September Utah Rotary Newsletter

Peter Cardon

To: me · Tue, Sep 1 at 7:09 AM

District 5420 Newsletter - September 2026

Governor's Message

Happy September!

Dear Rotarian Friends:



This year we will hold a one-day district conference at Westminster University in Salt Lake City on Saturday, March 20, 2027. The event will include a morning of service projects followed by an afternoon of inspiring presentations.

Here's a summary of the activities:

Service Projects (Morning). For the morning, we will have assembly lines of service projects inside of the basketball gym at Westminster University. We'll certainly have music and opportunities to chat and laugh as we assemble items for the various projects.

We'd love to get as many members of our Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs as possible to join for the projects. *We'd also love to see family and friends join*.



Panel Discussions (20-minute sessions in the afternoon). 3 or 4 Rotarians with experience share best practices about the following topics such as the following: Food insecurity, Health and wellness, and Literacy efforts (including vocational training). We are open to topics. We want panels about the issues Rotarians care about most and which bring together 3 or 4 Rotarians from various clubs.

3-Minute Project Highlights (afternoon). Share one of your best projects and explain what we can all learn and celebrate from the project.

3-minute Pitches (afternoon). Share an idea you have for a future project or initiative, and explain how other clubs or the district can help. Dream big!

Each month, I'll share one challenge to build the community.

This month's challenge: ***plan to attend district conference***.

Commit to making new Rotarian friends, involve your friends and family, and even plan to participate. If you have an idea for a service project, a panel, or one of the 3-minute presentations, please contact Kristi Guest (**kristilguest@gmail.com**) and me (**petercardon@gmail.com**).

We've distributed a call for participation to club presidents so each club can plan for ways to contribute. We would like to see every club in the district represented.

Thanks for all you do. Service Above Self!

Peter Cardon, District Governor, 2026-2027

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Your District needs your leadership!

Amplify your service

Mentor emerging leaders

Shape the future of Utah Rotary



Every impactful community project starts with a single volunteer, but scaling that impact across dozens of communities requires a unique kind of vision. Yours.

Rotary District 5420 leadership positions are open! They offer you the ultimate platform to amplify your service, mentor emerging leaders, and shape the strategic future of our Rotary in Utah.

District service is not just about administration--it's an investment in your personal and professional growth.

Leaders gain access to advanced strategic training, expand their professional networks across the state, and develop high-level project management skills that translate directly into any career. More importantly, you get to cross-pollinate ideas—taking the best practices from thriving clubs and replicating them to strengthen our entire Rotary community.

Where club-level leadership allows you to directly engage with local projects, stepping into a District role expands your horizon. You'll transition from guiding a single club to empowering an entire network of changemakers. Whether your passion lies in managing regional grants, coordinating youth exchange programs, or driving membership strategy, the district level provides the resources and scope to turn large-scale ideas into reality.

Have you've ever looked at our regional operations and thought, *We could do this better!*? Of course you have! Step forward. We are actively seeking diverse voices, fresh perspectives, and strategic thinkers to fill upcoming committee and leadership vacancies.

We want to hear from you!

District Governor Peter Cardon – **petercardon@gmail.com**

District Governor Elect Sydney King – **dgsydneyking@gmail.com**



Rotary International Convention in Barcelona June 26-30, 2027

Registration begins Thursday, September 17, 2026

A special discount will be available until 21 September.

The 2027 Rotary International Convention will take place in **Barcelona, Spain**, from **June 26–30, 2027**, at the **Fira de Barcelona Gran Via**. Registration opens on **September 17, 2026**, with a special promotional discount available through **September 21, 2026**.

Event and Venue Facts

Location: Fira de Barcelona Gran Via (L'Hospitalet de Llobregat), Spain.

- **Dates:** June 26–30, 2027.
- **Convenience:** General sessions and the House of Friendship are housed in the same building for easy transit.

Important Registration Deadlines

- **17 September 2026:** Registration opens.
- **21 September 2026:** Last day for special promotional discount.
- **31 March 2027:** Last day for preregistration discount.
- **30 June 2027:** Last day for onsite registration. [1, 2]

You can sign up for updates and future booking details directly through the **Official Rotary Convention Site**.

Leadership in Action

I’m worried about measles.

My name is Pat Sadoski. I'm a retired nurse and member of the **Logan Rotary Club**. My goal with this article is to get Utah Rotarians fired up about the high numbers of measles cases in our state,

Why worry about this?

- Utah has the *second worst* statistics for measles in the country!
- Measles is a terrible disease.
- We have proven vaccines to prevent this awful disease at our fingertips.
- Our children deserve to be protected and to learn in a safe environment.
- Our schools, teachers, students and staff deserve to be in a healthy measles-free environment to teach, learn and work,
- We have laws established to keep our public spaces safe from diseases.

Goals

- Bring current information to the forefront of public knowledge.
- Have more families choose to vaccinate.
- Keep schools’ measles-free zones as the laws intended.
- Eradicate measles in Utah *again*--95% vaccination rate.

- Educate the Utah legislature to tighten immunization rules in the interest of public safety.

If Rotary clubs would like to learn more, please contact these speakers:

Dr. William Cosgrove (801) 573-6175; **wecosgrove@yahoo.com**

Rotarian Dr. Scott Leckman (801) 597-3753; **scottleckmanmd@gmail.com**

Pat Sadoski

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Governor's Note: I appreciate Pat raising this as a topic of conversation--Peter Cardon

Editor's Note: I suffered through measles when I was a young child. I thought I was going to die. To this day I remember that terrible experience vividly.



Lehi Rotary's Leadership in Action

Could Utah Rotary do what seems impossible?

Brandon Barrowman, husband to Jill, father of six children under 12, was recently diagnosed with ALS. There is no cure. He's 37. The decline is rapid.

He was the sole breadwinner. Jill, inevitably, will find a way to sustain the family financially.

Can you imagine all of the pressures they face?

We cannot take away their pain, but we can ease it a bit. A movement is growing to spare Jill and the children from being uprooted from their home. The mortgage owing is above $300,000. Then there are rising medical bills.

Bill and Becky Brimley, of our Rotary family, have organized a **fundraising dinner and auction** for September 26. **See flyer below in Upcoming Events.** One auction item example: A

donation $1000 in travel expenses and two midfield tickets for a Denver Broncos home game.

Rotarians, please take this to your board, members, friends and even some of your largest donors. All proceeds will go to the Barrowman family.

To obtain tickets, flyers, donate auction items/services or to donate any amount available, please contact Bill Brimley at 801-896-7619.

Jeff Shoop

President, Rotary Club of Lehi

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International

Changing lives — one wheelchair at a time



St. George Sunrise Rotary recently experienced a powerful reminder of what Rotary service can accomplish around the world.

Through club donations and Rotary grant dollars, our club supported a wheelchair distribution project with Chair the Love, a nonprofit providing wheelchairs to people with mobility challenges in Mexico and communities worldwide.

Our Rotarians who went to Mexico told us about an 86-year-old woman who had been confined to her home for more than 10 years. She could finally leave her home, reconnect with her community and experience a freedom many of us take for granted.

Each recipient had a story. Each wheelchair brought independence, dignity, opportunity and hope—not only to the individual receiving it, but also to the family members who care for them every day.

This is Rotary in action: people joining together, crossing borders and changing lives through service.

Lulu Hart, **St. George Sunrise Rotary**

How to start a Global Grant

Clubs use Global Grants for large projects

with International Rotary Club partners.

But how does the process work?

And how do clubs start on the right foot?

Guidance from Jerry Summerfeld

Global Grants help Rotary clubs and districts access funds of the Rotary Foundation and turn strong project ideas into sustainable, high-impact initiatives. Global grants support international projects larger than $30,000 that address an identified community need, involve Rotary partners, and align with one or more of Rotary's Areas of Focus.

Here's how to start:

18. Please sign in to my.rotary.org, then go to Grant Center > Grant Resources > View Resources.

19. Or sign into My Rotary and this link: **https://spc.rotary.org/grantresources**.

20. Then start by reading the following materials while considering your intended project.

Reading the materials will save you time and effort in the long run.

- A Guide to Global Grants, **https://my.rotary.org/en/document/guide-global-grants**
- Areas of Focus Policy Statements, **https://my.rotary.org/en/document/areas-focus-policy-statements**. Choose and read carefully the Area of Focus Policy Statement of the Area of Focus to which your project belongs.

Ask your in-country host primary contact to fill out at least the following steps of the **Global Grant Application Template** and share them with you. This Template will help those involved in the project be on the same page and communicate.

Step 1: Basic information

Step 2: Skip this

Step 3: Project overview.

Step 4: Area of focus

Consult with me about your project. As the District Global Grants Subcommittee Chair, I can evaluate your proposal and give you advice. **SummerhaysGS@gmail.com**

If we are confident your project can be acceptable to Rotary and successful, it will be recommended that you take the **Grant Management Seminar** in the Learning Center as Rotary requires of any Rotarian planning to submit a global grant application.

This advice is posted on UtahRotary.org, For Members. You can consult it at any time.

Foundation News



Create art to help end Polio

Rotarians across zones 26 and 27 are joining together for a creative new way to support Rotary's promise to end polio: PolioPlus Art Kits. The project invites Rotarians, families, friends, and young people to paint one of two PolioPlus designs while learning more about Rotary's historic effort to eradicate polio worldwide.

Each adult kit includes an 8-by-10 stretched canvas, acrylic paints, two brushes, a pencil, stencil, and step-by-step instructions. No art experience is needed, making this an easy

activity for club meetings, fellowship events, fundraisers, conferences, or a fun evening with family and friends.

Our district purchased 30 adult kits at the wholesale price. Clubs and individuals may purchase one or more kits from the district for $40 or more per kit. The difference between our cost of $12.25 each and the purchase price will be contributed to PolioPlus in the purchaser's name—turning every painting into both an awareness activity and a fundraiser.

Clubs can also build an event around the kits: Host a "Pizza and Paint for Polio" night, invite prospective members, involve Interactors or Rotaractors, or combine painting with a PolioPlus presentation, while enjoying Rotary fellowship and meaningful community service.

Interested? Check out the project materials at the Google Drive link below. Help create a polio-free world—one canvas at a time.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EnQofcTr5sj-jXf1FfVr72CgdmcKRoMK?usp=sharing

To purchase contact Egor Shulman **drfc5420@gmail.com**

Egor Shulman

D5420 Rotary Foundation Chair 2025-2028

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Five new Youth Exchange students arrive in Utah and attend Orientation

Utah Rotary's newly arrived exchange students traveled to California in August for Inbound Orientation. It was a great trip where the students got to meet with current and recently returned exchange students from Utah, Arizona, Nevada and California to learn what to expect during their year here in the USA. We had lots of fun activities, including teaching them about the fine delicacy American dessert "Smores" at the campfire.



Thank you to the following clubs for supporting our inbound students this year:

- Ogden Rotary Club sponsoring Victor from France,
- Tooele Valley sponsoring Diego from Italy,
- Heber Valley club sponsoring Yunie from South Korea,
- Ephraim Rotary sponsoring Ryo from Japan, and
- Hurricane Valley club sponsoring Anna from Czechia.

These students will be excellent ambassadors for Rotary International here in Utah and when they go back home. If you would like them to come to your club to share about their country and their experiences as Rotary Youth Exchange students, please contact me.

Aaron Lowe, District Chair, Rotary Youth Exchange

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The Power of Rotary — a family found

Sometimes Rotary creates friendships. Sometimes it connects cultures. And every once in a while, Rotary creates a *family*.

St. George Sunrise Rotary recently said goodbye to Hannah, our Rotary Youth Exchange student from Romania, following her wonderful six-week exchange in America.

Her visit almost didn't happen because her original host family had to cancel, but Rotary connections worked their magic.

Darrin Hallman, our past president, happened to be traveling to Romania after being invited by a client to attend a meeting. Our club's Rotary Youth Exchange guru, Derrick Loyola, knew about the trip and arranged for Darrin to meet Hannah and her parents there.

It didn’t take long for Darrin to realize this was meant to be. He returned home to his wife Richelle with some unexpected news: he'd offered to welcome Hannah for the summer!

During her six weeks here, Hannah experienced American life, shared her Romanian culture, made friendships and became part of a family whose connection will continue long after her return home.

That is the beauty of Rotary Youth Exchange. It's far more than visiting another country. It builds understanding between cultures, creates lifelong friendships and brings our world closer together.

When Hannah returned to Romania, she left a little piece of her heart with us.

Lulu Hart, **St. George Sunrise Rotary Club**

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Two new District Youth positions announced



Desiree Abelhouzen

Youth Protection Officer

Hi everyone! My name is Desiree Abelhouzen, and I'm honored to serve as the District Youth Protection Officer. I'm a member of the St George Sunrise Rotary Club where I serve as our club secretary. My husband and I joined Rotary three years ago after becoming empty nesters. I am passionate about service, leadership, and creating opportunities for young people to grow and succeed.

In this role, my goal is to help ensure that every young person involved in Rotary feels safe, respected, supported, and valued. I want to work alongside our clubs and volunteers to strengthen awareness, provide helpful resources and training, and make youth protection a shared responsibility throughout our district.

I look forward to building strong relationships with our clubs, being a resource when questions or concerns arise, and helping create a positive and safe environment where our youth can thrive. I'm excited about the year ahead and the opportunity to serve alongside all of you!

Desiree Abelhouzen

District Youth Protection Officer

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Charles H. McLeskey, MD

District Youth Chair

Dr. McLeskey has enjoyed two careers during which he educated young adults and others in medicine. The first was as an academic anesthesiologist. For 25 years he directed the training programs for medical students and residents specializing in anesthesiology at Wake Forest University, the University of Colorado, and at Texas A & M.



He also advanced several aspects of the field of anesthesiology which resulted in authoring multiple scientific publications and books, delivering approximately 4,000 lectures, and serving as a guest on Oprah and Good Morning America.

In his second professional career, he spent two decades working in the pharmaceutical industry. He held executive positions at Abbott Labs, Baxter Pharmaceuticals, and AstraZeneca, focusing on the development and marketing of drugs related to anesthesiology, pain management, and critical care.

Dr. McLeskey became a Rotarian five years ago and since retirement has become involved with youth programs including RYLA. He is currently the Rotaract Chair of the Salt Lake City Rotary Club.

Dr. Charles McLeskey

District Youth Chair

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Public Image Tip of the Month

Your club is doing great things--let's see them

I love seeing how active so many of our clubs are on social media! Clubs across Utah District 5420 are doing a fantastic job posting photos, sharing their service projects, and even going **LIVE** from events.



It's exciting to see Rotary in action and all the different ways our members are making an impact in their communities.

As you share your club's projects, fundraisers, events, and successes, remember to also share or repost them to the Utah District Facebook group page.

https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1CLEBWegRn/?mibextid=wwXIfr

This gives all of us a chance to celebrate what's happening throughout our district—and it may even inspire another club with a great new idea!

Keep posting, keep sharing, and keep showing the world Rotary in action. We want to see what your club is doing!

RuthAnn Beardsley

District Public Image Chair

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Rotary on the radio - on the air in St. George



Once a month residents of St. George wake up to the professional tones of Rotarian Dale Desmond, a member of the **St. George Rotary Club.** His monthly report lets listeners know what's happening. And there's plenty, Here's just a few:

- Interview with a polio survivor—the local Director of the Southwest Utah Public Health Department
- St. George Rotary's Annual Car Show
- Scholarships awarded to students at Dixie Technical College
- Dictionaries for the WashCo School District literacy

To be on the air, Dale donates his club dues to the station. St. George Rotarians feel this exchange of airtime for dues is a wonderful way to "say Rotary" and well worth it as long as people in our community – and the world – keep learning "what's Rotary."

Linda Sappington, District Governor 2020-2021

Editor's Note: Park City Sunrise Rotary has cultivated a relationship with their local radio station – KPCW – as well. Besides news, the three Park City Rotary Clubs host "Rotary Wars" during KPCW's pledge drive to boost the non-profit radio station's fundraising. If your

club also cultivates mutually beneficial relationships with your local station, let me know. Lola Beatlebrox, Newsletter Editor, **lolabeatlebrox@gmail.com**

Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)

Every Rotarian Sustaining Member (ERSM)

What is the difference?

Every Rotarian Every Year (or EREY) is probably one of the most used terms related to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). But not everyone knows or understands what it means.

As Rotarians, we are all encouraged to give what we can to TRF. After 3 years, 50% of what we give to the **Annual Fund – Share** comes back as district designated funds to be used for district and global grants. Because of that and because TRF is largely member funded, we often call it "our foundation."

Giving at least $25 per year to TRF meets the individual EREY goal. When you give $100 or more in a year, you are a Sustaining member, or **ERSM**. **This year we are encouraging all Rotary Club members throughout District 5420 to be ERSM. Step up your game from EREY to ERSM!**

That rather small increase in individual giving will have a large impact on our District designated funds and our ability to fund local projects.

It's easy to give to TRF. Here are three simple ways:

32. make a one-time or recurring gift online at: **rotary.org/donate**

33. make a recurring gift through Rotary Direct at: **my.rotary.org/rotary-direct**

34. give through your club

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Lynn Hillstead,

Annual Fund Sub-Committee Chair



International Peace Day Monday, September 21

Join us for a special program in honor of International Peace Day. Learn about peace efforts taking place and some tools that you, as an individual, can use to create more peace in

your life. Feel free to invite your friends and family! More information to come so watch you email.

Register and join here: **https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89657521193**

Kris Swanson

District Peace Chair

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Upcoming Events in the District & the World

Rotary

ROTARY DATES TO KNOW

Save the dates. Train your leaders. Celebrate generosity.



JUNE 26–30, 2027 | ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
BARCELONA, SPAIN

- **Register now:** Enter your email at convention.rotary.org to receive the early-registration invitation.
- **SEPTEMBER 17–21, 2026:** Five-day early-bird window – **save $200 per person.**
- **Why go?** Connect, learn, and be inspired by Rotarians from around the world.



FEBRUARY 18–21, 2027 | PRESIDENT-ELECT LEARNING SEMINAR (PELS)
LOS ANGELES

- **Location:** Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel.
- **Who should attend?** Presidents-Elect and Assistant Governors only.



AFTERNOON – MARCH 19, 2027 | DGE SYDNEY KING – DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

- **Bring your club leadership team:** Get your board trained on Rotary best practices and ready for a strong year.
- **Who should attend?** Incoming club leaders and board members. Any Rotarian interested in expanding their Rotary knowledge is also invited.



EVENING – MARCH 19, 2027 | DRFC EGOR SHULMAN – DISTRICT FOUNDATION DINNER

- **Celebrate Rotary generosity:** We will recognize our Major Donors and Paul Harris Society (PHS) members.
- Want an invitation? Become a Major Donor or join PHS and be part of this special evening.



MARCH 20, 2027 | DG PETER CARDON – DISTRICT CONFERENCE

- **Westminster University:** Join DG Peter Cardon and Rotarians from across District 5420 for the 2027 District Conference.



JULY 7–10, 2027 | DISTRICT 5420 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

- **Wasatch Academy – Mount Pleasant, Utah:** Give the gift of RYLA to a budding youth leader.
- **Leadership starts with potential:** Everyone has the potential to be a leader – RYLA helps young people discover their gift.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW – AND SUPPORT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR:
Our district goal is for every Rotarian to contribute **at least $100** to Annual Fund–SHARE.

Have an RMD? A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to The Rotary Foundation may be a tax-smart way to give. Ask your tax advisor whether a QCD is right for you.

TOGETHER, WE *Create Lasting Change*

ROTARY DISTRICT 5420


SOUTH VALLEY
ROTARY
INVITES YOU TO
4th Annual
TRAP SHOOT
September 19, 2026
Registration: 8:00 am
Light Breakfast: 8:30 - 9:00 am
Shooting: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
5 Person Team = $450
*Individuals = $100
BOTH TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN.
OTHER PRIZES WILL INCLUDE VRBO STAY, SCHEELS GIFT
CARDS, PELLET GUNS, AND MUCH MORE.
SPECTATORS ARE ALSO WELCOME. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!
REGISTRATION:
Email what you would like to sign up for to
southvalleyrotaryclub@gmail.com
Questions: Call or Text Logan @ 801-830-2846
Wasatch Wing & Clay
8000 N. 16800 W., Cedar Fort, UT
Bring your own gun, ammo, eye & ear protection
Rotary
South Valley


ONE NIGHT. ONE COMMUNITY.
Support Brandon
A BENEFIT EVENING FOR THE BARROWMAN FAMILY
DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
LOCATION: OREM FRIENDSHIP CENTER
93 N 400 E OREM, UT
$50 TICKET DONATION
BUY TICKETS HERE
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING
THREE AMIGOS AND CODE BLUE REVIVAL
DELICIOUS CATERED DINNER BY
MARVELOUS CATERING
LIVE - SILENT - ONLINE AUCTION
BYU GAME TICKETS DENVER BRONCOS TICKETS CURATED GIFT BASKETS
AND SO MUCH MORE
AUCTION DONATIONS: CONTACT BECKIE B. 801-717-0695 OR BILL B. 801-806-7619
Brandon is a loving husband to Jill and a father of six who is courageously fighting aggressive ALS. As the disease is progressing rapidly, our hope is to ease their journey by paying off their home, covering essential medical costs, and securing educational funds for their children's futures.
BRING YOUR FRIENDS. FILL A TABLE. BID. CONNECT. BUILD HOPE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Holladay Rotary Club to

Honor Councilman Jim Brass



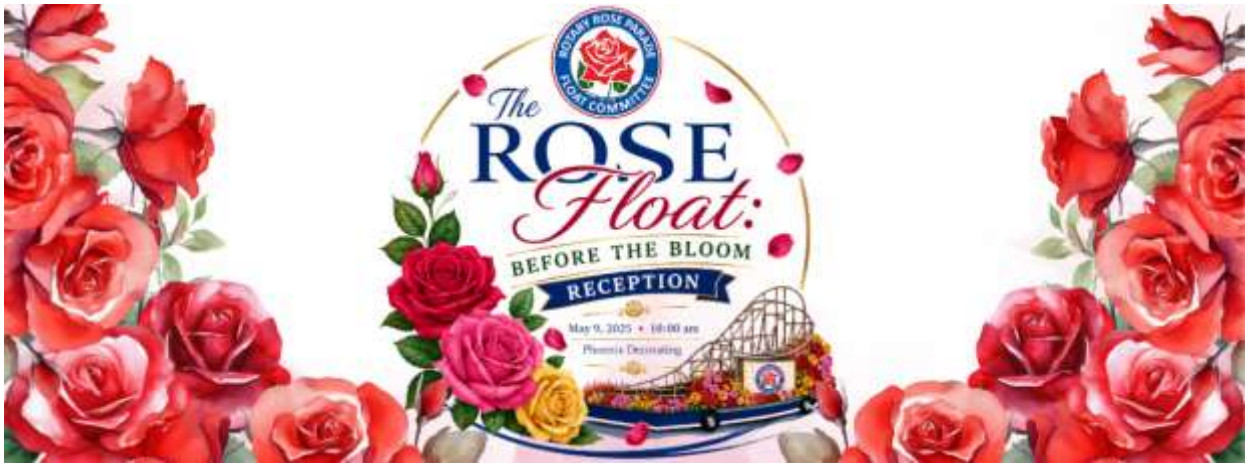
Please join us for ***A Celebration of Service***, our annual fundraiser on Tuesday, October 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cottonwood Club, with emcee David James of The Zone Sports Network.

Six years ago, four-term Murray City Councilman Jim Brass began the distribution of summer food boxes to local schoolchildren who might otherwise go without.

Today, the all-volunteer *Murray Children's Pantry* he founded feeds families across the valley--nearly 200,000 meals last year alone. Jim puts it plainly, "We're dealing with your neighbors, people who never thought they'd need help."

On Tuesday, October 6, the Holladay Rotary Club will honor him with an evening of celebration, and we would love you to be part of it. For tickets contact Christie Vanderhoof at (385)515-9242 or **christievanderhoof@wsdpc.org**.

A party before the party



Dear Rotary Rose Float Supporters,

The Rotary Rose Float Committee is excited to invite you to a very special evening as we celebrate the progress of our 2027 Rotary Rose Float at our annual **Before the Bloom** event!

Thursday, October 15, 2026 5:00 PM

Phoenix Decorating Company - 5400 Irwindale Ave, Irwindale, California

This exclusive event offers a unique opportunity to get an up-close look at the 2027 Rotary Rose Float before the flowers, seeds, and natural materials are added. See the artistry and engineering behind the float, learn more about the design process, and be among the first to capture photos and selfies with this year's incredible creation.

During the evening, guests will enjoy:

- An exclusive preview of the 2027 Rotary Rose Float
- Photo and selfie opportunities with the float
- Networking with Rotary Rose Float supporters from throughout the region
- A silent auction featuring exciting items and experiences
- Food, beverages, and plenty of fun activities
- Get a special look at all the other floats Phoenix Decorating are working on

General Admission Tickets are $40 per person and include event admission, food, beverages, and the full Before the Bloom experience.

We also invite you to consider becoming an event sponsor. Sponsorship packages include admission tickets, food and beverages, recognition before and during the event, and acknowledgment across Rotary Rose Float Committee promotional platforms leading up to and during the event.

We hope you will join us for this unforgettable evening as we continue the tradition of showcasing Rotary to millions around the world through the Tournament of Roses Parade.

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and additional information, please visit the Rotary Rose Float Committee website at **https://givebutter.com/before-the-bloom-reception**

Thank you for your continued support of the Rotary Rose Float Program. We look forward to celebrating with you on October 15th!

With gratitude,

The Rotary Rose Float Committee


Rotary
PEOPLE OF ACTION
LEAD
service projects
JOIN
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PITCH
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WE WANT YOU
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A ONE-DAY ACTION-ORIENTED AND FUN EVENT
MARCH 20, 2027
WESTMINSTER
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TOGETHER, WE CHANGE LIVES
CALL FOR
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SHARE YOUR IDEAS
BY NOVEMBER 1
EVERY CLUB INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!
NETWORK • GROW • SERVE • CELEBRATE


Inspiring
BARCELONA
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JUNE 26-30, 2027
CONNECT
INSPIRE
TRANSFORM
Together, we create lasting change

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.

Announcing new ways

to access the District Newsletter

The Utah Rotary District Newsletter goes out to by email to more than 1400 Utah Rotarians on the first of every month.

But some Rotarians never receive it. Unfortunately, their email platforms automatically block "mass mailings."

That's why, beginning with this September issue, there are three alternative ways to access the District Newsletter:

- **Visit the Utah Rotary website**
- Go to utahrotary.org
- Click on **For Members -** a menu will drop down
- Select **District Newsletter**
- **Click on the link of the issue you want to read**

Ask your Club President for the link

On the first of every month, Club Presidents will receive the District Newsletter link.

They'll include the link in their communications to your club membership and publish it on your club's website, if you have one, and your Facebook page, if you have that!

Facebook

Look for the link on your club's Facebook page

Or the Utah Rotary Facebook page!



Bountiful Rotary Club helped assemble Pantry Packs for the Bountiful Food Pantry.



Hurricane Valley is now partnering with the Bridge Utah Food Co-Op in Hurricane to help meet food insecurity needs in the community

A big turnout of volunteers showed up and assembled 6,000 Pantry Packs. It was an incredible Saturday of service.

It was a great way to talk to people in the community about Rotary and maybe get them as members in the Club.

and to help local grocers reduce food waste. Rotarians volunteered recently by cleaning and restocking shelves. Although the co-op is a small operation, they serve 750-1,000 customers each week including seniors and homeless families. The director of the co-op spoke to the club in August and was presented with a $2,000 donation to support facility improvements and equipment purchases.



Rotary Club of Sugar House truly lived Service above Self in August.



The **Rotary Club of Logan** has been busy this summer with a Golf

We held our annual BarBQ for Raise the Future, an organization helping children seeking adoption. Superheroes entertained the children at the event! We also spent a lovely afternoon distributing books to children at the Columbus Education Center during their Summer Carnival. Finishing out the month, our Board conducted interviews with students from Salt Lake Community College and selected three worthy recipients of our $10,000 scholarships. We were also privileged to hear our new District Governor, Peter Cardon, speak to us!

Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser, scholarships to two students at USU and nine at Bridgerland Tech. College,

They also renewed Garff Garden's with the planting of 190 native and drought tolerant plants creating environment friendly and educational gardens.

Rotarians wove Sleeping Mats at Cache Valley Humanitarian Center, and sorted foods at the Cache Valley Community Food Pantry.



In August, **St. George Rotary** voted to approve our updated three-year strategic plan; aired the third of 12 half-hour radio talk shows on the 1st Tuesday of each month relating to all-things-Rotary. This month our topic was focused on literacy and our upcoming dictionary project. As our final guest speaker of the month, we welcomed Merrill Osmond of the world-famous Osmond Brothers (aka Donny and Marie's big brother).



Midvalley Rotary proudly welcomed two new members in August. This month, the club hosted the Midvale Harvest Days Fun Run. This annual event involved fun activity stations for the families throughout the route. An estimated 60 participants that included children, their parents and a few pets got to the finish line and received their medals. A fun warm-up started the race and DJ Drew provided music ambiance for the event. On another Saturday, the

And finally, our first 5th Monday "service above self" project in RY2026-27 was at Switchpoint, an amazing community resource center providing shelter, food, clothes and other essentials for homeless in the St. George community.

Murray food pantry was supported by the member volunteers that included organizing the clothing. There was a day to prep the templates (jigs) for Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) bed builds. This is in preparation for the September "Bunks Across America."



Bill Brimley and Jeff Shoop, from the **Lehi Rotary Club,** visited the **Spanish Fork Rotary** Club to talk about the fundraiser for Lehi Rotary member Brandon Barrowman who has ALS. Refer to the flyer in this newsletter. Please share this as



Park City Sunrise Rotarians volunteered at the Christian Center's Back to School Basics event for the children of Park City's working families. They sorted free school supplies for 100s of

much as you can with your friends and on social media.

children just in time for the kids to go back to school.





Murray Rotary Club conducted two service projects and one party during August. We held a blood drive at the American Red Cross, and we helped stamp books for Kids Read to benefit 3rd graders.

We also held our annual Alder Ranch Party which club member Sue and

The **Millcreek Rotary Club** attended and assisted at the Moss Elementary Back to School night and Bike Rodeo. They were delighted to meet teachers, staff, and especially parents and kids from Moss Elementary. They helped with many fun events associated with this Back-

her husband Greg hosted on the side of the Weber River. In addition to a very nice singing instrumentalist, club members were treated to a 'hayride' where Greg gave us a tour on a beautiful summer evening.

A great catered dinner and music and great location, and fellow Rotarians- what better way to spend an evening!

to-School event, including the Bike Rodeo hosted by Salt Lake County Police Dept, which helped teach bike safety. Millcreek Rotary is even more committed to helping this Title 1 school - where 30+ languages are spoken - at our annual fundraiser on Sept 17th! Tickets are **sold out** for this event, but PLEASE contribute any of the much needed items the school has requested - starting at as little as $40. Go to:

https://givebutter.com/c/untitled-campaign-jx77nx/auction



On August 26, 2026, eight **Utah Valley University Rotaractors** led by their President Megan Ascraft presented the **Orem-Lindon Rotary Club** members a flag and greetings from Vice President of Geneve Internationale Rotary Club, Dr Pranvera Këllezi. They received gifts during the dinner in Geneva, which was hosted by more than 25 Geneva Rotarians and Rotaractors for a 15 - member delegation composed of Utah Valley University Rotaractors and Rotarians. To strengthen the emerging partnership, UVU Rotaractors invited Mr. Oliver

Rosenbauer, the Communications Officer of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative at the World Health Organization, and Mr. Fahmy Hanna, a technical officer in the World Health Organization department of Mental Health and Substance Use, to visit Utah. Rotaractors expressed appreciation to the Utah District and Orem-Lindon Rotarians for funding their trip

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