



# The Traveler

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## **Meeting Info:**

Thursdays at 6:00 PM

The Officer Club at  
McClellan Park  
3410 Westover St  
McClellan Park, CA 95652  
United States of America

Meeting Schedule: The  
Third Thursday of July-  
Sept-Nov-Jan-Mar-May

## Our Fundraiser

was a success



See more about it on page 4

## P.E.T.S.

### Rotary President-Elect Training Seminars

#### My Experience at Pets,

I found the experience to be very informative. It was good to learn about the opportunities each club has while developing its year, definitely a lot of resources for incoming Presidents to utilize. It was also a fantastic opportunity to engage with other incoming Presidents in the District to hear about how they run their clubs. I lot of good ideas that I will certainly plan on incorporating into Passport One next year. The biggest take away was how busy they kept all of us, which is a trend I'm seeing occur at the various Rotary training events we attend.

It was reassuring to hear from Rotary leadership on how they can be of service to the Presidents throughout their year, I look forward to taking quite a few of them up on that offer by the way!!! Overall I think it was a well run training event and something that will certainly help me and the club in our Rotary year!!

- Leroy Ellinghouse



District 5180



International President for 2025-2026, Mário César Martins de Camargo, Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil



Megan talked as DG, Leroy attended as PE, Adrienne & Michele helped as Sgt-at-arms, Dwight presented.

## 2024 – 2025

### **President:**

Dwight Chambers

### **President Elect:**

Leroy Ellinghouse

### **Immediate Past President:**

Lawana Welch

### **Treasurer:**

Eric James

### **Secretary:**

Mike Melliza

### **Club Administration:**

Sheryl Luoma

### **Service Projects:**

Sara Thornos

### **Youth Services:**

Adrienne Pontarelli

### **Public Image:**

Michele Spilman

### **Membership:**

open

### **Club Foundation:**

Monique Harris

### **Fundraising:**

Dwight Chambers



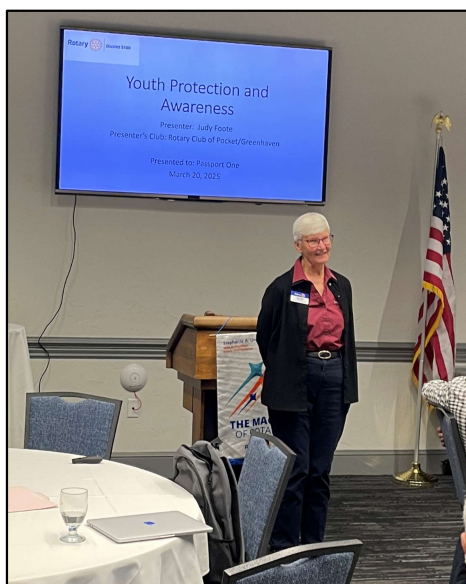
# Out & About with Our Members

## meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Some highlights:

- Crawfish fundraiser updates
- Judy Foote from Pocket/Greenhaven gave our club the annual Youth Protection Presentation
- - surprise prize for answering a newsletter question



Lawana won a bouquet of flowers for answering a question in last month's newsletter. Be on the lookout for another chance at a prize

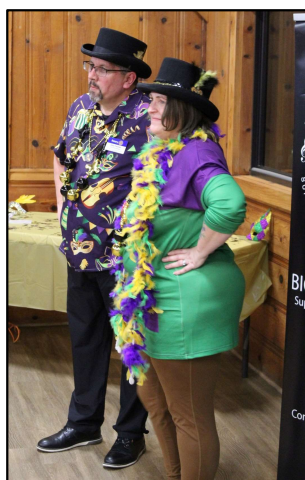
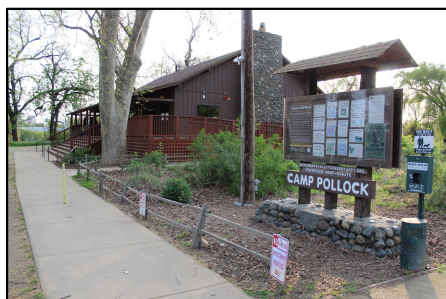


Hope to see you at our next event.



# 1st Annual Crawfish Boil and Mardi Gras Celebration

Friday, March 28, 2025



After a whirlwind of rescheduling and planning shenanigans, Rotary Passport One pulled off a fantastic first-ever fundraiser for arts education at BTU Arts this March. The Nolacal Secondliners whipped up a spicy feast that transported taste buds straight to NOLA, while Sacramento's Yarborough Catering served up scrumptious sidekicks for the meal. Guests got to master the art of crawfish munching, join a brass band second line, strike a pose at a snazzy photo booth, and dive into a hilarious heads or tails game that had everyone in stitches. To top off the night, we hosted a sweet dessert auction. As the festivities came to a close, my heart swelled with gratitude for the all-hands-on-deck cleanup crew. A huge thank you to all our guests and Rotary VIPs who helped make this event a smash hit with potential for years of growth, supporting our community service projects. We hope this taste of a classic crawfish boil leaves you hungry for more—bring your friends next year and see you then!

- Deanna Fenner





# Out & About with Our Members

## District 5180 Assembly

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Last weekend we had a fabulous Rotary Greater Sacramento Area District 5180 District Assembly. We started the day with the Speech Contest Finale & Grant Certification training and ended the day with a strategic plan workshop. The Rotarians in our District are just top notch and made the day such a success. A big thanks District Trainer Karen, AV guru Robert M Rhymes, all the classroom leaders, District Speech Contest Chair Bill Highland, District Governor Steve Turner, District Governor Nominee Dave Veden and many more!! To the attendees- my unwavering thanks for participating and expanding the knowledge and experience of Rotary!

- Megan Ellinghouse



# SERVICE Above Self

## Volunteer Opps

Please reach out to Sara Thornos for upcoming Service Projects  
or any other events we can volunteer.

### Wellspring Women's Center Fundraising event



On Thursday, March 20th Rotary Passport One volunteered in support of Wellspring Women's Center's 11th annual Taste of Hope event. This is their big fundraiser for the year and includes a catered dinner, a wine wall, a silent auction with various art and other items, and a donation "auction" that showcased the various services and programs Wellspring provides and the cost to maintain them. RP1 members volunteering were Leroy Ellinghouse, Michele Wilkerson, Sheryl Luoma, Alex and Deanna Fenner, Adrienne Pontarelli, and Beth Ellinthorpe. RP1 assisted with room set up, table setting, food preparation, silent auction support, running the wall of wine, and recognizing donation auction bidders when they bid to support a Wellspring service. The event raised 10s of thousands of dollars and supports Wellspring women and children in need in the Oak Park area.

- Sheryl Luoma



*saint john's*  
PROGRAM FOR REAL CHANGE

### **Dorm Room Makeovers at St.John's Program for Real Change.**

**May 3 – 4, 2025**

Saint John's Program for Real Change offers a residential program for mothers in crisis and their children in Sacramento, California.

See the email with volunteer sign-up opportunities or look in the Calendar for the event on our website.







## Rotary Anniversaries

1 year – Sheryl Luoma  
5 years – Wona Miniati



## Birthdays

4/2 – Sheryl Luoma  
4/14 – Ray Ward (Honorary)  
4/18 – Jennifer Cavalari  
4/21 – Glenn Fong (Honorary)  
4/25 – Barry Kalar (Honorary)  
4/29 – Dave Kenitzer



In April, Rotary focuses on Environment Month. This is a time to highlight Rotary's commitment to environmental sustainability and encourages clubs and members to engage in projects that protect and restore natural resources. This month often includes activities related to Earth Day, which falls on April 22nd.



## Club Calendar

Keep an eye out on emails, our club webpage, & Facebook for events.

### April

3 – Board meeting on Zoom  
12 – District Conference  
19 – St. John's Egg Hunt  
23 – Passport's 10th Anniversary Party

### May

1 – Board meeting in person  
3-4 – St. John's makeover  
15 – General meeting

## Service Hours “Lives Saved”

We encourage every Passport One member to report your monthly service hours. We are expected to complete 40 service hours a year.

Did you attend or help at a Rotary Event?

Did you attend a Rotary Mixer/Social or Meeting?

Did you help another nonprofit?

Log into your profile on our club webpage and go to the volunteer tab to enter your information.

# District 5180 News

webpage: [rotary5180.org](http://rotary5180.org)



April 26, 2025  
1:00PM – 5:00PM  
Lincoln



May 2, 2025  
6:00PM – 10:00PM  
Lincoln



May 9, 2025  
Starts at 2:30PM  
Sacramento



May 10, 2025  
7:00AM – 12:00PM  
South Yuba County



May 12, 2025  
12:00PM – 7:00PM  
Point West



May 16, 2025  
6:00PM – 10:00PM  
Historic Folsom



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June 7, 2025  
1:00PM – 5:00PM  
South Placer

DISTRICT 5180  
RECOGNITION AND AWARDS EVENT  
Date: June 9, 2025  
Location: Safetyville  
3909 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento  
Time: 6:00-8:00pm  
Host Club: Rotary Club of Fair Oaks

Join us for a fun evening of music and recognition, while making your way down the main street of Safetyville, sipping on your favorite beverage, enjoying appetizers and then chili and cornbread from our Chili Cook-Off. This is our End-of-Year Recognition for:

- \*Inductees into District 5180 Hall of Fame
- \*Rotarian of the Year
- \*Rookie of the Year
- \*Our 8 Area Gold Club Winners
- \*The Bell Club of the Year 2024-25

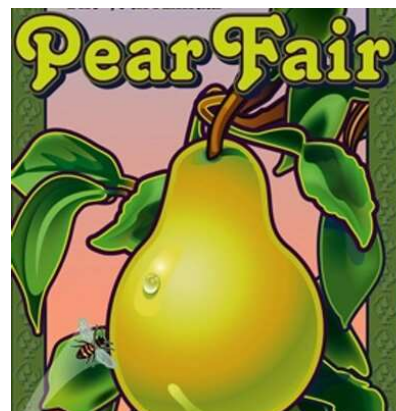
Each District Area is asked to provide Chili for the Cook-off. The winning Chili Cook-off winner will receive a "Firehouse Dinner for 6" served to their home or location by Retired Chief Steve Turner (also known as our District Governor).

This is a No-Cost event for attendees; just a fun event and recognition sponsored by your District.

For more information, contact the following:  
For Chili Cook-Off: Mike Cendro ([extremedraft@gmail.com](mailto:extremedraft@gmail.com))  
For Recognition: John Price ([johnprice@jprice.net](mailto:johnprice@jprice.net))  
For other questions: Chair, Diana Grille ([dgrille@usa.net](mailto:dgrille@usa.net))

Rotary  
PROUDLY IN ACTION

June 9, 2025  
6:00PM – 8:00PM  
District 5180



July 27, 2025  
9:00AM – 6:00PM  
Walnut Grove



October 4, 2025  
Sacramento



October 6, 2025  
Laguna Sunrise

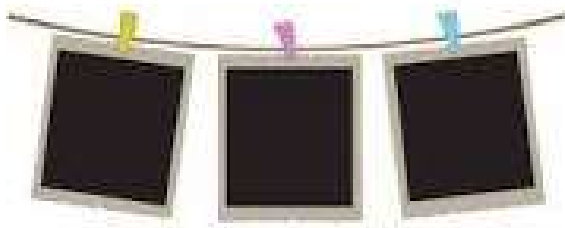
Let me know if I am missing any events from our fellow clubs in District 5180.



2025  
Rotary International Convention



## What's Happening?



We Want to Know Our Members

We want to share and celebrate all that our members are doing out and about in this Newsletter.

Took photos at meetings (ours or other Rotary clubs) or social gatherings? Send in those photos. Volunteering at Rotary, other service clubs, or nonprofits' events? Send in those photos.

Don't have a photo, but want to share something related to Rotary? Let us know. You can email Michele Spilman: [mchlspil@gmail.com](mailto:mchlspil@gmail.com)

### Rotary International President

Stephanie Urchick  
McMurray, Pennsylvania

### District 5180 District Governor

Steve Turner  
Arden-Arcade

### Assistant Governor Area 2

Yvonne Whalen  
North Sacramento



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**Passport One Club Webpage:**  
[Rotarypassport.org](http://Rotarypassport.org) (Club Runner)

**District 5180 Webpage:**  
[rotary5180.org](http://rotary5180.org)

**Rotary International Webpage:**  
[Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org)  
&  
[My.rotary.org](http://My.rotary.org)

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