

DISTRICT 5130 NEWSLETTER

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District 5130

Building Better
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Dear Rotary World Peace Conference Attendees,

Thank you for joining us this past weekend! Your participation, energy, and commitment to peace made this event truly special. Together, we've taken valuable steps toward building a more peaceful world, and now, you are all peace builders! As you return to your clubs and communities, I encourage you to take the knowledge, inspiration, and connections you've gained and be a catalyst for positive change. Each of you has the power to make a meaningful impact, no matter where you are. By living our Rotary values and sharing the spirit of peace, you can inspire others and help create the world we all strive for. I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you, united in our shared vision for a better, more peaceful future.

With gratitude, *DG Jim*



Magic All Around

2025 Rotary International Convention

21-25 JUNE 2025
CALGARY, CANADA

Register now

HIKE THE ITALIAN DOLOMITES FOR A GREAT CAUSE

JUNE 2025 - SECURE YOUR SPOT!

Join ShelterBox next summer on an unforgettable adventure through Italy's breathtaking alpine trails to help shelter families after disaster. Space is limited. Don't miss out—reserve your place today!

REGISTER



Festival of Brotherhood



March 22nd to April 1st 2025

You are invited to the 24th year of our Rotary Project Fair between Clubs in District 5130 and our Rotarian friends in Mexico's District 4140. Join us for a memorable and inspiring *Festival of Brotherhood* in two beautiful cities, Tlaquepaque and Tepic, in the Guadalajara area. For questions [David Mark-Raymond](#) 707.494.1844

Who is invited? All Rotarians in 5130

Transportation? Oak/SFO to Guadalajara

Cost? Budget* \$2,500-\$3,000 per person

How to Apply? Contact [David](#) 707.494.1844

* 11 Days of Travel – what a bargain!



What Your Club Can Do NOW to Stop Human Trafficking

Fellow Rotarian and Director of the Polly Klaas Foundation, [Raine Howe](#) is an expert in child safety, helping families to find their missing children, and creating safe spaces for children. She has spoken to 13 of our District 5130 Rotary Clubs during this current Rotary Year. She can help your members create a better understanding and sense the urgency in helping to curb Human Trafficking. Raine can share ideas of how Rotarians can help. [Contact her](#) today to be a guest speaker at a club meeting.



Raine Howe

Thought of the Day: "It's not about how much you do, but rather how much love you put into what you do that counts". - Mother Teresa

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



Rotary members jump into action to help Los Angeles wildfire victims

Steering Rotary momentum across a large chunk of the Los Angeles basin is Albert Hernandez, governor of District 5280. By profession, he operates a homeless services nonprofit in Burbank, a city situated between the two big fires that were still burning in late January in the area of the Palisades to the west and the Altadena community to the east. With his work and service missions aligned, he's accustomed to meeting human needs which, he says, fall into two categories: the monetary and "sense of touch, as I call it."

"Monetary contributions allow us to get what we need when we need it," he says, convinced it should be a service priority after witnessing evacuation centers across L.A. turning donations of food and clothing away because there was no storage space.

His district's [fire relief fund](#) has collected \$350,000 as of 23 January. The money will be used to help organizations serve the community, to help Rotary members directly who've lost homes and businesses, and to be part of matching grants for projects dreamed up by clubs to meet needs in their own areas.



Thank You, Rotarians!

Rotary Club of Lakeport knocked it out of the park recently with their Karaoke LA Fire Assistance Fundraiser. They raised \$2,137 at the Lakeport fundraiser!

District Governor Nominee, Jeff Kolin has organized a fun District 5130 Social to be held in Calgary during Rotary's International Convention, on June 22. Sign up!

Thank you Humboldt County Rotarians and Youth Exchange for making the long trip south to Rohnert Park for the Rotary World Peace Conference.



We also had attendees come from our most northern club, Crescent City!

Thanks to Cassie Pitkin for developing the *Interact Quarterly*; visit our [Interact 5130 Facebook Page](#).

Rotarian Fred Ptucha and Veterans For Peace is in the middle of a project, along with local Rotary Clubs, to install a Peace Pole in every school in Sonoma County. They also supported new Peace Poles at Sonoma State and the Double Tree Hotel this past weekend.



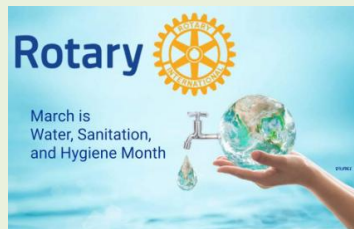
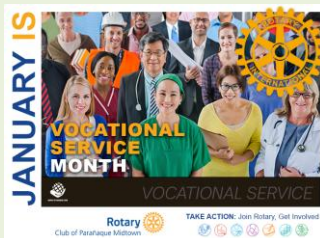
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Mark your calendars: -

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



Peace Pole at DoubleTree Hotel