

# DISTRICT 5130 NEWSLETTER

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District 5130

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Most of us are familiar with the reference to the “Twelve Days of Christmas” but did you know about the “Twelve Months of Rotary”? Rotary identifies a theme for each month. December is *Disease Prevention and Treatment Month*. Many of our clubs have projects directly addressing Disease Prevention, but did you know that the joy and happiness you are spreading with your many Rotary Holiday projects and activities brings vibrant health to others? Experiencing joy lowers the risk of disease and makes us all healthier. Happy Holidays! DG Jim O’Grady



## \$750 Grant for Your Club Project!

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 “Governor’s 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 Dereniuk at [rotary5130grants@gmail.com](mailto:rotary5130grants@gmail.com) or call her at 707-337-2871. The deadline for completion is May 31, 2025.

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Districts 5130, 5150, 5160, 5170,  
5180, 5190, 5220, 5230

World Peace  
Conference  
2025

January 24, 25, 26 2025

Rohnert Park, CA

[REGISTER HERE](#)



### Registration/Check-in

Registration table for check in opens at 2 PM on Friday, January 24.



### Saturday Sessions

3 General Sessions with meals and entertainment 8 AM, Noon, and 6:30 PM



### Sunday Sessions

General Session at 8 AM with Focus on Youth



### No-Host Reception

Join fellow Rotarians for a “Meet & Greet” at 5:30 PM on Friday Evening



### Breakout Education

Join in 1 Hour Educational Sessions throughout the day on Saturday



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Join in 1 Hour Educational Sessions on Sunday morning, Focus on Youth



### Friday Evening Dinner

Dinner with Keynote Speakers Barry Rassin and Dean Rohrs at 6:30 PM



### Activities on Saturday

Peace Pole Ceremony at 4 PM; Human Trafficking Trailer open all day



### Wrap-up

Our concluding session will end at 12:00 PM on Sunday



Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

District 5130 has an excellent RYLA Committee helmed enthusiastically by Cassie Pitkin, and Cassie, along with Rotarian George Phelan, spearhead our District Interact Committee – they recently, along with Past-Interact Chair Pat Miller helped bring in a new Interact Club at Cardinal Newman High School in Santa Rosa. And, thanks to Pat Miller and Wulff Reinhold for gaining certification of the Interact Club at Rancho Cotati High School.

These Rotarians, and many of your fellow Rotarians work tirelessly “behind the scenes” to help all of us in *Service Above Self*. Thank you!



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**TAKE ACTION:** [www.rotary5130.org](http://www.rotary5130.org)

[NorCalMentalHealth.Org](http://NorCalMentalHealth.Org) – Mental Awareness

Human Trafficking | Rotary International District 5130



District 5130 is honored to have a vibrant group of Rotarians who tirelessly work with our Youth Exchange Program. Thank you, District Youth Exchange Chair Haider Ajina, Inbound Officer Nancy Dean, Outbound Officer Brian Lovell, District Youth Exchange Chair-Elect Klark Swan, Inbound Counselors' Counselor Paulie Johns, and Newsletter Co-editor Kathy Flamson, for your support.

Also, many thanks to the following for their efforts in making Youth Exchange a dynamic experience for all involved:

- Carlton Nielsen: Training Coordinator and Past District Chair
- Renee Hyde: Short-term Exchange Coordinator and Past Chair
- Mark McGowan: Treasurer, Webmaster, North club Coordinator
- Charlie Kelly: Host Family Coordinator, PDG
- Alicia Cerruti: South District Club Coordinator
- Ted Loring: Outbound Counselor's Counselor
- Claire Ajina: Wellness Coordinator
- Valerie Hulsey: Event Coordinator and Newsletter Publisher
- Christine Shappy Salas: Scribe

## ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE BUILDS PEACE ONE YOUNG PERSON AT A TIME.

Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

## Rotary History in Peace

During World War II, Rotary members looked for ways to create a stable and peaceful world. In 1940, convention delegates adopted a statement, Rotary Amid World Conflict, which emphasized that “where freedom, justice, truth, sanctity of the pledged word, and respect for human rights do not exist, Rotary cannot live nor its ideal prevail.” Walter D. Head, then Rotary International’s president, remarked that there must be a better way to settle international differences than violence and called on Rotarians to find it.

The Rotarian magazine ran essays by authors, politicians, and other well-known figures that encouraged discussion on the topic of peace. Rotary published collections of these essays as “*A World to Live In*” (1942) and “*Peace Is a Process*” (1944). Recognizing that the end of the war didn’t eliminate the need to discuss these topics, Rotary continued the series with “*Peace Demands Action*” in 1947.



### Questions? Contact:

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### Mark your calendars: -

- [Peace Conference](#) Jan. 24,25,26 2025 to be held in Rohnert Park, CA
- [PETS Training](#), March 7-9, 2025 to be held in San Jose, CA
- District Training, April 6, 2025 to be held in Ukiah, CA
- District 5130 Conference, May 2 and 3 to be held in Fortuna, CA
- District 5130 Social in Calgary, Canada, June 22 @ 5:30 Craft Beer Market
- [Rotary International Convention](#), June 21-25 in Calgary, Canada

