



# 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



**see you in  
2025**

# Meet Your Board

## Part 2



**President:** Dwight Chambers

Some fun things to know about me: Former LEO, enjoying trap shooting, collecting vintage motorcycles, Tommy Bahama & shorts

**Immediate Past President:** Lawana Welch

Once participated in a most eligible Bachelor and Bachelorette contest.



**Treasurer:** Eric James



- 1) I'm a member of an award-winning barbershop quartet.
- 2) I have a black belt in Taekwondo.
- 3) I majored in rocket science in college.

Ask which are true, and which a lie at the next gathering.

**Secretary:** Mike Melliza

I love adventure and travel! I have hiked to the top of Half Dome in Yosemite a total of three times... twice at night!



**Youth Services:** Adrienne Pontarelli

I was on 4 different continents in 2024 (S. America, N. America, Europe, and Asia)



**Membership:** JoAnne Tanner

Her hobby is planning vacations.  
What is JoAnne's favorite vacation?  
The next one.

**Interested in board positions? Reach out.**



**2024 – 2025**

**President:**

Dwight Chambers

**President Elect:**

Leroy Ellinghouse

**President Elect Nominee:**

Bill Bowen

**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

## Why Santa Claus is Definitely a Rotarian



Ever noticed how Santa Claus perfectly embodies the Rotary spirit?

Firstly, consider the principle of "Service Above Self." This individual dedicates his entire year to orchestrating a global initiative solely to bring joy to others. He neither receives compensation nor seeks acknowledgment; he simply accomplishes the task. This epitomizes the Rotary ethos—selfless service with a generous heart (and a sizable belt buckle).

Regarding "The Four-Way Test," Santa consistently exemplifies it:

1. "Is it the truth?" Santa verifies the list that affirms "you've been good"... so continue to be good for goodness' sake—his list tolerates no falsehoods.
2. "Is it fair to all concerned?" Coal for the mischievous, presents for the well-behaved. Fair, isn't it?
3. "Will it build goodwill and better friendships?" Gift-giving is essentially his signature activity.
4. "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" Certainly—he's spreading happiness across the globe.

Santa's logistical prowess should not be overlooked. He is the quintessential project manager, directing a varied team of "Service Above Self" Christmas elves, operating a zero-emissions sleigh (a nod to sustainable leadership!), and guaranteeing the punctual distribution of billions of gifts. If there's someone who knows how to manage an event or conduct a fundraiser, it's him. Santa could effortlessly oversee a district conference, complete with time allocated for cookies and milk.

Lastly, Santa's red attire? It's essentially his Rotary service shirt in disguise. The jovial nature, boundless energy, and dedication to the community are hallmarks of Rotary. So, this season, when Santa makes an appearance, remember—he's always been a Rotarian at heart, already strategizing his next grand endeavor: peace on Earth and goodwill to all.

*Original story credit unknown*

## JANUARY'S MEETING

Thursday, January 16, 2025  
Social starting at 6:00 PM

### **The Officer's Club**

3410 Westover St  
McClellan Park, CA 95652

Visiting Rotarians and Guests are Always Welcome!



## Rotary Lingo

Ongoing section of different acronyms, terms, and definitions

- DG** – District Governor
- DGE** – District Governor Elect
- DGN** – District Governor Nominee
- DGND** – District Governor Nominee Designate
- DLP** – District Leadership Plan
- DLT** – District Leadership Team
- D.O.** – District Office
- DPPM** – District Policy & Procedures Manual
- DSA** – Distinguished Service Award
- DSG** – District Simplified Grants
- DT** – District Trainer
- EREY** – Every Rotarian Every Year





# Out & About with Our Members

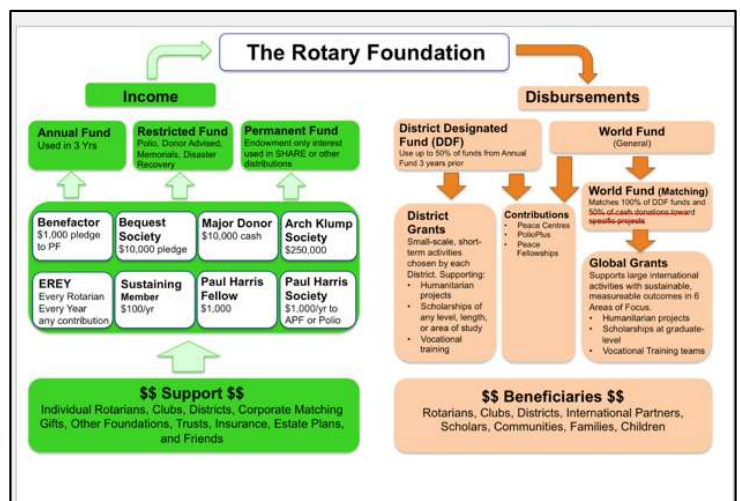
## November

Thursday, November 21, 2024 , highlights:

- Club updates
- Al Frumkin. Talked about Rotary Foundation and his personal experiences seeing where the money goes to help around the world.



## The Rotary Foundation



Hope to see you at our next meeting.

## Out & About Cont'd

On November 2nd, several members enjoyed lobster and/or Steak at Active 20-30 Club of Sacramento #1's Annual Lobsterfeed. Proceeds go to their Mike Smyth Holiday Party For Kids with Cancer.



## SERVICE Above Self

### Volunteer Opps

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

If you have been to an event, please share any experiences and photos.

### "Lives Saved" By Giving Time

Thank you to the following for logging in your service hours so far this term.

Brad Asbury  
Adam Campbell  
Jennifer Cavalari  
Leroy Ellinghouse  
Megan Ellinghouse  
Beth Ellinthorpe  
Alex Fenner

Deanna Fenner  
Monique Harris  
Sheryl Luoma  
Wona Miniati  
Adrienne Pontarelli  
Michele Spilman  
Sara Thornros



### Chilis Soups Stews

Wintertime is a wonderful time for yummy chilis, soups, and stews.

Please share your favorite, and if you feel like, include the recipe.

Results of the top favorites will be shared in the January Newsletter.

Each year, a member is expected to save one life. A life saved is earned by participating in Rotary activities for 40 hours during the Rotary Year (July 1 - June 30) or contributing \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation or fundraising projects of the Rotary clubs of 5180 or a combination of the two.

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



## Rotary Anniversaries

9 years – Dwight Chambers

23 years – Dave Kenitzer

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## Birthdays

12/1 – Heather Miller

12/12 – Pat Braziel

12/13 – Megan Ellinghouse

12/14 – Lori Dalziel

12/29 – Brad Asbury

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December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month for Rotary, and it's one of the Foundation's seven areas of focus. Rotary members work to prevent and fight disease in many ways, including:

- Setting up clinics
- Building infrastructure
- Supporting health education
- Improving access to healthcare
- Eradicating polio
- Improving drinking water



## Club Calendar

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

### December

5 – Holiday Party

19 - Board meeting on Zoom

### January 2025

9 – Board meeting in person

16 – General Meeting

### February

6 – Board meeting on Zoom

? - Social

## Service Hours

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)

**Rotary Club of North Sacramento**

**8TH ANNUAL TOPGOLF FUNDRAISER**

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Event Sponsor - \$4500  
200 Golfers, 200 Brunch Buffets, (15) Bays, Recognition Throughout Event

Non-Rotary Bay Sponsor - \$1200  
20 Golfers, 20 Brunch Buffets, (1) Bay, Recognition Throughout Event

Rotary Bay Sponsor - \$1000  
20 Golfers, 20 Brunch Buffets, (1) Bay, Recognition Throughout Event

Brunch Sponsor - \$1000  
Signature at Buffet, Recognition Throughout Event

Dessert Sponsor - \$1000  
Signature at Desserts, Recognition Throughout Event

Bloody Mary or Beer Bar Sponsor - \$1000  
Signature at Bar, Recognition Throughout Event

Content Bay Sponsor - \$1000  
Signature at Content Bay, Recognition Throughout Event, Option to make the content and promote sponsor

Longest Drive - > Closest to the Pin - > Hole in One

**JANUARY 20 10AM - 1:30PM**  
TOPGOLF 1000 FREEDOM WAY, ROSEVILLE, CA 95678

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT**

CHILDREN EDUCATION  
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS  
STANDARD SETTLEMENT

DAI PANA ROTARY HOUSE  
ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY OFFICE  
SOLICITATION FOR AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE  
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DAI GRAD STUDENTS

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE  
RAFFLE TOP FOR 25  
100% PRIZE  
NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

January 20, 2025  
10:00AM – 1:30PM  
North Sacramento

## PRLS - Practical Relevant Leadership Skills



February 1-2, 2025  
8:30AM – 3:30PM  
District 5180



February 8, 2025  
5:30PM – 10:00PM  
Oroville

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF FAIR OAKS**

**MARDI GRAS CRAB FEED**

**Saturday - February 15, 2025**  
Doors Open at 5:30 PM

**Citrus Heights Community Center**  
6300 Fountain Square Drive  
Citrus Heights

**Tickets: \$80**

Purchase on the club website at <https://www.rotaryfairoaks.org>  
Or use the QR Code shown in the lower right  
Or contact Victoria Porter at (916) 208-8626

**Tax ID: 68-0377535**

February 15, 2025  
5:30PM – 9:30PM  
Fair Oaks

**AMERICAN RIVER ROTARY CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2025**  
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
5325 ENGLE RD, CARMICHAEL 95608

Join us for a fun night of games, Tricky Tray and called auction, music and dancing, cake bidding, door prize.....and you thought it was just delicious crab and shrimp, salad, bread, pasta and no host full bar!!

Tickets: \$85 per person and \$750 sponsor table of 8  
Tickets: Scan QR code

DJ: Thomas Hinds Entertainment  
Auctioneer: Pat Hume, County Supervisor, District 5  
Servers: Jesuit Baseball Team

**Tax ID: 68-0377535**

February 22, 2025  
5:00PM – 9:00PM  
American River Rotary

## PETS – President-Elect Training



March 7-9, 2025  
8:00AM – 12:00PM  
in San Jose



**THE MAGIC OF ROTARY**  
**District Conference 2025**  
 Hosted by Districts 5180 and 5300

**Registration Is OPEN!**

To Register for the Conference visit:  
<https://www.rotary5180.org/>

To book your hotel visit:  
<https://www.mydisneygroup.com/GDD25A>

Early Bird Registration closes December 30, 2024

The Gang is all here and we are waiting for you! Join D5180 and D5300 for a weekend filled with the Magic of Rotary



## 2025 District 5180 Conference

**Date:** Apr 12, 2025 (Sat)

**Time:** 8:00am – 5:00pm

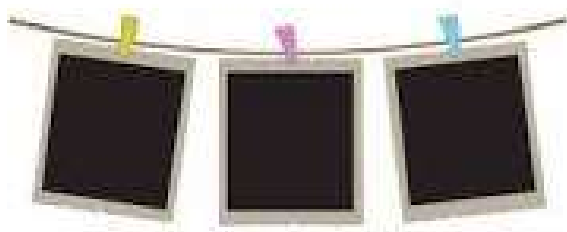
**Location:** Disneyland,  
Anaheim, California

Go to [rotary5180.org](https://www.rotary5180.org)  
 To register & other info

## 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



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

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

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

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