana will be sent to the address indicated in the new member form.

More info can be found on the Kennel Klub webpage
https://www.rotaryppskennelklub.org/join



November is Foundation Month!

November is Foundation Month! First and foremost, we offer our deepest gratitude to all Rotarians in District 5520 for the time you devote to Rotary projects at the club, district, and international levels. Thank you! This month is also an opportunity to celebrate our successes and plan for next year.

This year, 19 clubs in District 5520 are supporting their communities with District Grants totaling more than $55,000. The diversity of these projects reflects the diversity of the District itself. One club is funding local clinics to provide primary, behavioral, and dental care to students through their school health centers. Another club is packing backpacks and discreetly providing them to students, so they won't go hungry over the weekend. A third club is working to improve literacy. A fourth club will sponsor a Special Hearts Prom for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thank you to these 19 clubs and their Rotarians for the support they provide through Rotary's District Grants.

In August, many of District 5520's Rotarians attended the International Project Fair in Juarez, Mexico. The fair brings clubs from Southern Colorado, New Mexico, West Texas, and Northern Mexico together to collaborate on Global Grants. Past Governors Sonny Brown and Boney Mora began the fair over 40 years ago. This year's fair included 20 international projects and received club pledges of $60,000. With District Designated Funds, the total project value will exceed $150,000. Thank you to District 4110 Governor Marina Gonzales, International Service Chair Jonathan Herdandez, the District 4110 organizing team, and all the Rotarians from Districts 4110, 5470, and 5520 for a remarkably successful event.

Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 to help eradicate polio. In 1988, polio caused an estimated 350,000 cases worldwide, leaving many children with lifelong paralysis. In 2025, 52 confirmed cases of wild poliovirus were reported worldwide; circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases are counted separately. Thank you for your contributions to "End Polio Now," and thank you to all our partners in the fight to eradicate polio.

And finally Thank You for your contributions and future contributions to our Rotary programs to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving our environment, and alleviating poverty.

Thank You!
Dick Jones
District 5520 Rotary Foundation Chair


Dick Jones



2027 Ruidoso Bi-District Conference!

Ruidoso, New Mexico

April 16-17, 2027

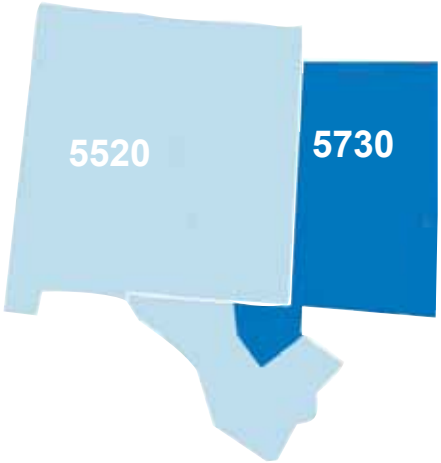
A Bi-District Conference is going to be different!
You won't want to miss this one.



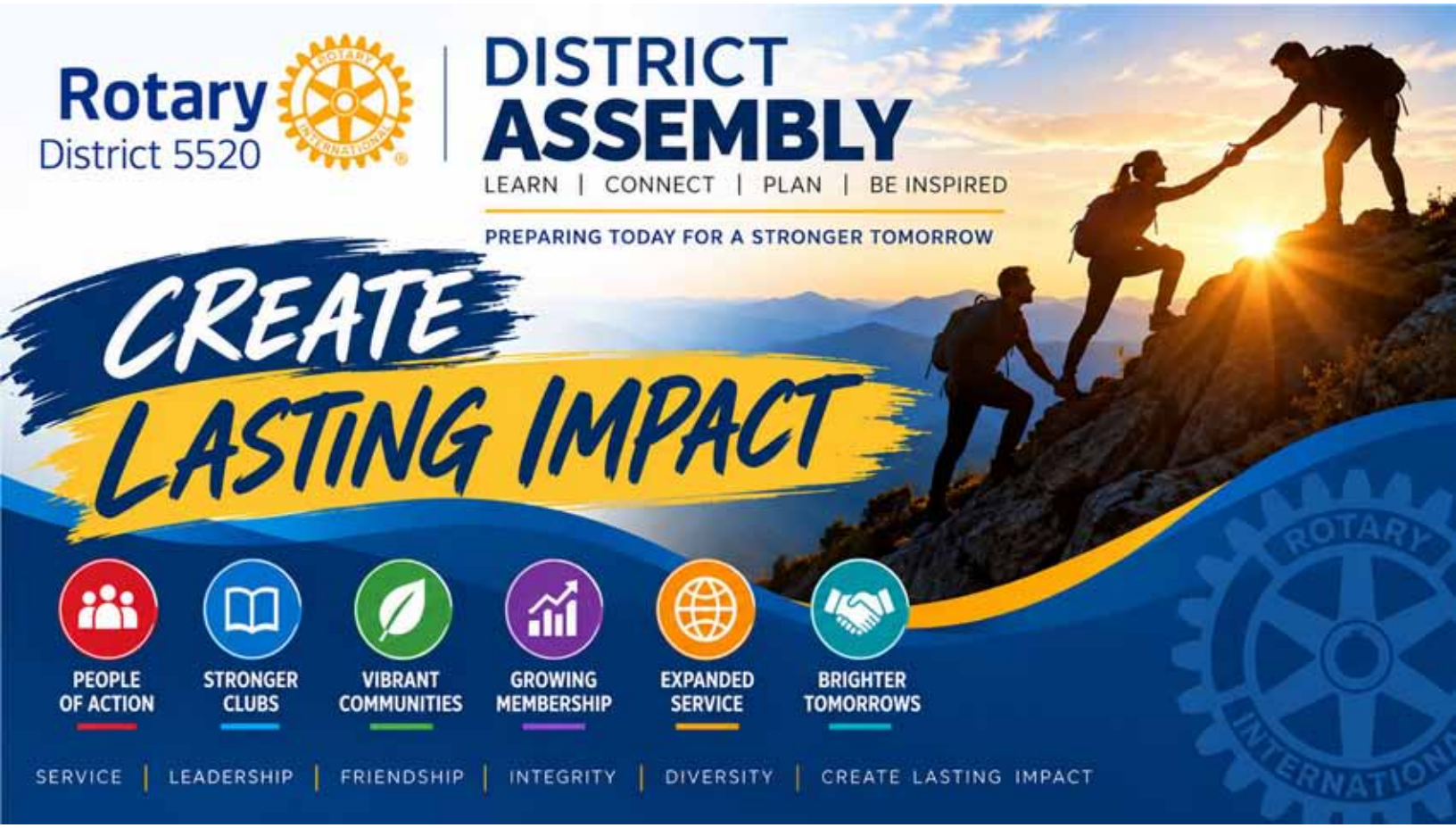
Welcome to our new Friends from

District 5730!

Serving the Texas Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin







Rotary Fall Assembly: Online Training & Leadership Session
Nov. 07, 2026 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Rotary Fall Assembly! This interactive, two-hour virtual training session is designed to support club leaders, committee chairs, and active members with actionable insights, practical tools, and fresh strategies to strengthen your club's impact and operations.

What We'll Cover

Our final agenda is currently being finalized, but topics will include:

- **Public Image & Storytelling: Strategies for enhancing your club's local visibility, writing compelling news features, and effectively sharing your service projects with the community.**
- **Core Operational Tracks: Additional key focus areas under development include The Rotary Foundation, Risk & Crisis Management, Club Operations & Leadership, and more.**

Whether you're looking to elevate your club's public profile or dive deeper into essential leadership skills, this session offers something valuable for everyone.

Full session details, speaker announcements, and breakout track descriptions will be shared prior to the event.

https://rotary5520.org/events/rotary-fall-assembly-online-training-leadership-session/

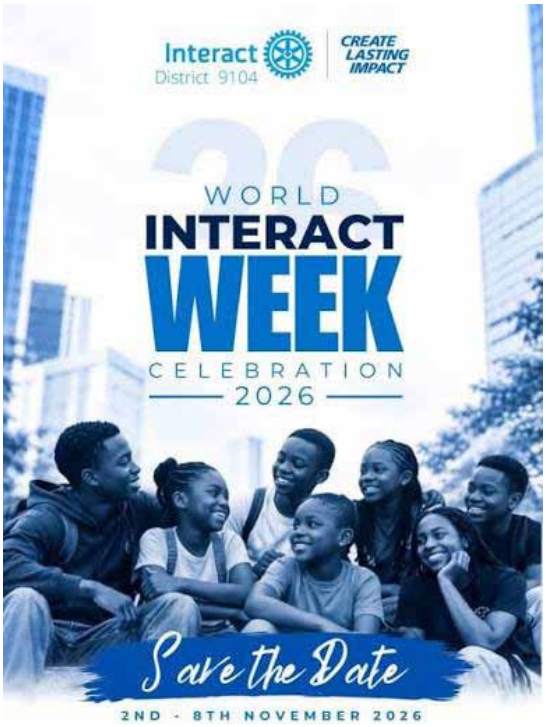
This Rotary year 2026 - 2027, District 5520 started a new set of subcommittees under the Membership Chair Willis Scharmer, buffalofabent@aol.com

New Club Development - Sub Committee Chair
Ron Hensley - ABQ Del Sol
ronhensleyre@ronhensleyre.com 505-238-6335

Membership Attraction - Sub Committee Chair
Linda Woodward - West Club of El Paso
lwoodward6@gmail.com 575-644-6093

Attraction and Engagement - Sub Committee Chair
Jeanine Bearden - El Paso Sunrise Club
Drillpete@gmail.com prefer text: 915-355-2654

The District and each of us hope you will see potential in these divisions and will appoint a member of your club to join one of these sub committees.
We are looking forward to hearing from your club.
Have a safe and happy holiday dear Rotary friends.



WORLD INTERACT WEEK

World Interact Week is celebrated the week of November 5th each year to recognize the first Interact club created in 1962. It is an opportunity to celebrate the energy, leadership, and service of Interact clubs and their members. It recognizes the positive difference young people make in their schools and communities through service projects, fellowship, and international understanding. It is also a time for Rotary clubs and districts to connect with Interactors, recognize their accomplishments, and encourage continued engagement and collaboration.

Here are some examples of activities Interact clubs can do for recognition:

- **Conduct a joint project with a Rotary club.**
- **Plan a literacy day during World Interact Week.**

Invite Interactors to Rotary club meetings and vice versa.

- **Give a presentation about Interact to a Rotary club that does not sponsor an Interact club.**
- **Publicize Interact projects to local media.**
- **Conduct a fundraiser for Rotary's effort to end Polio**
- **Encourage cross-promotion between Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange , RYLA , Rotaract , and other community youth organizations.**
- **Partner with international Interact clubs or those in other Districts nearby**
- **Establish mentoring programs between Rotaractors and Interactors.**
- **Introduce potential members to Interact by inviting them to a meeting or a project.**

Together, we can inspire the next generation of People of Action!

Laura Gonzales, District Governor Elect, Rotary District 5520
(505) 699-5880 Laura.Gonzales.Rotary@gmail.com



Rotary District 5520 | rotary youth exchange

STUDY ABROAD

The Youth Exchange Scholarship

provided by your local Rotary Club







Valued at over $24,000: Room, board, tuition, and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad.

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF...

- Traveling the world?
- Learning about another culture?
- Being fluent in another language?

The Youth Exchange Scholarship for one academic year covers room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend. The student/family pays for airfare, medical insurance, personal and optional expenses.

REGISTER FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION

Students, Teachers, Parents Welcome

Current District Applications will be accepted through November 15th. Interviews will be held in El Paso and in Las Cruces on December 3, 2026.

If you are unable to attend the information meeting and need details, please contact:

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David Mill 1-915-474-4275
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Contact me

lorraine.huit@gmail.com

https://www.studyabroadscholarships.org/

Vacation Invitation You Can't Pass Up!*

How does an all expenses paid, week away, up in the northern New Mexico mountains, prepared meals, activities, good company and the most beautiful sun rises you'll ever see sound to you? How would you like to help develop our future leaders, be a mentor and help equip 80 young men with important life skills? I have the opportunity for you to do both at the same time!

We would like to invite you to consider being a facilitator at the 2027 RYLA Leadership Summit hosted by Rotary District 5520. First step, save the dates on your calendar: Young Men's – July 10-17, 2027 and Young Women's – July 16-23, 2027. Second, attend an upcoming Orientation Session for new facilitators (past facilitators can attend too!) on either of these dates:

- **Thursday, November 5th at 3pm (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82012537911)**
- **Saturday, November 7th at 10am (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82175508828)**

Can't attend either one, but still interested? Just let us know and we can arrange a time to discuss this opportunity.

Your role as a facilitator is simple, you and your co-facilitator will guide 8-10 young men/women (average age of 17) through a week of activities, projects, speakers, reflection and team building. You'll share your experiences, support the participants' understanding of leadership and encourage their full participation throughout the week. For the young men and women who take advantage of the opportunity before them, they will be leave with a greater sense of leadership, understanding of their own skills, and an appreciation for service to the community.

I hope you will consider joining us as a facilitator at the 2027 RYLA Leadership Summit.

*** There will be just a little work involved!**

Sincerely,



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Young Men's RYLA Summit Director
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Jill Cook
Young Women's RYLA Summit Director
Jillcook4910@gmail.com 505-690-4910

Evelyn and I are on two charities board of directors so yesterday at my Del Norte rotary meeting our Folds of Honor chapter presented a check to the Del Norte club for their support and partnership with our 2026 gala. All of are board members attended. Then today at the UNM children's hospital the rotary district 5520 Year of Cheer board brought toys for the children all of our board members attended except for Rachelle Ford (well someone has to work) and Geneva Van Matre our southwest Texas coordinator in El Paso (we will be doing a delivery later in Nov to the El Paso children's hospital). We presented over 300 toys and books today. It's a great day when you can make people smile.

- Fred Bryant



A little paint, a lot of fellowship, and a purpose worth celebrating!

What a wonderful evening at Wednesday's Painting for Polio, hosted at Rotarian and artist Brian McPartlon's Santa Fe studio!

Our Rotarians and guests gathered for an evening of creativity, laughter, and connection—all in support of Rotary's worldwide effort to eradicate polio.



From colorful landscapes to imaginative original creations, the artwork was as unique as the people behind it!

The paintings were destined for auction at today's Rotary Club of Santa Fe meeting, with proceeds benefiting The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus program.

A heartfelt thank-you to Brian McPartlon for opening his studio, to everyone who helped organize the event, and to all our painters for putting their creativity to work for a great cause!

With World Polio Day coming up this Saturday, October 24, we're reminded that even a small gathering in Santa Fe can be part of something extraordinary: a worldwide effort to end polio.

Service Above Self—one brushstroke at a time!

Rotary Club of Santa Fe

QUICK REMINDER - WHY YOU ARE A ROTARIAN!

Launched more than 40 years ago and now more than 15 billion miles from Earth, Voyager 1 drifts through interstellar space — a fading nuclear heartbeat traveling at 38,000 miles per hour. Its instruments are going dark, one by one, as its power slowly runs out.
No repair crew will reach it.
No rescue mission is coming.
And yet, it continues.

Long after our generation is gone, long after Earth itself has changed beyond recognition, Voyager 1 will still be out there — a silent metal time capsule carrying the Golden Record, a collection of sounds, images, and greetings meant for any distant civilization that might someday find it. A message launched into an ocean of stars with no guarantee that anyone will ever hear it.

In Rotary, we do something similar.

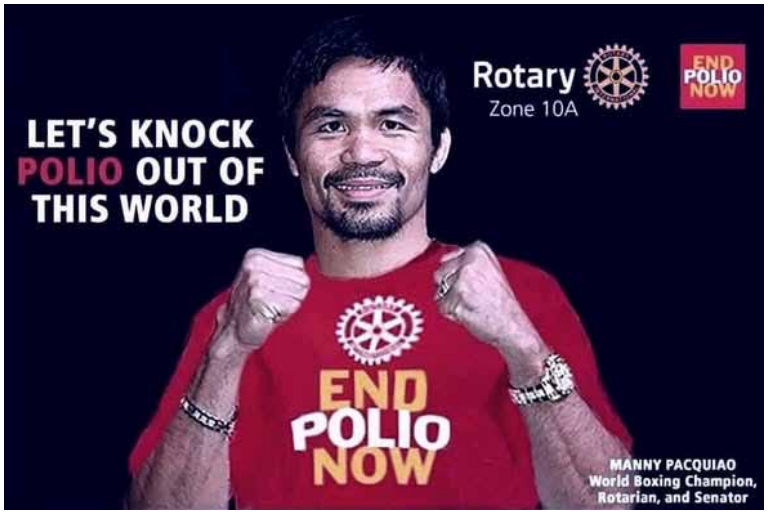
We send hope, service, and compassion into the world with no guarantee of who will receive it, how far it will travel, or what impact it will ultimately make. A clean water well may serve people we will never meet. A scholarship may change a life we'll never hear about. A polio vaccine may protect a child whose name we'll never know.
We act without certainty — but with purpose.
We serve without guarantees — but with conviction.

Because the value of service isn't measured by recognition or immediate results. It's measured by the courage to act, the willingness to care, and the belief that even small efforts can ripple outward in ways we may never see.

Voyager 1 reminds us that even the smallest act, launched with intention, can travel farther than we ever imagine.

And that's why we send our message of hope into the world anyway — because someday someone will hear it.





Year of Cheer!!

Now on Facebook

The purpose of this page is to collaborate together, share ideas, and celebrate the good work of Rotarians across District 5520 as we support children and families in our region.

Like and share as we grow this page and this project together!





https://msgfocus.rotary.org/q/12FVqmUrUALkl1Zw2C4wPDza/wv

Video: Supporting communities through Rotary Community Corps

As Rotary celebrates **Community Economic Development Month** in October, consider how Rotary Community Corps (RCCs) can help create lasting change. RCCs are groups of community members that partner with clubs to identify local priorities, lead service projects, and develop sustainable solutions. By combining local knowledge with Rotary's support and mentorship, RCCs strengthen communities while expanding Rotary's impact and reach.

Watch this Rotary Community Corps video to learn how RCCs foster community engagement, develop local leaders, and support sustainable development.



To Highlight your club's impact on the community!

Click here for FORM

Click here for STORIES

The President, at the Heart of the Club's Life

The President of a Rotary club is first and foremost the guarantor of the club's vitality and dynamism.

They chair the statutory meetings, prepare the agendas with their team, and ensure the quality of discussions and the friendly atmosphere.

They lead and coordinate the work of the club committee, relying on the chairs of the various committees: membership, service projects, communication, Rotary Foundation, youth, etc.

They set the priorities for the year, promote their achievement, and ensure that collectively made decisions are followed through.

The President also represents the club within the district, Rotary International, and with external partners.

They maintain relationships with other Rotary clubs and participate in district events.



Finally, they oversee the welcoming of new members, their integration, and the retention of all members.

Their role is to foster friendship and service, inspire people to act together, and pass on to the next president an active, united club that is open to its community.



RYLA

Hello Club Reps and RYLA supporters!

BROCHURE

I've got 2027 RYLA Brochures available. For a sneak peek, check out the attached zip drive. You might notice a shift in language. The Directors and I have opted to elevate the previously called "Camps" to "Summits." In addition, we will be using the following terms:
participant, facilitator, Young Men's, Young Women's
Though we may affectionately call participants "RYLArians," this will be an informal term used when context is appropriate.

KICKOFF

I hope you can join us for the RYLA Kickoff on November 4, 5:30–7:00 via Zoom. See you there! Check the District webpage or my earlier email to you for registration info.

COMMITMENT FORM

If you'd like to start your RYLA outreach and recruitment, I'm happy to send you some fresh-off-the-press trifolds. Please use the attached form to send your club's commitment and request for brochures to Debbie LeMon, RYLA Foundation Bookkeeper.
https://www.donpowell.biz/DistrictNewsletter/Form_2027.docx

RYLA-IN A BOX

We'll have the RYLA-In a Box ready soon. The RYLA-In a Box will include a timeline, with commitment forms requested by December 1. Early submissions are greatly appreciated!
Sponsorship contributions to the Foundation are accepted anytime and are preferable before January 1.

OTHER RESOURCES

We will also have a folder in Google Drive that you can access for tips, assistance, templates, etc. We are still building it for 2027. Here's a link:
https://www.donpowell.biz/DistrictNewsletter/RYLA_Inside.jpg
https://www.donpowell.biz/DistrictNewsletter/RYLA_Outside.jpg

GETTING TO THE RIGHT PERSON

If this message should go to someone different in your club, please let me know. I'll be updating the RYLA Club Reps list for 2027 as I learn of changes.

Thank you for your personal and club support of this great opportunity for the youth of our District!
As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Summary:
Attend the kickoff: November 4, 5:30–7:00 via Zoom.
Submit the commitment form/request brochures: December 1 target.
Plan sponsorship contributions: preferably before January 1.



Erin Connelly, Rotary District 5520 RYLA Chair
505-660-1825 **econnelly.rotary@outlook.com**



A MILESTONE WORTH CELEBRATING: FRIENDS OF YEAR OF CHEER!

Year of Cheer has opened a new door for giving! We are excited to announce the establishment of Friends of Year of Cheer, a fund within the UNM Foundation supporting children receiving care at UNM Children's Hospital.

What began as a toy drive has grown through the generosity, energy, and heart of Rotarians across District 5520. Now, this fund gives individuals, Rotary clubs, and businesses a direct way to support that work throughout the year.

Toys and gifts remain at the heart of our mission. A stuffed animal to hold close. A game to share. An art kit that gives a teenager something to look forward to. These simple gifts bring comfort, invite play, and give children a welcome break from the demands of being a patient.

Friends of Year of Cheer builds on everything our clubs have helped make possible—and creates an opportunity for more people to take part. Every club that collected toys, every Rotarian who contributed, and every friend who spread the word has helped bring us to this milestone.

Our commitment to children at El Paso Children's Hospital continues, and exploring a similar giving opportunity there is on our agenda.

Help keep the cheer coming! Make a gift, share this opportunity with your club, or invite a business or friend to join in. Contributions can also honor someone special.

Questions? Contact Alice Mehlberg at amehlberg@yahoo.com. or Berdel Boulanger at berdel.boulanger@gmail.com

HELPING CHILDREN BE CHILDREN--EVEN IN THE HOSPITAL.

YEAR OF CHEER
Toy & Gift Wish List

Help children be children-even during a hospital stay.

Birth-5 Years
Little Smiles



- Baby rattles and infant light-up toys
- Paw Patrol, Mickey and Minnie toys
- Baby dolls labeled for toddlers
- Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head sets (ages 2+)
- Candy Land and Chutes and Ladders (ages 3+)
- Simple puzzles with large pieces

Ages 6-12
Fun & Imagination



- Small LEGO sets labeled for ages 6+
- Barbie, Disney and baby dolls
- UNO Attack and Battleship (ages 7+)
- Jewelry-making kits and small art sets
- Puzzles with up to 100 pieces
- Journals and Lip Smacker lip balm
- Hair ties, bows and brushes

Ages 13-18
Teens Need Smiles Too!



- Wireless headphones
- Phone charging cables and wall adapters
- Jewelry-making kits
- Nail care and nail polish kits
- Small art sets and journals
- Hair accessories and brush sets
- Lip Smacker lip balm
- Small LEGO sets labeled for teens
- UNO Attack and Battleship

All gifts should be new and unused.

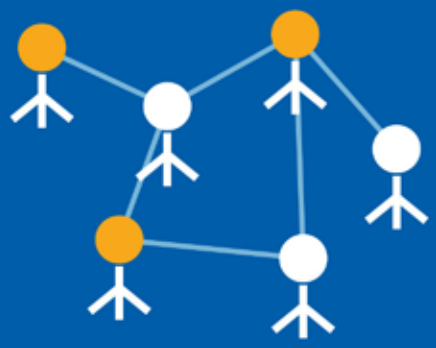

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ROTARIANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE ON AND OFF THE WATER
BOOK EARLY and You Could WIN a Free Cruise!
The first 200 Rotarians to book their Sailing for Service cruise will be entered into a drawing to win one FREE cruise!
We will cover the cost of the cruise at the basic $439 level.
The winner is responsible for all taxes and fees.
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT'S CRUISE CHAIR
Name: Gabriela Eaton and Michelle Brideaux
Email: geaton@tbtc.net / michelle.brideaux @alamogordoschools.org
Phone: 575-415-9553 / 575-442-5792

ROTARY DISTRICT 5520 PRESENTS

RYLA 2027
KICKOFF EVENT

Preparing tomorrow's leaders starts today

FREE EVENT | ZOOM | RECORDING INCLUDED



JOIN THE VIRTUAL KICKOFF

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

5:30-7:00 p.m. Mountain Time | Hosted on Zoom

It is already time to prepare for RYLA 2027! The Directors invite Rotarians, club leaders, and supporters to learn what is ahead and how each club can participate.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- ✓ Plans for RYLA 2027
- ✓ How your club can participate
- ✓ Important dates and next steps
- ✓ Ways to support young leaders

CAN'T ATTEND LIVE?

Register anyway. It is free, and registration ensures you receive a recording of the event.

REGISTER TODAY

Visit the District 5520 webpage. Find the RYLA logo about halfway down the left side of the homepage. Select "RYLA Kickoff" and register.

SCAN TO VISIT

Rotary District 5520 registration webpage

rotary5520.org/webpage

DEVELOPING LEADERS | INSPIRING SERVICE

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards • Service Above Self

Rotary Learning Center app

It's a great time to continue learning. Download the course catalog for Rotary's Learning Center to discover what's new and what's been updated.

Do you prefer to learn on your smartphone? You can take Learning Center courses on our new mobile app, RotaryLearn!

Download Rotary Learning Center from your app store.
Open the app and enter the same username and password you use for My Rotary.
Begin learning.
RotaryLearn replaces the Go.Learn app. If you have any questions, you can refer to the guide to using RotaryLearn or write to learn@rotary.org.

Sincerely,

https://learn.rotary.org/learn

Rotary's Learning and Development staff



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CRUISE CONNECTIONS
MULTI-DISTRICT ROTARY CRUISE
APRIL 10-14, 2028

Business Directory

BUSINESS Spotlight

Oh Yes! IT'S FREE

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support@district915.com
https://www.district915.com
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El Paso,TX 79901

District Frame & Art Co.

Rotary Member:Tina-Marie Hew Len
Rotary Club:Rotary Club of El Paso

District Frame & Art Co. is a locally and veteran-owned custom framing studio and art gallery located in Downtown El Paso's Arts District. We provide custom framing, design consultation, conservation and preservation framing, shadowboxes, canvas stretching, fine-art printing, photo and art restoration, custom mirrors, engraving, delivery and professional installation.

Our gallery showcases original artwork and prints by talented local and regional artists. We also work with businesses, healthcare organizations, hospitality properties, designers and homeowners to create thoughtfully designed art and framing solutions for commercial and residential spaces.

We are proud to support El Paso's creative community while providing personalized service, quality craftsmanship and professional design guidance for every project.

SIGN UP NOW **https://business.rotary5520.org/businesses**





YEAR OF CHEER

NEW MEXICO LIVING SPONSORED CONTENT

‘Rotary Year of Cheer’ works to fill toy shortages at UNM Children’s Hospital throughout the year

by: Allison Giron
Posted: Oct 15, 2026 / 11:18 AM MDT
Updated: Oct 15, 2026 / 03:42 PM MDT



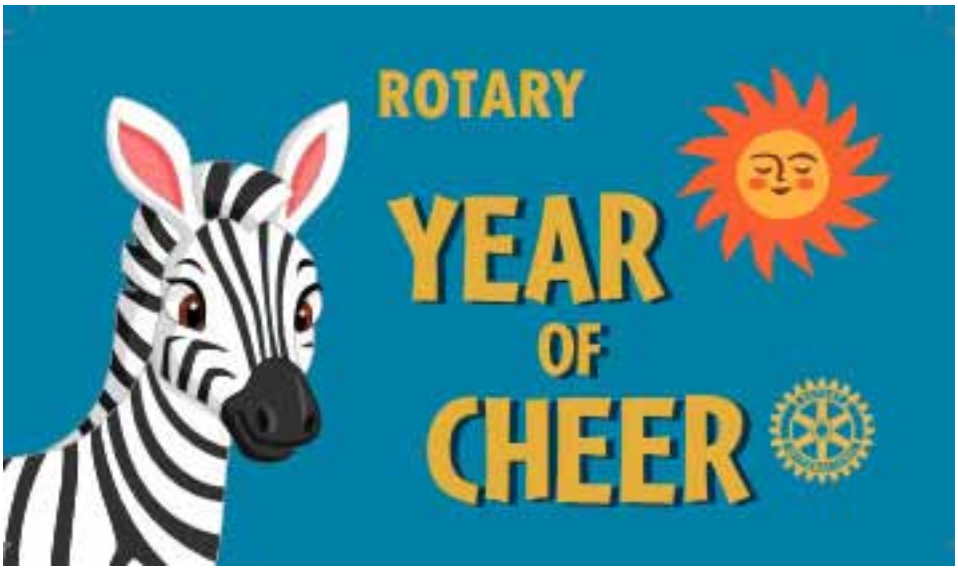
https://www.krqe.com/new-mexico-living/rotary-year-of-cheer-works-to-fill-toy-shortages-at-unm-childrens-hospital-throughout-the-year/







The rotary district 5520 Year of Cheer board of directors (missing two Rachelle ford working and our El Paso southwest coordinator Geneva Van Matre). Presented over 300 toys to UNM Children’s Hospital to help put smiles on children’s faces over the holidays. We plan a trip to El Paso to give the el Peso children’s hospital with Geneva the same amount spreading holiday cheers throughout the district.



UNM CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

El Paso Children’s HOSPITAL

“Reach for the stars — after all, what are stars for if not to be reached?”

HOSPITAL
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF NEW MEXICO
Volunteer Services

HEALTHIER CHILDREN
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

October 26, 2026

Berdel,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your incredible generosity and continued support. It never fails that just when I think we are running low on toys, the Rotary Clubs come through. Out of nowhere, you arrive with hundreds of toys that will bring smiles and joy to so many of our patients.

I feel truly blessed to have crossed paths with such a wonderful group of people. The kindness and happiness you bring to our patients is immeasurable, and the difference you make is felt far beyond the gifts you provide, as I know they are gifts given out of pure love.

Thank you for always being there for us and for your generosity. We are truly fortunate and grateful to have you in our corner!

Warmest regards,

Barbara J. Temer
Director, Volunteer Services
UNM Hospital, Children's Hospital of NM

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KINDNESS CREATES
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS



All District 5520 Rotarians
Business Meeting
Tuesday, December 8th

Good morning, everyone. Hope you are all doing well.

Please find attached the updated budget for review in preparation for the Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 8th. The two items that were incorrect initially were the Youth Exchange Income and Expenses and the District Governor Allocation Expenses.

The meeting will be held by Zoom and will be on Tuesday, December 8th, at 6:00pm Mountain Time, 7:00 Central Time.

Jeff Weinrach, DG 5520 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Rotary District 5520 Business Meeting to approve updated District Budget
Time: Dec 8, 2026 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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