

May #UtahRotary Newsletter

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District 5420 Newsletter - May 2025



This June, join 54+ Utah Rotarians in Calgary for an incredible experience.



Hello Rotarians,

In my view, attending a Rotary International Convention gives you a clear understanding of what Rotary is all about. The connections I've made with Rotary Family around the world have been outstanding. When Rotarians come together in a large gathering and focus on doing good in the world, the energy and enthusiasm is palpable and undeniable.

Attending a Rotary International Convention comes with a wide range of benefits, whether you're a long-time Rotarian or new to the organization.

- **Global Networking:** Meet Rotarians from around the world, build friendships, and develop partnerships for service projects.
- **Inspiration & Motivation:** Hear from world class speakers, humanitarian leaders and changemakers, sparking new ideas for your own club's projects.
- **Learning & Development:** Attend breakout sessions and workshops on topics like leadership, fundraising, public image, membership growth and project management.
- **Showcase Projects:** Share your club's work and learn how others are addressing global challenges like clean water, disease prevention, education and economic development.
- **Cultural Exchange:** Experience the host city's culture through special events, tours and entertainment.

- **Personal Growth:** Leave the convention energized and with renewed purpose to serve.

This year the International Convention is in Calgary, Canada, from Saturday, June 21 to Wednesday, June 25. So far 54 Rotarians from #UtahRotary have registered already.

It's not too late to join us for this incredible experience. Everything you need to know about Calgary 2025 can be found at www.rotarycalgary2025.org

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All Clubs
GALA



Saturday, May 10 - 6 pm

Miller Event Center at Salt Lake Community College

9750 South 300 West, Sandy, Utah

\$49.99 per person

Agenda

- A brief overview of Rotary's efforts to bring more peace to the planet presented by Governor Todd Boyer, who has just returned from the Rotary International Peace Conference in Istanbul, Turkey.
- Presentation to exceptional Rotarians who are making a difference - more than 200 Paul Harris Fellows.

Dining Menu

- Indulge in an evening of gastronomic delight! Enjoy a succulent buffet of Prime Rib with all the trimmings, including parsley potatoes, gluten-free chicken, baby glazed carrots, fresh salad, rolls, dessert, water, and lemonade—all catered by the renowned Midvale Mining Restaurant.
- For vegans, vegetarians, and those requiring gluten-free meals, the scrumptious buffet will offer vegan and vegetarian lasagna or gluten-free chicken.



Music by the Fuse

Rotarian Maura Hanrahan's band - The Fuse - will be performing! Maura is the current President of the **Park City Twilight Rotary Club**.

[Check them out!](#)

How to Register for the All Clubs Gala

#UtahRotary is switching to a less expensive payment system that will reduce processing fees by more than half!

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

11. Type the district number **5420**
12. Type in your email address - the same as on file in DACdb

Seating is limited so register today.

International Service in our District

Is your club planning an International Service project?



Which of the following is your club going to do?

- Fund a small international project?
- Help another club fund a small international project?
- Apply for a Global Grant (GG), getting District Designated Funds (DDF) and a match from the World Fund of The Rotary Foundation (TRF)?
- Help another club which is sponsoring a GG?

How to find an international project?

- Decide in which country you want to serve. Does a club member know a country they want to help? That club member could be the champion of the project. Let the champion investigate and **choose the project!**
- Go to Rotary.org. In the My Rotary section. Enter the city and country. Email several of the clubs to see which will respond and what projects they have with which they would like help. **Choose one!**
- Go to the Calgary RI Convention June 23-25 and investigate project booths from all over the world in the House of Friendship. **Choose a project!**
- While traveling internationally, arrange to visit clubs. Ask them about their projects. **Choose one!**
- Help another #UtahRotary club with their small project or GG, and then go with them to visit the project. Ask Rotary clubs while there what other projects they plan to do. **Choose a project!**
- Go to a Rotary Project Fair, in country or virtual. <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-ideas/project-fairs> **Choose a project!**

I recommend clubs **do a small, test project with an in-country, host Rotary club before doing a larger Global Grant (GG) project.** It is important to verify that the host club communicates well and does what they say they will do, before getting into a big project. I even like to visit them, and get to know personally the champion (the primary contact) who will do most of the heavy lifting.

If your club wants advice about developing an International Service project, please contact District International Service Chair Jerry Summerhays at SummerhaysGS@gmail.com.

Murray Rotary Club's annual International Service Safari!

Twenty-five Murray Rotarians and friends went on their annual International Service Safari this spring. They traveled to Arequipa, Peru, to see the impact of their support for the Hogar [San Jose Benito Cottolengo](#).

This excellent nonprofit facility is maintained through the generosity of local businesses including the mining industry. Staffed by ten nuns, the Home cares for 35 special needs children who have different physical and mental illnesses.



Murray Rotary, with assistance from the **Utah Rotary District** and the **Bountiful, West Jordan**, and **Hispano-Latino Rotary Clubs**, purchased \$19,000 worth of essential medical and rehabilitation equipment.

The travelers also provided personal gifts for each patient and caregiver. The 103-year-old **Lima Rotary Club** supervised the project from assessment to delivery.

Jim Wilcox, Murray Rotary Community Service Projects Coordinator
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Our world is full of projects that *change* the world.

Did you know \$32 can buy a chicken and feed a family for a week? The lady who started this project pictured above thought she couldn't do much. Yet, she was wrong. There are hundreds of families in isolated northern Guatemala who will tell you so. They benefited from her efforts!

What does it take to change the world? A chicken, a goat, a cow?

I think it's something much different - It's a desire to do something good followed by *action*. That's when the impossible becomes possible.

Next Rotary year we will be talking about what one individual can do to make this world a better place. Think of your own story. What has changed you for the good? How has someone else helped you? How can *you* help someone?

Bruce Powell
District Foundation Chair



Join the Rotary Club of Pursat on a trip of a lifetime!



Rotarian Trip to Cambodia



Rotarian Journey into Cambodia

Two Trips:

2025: Sat. Nov 8th to Mon. Nov 17th

2026: Sat. Jan 10th to Mon. Jan 19th

Participate from only USD \$995/pp

For more information about this Service Trip to Cambodia contact Paul Stringham,
Salt Lake City Rotary Club, (801) 556-1816 pbstringham@gmail.com

Rotary Peace Fellows activities in the District

Peace Fellowships. Do you know a non-Rotarian whose work would benefit from advanced training in peace and conflict resolution? Kris Swanson, District 5420 Peace Chair, is available to answer questions and assist with the application process to become a Rotary Peace Fellow. The deadline is May 15.

Special Peace Committee Meeting is Thursday May 22 at 7pm. Meet Utah Peace Fellow Elizabeth Gamarra and learn about the amazing work she has been doing for the past few years. Her inspirational journey and the impact she makes is worth learning about. We will also introduce how to become a Peacebuilder Club. The zoom link to join this meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9703093353?omn=84037766346>

Become a Peacebuilder Club. Schedule a “Three Keys to Having Personal Peace” presentation with District Peace Chair Kris Swanson at your club. She will discuss three ways to build peace in your own life, your club, your community and beyond. This presentation is excellent preparation for anyone interested in the upcoming **Empowering Peacebuilders** program.

Kris Swanson, District Peace Chair
kris@kristinaswanson.com



Peace is Possible
One community at a time



#Utah Rotary's after-school project for the people of Halchita needs more support.

The small southeastern Utah community of Halchita is a town without jobs. Every working adult must travel a great distance for employment, so children are frequently left alone late into the evening. Prior to October 2022, Halchita had no safe spaces for learning and support.

In 2022, #UtahRotary clubs collaborated with the **San Juan Foundation** to transform an empty building into the Halchita Community

Center. The facility has a library, kitchen, food bank, computer lab and houses the Halchita after-school program where students can learn, play and connect.

More financial help is needed to keep the after-school program running. Please make a donation – large or small - to the San Juan Foundation, PO Box 814, Blanding, Utah 84511 or click [here](#) for the donation page on the website.

[Linda Sappington, District Governor 2020-2021](#)

Additional Items of Considerable Interest





SCAN ME

Register Here!

The Brigham City Greatest Wild Bird event will be held Friday, May 9 at noon to Saturday, May 10 at noon.

Participants identify as many bird species as they can in Box Elder County during that time. Prizes are awarded for the number of species identified and for the best photos.

Each year the Brigham City Rotary Club holds this event to celebrate the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge and raise money for beginning readers in the Box Elder School district. Last year the club donated \$9,530 to the Box Elder Education Foundation to buy a book for every beginning reader in Box Elder County.

- The club will hold a talk on identifying bird species on Friday, May 9 at 4 pm at the Bear River Bird Refuge Visitor Center.
- A closing ice cream social will be held at pm Saturday, May 10.

To sign up, scan the QR code.

Randy Christensen, President, Rotary Club of Brigham City

INTERNATIONAL ROTARY RECOGNITION EVENT

WELCOME

YEREVAN, ARMENIAN
ROTARY CLUB
FRIENDS TO UTAH!

Springville and Spanish Fork Rotary Club invite you to join us for an exciting and entertaining evening and BBQ. Please bring your spouse or partner to this wonderful event. Cost is \$15 per person.



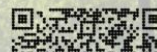
JUNE 4, 2025
AT 6:30PM



ROTARY PARK, HOBBLE CREEK
CANYON SPRINGVILLE, UT 84663

Directions: Right Fork Hobbie Road & S left Fork Hobbie Creek Canyon Rd.,
Rotary Park is right next to the Hobbie Creek Golf Course

PLEASE RSVP



This year's RYLA will be held Monday, June 9 - Thursday, June 12 at Wasatch Academy in Mount Pleasant, Utah.

There is still time to get students registered for RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - a 4-day camp for high school students where they will learn valuable life skills and make life-long friendships.

It's a great way to start summer vacation. If your club needs financial assistance for a student you would like to sponsor, there are clubs that may be able to assist. Don't let that stop you from getting applications in.



Here is the QR code for applications.



Youth Exchange students sample the best tasting treats ever.

In April the **St. George Sunrise Rotary Club** hosted our Youth Exchange students for a fun weekend at Zion National Park and the Washington County Fair and Rodeo.

They loved the good old-fashioned American carnival where they were treated to plenty of traditional fried fair food.



Celebrate with us - Rotary Youth Exchange turns 50!

Fifty years ago Rotary Youth Exchange became an official program of Rotary International. Check out the video to learn how teens experience a Rotary Youth Exchange opportunity.. Just click to see the [YouTube version of the video](#) Show it at your club's next meeting, on your website and on your social media channels. Captions are available in your preferred language.

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The Club Hub

Get ideas, support other clubs! Send your service projects & fundraisers to Newsletter Editor [Lola Beatlebrox](#) for this monthly section of the newsletter.

Got news, items, ideas, changes for utahrotary.org?

Peter Cardon, District Governor Elect-Elect, is currently the Webmaster for the #UtahRotary website. He can be contacted at petercardon@gmail.com



Ten **Utah Valley University Rotaractors** and four students from Osh Technological University in the Kyrgyz Republic, spoke in support and service of mountain women at the 69th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York City. They co-hosted a parallel event on March 10 and contributed to a side event hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Kyrgyz Republic to the United Nations on March 11. Louyoko Nianza, president of the UVU Rotaract Club, discussed Rotaractors' service in Utah County communities. Mike Rich, president of the **Orem-Lindon Rotary Club**, highlighted their successful partnership with Rotaractors both in implementing service projects and mentoring each other.



The **St. George Rotary Club** kicked off another busy month with the induction of St. George City Councilwoman Natalie Larsen - our 15th new member since July 1, 2024 – at a 5th Monday “service above self” project at the Utah Food Bank. In April, we also enjoyed a surprise visit from U.S. Congresswoman Celeste Maloy, a former member of St. George Rotary, in town on business; updated our club logo and bylaws; and awarded cash prizes to four intermediate school student winners of SGR’s annual 4-Way Test Essay Contest, all while “rotating” – for 3 consecutive weeks – after being bumped from our home site!



Now that we are fully recovered from our Cocoa Shack and Train Rides for the community in December, the **Layton Rotary Club** is collecting and sorting food for Open Doors, a family support center in Layton, and preparing for the Youth Day of Service event.

Here, we'll have activities for youth, such as coat and book collections and making projects for first responders to thank them at scheduled events later in the year.

We're also excited to announce that we have three new members: Danny and Tami Hernandez, and Andrew Hasser! We're active and growing here in Layton.



The **Bountiful High School Interact Club** and **Bountiful Rotarians** helped stuff 1,180 eggs for the Bountiful Food Pantry.

They created 59 bags of 20 eggs! About 30 kids helped out! The food pantry was so grateful! We love how many kids are involved in Interact this year! Great kids doing great service!!



On April 2nd the **Sandy Rotary Club** helped sponsor the Canyons School District Book Blitz. Nineteen of Canyons School District's 28 elementary schools participated in the Book Blitz involving approximately 700 students in grades 4–5.

The Book Blitz is a district-led, Rotary and school-sponsored, and PTA-supported learning opportunity that fosters a love of reading through teamwork and spirited competition. We contributed \$3K to this event.



With no clouds in the sky and a nice cool breeze to ward off the spring sun, the **Hurricane Valley Rotary Club Easter Car Show** was a wonderful day for the thousands of visitors, vendors, and car owners. This year's main cause was Youth Mental Health, for which a major portion of the show's proceeds will be used. Nearly 300 cars, trucks, vans, and motorcycles were on display for the enjoyment of the 10,000+ people at the show. The planning and execution of the event was an excellent example of club members leading important functions and selflessly working.

At Recycle Utah and **Park City Sunrise Rotary's** jointly produced Hazardous Materials collection day, hundreds of Park City residents dropped off paint, motor oil, e-waste, prescription pills, mattresses, batteries, and light bulbs to keep toxic chemicals and heavy metals out of county landfills. More than 40 Sunrise Rotarians directed traffic and staffed the stations. Hazardous Waste Day is a free event that Parkites wait for eagerly because it's well-organized and extremely convenient. In fact, 410 cars "donated" HazMat and then donated a total of \$2,440.89 to support the event.



On April 12th, the **Millcreek Rotary Club** got their hands dirty (in the best way!) at a tree planting event. We teamed up with the energetic City Academy Cheer Squad, Interactors, Delta Airlines, and the Salt Lake Rotary Club. Together, we planted Horse Chestnut trees—known for their big leafy branches and beautiful blooms. These trees are perfect for Salt Lake's climate and will bring shade, beauty, and fresh air to our community for years to come! Tree planting isn't just about digging in the dirt—it's about investing in a healthier planet. Trees clean our air and water, fight climate change, and create homes for local wildlife.



The [Rotary Club of Orem-Lindon](#) proudly presented a \$2,000 donation to the Orem City Council for the City Foundation at the April 8th city council meeting. This contribution will directly support the upcoming Gold Star Memorial Project and Freedom Plaza, a significant endeavor planned for the grounds of the new City Hall. This project will honor the Gold Star families within our community who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Club President Mike Rich briefly spoke of the Rotary Club's ongoing commitment to serving the city. Rotarian and former council member Debby Lauret shared her thoughts on this meaningful gift.



"In 1954 the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah was wrongfully subject to the Termination Act and lost their federal recognition," Cultural Resource Manager Autumn Gillard told members of the [Washington City Rotary Club](#).

"It wasn't until 1980 that the Tribe's federal recognition and federal trust responsibility were restored by an act of Congress."

Federally recognized tribes possess certain inherent rights of self-government, can have their reservation lands placed in trust, and have access to federal services.

Autumn works to inform and educate the general public about the history and rich cultural significance of the Tribe throughout southwest Utah. PITU is comprised of five constituent bands: Cedar, Indian Peaks, Kanosh, Koosharem, and Shivwits with reservation land located in Iron, Millard, Sevier, and Washington counties.



The [Murray Rotary Club](#) conducted a wildly successful food drive for the Murray Children's Pantry during the first portion of March -- 90 collection boxes were placed in the community with two high school Interact Clubs participating, 41 businesses, and several neighborhoods all part of the collection efforts. The pantry had so much food, an extra storage building was needed temporarily. The goal of \$10,000 worth of food/cash was far surpassed

with \$15,000 of food/cash collected so far and more collections due to be received in the week ahead. The small pantry has--unfortunately--a growing clientele as evidenced by the length of the distribution line. Remember—children did not choose their circumstances.

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Save the Dates

May 2025

May 10. All Club's Gala - Saturday from 6 - 10 pm @ Karen Gail Miller Conference Center, 9750 South 300 West, Sandy, Utah

May 31. 10 am - 2 pm. District Assembly Training North, 181 East 5600 South, Murray, Utah

June 2025

June 7. 10 am - 2 pm. District Assembly Training South. St. George, Utah. Location TBD

June 14. 11:30 am. District Governor Leonelli's Installation, Hilton Garden Inn, Sandy, Utah

June 21-25 International Convention in Calgary, Canada

September 2025

Sept. 18-20, 2025 District Conference in St. George

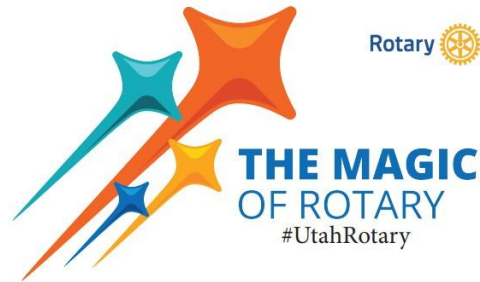
Link to the District Calendar at utahrotary.org

Club Meeting Times - Enjoy visiting while you're traveling this spring and summer.

Club Time	Location
Blanding	Tues, 11:30 am Rotary Pioneer Park across from the Monticello Post Office
Bountiful	Thur, 12:00 pm Joy Luck 566 West 1350 South, Woods Cross
Brigham City	Tues, 12:00 pm Maple Springs 1040 Medical Drive, Brigham City
Cache Valley Morning	Tues, 7:30 am 1760 North 200 East Ste. 100, North Logan
Cedar City	Tues, 12:15 pm SW Tech College 757 West 800 South
Centerville/Farming.	Thur, 6:45 am City Hall 250 North Main Street, Centerville
Farmington	Tues, 12:00 pm Community Arts Center 120 South Main, Farmington
E-Club	Wed, 7:30 pm ZOOM
Heber Valley	Wed, 12:00 pm Police Dept 301 South Main Street, Heber
Hispano/Latino	Thur, 6:30 pm Salt Lake County 2001 State Street, SLC
Holladay	Wed, 6:30 pm Cottonwood Country Club 1780 E Lakewood Dr, Holladay
Hurricane	Mon, 12:00 pm Hurricane City 63 South 100 West, Hurricane
Kaysville	Wed, 7:30 am Davis Tech College 550 East 300 South
Layton	Wed, 12:00 pm IHC Hospital 201 W Layton Prkwy Viking room, 2 nd floor
Lehi	Wed, 12:00 pm Chuck-A-Rama 1050 East Main Street, Lehi
Logan	Thur, 12:00 pm Logan Country Club 710 North 1500 East, Logan
Midvalley	Wed, 7:00 pm 1 Source Business Solutions 6966 Commerce Park Dr.
Millcreek	Thur, 5:30 pm Millcreek Common 1354 E Chamber Ave, Millcreek
Moab	Mon, 12:00 pm Bierschied Bldg 301 South 400 East, basement
Monticello	Tues, 11:30 am Rotary Pioneer Park across from the Monticello Post Office
Multicultural	Wed, 7:00 pm Bingham Creek Library 4834 West 9000 South, West Jordan
Murray	Mon, 12:00 pm Golden Corral 665 East 7200 South, Midvale
Ogden	Wed, 12:00 pm Eccles Conf Center 2415 Washington Blvd, Ogden
Orem/Lindon	Wed, 12:15 pm Golden Corral 225 W University Pkwy, Orem
Park City Sunrise	Thur, 7:15 am O'Shucks Bar & Grill 9189 Gorgpza Pines Rd, Park City
Park City	Tues, 12:15 pm Double Tree 1800 Park Ave, Park City
Park City Twilight	Wed, 6:30 pm Lush's BBQ 7182 Silver Creek Road, Park City
Provo	Thur, 12:00 pm Riverside Country Club 2701 N University Ave, Provo
Richfield	Mon, 12:00 pm Snow College Admin Bldg 800 West 200 South, Richfield
Roosevelt	Thur, 12:00 pm Uintah Basin Tech College 1100 E Lagoon Street, Roosevelt
Salt Lake City	Tues, 12:00 pm The Other Side Academy 667 East 100 South, SLC
Sandy	Wed, 12:15 pm 9361 South 300 East, Sandy
South Jordan	Wed, 7:30 am 90 Alvion Village Way

South Valley	Thur, 12:00 pm
Spanish Fork	Tues, 12:00 pm
Springville	Wed, 7:00 pm
St. George	Mon, 12:00 pm
St. George Sunrise	Thur, 7:00 am
Sugarhouse	Thur, 12:00 pm
Tooele Valley	Mon, 12:30 pm
Valley West	Wed, 12:00 pm
So. Utah Veterans	Thurs, 6:00 pm
Washington City	Tues, 12:30 pm

Chubby's Café | 1276 West 12600 South, Riverton
 Macey's | 187 East 1000 North, Spanish Fork
 Hobble Creek Canyon
 Abbey Inn | 1129 South Bluff Street, St. George
 Holiday Inn | 1808 Crosby Way, St. George
 Forest Dale Golf Course | 2375 South 900 East, SLC
 Technical College | 88 South Tooele Blvd, 2nd floor
 Online
 Elks Lodge | 630 West 1250 North, St. George
 West Jordan City Hall | 8000 South Redwood Rd #331



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