



# 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

## Happy 10 years Passport One!



Club Presidents  
See more about it on page 4

# Save the Dates

## NEXT MEETING Thursday, May 15, 2025

We will have 2 speakers at this meeting - Amber Jewison (Chapter President at Sleep in Heavenly Peace) and Jackie Simon (CASA Sacramento).. We will also talk about things coming next term including the new Board Member nominees and June's Elevation Party.

**Please RSVP** as soon as possible. Place your order\* no later than end of day Tuesday, May 13th with Sheryl



**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**

Child bedlessness is a national problem, and as a national nonprofit with chapters spread across the country, SHP has provided the solution. We are a volunteer organization that builds beds for kids who are sleeping on the floor and there are multiple ways to get involved right here on our CA-Sacramento Chapter page.



CASA Sacramento is a community-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to recruiting, training and supporting Court Appointed Special Advocates who serve Sacramento County's foster children.

## End of Term Party



Friday, June 13th Halloween in June party.

Celebrating the end of the 2024 – 2025 term

Costumes will be encouraged

More details to come.



# One Day District Conference



2025 Annual District Conference was a combined event with 5180 and 5300 at the Disneyland Hotel Resort.



We saw the changing of the guard with our DG line...from Megan Ellinghouse to Dave Veden to Brian Gladden...taking their oath for their respective office.

DG Steve Turner kicked off out D5180 afternoon breakout with guest speaker, Taylor, sharing her mental health peer-to-peer program.

The RYE students shared some of their experiences...fun!

We learned more about the Rotaplast program changing lives of so many through surgeries performed free of charge.

We held a brief meeting to accept the 2023-2024 annual report from PG Sidney Smith.

At dinner, PDG Al Frumkin introduced Brad Howard, a past RI Director, who shared some research and his thoughts on the future of Rotary. Very insightful.

We ended it all off with a walk to Downtown Disney(for those with energy left for that!), saw the fireworks from afar, and shared a wonderful time of Rotary friendship.

- Copied from the District 5180 Facebook page



**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



# SERVICE Above Self

## Volunteer Opps

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



### Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast at St. John's Program for Real Change



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

On Saturday, April 19, we hosted two egg hunts for all the children at the shelter. Everyone were able to participate in arts and crafts which included: bunny masks, superhero capes, bracelet making, and foam crafts. Our wonderful volunteers made an amazing brunch of pancakes, sausages, and bacon, with plenty of fruit, muffins, and pancake toppings for all to enjoy.

- Adrianne Pontarelli





# 10 Year Anniversary Party

Wednesday, April 23, 2025



Hope to see you at our next event.



# Out & About with Our Members

## Club Recognition

Wednesday, April 30, 2025



Passport One was recognized on April 30th by John Morris Therapeutic School. They recognized us during their Open House and specifically mentioned how much the children appreciated having a wrapped Christmas present from our club every year. After the presentation, we toured the room where they use the 3-D printers PP1 purchased a few years ago. It was inspirational to see how much they have been used over the last couple years and how much they means to the students. We are currently in discussions with the school and the neighboring Homeowner's Association to partner with them on their community garden, hopefully this is a project our club can commit to in the coming year.

- Leroy Ellinghouse

## Looking for Your Input

### Speaker, Speaker anyone?

Do you know of anyone that could be fun to invite to our club and speak at a meeting?

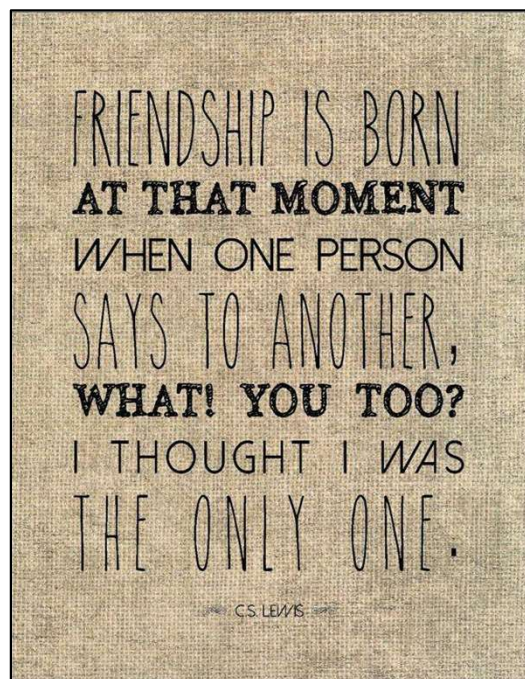
Someone from another non-profit, traveled somewhere interesting, an academic, a community leader, a business owner, or a Rotarian?

### What time is it? It's Social Time

We've had a blast at concerts, trivia & game nights, and happy hours. What are some more ideas of outings that you would want to go and bring your club friends to enjoy? More of the above, other community events, or other places to check out? Dinners or movie nights we can also make into fundraisers? Other small fundraiser ideas?



Please send in recommendations at any time you think of them to me, Michele at [mchlspil@gmail.com](mailto:mchlspil@gmail.com). If you send in something before the meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>, you will be entered into a raffle for a prize.



# 2025 - 2026

## Prospective Board Members

The call has gone out and members responded. Here is a list of board positions and a simple definition of duties. See club bylaws for more details. If you would like to help on a committee, please reach out the President or Director.

**Come to the meeting on May 15, 2025 to vote in your next term's President, President-Elect, and President-Nominee.**

**President:** Preside at Club and Board meetings

**President-Elect:** Prepare to become President of the Club in the upcoming Rotary year

**President-Nominee:** Assist the President and Membership Director

**Secretary:** Manage all correspondence, record attendance of any meeting, send out notices of meetings, record and preserve minutes

**Treasurer:** Oversee the collection and disbursement of all Club funds

**Membership Director:** Shall develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the recruitment and retention of members

**Public Image Director:** Shall develop and implement plans to provide the public with information about the Club and Rotary International via the Club's website, newsletter and social media outlets

**Club Administration Director:** Shall work with the President to develop and implement plans to ensure that a location is secured and properly advertised for all official Club meetings, including Board meetings, social mixers, etc.

**Service Director:** Shall develop and implement a method for communicating community service projects

**Foundation Director:** Shall develop and implement plans to support and communicate the efforts of The Rotary Foundation and its various projects

**Youth Service Director:** shall develop and implement plans for organizing youth service projects

**Fundraising Director:** shall develop and implement plans for fundraising for the Club and the Club Foundation



## ***Birthdays***

5/1 – Phyllis Baughman  
5/3 – Carsen Tazi  
5/4 – Mike Melliza  
5/13 – Beth Ellinthorpe  
5/24 – Sam Anderson  
5/28 – Lawana Welch

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May is Youth Service Month. This month focuses on supporting the development of young people, including Rotary's programs like Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Youth Exchange



## **Club Calendar**

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

### **May**

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

### **June**

6/5 – Board meeting on zoom  
6/13 – End of term Party

## **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)



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



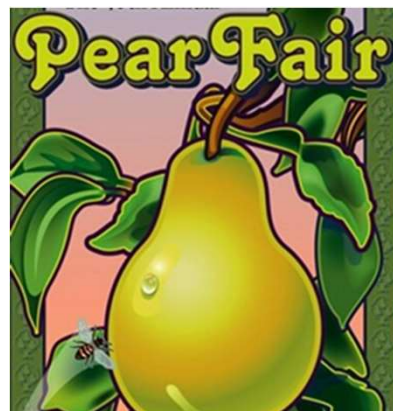
May 16, 2025  
6:00PM – 10:00PM  
Historic Folsom



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



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



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

Tee Off Against  
Human Trafficking



August 8, 2025  
Roseville

# District 5180 News

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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.



## Trivia Time

Q - For how long was Rotary primarily a friendship and business reciprocity organization?

A – Only about two years, then the club added a third objective to perform civic service

Q- What is the greatest distance from Chicago that a Rotary Club banner has been displayed?

A – Astronaut Frank Borman, of the Rotary Club of Space Center Houston, took a banner on his orbit around the moon in Apollo 8.

Q – What was the first service project of the first Rotary Club?

A - The installation of public toilets in Chicago in 1907. This project made Rotary the World's First Service Club.

Q - What was the first donation gift from the Rotary Foundation?

A - In 1929, the Rotary Foundation made its first gift, \$500, to the International Society for Crippled Children.



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: [mchlspl@gmail.com](mailto:mchlspl@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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