



The Traveler

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Volunteering at Feed My Starving Children

see more about it on page 6

Flexibility, Diversity & Service
A Rotary Adventure Tailored to
You!

Come Join Us:

Meetings: the 3rd Thursday at
6pm - July, Sept, Nov, Jan,
Mar & May

The Officer Club
at McClellan Park
3410 Westover St
McClellan Park, CA 95652

Visit the Calendar of Events
for our socials and service
projects

rotarypassport.org

Join Our Team

The Passport One Rotary Team once again is fighting hunger across Sacramento County this holiday season by participating in the Run to Feed the Hungry. A group of us participate in Run to Feed the Hungry every Thanksgiving morning and it's a fun way to raise money for the Sacramento Food Bank.



Last day to register is Nov 21, go to RuntoFeedtheHungry.com or you can donate. Contact Lawana Welch for more info.

CALENDAR

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

November

- 1 - Big Brothers, Big Sisters volunteer
- 8 - Foundation Dinner
- 20 - General meeting
- 27 - Run to Feed the Hungry

December

- 6 - Active 20-30 Club Sacramento #1, Children's Holiday Party Volunteer
- 8 - 18 - Operation Cratchit Volunteer
- 11 - 80th Anniversary of the Union Nations, San Francisco
- TBD - Holiday party

January

- 15 - General meeting

February

- TBD - Social event

March

- 19 - General meeting

April

- TBD - Social event

May

- 1 - 3 - District 5180 Annual Conference (3 days)
- 21 - General meeting

June

- 6 - 2nd Annual Crawfish Fundraiser
- TBD - End of term party



November's Meeting

Thursday
Nov 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Please join us for our 3rd meeting of the term.

Our speakers will be

- Joe Scheimer
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- Alexander Prime
- A RYLA graduate

(read about Joe and Alexander on the next page.)

AND

We will be inducting our newest member, Jesse Glycer!



Club Administration:
Sheryl Luoma

She will be letting us know about our club meetings & social events.

LOOKING FOR MEMBERS to help with event planning

Let us know of any fun socials, volunteering, or speakers.

join a committee for our:
Family Picnic
Holiday Party
Crawfish Fundraiser
End of Term Party



Birthdays

- 10/1 – Dwight Chambers
- 10/2 - Gregory Dixon
- 10/5 - Heidi Hershenhouse-Corbett
- 10/21 - Adrienne Pontarelli
- 10/22 - Kwame Acquah (Honorary Member)
- 10/23 - Michele Spilman
- 10/24 - Monique Harris

- 11/3 – JoAnne Tanner
- 11/13 - Jeffrey McAlpin
- 11/18 - Leigh-Ann Reiner (Honorary Member)
- 11/30 - J. Bear Williams



in Rotary

October

- 18 years - Ray Ward (Honorary Member)
- 14 years – Sara Thornros

November

- 4 years - Michele Spilman



2025 – 2026

**Club Executives
& Directors**

President:

Leroy Ellinghouse

President Elect:

Michele Spilman

Immediate Past President:

Dwight Chambers

Treasurer:

Eric James

Secretary:

Lawana Welch

Club Administration:

Sheryl Luoma

Service Projects:

Sara Thornos

Youth Services:

Adam Campbell

Public Image:

Deanna Fenner

Membership:

Mike Melliza

Club Foundation:

Monique Harris

Fundraising:

Alex Fenner

November Meeting

Speakers



Joe Scheimer
member of Fair Oaks Rotary

Joe Scheimer is a member of the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks. His classification is fighter pilot retired. He is a retired USAF Colonel who started his 24+ year Air Force career as a Forward Air Controller (FAC) directing air strikes against the enemy in the Vietnam War and then flew in the CIA's Secret War in Laos.

Joe has been active in Rotary for 29+ years. He was involved in 3 wheelchair distributions, including 1 he led to Costa Rica. He is a member of District 5180's Triple Crown: Major Donor, Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society, and the PolioPlus Society. He was the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team leader to Colombia in 2010. He has been a counselor at RYLA. He was an Assistant Governor for 4 years, and the District Rotary Foundation Chair for 4 years. He is once again the District Grants Subcommittee Chair. He likes to fish, read history, and drive corvettes.

Alexander Prime

North European Architect with over 15 Years of Experience in Architecture, Design, Engineering, Construction and Real Estate Development. Master's Degree with Excellence (Red Diploma, GPA 4.8/5.0) Specialization in Minimalism, Hi-Tech & Nordic Hygge. Speaks English, German and obviously Russian. European Culturally, American at Heart. 17 Years together with his Wife, 12 of which in Marriage. Has 11-year-old son. Had successful and prosperous career before the War. Became Political Activist since 2017 till 2022. By that signed Jail and possible Death sentence due to opposition to Russian Government. Had to sacrifice everything to save his Life, Freedom & Family Wholesomeness by escaping Russia thru Asia and Latin America and starting whole Life from absolute scratch. Loves United States with every fiber of his Soul. Values every Freedom that America provides. Appreciates American Legacy & Culture. Brought all of his Skills, Education & Experience to American Table. Is eagerly willing to love, serve, protect & develop the United States of America, which he now considers his one and only Motherland.

Out & About with Our Members

October

Dinner and Karaoke



SERVICE Above Self

Volunteering Spotlights



The Fair Oaks Rotary Club has reached out to our club for volunteer pourers for their fundraiser 'Fair Oaks Chicken Festival' on Saturday, September 20, 2025, located at 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.



Service Project Chair:
Sara Thornos
Please reach out and let her know of any volunteer opportunities.



Youth Services:
Adam Campbell
Will be organizing our youth projects

Come join us Saturday, October 11 at the Scottish Rite Center on a beautiful fall day for our very-first East Sac Chamber Rib Cook-Off! We'll have multiple teams making ribs and other food with beer and wine served, along with live music performed by local band, Noize, during the event.



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.



Volunteering Spotlights Continued



15th Annual Feed My Starving Children 'MobilePack' food packing event starting at 4:00 pm on Thursday, October 16, through Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm. The event will take place at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Rocklin

.We had members attending every day October 16 - 18th: Brad Asbury, Leroy Ellinghouse, Deanna Fenner, Monique Harris, Sheryl Luoma, Adrienne Pontarelli, Hanna Thornros, Sara Thornros & Kayleigh Williams.



Rotary Work Day 10/25 at River Bend Park - Brad Asbury & Adrienne Pontarelli



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORUNTIES

Keep an eye out on emails and club calendar for lots more opportunities coming up

Mike Smyth Memorial Holiday Party



PP1 Rotarians, we have a fantastic opportunity to volunteer our time to assist the Active 20-30 Club of Sacramento #1 with their annual "Mike Smyth Memorial Holiday Party" on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 11:00 to 2:00 pm at Christian Brother High School. Signup details to follow.

This fabulous event is being advertised to families undergoing treatment at the UCD Pediatric Cancer Center as well as families undergoing other sorts of hardship this Holiday Season.

Date: Dec 08, 2025 at 10:00 AM - Dec 18, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Location: Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center
450 W El Camino Ave
Sacramento, CA United States of America
95833

Volunteer Signup List:
Sorting & Packing and basket distribution



Help us help others!

Rotary Foundation Tibits

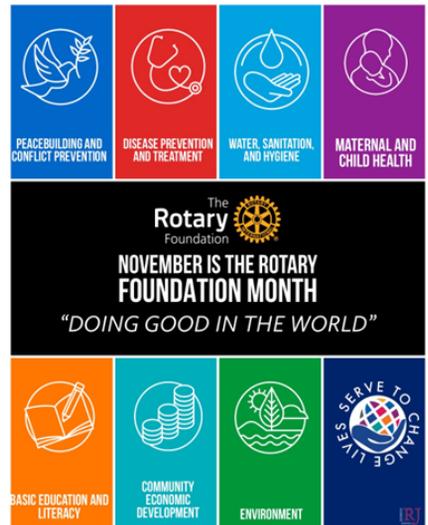


Club Foundation:
Monique Harris

Will be sharing information relating to the Foundation and Polio Plus to the club.



Why purple pinkies, you ask? Because when children are given the polio vaccine health workers dye their pinkie fingers purple so they know which kids have already received it.



District 5180 Club Bingo

American River	Arden-Arcade	Citrus Heights	Clarksburg	El Dorado Hills Or Elk Grove
Fair Oaks Or Folsom Lake	Folsom Or Foothill Highlands	Granite Bay Or Gridley	Historic Folsom	Laguna Sunrise
Lincoln Or Marysville	Midtown	 PASSPORT ONE	Natomas	North Sacramento Or Orangevale
Oroville Or Oroville Sunrise	Pocket Greenhaven	Rancho Cordova	Roseville Or Point West	Sacramento Or South Placer
South Sacramento	South Yuba County	Walnut Gove Or West Sacramento	West Sacramento Central Or Yuba City	Yuba-Sutter Night

webpage: rotary5180.org
 Get to know other clubs, visit their meetings!

**2026
District 5180 Conference**

Date: May 1, 2026 (3 days)

Location: South Lake Tahoe

More info to come

**2026
Rotary International
Convention**



**Rotary International
President**

Francesco Arezzo
Ragusa, Italy

District 5180

District Governor

Megan Ellinghouse
Passport One

Assistant Governor Area 2

Yvonne Whalen
North Sacramento



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

Passport One Club Webpage:
Rotarypassport.org (Club Runner)

District 5180 Webpage:
rotary5180.org

Rotary International Webpage:
Rotary.org
&
My.rotary.org

Find our club on

