

DISTRICT 5130

NEWSLETTER



Building Better
Friendships



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As I reflect on my year as District Governor for Rotary District 5130, I'm filled with pride, gratitude, and admiration for the remarkable work our clubs and members have done. This has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life—a chance to see Rotary's spirit in action, from our smallest communities to our largest initiatives.

Throughout the year, I witnessed Rotary's core values—Service Above Self, integrity, fellowship, and leadership—coming to life in powerful ways. Our clubs addressed local challenges with innovation and compassion, from tackling food insecurity and homelessness to supporting youth programs and sustainability efforts. Each project reminded me that real change often starts with small, dedicated acts of service.

When wildfires hit Northern California, many clubs quickly mobilized to provide emergency relief. It was inspiring to see our network spring into action—demonstrating that Rotary is not just a service organization, but a resilient community lifeline.

A highlight of the year was hosting the Rotary District 5130 Peace Conference in Rohnert Park. It was an incredible gathering of Rotarians, peacebuilders, and community leaders, exploring peace not just as the absence of conflict, but as the presence of justice and opportunity. The energy, ideas, and partnerships from this event will continue to inspire our work for years to come.

Our district also took a proactive stance on the growing crisis of human trafficking. Through awareness campaigns, public forums, and partnerships with law enforcement and advocacy groups, we shone a light on this hidden issue and helped protect the vulnerable. This effort was a powerful reminder of Rotary's ability to tackle tough challenges with integrity and purpose.

Throughout the year, I had the privilege of visiting clubs across the district. Whether at pancake breakfasts, youth-led fundraisers, or community forums, I was consistently amazed by the creativity and commitment of our members.

Youth and leadership development were key focuses this year. Our Interact and Rotaract clubs thrived, creating meaningful partnerships and launching impactful projects. I was especially moved by the energy and leadership displayed at our Youth Exchange events and current RYLA leadership camp. The next generation of Rotary is already making a difference.

Along with Mental Health, Environmental sustainability was another major focus. Many clubs initiated projects aimed at conservation and climate action—tree plantings, creek clean-ups, and educational workshops that brought our environmental commitment to life. I also see Vocational Service blossoming throughout our District 5130.

The District Conference was another unforgettable highlight. It was a celebration of our collective accomplishments and an opportunity to reconnect and recommit to our mission. The energy in the room was electric, and the spirit of camaraderie reminded me of what makes Rotary so special. A huge thanks to our host clubs in Fortuna!

As I close this chapter, I want to express my deepest appreciation for every club president, committee chair, new member, and long-time Rotarian. Your efforts—large and small—made a lasting impact across our district and beyond.

Leadership in Rotary is about empowering others and creating space for collective action. I leave this role filled with gratitude and optimism for the future of District 5130. The momentum we've built together will continue, carried forward by our incredible members who bring Rotary's vision to life every day.

Thank you for the honor of serving alongside you. Here's to the ongoing journey of service, fellowship, and making a difference—together. — *District Governor Jim*



Thought of the Day: "Rotary Service is like an accordion—its beauty lies not in perfection, but in the courage to play it with heart." *DG Jim*

Photo: Rotary Music Festival, Ontario Can. 1954



June is Rotary Fellowship Month

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians who share common interests or vocations, fostering fellowship and collaboration. June is a time to celebrate these groups and their activities. Join one today! Go [here](#) for information and to find a [Rotary Fellowship](#) that will be fun to join. You can even start your own Rotary Fellowship!



Visit: www.rotary5130.org
GivingTime.org
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The 2025 Rotary Council on Legislation met in Chicago, Illinois, from April 13-17. It was a gathering of representatives from Rotary districts worldwide, where they discussed and voted on proposed changes to Rotary International's governing documents. This triennial event, where Rotarians debate and vote on proposed enactments, is a key mechanism for Rotary to adapt and evolve. Thank you, *PDG Kathy Flamson* for being 5130 Representative. Here's a more detailed look:

Purpose: The Council on Legislation (COL) is the primary body within Rotary International that amends its constitution. It provides a platform for Rotarians to propose and vote on changes to the organization's rules and procedures.

Frequency: The COL meets every three years.

Process: Proposed enactments, submitted by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and other authorized bodies, are considered by the Council. These proposals can cover various topics, including club administration, membership, governance, finances, and The Rotary Foundation.

Key Decisions: The 2025 COL approved a dues increase and allowed clubs to be chartered with fewer members. They also discussed and voted on other proposals related to financial transparency, governance models, and terminology updates.

Influence: The decisions made at the Council on Legislation have a direct impact on how Rotary International operates and functions.

Future: The next COL will be in 2028, and Rotarians can begin proposing enactments for that session after the 2025 convention.

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Mark your calendars: -

- District 5130 Social in Calgary, Canada, June 22 @ 5:30
- [Rotary International Convention](#), June 21-25 in Calgary
- District Foundation Events: Nov 2 (South), Nov 8 (North)

Congratulations to Rotary Club of Kelseyville and their Interact Club for installing Lake County's first ever **Peace Pole** at Kelseyville High School. Here is a simple, low cost, project with a lasting effect your club can engage in.



Congratulations, Maureen!



**Congratulations to our
Newest District 5130 Club:**

**Rotary Satellite Club of Clearlake
- South Lake County**

District 5130 Crisis Management



Tragedy and crisis can strike at any time. Many types of events could cause a situation that would place a Rotary Club officer or board member, an entire club, the District Governor, or other Rotarians in a situation that requires their utmost and immediate attention. [Find out more](#) about this important new team within District 513

Rotary's 2 Official Mottos

At Rotary's second convention in 1911, held in Portland, Oregon, *He Profits Most Who Serves Best* was adopted as a motto. The phrase was inspired by a speech given by Arthur Frederick Sheldon at the first convention in Chicago, where he stated that "business is the science of human services" and that true profit comes from serving others well.

During the same Portland convention, the idea for *Service Above Self* emerged during a river outing. Ben Collins, president of the Minneapolis Rotary Club, shared his club's guiding principle—*Service, Not Self*—with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham and Rotary founder Paul Harris. Harris encouraged Collins to present it to the convention, where it was warmly received.

In 1950, both phrases—*He Profits Most Who Serves Best* and *Service Above Self*—were officially adopted as Rotary mottos. In 1989, *Service Above Self* was established as the principal motto. The original motto was later updated to *They Profit Most Who Serve Best* in 2004 and to its current form, *One Profits Most Who Serves Best*, in 2010.



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