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**Fwd: Rotary District 5280 Wildfire Response and Support**

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To: Jeanie Morgan <dgjeanie1@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 8, 2025 at 4:24 PM

This is from my classmate. You would enjoy Elsa - just a terrific person. Don't you if you can attach any of the links for the messenger.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Elsa Gillham <elsagillham@gmail.com>**Subject:** Fwd: Rotary District 5280 Wildfire Response and Support**Date:** January 8, 2025 at 4:05:02 PM MST**To:** John Pennypacker <rotary5510jp@gmail.com>, "Terri Amerio-Bell\Howard Bell" <tabbell@sbcglobal.net>, Loretta Butts <lorettadg1415@yahoo.com>, Kevin Eisenberg <kjeisenberg@gmail.com>, chehab elawar <shabdg201415@gmail.com>, Chris Gallagher <vipsbears@gmail.com>, Pamela Gray <rc4923@aol.com>, Joe Grebmeier <jgrebmeier@msn.com>, Ed Jellen <edjellen@gmail.com>, Norman McCarvell <norm@netidea.com>, Tim Mobley <tkmobley1415@gmail.com>, Sally Montagne <sally.montagne@hotmail.com>, Jim Paddock <jpaddock1415@att.net>, Laura Steelquist <laura@steelhawaii.com>, Doug Taylor <dougaylor7160@gmail.com>, Frederick Teichert <fteichert@teichert.com>, Joe Zarachoff <joez@tdrotary.com>, Larry Skaggs <bookmlar@cox.net>

Larry and I are fine. Thank you for the calls and texts.

So thankful for our family of Rotary and how we are so ready to be of service at a moments notice.  
Sharing with you our District 5280's Wildfire Response and Support to victims of this apocalyptic fire.

Hope to see you all at next zoom. Just thought there are 3 of us in this class whose district has been affected by devastating wildfires. They say things comes in threes - praying this is the last.

Elsa

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Rotary District 5280 <albertrotary5280.gmail.com@clubrunner.email>**Date:** January 8, 2025 at 1:56:31 PM PST**To:** Elsa Gillham <elsagillham@gmail.com>**Subject:** Rotary District 5280 Wildfire Response and Support**Reply-To:** Albert Hernandez <albertrotary5280@gmail.com>

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Dear Rotarians,

***Time to come together and work as a unit to bring hope and support to those in need.*** As you may have seen, our District is currently facing three wildfires: *the Palisades Fire, the Hurst Fire, and the Eaton Fire*. These wildfires have led to the establishment of evacuation centers and shelters for those forced to leave their homes. While some evacuees may have the option of staying with family or friends, many others have no such support and urgently need assistance.

To address this crisis, our District leadership has developed an action plan to respond collaboratively to the impacted areas:

### 1) Wildfires Resource Directory

We've created a **Wildfire Resource Directory** to coordinate offers of support from Rotarians. In the past few hours, we've received an outpouring of generous offers, including:

- Hosting displaced Rotarians in unaffected areas.
- Providing transportation to move personal belongings to safety.
- Offering warm meals and companionship to those affected.

The directory allows Rotarians to post services they are willing to provide and for those in need to access available resources. To maintain privacy, access to the directory is restricted to those logged into their ClubRunner accounts.

**If you are able to provide support** [click here](#) and enter the support you may offer.

**If you are in need of support** [click here](#) to access the Wildfires Resource Directory.

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### 2) Disaster Relief Fund

We are accepting monetary contributions to support relief efforts for those impacted by these wildfires and strong winds. Donations can be made to the **District 5280 Charitable Foundation**, and all contributions are tax-deductible. Our Disaster Relief Committee will ensure these funds are directed to areas of greatest need.

**[Click here to make a donation to our District 5280 Wildfire Disaster Fund](#)**

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### 3) Hands-On Volunteer Efforts

We've compiled a list of evacuation centers and shelters in the affected areas (see below) and encourage your club to coordinate their donations and support efforts. To ensure efficiency and maximize impact, we've created a **donation spreadsheet** for clubs to document the items they plan to donate, the location, and the date of delivery.

Suggested contributions include blankets, bottled water, face masks, warm meals, snacks, or items for animals at the dedicated Animal Shelters.

**Evacuation Centers/Shelters:**

- **Palisades Fire:**
  - Westwood Community Center, [1350 S Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90025](#)
- **Hurst Fire:**
  - Ritchie Valens Community Center, [10736 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Pacoima, CA 91331](#)
- **Eaton Fire:**
  - Pasadena Convention Center, [300 E Green St, Pasadena, CA](#)

**Animal Shelters:**

- Los Angeles Equestrian Center, [480 W Riverside Dr, Burbank, CA](#)
- Pierce College Equestrian Center, [7100 El Rancho Dr, Woodland Hills, CA](#)
- Rose Bowl (for larger animals), [1001 Rose Bowl Dr, Pasadena, CA](#)

[Click here to sign your club up for a in-kind donation](#)

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## 4) Self-Care Support

The emotional toll of these wildfires cannot be overlooked. If you or someone you know needs emotional support, **NAMI of Greater Los Angeles** has established the **Connect With Hope Warmline** to provide assistance.

- **In a crisis?** Call **988**
- **Warmline:** (818) 208-1801 | Hours: 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Monday–Friday
- **Email:** [hope@namiglac.org](mailto:hope@namiglac.org)

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*We know things are changing constantly. We will try to communicate as much as possible to give everyone updated on what the Rotarians in our District are reporting back.*

*Together, we are stronger. Let's continue to demonstrate the spirit of Rotary as we support those in need during these challenging times.*

Yours in Rotary Service,  
**Albert Hernandez**  
District Governor  
Rotary District 5280



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I've had a day...

Routine visit to my cardiologist

Emissions test for my car

Visit MVD to order my Rotary license plate as I renewed my registration for another year

TRVFA Fundraising Zoom Call

Rush to get the Messenger out

Then... I found this, which I did not get in the Messenger. I promise I will have something in next week's Messenger and you can make an impassioned plea at the meeting tomorrow. Urge members to indicate on the slips on the table if they want their donation to be used for this cause.

I am so sorry I didn't take time to read my email BEFORE getting the Messenger out.

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