Rotary Passport One



The Traveler

November 2026

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

Come Join Us

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

Visit our website for all other events

rotarypassport.org

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Happy 5th Rotary Anniversary to President Michele Spilman!

This month, we are celebrating a special milestone as our Club President, Michele Spilman, marks 5 years with Rotary Passport One! Having previously served as our Public Image Chair, Michele stepped into the presidency this year to guide our club with a thoughtful, behind-the-scenes approach. While she is naturally quiet and understated, her steady dedication and five years of continued commitment to our Rotary family are truly appreciated. Please join us in thanking Michele for her five years of service to Passport One!

November is The Rotary Foundation Month



November is designated as The Rotary Foundation Month.

Rotary members work on sustainable projects to help local communities and people in other countries.

Clubs focus on supporting local initiatives through foundation grants, enabling them to expand vocational training and educational opportunities.

The Rotary Foundation is committed to supporting communities globally and empowering individuals to achieve their full potential.

Projects often include providing clean water and sanitation, supporting child health, creating literacy programs, and disease prevention, through foundation and club grant funding.

By supporting The Rotary Foundation, Rotary helps create lasting positive change.

CALENDAR



Birthdays
October

Tanner, JoAnne-November 3

McAlpin, Jeffrey-November 13

Reinero, Leigh-Ann-November 18

Williams, J. Bear-November 30



Membership Milestones

September

Spilman, Michele

5 years

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

This Month

November 18-20-St. John's Gazebo Build

November 19th-Member Meeting

Featured Speakers

- High School student: reflections from attending RYLA camp.
- Cyndi Swindle & Christina Toney from John Morris Therapeutic Center (JMTC)
- Iris Dimond & Leslie Addiego from Sacramento Area Regional Theatre Alliance (SARTA)

November 26th Thanksgiving Morning

Join Rotary Passport One Team here

November 29th-Gratitude in Motion Thanksgiving Outreach

Click here for info on how to join us

Next Month

December 5th- Foster Hope "All Aboard the Polar Express" Volunteer Opportunity

December 17-Frozen the Musical with Passport One

TBD-Holiday Party

2026 – 2027 Club Executives & Directors

President:
Michele Spilman

President Elect:
Eric James

President Nominee:
Adrianne Pontarelli

Immediate Past President:
Leroy Ellinghouse

Treasurer:
Eric James

Secretary:
Megan Ellinghouse

Club Administration:
Lawana Welch

Service Projects:
Sara Thornos

Youth Services:
Jeffrey McAlpin

Public Image:
Deanna Fenner

Membership:
Leroy Ellinghouse

Club Foundation:
Monique Harris

Fundraising:
Alex Fenner

Member Moments

Beyond the Meetings: How Rotary Friendships Go the Extra Mile!

One of the absolute best perks of being in Rotary isn't just the service projects we complete—it's the genuine, lasting friendships built along the way. Recently, a group of us ladies put that bond to the test (and put our walking shoes to work!) on an incredible local adventure.

Our friend Wona, an experienced trekker of the famous Camino de Santiago in Spain, invited a few of us—Deanna, Megan, Sheryl, Sara, and Monique—to join a 10-mile "Sacramento Camino" hosted by her club, The Sacramento Pilgrim Community. Always up for a challenge and some great company, we grabbed our maps and set off from William Land Park.

Our journey wove through Land Park, wound into historic Old Sacramento, and navigated down K Street, stopping along the way at various donativos (donation spots) and collecting official sellos (passport stamps) just like pilgrims do on the actual trail in Europe.

By the time we reached the bridge near Sacramento City College, we looked back toward the downtown skyline in total shock—we had actually walked all that way on foot!

After crossing the campus, we finally looped back to William Land Park to receive our official certificates of completion. We were all exhausted, incredibly proud of ourselves, and already talking about the future: it's safe to say some of us would definitely do it again, and maybe even train for the real 500-mile Camino in Spain eventually!

Rotary brings us together to serve, but moments like these remind us that the connections we make extend far beyond our club meetings. Here's to many more miles and memories together









Sharing Thanksgiving, One Turkey at a Time

SERVICE AT A GLANCE

30

holiday turkeys delivered to John Morse Therapeutic Center

Rotary Passport One



As the holiday season approaches, Rotary Passport One was proud to grow our ongoing relationship with the incredible students and staff at John Morse Therapeutic Center.

While our club has an annual tradition of buying and wrapping Christmas gifts for the children at John Morse every December, this Thanksgiving marked an exciting new chapter: for the first time ever, we expanded our support by delivering 30 holiday turkeys straight to the school's freezer! This gift ensures that every single family in the program can take home a turkey along with all the fixings for a warm, complete Thanksgiving meal together.

Filling the freezer to capacity was a powerful reminder of what community support is all about. Knowing these 30 families can enjoy a stress-free holiday meal brings the true spirit of Rotary right home to our own backyard.

We look forward to continuing—and deepening—our partnership with John Morse in the months and years ahead, starting with our beloved Christmas gift drive just around the corner.

Service Above Self!

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

October Volunteer Event

Foster Hope Spooky Festival



Service Hours "Lives Saved"

We encourage every Passport One member to 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.



Gratitude in Motion

Upcoming Hands-On Service Opportunity! 💙

If you missed out on volunteering for the Spooky Festival, we have another chance to put Service Above Self! On Sunday, November 29th, we'll be volunteering with Gratitude in Motion to feed and provide a Thankgiving meal for our unhoused community members. Head over to our Facebook event page for time, location, and details on how you can help!

Click here for Event Page

More Ways to Help.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE |



ROTARY DISTRICT 5180 |

ROTARY DISTRICT 5180 FUNDRAISER FOR POLIOPLUS



D5180 is raising money for the fight to end polio! We are biking, walking, putting, and doing lots of activities to raise money for this fight. There are still a few cases in Afghanistan & Pakistan! The WHO says if we stop our efforts now, in 10 years there will be 200,000 children a year paralyzed! Use this link to donate:

https://raiseuat.rotary.org/JoeScheimer/fundraiser390/

RotaryDistrict 5180

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2027 Rotary International Convention





Register Here

Rotary International President
Olayinka Hakeem Babalola
Trans Amadi in Nigeria

District 5180
District Governor
Dave Veden
Natomas

Assistant Governor Area 2
Roland Wright
Foothill Highlands



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District 5180 Webpage:
rotary5180.org

Rotary International Webpage:
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