



# 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

## **September General Meeting**



Check out page 3 for highlights

# Governor Elect Training



Recap from Megan Ellinghouse:

Completing Rotary International's Governor Elect Training in Spokane, Washington was an inspiring and transformative experience. The camaraderie within the class was remarkable, as we bonded over shared goals and the desire to make a lasting impact through Rotary. The training provided invaluable leadership skills, empowering each of us to lead our Districts with vision and purpose.



One of the highlights was meeting Rotary International President Elect, Mário César Martins de Camargo, whose passion for growing and engaging membership was contagious. His dedication to expanding Rotary's reach reminded us the importance of strengthening our communities through service and inclusion. Our class created Mario shirts as a play on Mario Kart with his face and the Mario hat. He was such a good sport and even wore a shirt with our class!



Equally powerful was the focus on sharing the stories of our Districts and all of the amazing Rotarians within our District which is truly the heart and purpose of Rotary. These stories not only connect us to one another but inspire others to join in our mission of making the world a better place. It was truly a motivating and enriching experience.



**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:**

JoAnne Tanner

**Club Foundation:**

Monique Harris

**Fundraising:**

Dwight Chambers



# Out & About with Our Members

## SEPTEMBER General Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 2024 Here are some highlights:

- District 5180 Governor Steve Turner and several Area Governors attended our meeting.
- Dr. Michele Wilkerson became our newest member. WELCOME
- Bill Bowen was officially introduced as our President Nominee wearing the “Ultimate Rotarian” belt. He welcomes everyone to take on the challenge to win it, as soon as he figures it out.
- Megan Ellinghouse was recognized with a 7-time Paul Harris Fellowship
- JoAnne Tanner was announced as our club’s Rotary Star



Hope to see you at our next meeting.

# SERVICE Above Self

## Volunteer Opps

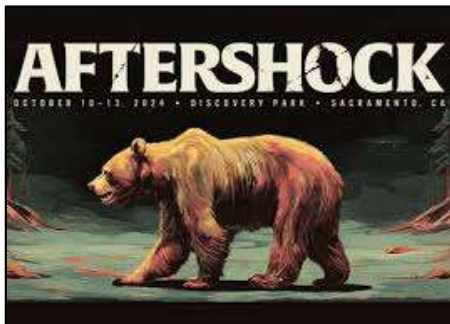
Please connect with Sara Thornos if you have questions on Service Projects.

Let her know of events we can volunteer.



Join the fun at the country music festival. Sign up as a volunteer bartender at Golden Sky.

Happening **October 18 – 19, 2024** at Discovery Park. Sign up for shifts via link provided in emails.



Did you bartend at Aftershock? Please send in photos and a little bit about your experience.

Michele at mchlspil@gmail.com



We have the opportunity to pack meals for **'Feed My Starving Children'** at their 14th Annual Placer County Mobile Pack at St. Matthews Church in Rocklin.

The event runs from **Thursday, October 17 through Saturday, October 19, 2024**. There are different 2 hour time slots for each day.

See emails for more details and to sign up for a shift (or more).



Kids First need volunteers for their annual gala "Dia de los Muertos" on **November 1, 2024** at The Blue Goose in Loomis.

There are two shifts 9:00 to noon and 9:30 pm to 11:00 pm.





## Rotary Anniversaries

17 years - Ray Ward (Honorary Member)

13 years – Sara Thornros



## Birthdays

10/1 – Dwight Chambers

10/2 - Gregory Dixon

10/5 - Heidi Hershenhouse-Corbett

10/12 - Bill Bowen

10/21 - Adrienne Pontarelli

10/22 - Kwame Acquah

10/23 - Michele Spilman

10/24 - Monique Harris



Rotary International's Economic and Community Development Month is celebrated in October. Rotary clubs around the world work on projects to help communities and people in other countries achieve sustainable development.

Some ways clubs can help include: Partnering with a local microlender, Developing mobile banking resources, Purchasing goods and supplies locally, Expanding vocational training opportunities, and Supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses.



## Club Calendar

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

### October

19 – Foundation Dinner

24 – World Polio Day

### November

7 – Board meeting in person

21 General meeting

### December

5 – Board meeting on Zoom

? – **Holiday Party (TBD)**

## Service Hours

We encourage every Passport One member to report your monthly service hours. We are expected to complete 40 service hours a year. There are many activities that qualify as service hours including; attending club meeting, volunteering for fundraisers or other activities with other clubs as well as any volunteering you do for activities outside of Rotary.

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

# JOIN US



If you would like a seat at the table, the tickets are \$80 per person

Let Megan Ellinghouse know if you want to join the club's table or if you have any questions about the Foundation Dinner.

Come hear all the highlights of the impactful events/projects within our District. Attending the Rotary District 5180 Foundation dinner offers a unique opportunity to connect with other like-minded clubs in our area who are committed to Service Above Self.

By attending you gain insight into ongoing projects and hear inspiring stories from people directly involved in life-changing initiatives. Projects such as eradicating polio, providing clean water, supporting education and promoting peace while also highlighting local initiatives such as youth leadership development. Director Vicky Puliz will share how we have significantly impacted our communities and how we are leaving long-lasting positive changes in the world.

# Rotary Lingo

Ongoing section of different acronyms, terms, and definitions.

## Acronyms

**3-H** – Health, Hunger & Humanity  
**AG** – Assistant Governor  
**AGM** – Annual General Meeting  
**APF** – Annual Programs Fund  
**CAP** – Community Assistance Program

## Terminology

**Areas of Focus** Rotary International has identified specific causes to target our local and global impact via global grant distribution and other resources: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, and Economic and Community Development.

**Avenues of Service** Our commitment to service at home and abroad through five avenues of service, which serve as the foundation of club activity: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, International Service and Youth Services.

**Club Assembly** A club meeting to discuss the club programs and activities. Open to all club members. Clubs can incorporate club assemblies into their regular meeting schedules.

**ClubRunner** A web service that many clubs use in our district to host web sites and enhance electronic communication with District and International.

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# District 5180 News

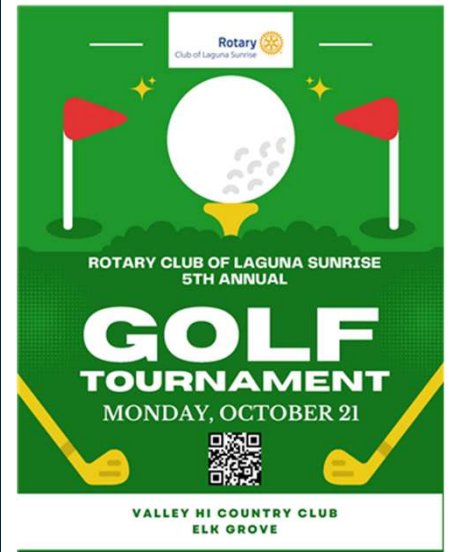
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October 4, 2024  
6:00PM – 10:00PM  
Folsom



October 16, 2024  
2:00PM – 10:00PM  
Sacramento



October 21, 2024  
8:30AM – 7:00PM  
Laguna Sunrise



October 12, 2024  
5:00PM – 10:00PM  
Elk Grove



October 17, 2024  
7:00PM – 10:00PM  
Greater Sac Rotaract



October 27, 2024  
3:00PM – 7:00PM  
Fair Oaks





## 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

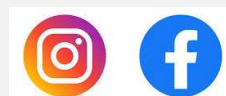


**Passport One Club Webpage:**  
[Rotarypassport.org](https://Rotarypassport.org) (Club Runner)

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

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

Find our club on









# Meet Your Board

## Part 2

### President:

Dwight Chambers

### Immediate Past President:

Lawana Welch

### Treasurer:

Eric James

### Secretary:

Mike Melliza

### Youth Services:

Adrianne Pontarelli

### Membership:

JoAnne Tanner

JoAnnes hobby planning  
vacations

What is her favorite vacation?

A: the next one

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# Passport Club Memories

**Year One: 2015**

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