

DISTRICT 5130 NEWSLETTER

Rotary
District 5130

Building Better
Friendships



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As we step into the month of May, we are reminded of the powerful theme that Rotary International has chosen for this month: **Youth Service**. This focus highlights the critical role young people play in shaping our world and the importance of empowering them to become tomorrow's leaders, innovators, and change-makers. Youth Service is at the heart of Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self. From supporting youth leadership programs and providing scholarships, to engaging young people in hands-on projects that make a difference, we know that the energy, enthusiasm, and fresh perspectives of our younger generation are invaluable assets in our mission of creating lasting change in our communities. As always, thank you for your dedication to Rotary and for your continued commitment to service. Let's work together to inspire and empower the youth who will carry the torch of Rotary into the future.

District Governor, Jim



District 5130 Annual Conference Success!



Thought of the Day: "Over and over I marvel at the blessings of my life: Each year has grown better than the last." Lawrence Welk

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BE SURE TO VISIT: GivingTime.org
NorCalMentalHealth.Org – Mental Awareness
[Human Trafficking](http://HumanTrafficking.org) | Rotary International District 5130



**Governor's Citation
7 Areas of Focus Grant**

**Deadline: May 31, 2025
Go HERE!**



May 17th - Find Out More!
**for our communities
organized by Rotary Clubs**



**"Service Above Self"
Award Winners**
presented at the District
Conference to Ross
Rowley, Len Gerald, Jay
Scooter, and Raine Howe
(not pictured)



**"Distinguished Service
Award"** presented to
Valerie Hulsey and
"Rotarian of the Year"
presented to Haider
Ajina

History: Paul Harris, Part 3

In the fall of 1932, Harris embarked on a five-week tour of European Rotary clubs and planted trees along the way. "Wednesday forenoon I planted my first tree of friendship in European soil. It seemed to me especially appropriate that it took place in Germany — in its metropolis — Berlin. The planting occurred in a sports place formerly devoted to war purposes, and a large number including Rotarians, city officials, and others were in attendance." Later in his tour of Europe, Harris also planted trees in Estonia, Norway, and Sweden.

Planting trees became a hallmark of his travels, including in Australia, Brazil, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand. In "My Road to Rotary," Harris recalled, "With the cooperation of Rotarians and local governments, I have planted friendship trees in the parks and playgrounds on five continents of the world and even on some of the major islands of the seas. Our trees stood as symbols of international understanding and good-will."



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Mark your calendars: -

- Epic Day of Service, May 17, 2025: [EPIC Day of Service](#)
- Governor's Citation 7 Areas of Focus Grant, **DUE**: May 31, 2025 – [Go Here to Complete](#)
- [RYLA District 5130](#), June 8 – 13, 2025
- District 5130 Social in Calgary, Canada, June 22 @ 5:30
- [Rotary International Convention](#), June 21-25 in Calgary

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