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District 5420 Newsletter - June 2025





What an incredible Rotary year we've had!

Hello Rotarians,

Thanks to your dedication and the leadership of your club presidents, #UtahRotary has truly distinguished itself as one of the premier Rotary Districts in the world. As we enter the final weeks of the 2024-25 Rotary year, I'm thrilled to share some of the remarkable achievements we've accomplished together.

President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS). In February, 43 out of 45 Rotary presidents attended High Country PETS—marking the highest in-person attendance rate at a Presidents-Elect Training Seminar in many years! This event masterfully blended learning with fellowship, setting the tone for a fantastic year.

Membership. At PETS, our club presidents enthusiastically embraced the 2025 by 2025 Membership Challenge Campaign. This ambitious goal seeks to grow our membership to 2,025 members by June 15, 2025. As of now, our District has already welcomed 60 new members! If we maintain this trajectory, it will be the largest single-year membership growth since 2015 — an outstanding milestone!

2025 by 2025 Membership Challenge. A total of 284 Rotarians across the District have committed to the challenge of bringing one new member into Rotary by June 20, 2025. This collective effort demonstrates the power of teamwork and dedication within #UtahRotary.

District Assembly. This year's District Assembly drew 196 Rotarian leaders from 42 of Utah's 45 Rotary clubs — an attendance record in the history of our District! This gathering of passionate leaders showcases the strength and unity of #UtahRotary.

Presidents & Governor's Induction. Our Rotary District Governor induction celebration was nothing short of spectacular! With 30 presidents in attendance and 38 clubs represented, the sold-out event was a lively, festive occasion that received glowing reviews. It was the perfect way to kick off the new Rotary year with enthusiasm and camaraderie.

District Conference. In September, #UtahRotary hosted its groundbreaking first Rotary Conference held at the beginning of the Rotary year rather than the end. This sold-out event was a resounding success, setting new records as the best-attended District Conference in the modern era. An incredible 265 individuals registered with an astonishing 252 attendees actively participating. The visionary combined event was jointly hosted by Governor John Redd and me in the stunning Hunter Alumni Center on the picturesque campus of Southern Utah University. The RYLA-inspired conference format received rave reviews, showcasing the brilliance of the organizers and participants alike. Additionally, the District generously distributed more than \$10,000 to Rotary clubs, empowering them to achieve even more extraordinary acts of goodness in the world.

Governor's Visits. As District Governor, I embarked on an epic journey visiting all 45 Rotary clubs during the 2024-2025 Rotary year. The previous year, I traveled alongside Governor Redd during his visits, building a profound understanding of the District before assuming the esteemed role of District Governor. Over the course of two years, I have traveled more than 24,000 miles, crisscrossing the state, to deliver my message of the Power of We. Working hand-in-hand with our remarkably dedicated club presidents, we have continued to fortify and elevate #UtahRotary's impact and legacy.

Rotary Scarves and Ties for New Paul Harris Society Members. During my visits to the clubs, I issued the invitation to join the Paul Harris Society - 43 Rotarians made the commitment to become a PHS member. Each received a scarf or tie in thanks.

The Polio Trailer. With its brilliant makeover, the Polio Trailer has become an eye-catching, iconic traveling billboard, effectively promoting #UtahRotary wherever it goes. The trailer has made 14 appearances at club events over the past 12 months, demonstrating its unparalleled ability to captivate and inspire all who see it.

Website. After two years of struggling with a non-functioning website, #UtahRotary has finally made great strides in updating and gathering information. We are close to having an all-encompassing website with a landing page where you can find anything you need -- calendar, information on grants, applications, forms, youth, Rotaract events, ZOOM meetings for membership, public imaging, area governors and foundation, photos and MORE. Check it out! <https://www.utahrotary.org/>

Monthly Public Image Meetings and Monthly Membership Meetings. In an effort to help clubs with their goals, #UtahRotary District Chairs scheduled monthly meetings where collaboration, instruction, and ideas were exchanged.

The Creation of the Utah Rotary Foundation. #UtahRotary has long operated as a 501(c)(4) entity under IRS regulations. This year, the District achieved a transformational breakthrough by successfully attaining charitable tax status. This

monumental accomplishment allows Utah Rotary to solicit funds from supporters and Rotarians, while enabling these generous contributors to enjoy tax-deductible benefits for their gifts. This advancement opens new doors to a broader array of contributions from organizations and individuals, unlocking the potential for #UtahRotary to deliver even greater impact and goodness in the world.

All-Clubs Foundation Gala. At this event in May more than 200 Paul Harris Fellow Awards were distributed — a record-breaking achievement in the history of District 5420. The recipients represent the very heart and soul of #UtahRotary, embodying the most steadfast and passionate supporters of both #UtahRotary and the Rotary Foundation. Heartfelt congratulations to each recipient for their extraordinary contributions and commitment.

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to each of you for your dedication, hard work, and passion for Rotary. Together, we're making history and shaping a brighter future for #UtahRotary. Let's finish this Rotary year strong and continue to inspire positive change in our communities and beyond!

Todd Boyer
Utah Rotary District Governor 2024-2025
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#UtahRotary is on Fire

A record-breaking membership year in the making!

#UtahRotary is on the verge of an historic achievement, thanks to the unwavering dedication and passion of its 45 Rotary presidents and clubs! The latest numbers speak volumes — 60 new members have joined the ranks, marking the largest membership surge in the district since 2015, when the year finished up at 61 net new members.

This momentum is more than just a number — it's a movement, a force for good that is expanding our reach and amplifying our impact.

Congratulations go to Deputy Lieutenant Governor Patrick Casaday and the nine clubs in his region for winning the Third Quarter Membership Award. They are up 18%!

1. Lehi Rotary Club
2. Multicultural Rotary Club
3. Orem-Lindon Rotary Club
4. Provo Rotary Club
5. Sandy Rotary Club
6. South Jordan Rotary Club
7. South Valley Rotary Club
8. Spanish Fork Rotary Club
9. Springdale Rotary Club

We're not done yet! Let's harness this energy, keep the momentum soaring, and bring even more people into Rotary. More hands mean more hearts working together to create lasting change in our communities and beyond. We'll rise to the challenge, inspire others to join the mission, and make this year truly one for the record books.

Kelly C. Atkinson, Executive Director
Utah Rotary District 5420

#UtahRotary All-Clubs Foundation Gala

A night of celebration and impact!

What a remarkable evening it was! Governor Todd and his 45 dedicated Rotary Presidents hosted a **sold-out** Foundation Gala at the beautiful Karen Gail Miller Conference Center in Sandy—a gathering that embodied the spirit of service, camaraderie, and transformation.

The event was nothing short of a triumph, with **225 passionate Rotarians** in attendance, each contributing to the magic of the night. And the feedback? A resounding endorsement of the dedication and effort that made this evening special! On a scale of 1 to 5, the ratings spoke volumes:

- **Punctuality on point:** The event started on time (4.45) and ended on time (4.47).
- **Delicious dining:** Guests thoroughly enjoyed the meal, giving it a strong 4.14.
- **Master of Ceremony's excellence:** A solid 4.14 for keeping the night flowing seamlessly.
- **Heartfelt tributes:** Honoring Governor Boyer's team (4.33) and celebrating **200 Paul Harris Fellow recipients** (4.16) were fitting moments of recognition.
- **Shining a light on great leaders:** Egor Shulman, Lola Beatlebrox, and Jim and Karen Charnholm received heartfelt acknowledgments (4.48).
- **Governor's remarks:** Both **inspiring and informative**, earning a powerful 4.30.
- **Entertainment that lifted spirits:** The FUSE band kept the energy high with a rating of 4.13.
- **Worth every penny:** Attendees found the cost of the event to be reasonable (4.26).

Beyond the numbers, the **energy in the room was electric**, filled with laughter, connection, and a shared commitment to making a difference. Some of the glowing attendee feedback included:

- *"Great food and a great night!"*
- *"I love doing the pledge, prayer, and 4-Way Test."*
- *"Great event! We had 13 from our club there, which says a lot."*
- *"The band was awesome!"*

Of course, in the spirit of growth and refinement, a few suggestions surfaced:

- Some wished the band's volume was a bit lower to allow for easier conversation.
- A few felt printed materials could include more details on classifications.

- A happy hour beforehand could allow for extra mingling before the official start.

To **everyone** who attended—you made this night extraordinary. Your presence, enthusiasm, and dedication ensured this gala was a resounding success. Thank you for showing up, celebrating, and carrying forward the legacy of Rotary's impact.

Here's to another unforgettable year ahead!



Some special Rotarians were honored at the All-Clubs Gala May 10th

Egor Shulman was awarded the Citation of Meritorious Service, in recognition of his service to the Foundation through its committees, grants, programs and Peace Fellows. Egor's commitment, enthusiasm & passion is evident in both his word and deed.

Lola Beatlebrox has been an incredible newsletter editor for #UtahRotary for a number of years. She is a joy to work with and a delight to be around. Lola's exceptional creativity, service, and attention to detail produces an outstanding newsletter month after month.

Jim and Karen Charnholm were recognized for going Above and Beyond. Their passion for Rotary extends beyond their local community, as they actively participate in international projects as well. Jim and Karen generously give of their time and money in their continuing commitment to make a positive impact wherever they can.



They're Back! Rotary License Plates!

Announcing the best news ever – Rotary Humanitarian License Plates are available and YOU can have one – or TWO for *both* your vehicles. Not to mention RVs and commercial vehicles, too!

Money raised from Rotary license plate sales directly supports Rotary Youth programs – RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact and Rotaract. Moreover, the legislature supports fundraising programs like

ours by requiring (by law) that Rotary Humanitarian License Plates demonstrate their popularity by generating at least **500** participating donors.

We already have about 200 Rotary License Plate owners who pay \$25 annually to support Rotary Youth. We need 300 more proud Rotary license plates cruising around the glorious state of Utah within the next seven months.

If every Rotarian orders a Humanitarian license plate now – we'll achieve our goal!

To order yours, get the last four digits of your VIN number, your current license plate number, and your credit card, then **click here** <https://dmv.utah.gov/plates/license-plates/humanitarian/>

A picture of the Rotary plate should pop up. The DMV will assign you a new license number. If you want, you can choose to customize the plate with your own 5 letter/number "message." If it's already taken, you'll be prompted to submit a different message. For either choice, you'll be charged \$25 and regular DMV fees the first time.

There's a lot of pent-up demand in our district for **Humanitarian Rotary License Plates!** So hurry. Get yours today!

When you go touring this summer, check out these Rotary parks, monuments, town entrances, and landmarks.



Cherie and I travel a lot. We see Rotary parks, peace poles, monuments celebrating 100 years of Rotary, monuments at the entrances of smaller towns created by the Rotary club for their town. Bountiful's recent Veterans Park is an example.

Park City's three clubs have created a lushly green park with a pavilion for barbecues and weddings that anyone can use, not just Park City's three Rotary clubs. Park City Sunrise Rotary installed a **Geological Park** which elementary and high school students visit to learn about geological evolution of the area.

Quite a number of Utah clubs have done similar things. Here's the story of the Murray Rotary Club's brand new Rotary Corner.



How Murray's city center corner became the town's "Rotary Corner"

Bruce Parsons was the **Murray Rotary Club's** first president in 1957. He was district governor in 1984-1985. He attended Rotary routinely until he died.

Before he passed, he donated \$25,000 to help our club do something of value on the new Murray City Center block. Murray City suggested the Murray Rotary Club create a Rotary Corner, as they called it, with a tall pole clock and two benches.

Clock and benches were installed in time for the dedication of the Murray Museum on the corner of the City Center block. On the base of the clock are four plaques — a tribute to Murray citizen extraordinaire Bruce Parsons, a tribute to Murray Rotary, the 4-Way Test, and Service Above Self.

Jerry Summerhays, District Governor 2012-2013, SummerhaysGS@gmail.com



West Jordan Rotary Field of Dreams

Each year, the West Jordan Rotary Club pours heart and effort into an incredible mission: ensuring that the Field of Dreams baseball facility remains a safe and welcoming place for children with disabilities to experience the joy of America's pastime.

This annual service project has become a beacon of hope, uniting volunteers and communities in a shared commitment to inclusion and opportunity.

Located in West Jordan City Park, also known as Veteran Park, at 1985 W 7800 S, West Jordan, this field serves as a powerful reminder that sports can transcend barriers and bring people together.

Families from across Utah — stretching from Logan in the north to Spanish Fork and Payson in the south — gather at the SME Steel Field to participate in league play under Salt Lake County Recreation's Miracle League, an inspiring program dedicated to making baseball accessible to all.

To learn how you may enroll a child who can benefit from this experience click the button or go here: https://genefullmer.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs?leaguesid=116120

[Visit our Website](https://genefullmer.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs?leaguesid=116120)

International Service in our District



Introducing your club's column for International Service projects.

This is a new column to describe your club's experience going abroad to help people in need around the globe. Simply get on the bus and submit your story along with a few pictures to the Newsletter Editor lolabeatlebrox@gmail.com by the 27th of every month.

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

St. George International Service Project in Guatamala



This Memorial Day, 18 members and friends of the [St. George Rotary Club](#) traveled to Guatemala to build 120 cinderblock stoves in Maya villages. These simple, vented, stoves prevent premature death from burns and smoke inhalation due to open fires in village homes.

Last year, our Guatemala Stoves Project was recognized as District 5420's "Best Club Service Project of the Year." Started 18-years ago, St. George Rotary Club's project has installed 3,300 stoves to date at the cost of about \$200 each.

St. George Rotary used to receive Global Grants from Rotary International, but since the Foundation discontinued funding stoves, funds must be raised by the club. Many thanks to the [Cedar City Rotary Club](#) and the [Rotary Club of Oxford, Ohio](#), for their funding of this year's project along with the generosity of St. George club members and community friends.

Giving their time and necessities

The suitcases of our club members and friends were packed school supplies, vitamins donated by new St. George members, toys from the Cedar City Happy Factory, knit caps from St. George area residents and hundreds of pounds of dry beans to share with Maya villagers.

Are you or your club willing to fund one ... or ten ... or 100 stoves to save countless lives, especially of women and children? Please help us out. We're going again next year. You are also invited to join us next year in this "incredibly beautiful and incredibly poor" part of Central America. We have a wonderful time. For more information, go to stgeorgerotary.org.

Musings and Actions



Memories & a tribute to Brent Parkin

WOW! Forty years ago this month my neighbor invited me to a Rotary meeting. I was surrounded by people I knew and respected.

Joining Rotary has changed my life, brought new friendships, increased my knowledge, given me opportunities to serve that I did not know existed, and through the Rotary Foundation, literally helped hundreds.

I have met and worked with Rotarians from dozens of countries, I believe this has made a significant difference.

This coming Rotary year we will see many examples of what a difference one can make. In our District there are lots of Rotarians actively making a difference. One is **Brent Parkin**. A goal of our District Governor this year has been to increase membership. He has encouraged each of us to bring in one new member.

Brent is an amazing Rotarian. Talk about the POWER OF ONE! Brent has brought in 44 new members into Rotary over the years. With two more this year and FIVE more in the works, can you imagine the good that his efforts make! Amazing!

I have fulfilled my commitment to bring one new member into Rotary this year. I'm excited to see how he will change my club and the world! Not quite the same as Brent, but I have also contributed generously to the Rotary Foundation and I know what is being done with those funds.

We each have talents and abilities. Will you be the one to make a difference with yours?

Bruce Powell
District Foundation Chair

Democracy in Action

Every three years, Rotarians elected to represent their Rotary District gather in Chicago to review and vote on legislation proposed by clubs for governing Rotary International (RI). This global assembly of representatives is known as the Council on Legislation—the legislative body of RI.

To amend the RI Constitution, a two-thirds majority vote of the Council is required, while all other proposed changes need only a simple majority to pass.

At this year's Council, representatives from 511 of the 530 Rotary Districts participated. Serving on the Council requires having previously held the role of District Governor. I was honored to serve, having been elected by the same selection committee responsible for selecting the Governor-elect Nominee.

For a full list of legislation presented at the April 2025 Council—including proposals submitted by Clubs and my votes on behalf of #UtahRotary District 5420—[please click here](#).

It was a privilege to represent and serve you.

Kelly C. Atkinson, Executive Director
Utah Rotary District 5420

Time is running out for End-of-Year Giving

Double down on giving to the Rotary Foundation **before June 15!**

Many clubs set annual goals for giving as does the district. As of May 21, our total annual fund giving is \$244,756. But in the past, our district has averaged contributions of \$300,000 plus the last 3-4 years. **We can do better.** I am optimistic that as a district we can reach \$400,000 or higher this year!

The importance of the Paul Harris Society (PHS)

Paul Harris Society members make up nearly half of all contributions to the Rotary Foundation every year. As of now, we have 248 PHS members but only 116 have met their annual commitment of giving at least \$1,000.

If you are a Paul Harris Society member and have not made your \$1,000 contribution, please do so by June 15.

If you are not a member, please consider joining or at least contributing \$100 to the annual fund. Our goal is Every Rotarian a Sustaining Member!

To all clubs and members who have already given this year, **THANK YOU!**

If you're still planning on giving, please make contributions **by June 15 to ensure they're credited this year.**

Finally, if you've not yet signed up for Rotary Direct, it's an easy way to make recurring donations without having to think about it. <https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>

Thanks for all you do!

Lynn Hillstead
Annual Fund Sub-Committee Chair



Polio Plus donations - Needed more than ever

We, as Rotarians, have been focused on the eradication of Polio since 1978, and our work is not over. We have two countries left that we cannot declare "Polio free." Until those words are said, we fight on.

Polio left Isiaku Musa Maaji disabled with few ways to make a living. At age 24, he learned to build hand-operated tricycles designed to provide mobility for disabled adults and children, and later started his own business assembling them.

His first break came, he says, when a local government placed a trial order. The government was impressed with his product and the orders continued. Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee recently ordered 150 tricycles from Isiaku Musa Maaji to distribute to polio survivors and others with mobility problems.

The relationship he has built with local Rotarians has motivated him to take part in door-to-door polio vaccination campaigns. "It is not easy to be physically challenged," he says. "I go out to educate other people on the importance of polio vaccine because I don't want any other person to fall victim to polio."

Recent articles are surfacing about probable US budget cuts to our partners UNICEF and USAID. We as Rotarians must make sure our contributions will be there if those cuts happen.

Sandi Schwartz, District Polio Plus Chair
Past District 5240 Governor
St George Sunrise Rotary Club

Youth Activities - Loads of Great Fun



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

RYLA is just days away on June 9 through June 12. For information for your attending students or your clubs, please refer to the RYLA website utahryla.com

Or email us at 5420.RYLA@gmail.com and you are always welcome to call Sydney directly at 801-232-8476.

The RYLA committee is so excited for this year's event and we thank you all for your support in sending youth to experience Utah's 25th RYLA.

This impactful program will stay with all participants for years to come.



Youth Exchange students experience Brigham City.

This month our youth exchange students were hosted by the **Brigham City Club** for a weekend of adventure. They got to join in the club's birding activities at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge and learn about the interesting birds that stop in Utah or call Utah home.

We also took them to Golden Spike National Historical Park where they learned about the completion of the trans-continental railroad. It just so happened it was the 158th anniversary of the event, so there were a lot of festivities.

Then we went out to the Spiral Jetty at the Great Salt Lake. We were surprised to see that the lake was pink, due to algae blooms. It made the experience even more interesting. The kids enjoyed running around in the salt water and tasting it. Unfortunately, we didn't bring swimming suits and no

one wanted to attempt floating without them. But it was amazing to see how stiff our clothes got, simply from splashing in the salt water.

Lastly, we took them to the Northrop Grumman Rocket Garden. A big thanks to Randy Christensen and the Brigham City club for organizing these activities.

Aaron Lowe
Youth Exchange Chair

Events Around the District

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
BY
MAY 28, 2025**



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Image: Mount Ararat, a prominent national symbol to the Armenian people.



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!



Bountiful Coats for Kids Car Show June 13-14

Get ready for a revved-up weekend at the Bountiful Rotary Club's 27th annual Coats for Kids Car Show, Friday and Saturday, June 13 -14, Bountiful Main Street and Bountiful City Park. This two-day event is packed with horsepower, heart, and community spirit, all to support kids in need.

Kick off Friday from 5-9 pm with the M Street Bridge Band rocking the stage at 5 pm. At 6 pm Main Street comes alive with a 75-car parade, followed by the crowd-favorite smokin' tire burnout at 8 pm. Expect squealing tires and roaring engines!

With 400 stunning cars on display, there's eye candy for everyone from classics to customs. Savor the epic food court, groove to live music, and dance the night away. Plus, score awesome prizes all evening!

Saturday, June 14th 10 am-4 pm Bountiful City Park keeps the fun rolling! At noon, a Patriotic Program with skydivers steals the show. The 400-car showcase continues, paired with the epic food court to keep you fueled.

Don't miss the grand prize finale at 3 pm — a Surrón electric bike giveaway from Young Powersports, Centerville. Join us to celebrate community, cars, and a great cause — helping kids stay warm with brand new winter coats. See you there!

Krista Simonsen
Bountiful Rotary Club

Mark your calendars

Upcoming District Events

District Rotary and Rotaract Club Assemblies

Club Assemblies provide training for incoming club officers and Board members but all Rotarians are invited.

Southern Utah: Saturday, June 7 in Saint George, UT. Location to be announced

2025 -2026 Governor and Club Presidents of Rotary and Rotaract Installation

Saturday, June 14th, Hilton Garden Inn, 277 West Sego Lily Dr., Sandy, UT @ 11:30 AM
A block of Hotel Rooms will be available for those arriving the night before.

2025 - 2026 District Conference

September 18, 19 and 20, 2025. Hilton Garden Inn, 1731 S Convention Center Dr., St. George, UT 84790
A block of hotel Rooms will be available for those attending

District Governor Elect Leonelli will appreciate your attendance, participation and support.



Peace is Possible
One community at a time

Building Peace Activities

Attend the Virtual Peace Committee Meeting Friday, June 13 at 6 pm.

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. She is applying for a Global Grant Scholarship for continued study and we want as much input from clubs as possible, so please send a representative! The zoom link to join this meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9703093353?omn=84037766346>

Schedule a 3 Keys to Creating Peace presentation today.

District Peace Chair Kris Swanson will provide your club with 3 keys to building peace in your own life, your club, your community and beyond. This presentation will be excellent preparation for anyone interested in the upcoming Empowering Peacebuilders program. More information to come on this exciting program designed by the Rotary Action Group for Peace! For information contact the District Peace Chair.

Kris Swanson, District Peace Chair
kris@kristinaswanson.com

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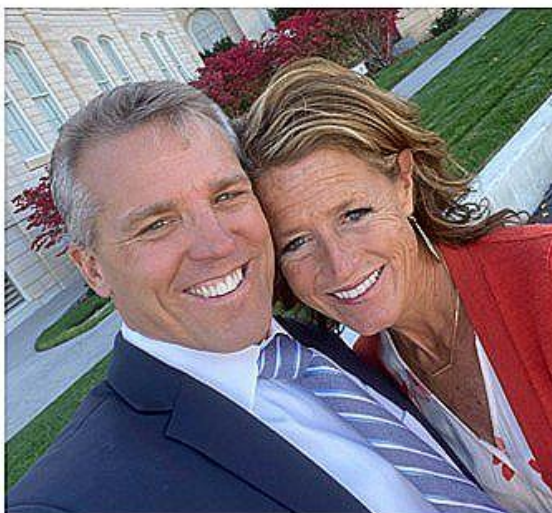
2024 - 2025 TEAM

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

**to the Leadership Team who have served with DG Todd Boyer.
Much of what you do is behind the scenes, but invaluable
to our District and the people we serve.**

District Governor: Todd Boyer
Executive Director: Kelly Atkinson
Chief of Staff: Laurie Vincent
Lieutenant Governor: Kristi Guest
District Governor Elect: Suzanne Leonelli
District Governor Nominee: Peter Cardon
District Membership Chair: Christy Hugh
District Membership Coach: Mike Wells
District Public Image Chair: Melynda Thorpe
District Foundation Committee Chair: Bruce Powell
District Finance Chair: Caroline Brown
District Conference Co-Chair: Rulon Olsen & Melinda Thomas
District Trainer (Learning Facilitator): Ken Kennedy
District Selection Committee Chair: John Redd
District Youth Service Chair: Debby Lauret
District Youth Protection Chair: Terri Sawyer
District Youth Exchange Chair: Aaron Lowe
District RYLA Chair: Sydney King
District Rotaract Representative: Savannah Bristol
District Interact Chair: Michael Anglin
District Parliamentary Chair: Charles Dahlquist

District Governor Advisory Board Chair: Linda Sappington
District Nominating Committee Chair: Jose Velasco
RI COL Representative: Kelly Atkinson
District Resolution Chair: Steve Skinner
District Native American Initiative: Paul Summers
District Fundraising Chair: John Redd
District Action Plan Champion: Kristi Guest
District Peace Fellowships Chair: Kris Swanson
District Newsletter Editor: Lola Beatlebrox
District WASH-RAG Ambassador: Bruce Powell
District Member Attraction Chair: Clark Merkley
District Member Engagement Chair: Clark Merkley
District Vocational Training Chair: Mohammed Sbai
District Endowment Chair: Errol Eernisse
District Polio Plus Chair: Sandi Schwartz
District Scholarship Chair: Nancy Brown
District Grants Chair: Cathy Hart
District Grants Subcommittee Chair: Bev Christy
District Annual Fund Subcommittee Chair: Lynn Hillstead
District International Service Chair: Jerry Summerhays
District Treasurer: Ann Lobos
District RI Convention Promotion Chair: Peter Cardon
District Insurance Representative: Kelly Atkinson
District New Club Development Chair: Michael Macy
District Paul Harris Society Coordinator: Scott Leckman



Our deepest thanks, Governor Boyer!

District Governor Todd Boyer infuses love in everything he does. The District membership extends grateful thanks to Todd for his amazing leadership and service this year.

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



The **Park City Sunrise Rotary Club** awarded college scholarships to three deserving high school students in May. Two South Summit High School students were awarded \$1500 each. The students plan to pursue careers in medicine and pediatric dentistry. Both will attend the University of Utah. The Bill Brown Scholarship of \$1000 went to a pre-med student at Park City High School.

The SSHS students are pictured with club president-elect-elect Meaghan Miller-Gitlin who served as club New Generations Chair this year.



In April, **Utah Valley University Rotaract** Vice-President Janessa-Michelle Purcell won two awards. She received the 2025 Student Champion of Utah Valley University Award for her contribution to the value of exceptional care. A political science student, Janessa also won the 2024 Utah Valley University Map the Systems competition. She will present her research on Air Pollution in West Salt Lake Valley at Oxford University in July. Janessa has helped the homeless, survivors of domestic violence and elderly people. As the Rotaract Club vice president, she presented at this year's session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.



This spring speakers at the **Richfield Rotary Club** included Senator Derrin Owens and Representative Carl Albrecht (pictured).

The club also heard from Elder and Sister Hill, current missionaries overseeing the Building of the Ephraim Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and Hank Robins, our local Edward Jones Financial advisor.



The **Park City Twilight Rotary Club** always kicks into high gear with the warmer weather. In May we volunteered at the Utah Food Bank, hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive, did Road Cleanup, and participated in a literacy program where we read a book at the local elementary schools. We also had a team participating in Running with Ed, Park City's extremely popular 27-mile relay race which raised \$245,000 overall. Our donations for Running with Ed placed us in **6th place** out of all running teams - our vampire theme is always a big hit!



The **Sugarhouse Rotary Club** and the **Highland High School Interact Club** delivered 250 boxes of food to Highland High School and the South Salt Lake Community Food Pantry. The food was purchased by the Sugarhouse club. WE ALL LOVE SERVICE ABOVE SELF.



It's been an interesting first quarter of RY2024-2025 for the **St. George Rotary Club** with an average of two moves a month from our former home base at the Best Western Abbey Inn to a new venue. While inconvenient, rotating has given members – especially those relatively new to the St. George community - the opportunity to understand Paul Harris' reasoning for trying different meeting venues - it keeps things lively! And, as has been our club's tradition for several years, on Memorial Day weekend, those members not in Guatemala posted our nation's colors to honor and remember the sacrifices of more than 2300 veterans interred at three local cemeteries.



The joint **Sugarhouse-Millcreek Rotary Club** barbecue gave us the chance to mingle and enjoy good food! Rotarians are the best cooks!



The **Sandy Rotary Club** were People of Action at the Utah Food Bank at Midvalley Elementary School in May!



This month, the **Logan Rotary Club** met at Sunshine Terrace and illustrated the adage "many hands make light work." Rakes, shovels, trimmers, and weeders were plentiful. We had



The **Hispanic-Latino Rotary Club** participated in the Annual NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walk as part of its "Banner in Mental Illness Management and Education" program.

This participation reflects the club's commitment to raising awareness, supporting the

great conversation, cooperative effort, and a willingness to lend a hand.



During May, **Murray Rotary** completed a Spring Clean-Up at the Murray Greenhouse Foundation. The Murray Rotary Club has been working with the Greenhouse Foundation for 18 years--since 2007-- and has helped them improve their facility where today they conduct a 5 day-a-week "school" for 19 developmentally disabled adults ages 22 to 70. This year the service project spread over three days and comprised painting a tool shed, repairing an irrigation system, pulling weeds and replacing rock ground cover with wood mulch. Murray Rotary Club feels great satisfaction from continued physical and financial support for a valued community organization.

community, and fighting the stigma associated with mental illness in our communities.



The **Rotary Club of Ogden** assembled over 250 Meals-in-a-Bag kits and donated them to the Joyce Hansen Hall Food Bank at Catholic Community Services.

These bags are complete meals for a family of four and can be made with just adding water. These bags are a huge help to the community and local food pantry. Club members and the Foundation contributed to fund this service project.



"We work with multi-disciplinary partners," Kristy Pike told members of the **Washington City Rotary Club**, "to support the health and well-being of a child." Kristy, director of the Washington County Children's Justice Center in St. George, says the Center is a child-friendly facility where children who have been victims of abuse or other crimes can begin to heal. Kristy says healing begins with an interview with a forensics expert trained to help kids talk about their experiences. The Center works to end child abuse by intervening in and breaking the abuse cycle, empowering victims to have a voice and become healthy survivors, and advocating for community awareness, education, and resources. Kristy says it's hard work rewarded by building a better culture for kids.



The **Hurricane Valley Rotary Club** awarded scholarships to four graduating seniors at Hurricane High School last month. The students had a variety of accomplishments, including community service, leadership, and academic performance.

Two students were in the Interact Club, one was in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit, and one was an Eagle Scout. The club supports all three organizations, but all graduating seniors are eligible.

This year, the club added a more specific process for submitting applications and for the selection process. Three Rotarians met to review the applications in depth and make recommendations to the club's board of directors. The improvements will help fairness and continuity the important Youth Service commitment by the club.

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Save the Dates

June 2025

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

June 13-14 Bountiful Rotary Coats for Kids Car Show

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

June 14 6 pm. Virtual Peace Committee Meeting

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.

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Blanding, Tuesday, 11:30 am, Rotary Pioneer Park across from the Monday, ticello Post Office

Bountiful, Thursday, 12 noon, Joy Luck, 566 West 1350 South, Woods Cross

Brigham City, Tuesday, 12 noon, Maple Springs 1040 Medical Drive, Brigham City

Cache Valley Morning Tuesday, 7:30 am, 1760 North 200 East Ste. 100, North Logan

Cedar City, Tuesday, 12:15 pm, W Tech College, 757 West 800 South

Centerville/Farming, Thursday, 6:45 am, City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville

Farmington, Tuesday, 12 noon, Community Arts Center, 120 South Main, Farmington
E-Club, Wednesday, 7:30 pm, ZOOM
Heber Valley, Wednesday, 12 noon, Police Dept, 301 South Main Street, Heber
Hispanic-Latino, Thursday, 6:30 pm, Salt Lake County, 2001 State Street, SLC
Holladay, Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Cottonwood Country Club, 1780 E Lakewood Dr, Holladay
Hurricane, Monday,, 12 noon, Hurricane City, 63 South 100 West, Hurricane
Kaysville, Wednesday, 7:30 am, Davis Tech College, 550 East 300 South, Kaysville
Layton, Wednesday, 12 noon, IHC Hospital, 201 W Layton Parkway, Viking room, 2nd floor
Lehi, Wednesday, 12 noon, Chuck-A-Rama, 1050 East Main Street, Lehi
Logan, Thursday, 12 noon, Logan Country Club, 710 North 1500 East, Logan
Midvalley, Wednesday, 7 pm, 1 Source Business Solutions, 6966 Commerce Park Dr.
Millcreek, Thursday, 5:30 pm, Millcreek Commons, 1354 E Chamber Avenue, Millcreek
Moab, Monday, 12 noon, Bierschied Bldg | 301 South 400 East, basement
Monticello, Tuesday, 11:30 am, Rotary Pioneer Park across from the Monticello Post Office
Multicultural, Wednesday, 7 pm, Bingham Creek Library, 4834 West 9000 South, West Jordan
Murray, Monday, 12 noon, Golden Corral, 665 East 7200 South, Midvale
Ogden, Wednesday, 12 noon, Eccles Conf Center, 2415 Washington Blvd, Ogden
Orem-Lindon, Wednesday, 12:15 pm, Golden Corral, 225 W University Parkway, Orem
Park City Sunrise, Thursday, 7:15, Hyatt Place Park City, 4377 Utah Route 224, Park City
Park City, Tuesday, 12:15 pm, Double Tree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City
Park City Twilight, Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Lush's BBQ, 7182 Silver Creek Road, Park City
Provo, Thursday, 12 noon, Riverside Country Club, 2701 N University Avenue, Provo
Richfield, Monday, 12 noon, Snow College Administrative Building, 800 West 200 South, Richfield
Roosevelt, Thursday, 12 noon, Uintah Basin Tech College, 100 E Lagoon Street, Roosevelt
Salt Lake City, Tuesday, 12 noon, The Other Side Academy, 667 East 100 South, SLC
Sandy, Wednesday, 12:15 pm, 9361 South 300 East, Sandy
South Jordan, Wednesday, 7:30 am, 90 Alvion Village Way, South Jordan
South Valley, Thursday, 12 noon, Chubby's Café, 1276 West 12600 South, Riverton
Spanish Fork, Tuesday, 12 noon, Macey's, 187 East 1000 North, Spanish Fork
Springville, Wednesday, 7 pm, Hobbie Creek Canyon, Springville
St. George, Monday, 12 noon, Abbey Best Western Inn, 1129 South Bluff Street, St. George
St. George Sunrise, Thursday, 7 am, Holiday Inn, 1808 Crosby Way, St. George
Sugarhouse, Thursday, 12 noon, Forest Dale Golf Course, 2375 South 900 East, SLC
Tooele Valley, Monday, 12:30 pm, Technical College, 88 South Tooele Blvd, 2nd floor
Valley West, Wednesday, 12 noon, Online
So. Utah Veterans, Thursday, 6 pm, Elks Lodge, 630 West 1250 North, St. George
Washington City, Tuesday, 12:30 pm, West Jordan City Hall, 8000 South Redwood Rd #331



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