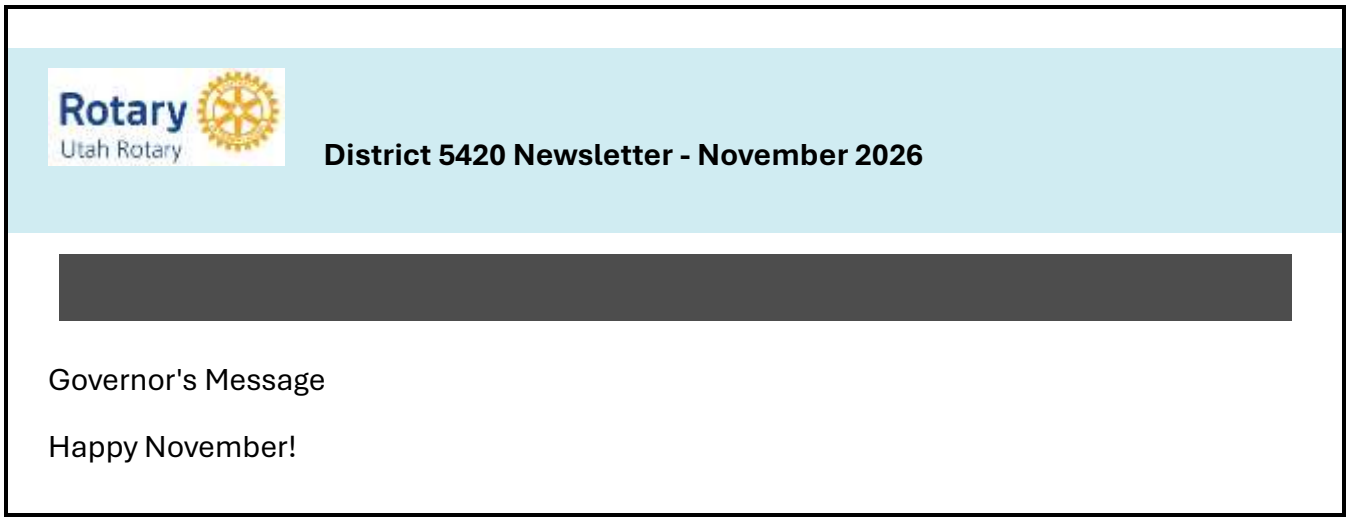
November Utah Rotary Newsletter

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Peter Cardon

To: me · Sun, Nov 1 at 7:04 AM



Dear Rotarian Friends:



Every month, we focus on one new challenge to build community. One of the best ways to build our Utah Rotary community is the district conference.

Please plan now for this year's district conference. We want you and even your family and friends to join.

Date: Saturday, March 20, 9 am to 4 pm (approximate)

Location: Westminster University in Salt Lake City

Here's a summary of the activities:



Service Projects (Morning). ***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 various topics.

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!

We want your ideas for the service projects, 3-minute presentations, and panels. Your club presidents will share some ideas for your club. You can feel free to offer your ideas directly to us as well. 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**) or fill out this form: **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/utah-rotary**. We would like to see every club in the district represented.

We'll share registration information in December or January.

Thanks for all you do. Service Above Self!

Peter Cardon, District Governor, 2026-2027

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International



A very dobable Enterprise Global Grant project

How Salt Lake City Rotary helped a Cambodian couple build their Enterprise Project

In Cambodia's Sdok Chum village, 51-year-old Chuon Sim and her husband Seang Samet transformed the land around their home into a thriving vegetable garden. Before 2020, the family struggled to grow food during the dry season because water was scarce and they lacked modern cultivation skills.

Their prospects changed when a **Rotary Global Grant** Enterprise project provided vegetable seeds, gardening materials, and training through Sustainable Cambodia. Chuon

Sim and her husband learned to prepare compost, improve soil, rotate seasonal crops, and use simple materials such as foam buckets, bamboo mats, cement bags, and fencing to expand production.

Through patience and repeated practice, their harvests steadily improved. The garden now supplies the family with fresh, natural food every day and creates dependable income close to home.

By selling surplus vegetables at the local market, Chuon Sim earns about 25,000 to 45,000 riel each day, helping cover household needs and school supplies for her children. Her sons also help in the garden after school, making the work a shared family effort.

Additional project support brought a bio-sand filter for safe drinking water and a 4,000-liter rainwater tank for cooking, cleaning, and drinking.

Together, these resources improved the family's health, resilience, and security. Chuon Sim credits Rotary and Sustainable Cambodia with giving her family knowledge, confidence, and opportunity. Her story shows how training, tools, and water can help a family build independence and hope.

And yes! That's Chuon Sim and her husband Seang Samet in the picture above!



More information about this slam dunk, duplicatable, less complex, less costly **Enterprise Global Grant Project**

Though any club can ask for more information, this is an especially **awesome opportunity for clubs intimidated by the complexity or the cost of Global Grants, to do their own *Enterprise Global Grant***.



Even a Rotaract Club can do it! Why?

The *complexity* is less because this Global Grant (GG) project has been done a number of times very successfully. Your application can be written from the existing template, modified for the community you choose in Peru, Honduras, Colombia, or India. Because other communities and Rotary clubs have heard about the project, *foreign clubs are approaching us* to help them do the project in their community.

The *cost* is less because the community is helping the host club with the cost. The governments in these communities want to decrease poverty by helping people start businesses. They have committed to pay 50% of the cost of the bakery stove, welding equipment, avocado seedlings, guinea pigs, hydroponic materials -- whatever the newly trained entrepreneurs need to start their small businesses.

Also, we will be asking the local LDS Humanitarian Missionaries to contribute to this project.

And if your club has never done a Global Grant before, our District policy has a “First Time Global Grant Exception” --

"A club sponsoring their first GG ever will be allocated $2 in district designated funds (DDF) for each $1 in club funds up to $10,000 in DDF allocated to their project." In other words, these *Enterprise Global Grant* projects are smaller -- $10,000 in DDF is enough.

The objective of the Enterprise Global Grant under the Area of Focus *Community Economic Development* is "Building the capacity of entrepreneurs and locally supported business innovators."

It doesn't get easier and better than this! Teach them how to fish! A hand up! A slam dunk!

So, **communicate with Mark Maxfield.** Ask for more information, choose your host country and that community and club. Visit them if you want! This is fun! Mark and I will help you all the way.

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Jerry Summerhays, **SummerhaysGS@gmail.com**

Utah Rotary Global Grant Subcommittee Chair, International Service Chair

Foundation News



Your IRA Can Change Lives —

Today and Forever!

Did you know your retirement savings can help The Rotary Foundation change lives while potentially providing tax advantages?

Beginning at age 73, most traditional IRA owners must take annual Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), generally subject to income tax.

But you don't have to wait to get older! If you're 70½ or older, you can direct funds from your IRA straight to The Rotary Foundation through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Eligible QCDs can satisfy all or part of your RMD without adding the donated amount to taxable income.

Imagine what your gift can accomplish!

Contributions to the Annual Fund-SHARE help fund District and Global Grants, supporting clean water, education, healthcare, economic development, and other life-changing projects in Utah and worldwide.

Want your generosity to last forever? Consider contributing to or establishing an **Endowment-SHARE Named Fund**. Your gift becomes part of Rotary's permanent endowment, generating funds for your club for future grants year after year.

Whether supporting today's projects or tomorrow's generations, your IRA can become a powerful force for Doing Good in the World.

Act before December 31! Contact your IRA custodian and consult your tax advisor about eligibility, timing, and tax implications.

Get inspired at - https://www.rotary.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/rotary-endowment

This article provides general information, not tax or financial advice.

Egor Shulman

D5420 Rotary Foundation Chair 2025-2028

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Your Rotary Legacy: A gift that lives forever

What if your commitment to Service Above Self could continue changing lives for generations?

Every Rotarian hopes to leave the world a little better than they found it. Through a bequest to The Rotary Foundation, that hope can become a lasting legacy.

By including The Rotary Foundation in your will or estate plan, you can make a future gift while retaining control of your assets during your lifetime. Your bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or another planned gift arrangement. Other planned-giving options may even provide income during your lifetime.

Consider directing your bequest to an **Endowment-SHARE Named Fund**, established in your name, your family's name, or your Rotary club's name. Your generosity can support Rotary grants in Utah and around the world, year after year, long into the future.

A bequest of $10,000 or more will qualify you for Rotary's Bequest Society and Benefactor recognition, recognizing those who make an extraordinary commitment to future generations.

You don't have to be wealthy to leave a legacy. You just have to care about making a difference.

Talk with your estate-planning advisor, Egor Shulman, our District Foundation Chair, and/or Rotary's planned-giving team about creating your Rotary legacy. Together we can **CREATE LASTING IMPACT**!!

Your generosity today can become someone else's opportunity tomorrow.

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Fun, Exciting & Important Youth News

Cedar City paints 'em purple

In honor of National Polio Day, the **Interact Clubs from Cedar, Canyon View and Parowan High Schools** raised money for **Polio Plus** by filling orders for purple-sprinkled, chocolate dipped pretzels!



They also delivered a Rotary presentation about the history of polio, Rotary International's eradication and fundraising efforts, and worldwide vaccination campaigns.

They described how children receiving polio vaccinations had their left pinkies painted purple and then - *painted Rotarians' pinkies **purple** too.*

Rotarian Robert Cox offered $100 if Club Secretary Wayne Manzione would agree to have his toenails painted purple.

Others chimed in, with a total of $1,000 pledged for Wayne's toenails. Combined with the pretzels and pinkie painting, Interactors raised over $1,450. With his purple pedicure complete, Wayne remarked "What toes around, comes around."

Meriam Keener, **Cedar City Rotary Club**

Inspired by RYLA, two Interactors founded a new Interact Club at Orem High School!



Two Orem High School students, Addy Suazo and Liv Marshall, are turning their desire to serve into action by founding a new Interact Club!

Inspired by attending Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in June, Addy, granddaughter of Orem-Lindon Rotarian Doyle Mortimer, took the initiative to start the club. Liv Marshall, daughter of Orem-Lindon Rotarian Derek Marshall, independently recognized the need for a student service club.

Together, these young leaders are already making a difference.

Students recently sorted donated foster care clothing by size, gender, and condition. Some items went to the school's resource center, while others will help Navajo families displaced by flooding. Remaining clothing was donated to Savers.

The Rotary Club of Orem-Lindon celebrates these students' leadership and commitment to service!

Cathy Ambrose, **Orem-Lindon Rotary Club**

Applications now open for Youth Exchange!

The Rotary Youth Exchange program is the largest and least expensive exchange program in the world. With more than 9,000 students participating in exchanges annually, our Youth Exchange program provides youth with the opportunity to live with people from other countries, allowing them to experience new cultures and planting the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding:

- Students learn firsthand about all aspects of life in another country.
- As their concept of the world expands, they mature and develop a deeper understanding of who they themselves are.
- Immersion in another country's educational system enhances academic and personal growth.
- Host clubs, families, and the entire community are enriched by extended, friendly contact with someone from a different culture.

To learn more, information meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

St George
Nov 5@ 6 pm
St George Library
88 W 100 S
Joy Atkin Conference Room A (basement)

Provo
Nov 2 @ 7pm
Provo Library
550 N University Ave
Bullock Room, #309 (3rd floor)

West Jordan
Nov 10 @ 7pm
West Jordan City Hall
8000 S Redwood Rd #331
Community Room - Main floor

Centerville
Nov 9 @ 7pm
Redd Residence
106 W 925 N

Ogden
Nov 16 @ 7pm
Eccles Art Center
2580 Jefferson Ave

Virtual
Nov 19 @ 7pm
Microsoft Teams
https://tinyurl.com/bdhed4rj

Applications are due December 15, 2026. Apply online:

https://www.utahrotary.org/rotary-youth/youth-exchange/outbound-students/

Questions? Please contact:

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News You Can Use

Membership Minute

Members are what make Rotary work!

Without our club members, we would not have the resources to do what we do. We cannot fund or complete service projects without them. I think we would all agree that association with fellow Rotarians is one of the things that keeps us coming back.

Unfortunately, membership in many of our clubs has declined in recent years.

As District Membership Chair, I recommend the following analysis to help your club reverse a declining membership trend. Ask these questions:

- Who has left Rotary in the last couple years and why? What can be done to retain the members you already have? Club culture, meeting times, dues, etc. are all things to re-evaluate.
- Does club membership reflect your community? Are there people in your community who are underrepresented? How can you reach out and encourage them to consider joining?

- Are there past members who may be interested in returning? Personal reasons are a common factor in a decision to step away from Rotary. Reach out, see what's changed, and invite them to return.

I look forward to working with your club leadership on growing and strengthening our membership. I would love to hear your membership successes and challenges. We are always ready to help!

Drew Allen, District Membership Chair.

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Newly chartered Sanpete County Rotary Club is alive and running



The **Rotary Club of Sanpete County** completed its first dictionary distribution in October, handing out 420 copies to third graders at nine elementary schools. Chartered in September, Sanpete is the district's first new Rotary club in several years.

The dictionary project, which costs $3,000-$4,000 annually, was funded by a summer-long

rifle raffle and is a priority because statistics show that half of Utah third graders do not read at grade level.

In addition, members of the new club helped feed more than 600 people at Mount Pleasant's Fourth of July pancake breakfast, donated to the Sanpete Clothing Resource Bank for back-to-school underclothing, and joined the statewide Rotary effort delivering water cubes to Navajo elders in the Oljato chapter near Monument Valley.

Mariah Tyler Moore, **Rotary Club of Sanpete County**

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E-Club of Education and Opportunity

The Utah Rotary E-Club is changing its name to Rotary E-Club of Education and Opportunity, reflecting members' decision to make education the club's central cause.

The new name captures a simple idea: Education creates opportunity.

From helping children discover the joy of reading to supporting learning throughout life, education gives people the knowledge and tools to strengthen their families, contribute to their communities and shape their futures.

For the club, this focus offers a shared purpose and a broad invitation. Members bring different backgrounds, interests and experiences, but share a desire to put Rotary's ideal of Service Above Self into action. The new name will help communicate that purpose to prospective members, community partners and fellow Rotarians.

As an e-club, the group offers a way to build meaningful Rotary connections and participate in service through an online meeting format. Its Utah roots remain an important part of its identity, while its virtual format creates opportunities to connect across geographic boundaries.

The club welcomes conversations with other Utah Rotary clubs about education projects, speakers, and opportunities to serve together. Fellow Rotarians are also invited to visit a meeting and introduce someone who might find a Rotary home in a club focused on education and opportunity.

To learn more or arrange a visit, contact me - Club President Devin Thorpe. Together, we can help turn a love of learning into opportunities that change lives.

Devin Thorpe, President

E- Club of Education and Opportunity

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Upcoming Events - District & the World

Salt Lake City Rotary invites you to a timely presentation by Rotarian Shahab Saeed **about Iran**



Join **Rotary Club of Salt Lake City** on Tuesday, November 3 for lunch with former club president Shahab Saeed whose perceptive talk will illuminate the issues facing the country of Iran.

Shahab left Iran when he was 17 years old and immigrated to the United States with his family to escape religious persecution.

He will share his perspective based on what he is hearing from friends inside Iran, and how that correlates with what we are hearing in the media reports – or not.

The luncheon will be held at The Other Side Academy, 667 East 100 South, Salt Lake City.

For more details and to register online go to Salt Lake City Rotary Club's webpage: **Rotary SLC Nov 3 Lunch Presentation**


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JUNE 26–30, 2027 | ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
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- **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.

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Check out Rotary's Rose Parade video! [Click here](#).


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Rotary International Convention in Barcelona June 26-30, 2027

The 2027 Rotary International Convention will take place in **Barcelona, Spain**, from **June 26–30, 2027**, at the **Fira de Barcelona Gran Via**.

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 information

- **31 March 2027:** Last day for preregistration discount.
- **30 June 2027:** Last day for onsite registration.

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

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.



Park City Sunrise's Shot Ski event raises $60K

The **Park City Sunrise Rotary Club** celebrated the *tenth* year of their annual Shot Ski Fundraiser on 10.10.2026. The sold-out event, always held on Main Street Park City, featured 588 skis bolted together for 1,430 participants raising their shot glasses for charity. This year the event raised $60,000, to fund grants for the many deserving Park City non-profits. Sunrise Rotary is grateful for presenting sponsor, Park City's High West Distillery, and its highly popular double rye whiskey, enabling Sunrise Rotary to beat the record set by

Breckenridge last January. All Sunrisers look forward to next October when the friendly rivalry continues –there will be more than 600 skis in 2027.



On October 2nd, **Utah Valley University Rotaractors** celebrated World Polio Day. Moderated by club President Megan Ashcraft, the event featured Oliver Rosenbauer, spokesperson for the World Health Organization Polio Eradication Initiative, Dr. Zubair Wadood, Team Lead for Polio Surveillance, World Health Organization, and Clark Merkley, Orem-Lindon-Rotarian. Rotaractors Kayla Hatch, Ashley Low, Cooper Marolf, Angie Macias, Jackson Weech, Alan Calderon,



Sugar House Rotary has had a fun-filled and service-full month. We heard from local, international award-winning author Karla M. Jay who shared the Utah story behind WWII which started her entry into writing her amazing books.

We also heard from Stacey Bank, MD, Executive Medical Director Department of Health and Human Services, who compared her job of helping people to the mission of

Aemish Brock, Natalia Figueroa, and Megan Ashcraft presented studies on polio eradication in selected mountain countries worldwide. Dr. Scott Leckman, Past-President of Utah Rotary, was praised for his contributions to polio eradications in more than 20 countries worldwide. In addition, Rotaractors featured the contribution of Orem-Lindon Rotarian Lynn Hillstead in establishing an endowment.

Rotary and touched on polio efforts as well.

Our service project was at the Usana Kids Eat facility where we filled 265 weekend bags of food for children living along the Wasatch Front who attend Title I schools. We loved this service project so much we will duplicate it again in the spring. We are always looking to Create Lasting Impact.





The **Spanish Fork Rotary Club** has helped coordinate raising more than $200,000 to get the Armenian Irrigation Water project off ground. The pipeline trenches are almost complete, the pumps have been shipped from China and should arrive between mid-November and early December, and construction of the pump station is nearly finished. Due to changing exchange rates and increasing materials costs, the project is expecting a $25,000 funding shortfall. Many Rotarians have already donated to support this project which Armenians are determined to finish. The Club will step up again.

The **Rotary Club of Millcreek** is thrilled to announce that our “Dream Big” fundraiser successfully raised over $20,000 for Moss Elementary School! Moss Elementary is a Title I school and will also be receiving a District Donor Advised Grant and a District Grant for a total of over $29,000. Funds will be used for a variety of needs, including literacy materials and teacher appreciation nights. We are also excited to announce the initiation of our own foundation. A big THANK YOU to all the fellow Rotarians who came and supported our event!



The **Farmington Rotary Club** is celebrating an extraordinary year of growth! We sponsored five local youth for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), tripled registration at our 3rd Annual Car Show, and more than doubled participation at our Scarecrow 5K with fantastic local sponsors. Soon, we will support a local author and illustrator to promote children's social and mental health. Looking ahead to our November meeting, we are launching



Midvalley Rotary Club enjoyed a wonderful month of fellowship, fun, and community impact! Members gathered at a Rotarian's home for a social featuring hot dogs, tri-tip, s'mores, and great conversations around the fire pit.

We also came together for an exciting Utah Royals soccer game, supporting Operation Santa while enjoying an evening of fellowship. Our car show at Les Schwab in Midvale was another success, featuring 39 entries, delicious BBQ from

a major initiative focused on Great Salt Lake conservation—engaging state programs, the Great Salt Lake Collaborative, and local partners to protect our ecosystem, air quality, and migratory habitats. Our calendar is full, and our momentum keeps building!



For **Murray Rotary Club** members Saturday, Sept. 12 dawned bright clear when 100 people turned out to paint fence along the Jordan River for the Murray Parks Department.

Northpole Smoke & Q, and raising over $1,100 for Operation Santa! These events brought our community together while helping make the holidays brighter for local children and families. Thank you to our amazing hosts, dedicated volunteers, participants, and supporters for making it all possible!



So far, 77 kids in **Bountiful Rotary Club's** elementary schools have received warm winter coats through Coats for Kids, and we're just getting started. Huge thanks to the car show family for 28 years of support and our

The challenge was daunting -- a mile of fence needed painting! But volunteers were up to the task. In addition to Murray Rotarians, many different groups worked hard including the **Murray High School Interact Club**.

amazing community. You make it possible! Dictionaries are also going out to our elementary schools. Every third grader is getting their own personal dictionary to keep. They get to write their name right in the front and learn about Rotary's 4-Way Test. It's a simple but meaningful way to help our kids build strong character and a love of learning.



On October 20th members of the **Vernal and Roosevelt Rotary Clubs** joined together to learn more about Soulful Strides Sanctuary, a Christ-centered nonprofit in Vernal. Founder Becky Gardiner believes they can change lives as they heal hearts with Faith, Love & Horses.





The **District Rotaract Trainings** brought together Rotaract leaders and Rotary leadership to strengthen connections, develop leadership skills, and support Rotaract growth throughout Utah. Across the two trainings, we welcomed members from Midvalley Rotaract, Salt Lake Community College Rotaract, Utah Valley University Rotaract, and Utah Tech

Through equine assisted psychotherapy, equine learning and therapeutic groups and camps, they can offer meaningful pathways for healing, growth, resilience, peace, and purpose.

One in five adults experience a mental health condition. Utah ranks among the highest for depression and suicide. The Rotarians enjoyed a night of friendship and dining while going on a wagon ride pulled by two beautiful Clydesdales.

University Rotaract. We were honored to welcome Big West General Secretary Stephanie Velasco, District Governor-Elect Sydney King, District Governor Nominee Egor Shulman, St. George Sunrise Rotary President-Elect Richelle Hallman, Lieutenant Governor Kristi Guest, and Past District Governor Jose Velasco. Their participation demonstrated how Rotarians and Rotaractors are working together to bridge the gap between Rotaract and Rotary, build stronger relationships, and create opportunities for collaboration and leadership development across District 5420.





Park City Rotary Interact students took the club's iron lung to Park City High School for an educational display, then took it to a local market to raise awareness about Rotary's End Polio Now campaign. A highlight was hearing firsthand from Park City Rotarian Brian Buck, a polio survivor, who shared his personal experience and brought powerful meaning to the global fight against this devastating disease.

Through this hands-on educational outreach, our Interactors connected history with today's ongoing efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. We're proud of these young leaders for carrying Rotary's mission forward through education, community engagement, and service!

What a busy month for **Hurricane Valley Rotarians**! We presented dictionaries to more than 400 third graders in the community. Yes, kids like to hold their very own book. Computers can't match it. We also were a sponsor of the Dixie Tech College HoodFest Car Show. It's a super match to our Easter Car Show. And we created a scholarship to the Automotive Technology Program for a 2027 Hurricane High graduate. On October 24, customers at Davis Market in LaVerkin generously donated to PolioPlus. Thanks to the shoppers, 823 children will receive vaccinations. Finally, we added a new member this month. We now have 24 Rotarians! Our small club tries to make big impacts.



The **Vernal Rotary Club** recently donated to the Tower Garden project at the Golden Age Center in Vernal. This project was overseen by the Community and Home Development Faculty of the Utah State University Extension. Rotarians were at the center of the project taking ownership of these towers and enjoyed watering and caring for the plants.

Funds also went to the Lapoint Elementary Community Garden.

Thus far, more than 300 lbs. of fresh produce was sent to local food pantries! Classes have also been held in the garden and participants were able to take fresh produce home! This has made such a positive impact to our community.





Every October, southern Utah welcomes - conservatively - 25,000+ visitors for the Huntsman World Senior Games, St. George Marathon and the PGA TOUR – but not all at the same time, until this year. Eight **St. George Rotarians** joined 100 volunteers to fill 12,500 swag bags for senior athletes. Another 18 each signed up for three 7-hour shifts at the PGA TOUR in 100+ degree weather while 35 Rotarians and friends of Rotary manned aid station #18 for the 50th running of the St. George Marathon. Ten also provided 40+ beds for some of 79 BYU health science students in town assisting with Huntsman health screenings – all activities combined generating 1,179 hours of Service Above Self.

Brandon Barrowman, a member of the **Rotary Club of Lehi,** passed away on September 14th of ALS. He left behind his wife and six children. Bill Brimley, a member and past president, along with his wife Beckie, spearheaded a fundraising dinner and auction held on September 26th, to help relieve some of the potential financial stresses.

Many people and organizations lovingly stepped in to support the family. The turnout was phenomenal! The auction was spectacular! We witnessed the miracle of love and service. District 5420, you have been magnificent! Many clubs and individuals joined in to help with the fundraiser and/or GoFundMe donations. It was a heartwarming success.



Five years of friendship, service and making a difference! In October the **Washington City Rotary Club** celebrated our fifth charter anniversary. Our club's beginnings took persistence--three attempts over two decades brought the vision to life. In 2021, we called 25 members to order at our charter celebration and our members were



The **Logan Rotary Club** stayed busy with many volunteer opportunities.

We cleaned out an office for an ailing Rotarian and appreciated the help of two Rotaract students (Ethan & Jay) from USU.

already putting service into action! Rotary began in Chicago in 1905 with Paul Harris and three others gathering for fellowship. Our charter connected Washington City to that growing legacy of service. We honored the people who made our club possible and everyone who continues its mission.

We hosted a team on the Alzheimer's Walk, we installed a Peace Pole and assisted in the Top of Utah Marathon!

New ways to access the District Newsletter

The Utah Rotary District Newsletter goes out by email to more than 1,400 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 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

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