



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!



Okay, not quite yet.

What started as one new idea regarding flexibility in meetings, dues, and time in service to the community, has spread throughout the world. Our club will be celebrating this milestone next May. Plan to see highlights of each year in the following months.

If you have past photos, stories, or other random things to share, please reach out Michele Spilman, Public Image.

Sept Meeting Guest Speaker



Mark your calendars for a fun-filled Rotary meeting **on September 19th at 6:00 PM at the Officer's Club!** District 5180 Governor Steve Turner will be attending and sharing his vision for the District for the year to come.

DG Turner is well-known for his dynamic leadership, commitment to service, and dedication to club engagement. This meeting promises to be an exciting event, offering a unique opportunity for members to engage directly with Governor Turner. Rotary benefits through our collective efforts in making a positive impact within our community, so whether you are a long-time member or new Rotarian, this meeting is an excellent chance to connect, learn, and be inspired.

We encourage all Rotarians and members of the community to attend and participate in what promises to be one of the highlights of the Rotary Passport One year.



President Update



As many of you may know, our esteemed president, Greg Dixon, is currently recovering. We send our best wishes to Greg for a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming him back soon.



In the meantime, we're grateful to have Dwight Chambers stepping in as our acting president. Thank you, Dwight, for your leadership during this time.

Cruzin' Social



Date: 09/27/2024 (Fri.)
Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Location: [1206 Front Street Sacramento, CA between K and L Street - the L Street Dock](#)

For this month, let's enjoy music and drinks while taking in the fresh river breezes under the Tower Bridge and past the Sacramento city skyline during a 1.5 hour cruise.

Boarding time is 5:30 to set sail at 6pm. Please make your reservations and payment on City Experiences / Sacramento / city cruises / Sacramento alive after five website

Any Rotary members, family, and friends are welcome to join us. 21+ only. Share the link with them.

Meet Your Board

Part 1



President Elect: Leroy Ellinghouse

I retired after 32yrs of State service with the Department of Water Resources. After retiring I decided to include Rotary in my life to keep engaged with community. My wife & I travel frequently

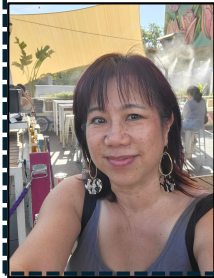
President Elect Nominee: Bill Bowen

I love Zumba and have been dancing for the last two years.



Club Administration: Sheryl Luoma

I was a collegiate competitive fencer and traveled with a group who did fencing "lessons" and demonstrations at Renaissance Faires in California.



Service Projects: Sara Thornos

When I was a child, I wanted to be a Nun. As a teenager, I was a Punk Rocker with red and green spiked hair, bondage trousers, Doc Martins the full monty!



Club Foundation: Monique Harris

I've raised 5 horses from since their birth on my property starting 29 years ago or another fun fact I love to track my Audi TTRS on a racetrack.



Public Image: Michele Spilman

One of the times I went to Disneyland, I pulled the sword from the stone and was crowned Queen for the day.



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:

Adrianne Pontarelli

Public Image:

Michele Spilman

Membership:

JoAnne Tanner

Club Foundation:

Monique Harris

Fundraising:

Dwight Chambers

Out & About with Our Members

JUNE End of Term Elevation Party

On Thursday, June 20, 2024
At J.J. Pfister Distilling Co.
We “Elevated” President
Lawana Welch from
President of Rotary Passport
One to PAST President.
Congrats to Lawana & the
entire board on a great year!



JULY 1st Meeting of the Term

Thursday, July 18, 2024 was a jam-packed 1st meeting for the 2024-2025 term. Here are some highlights:



Introduced & Inducted the new board: Adrienne Pontarelli, Dwight Chambers, Eric James, JoAnne Tanner, Lawana Welch, Leroy Ellinghouse, Michele Spilman, Mike Melliza, Monique Harris, & Sheryl Luoma (plus Bill Bowen & Sara Thornros, not present)



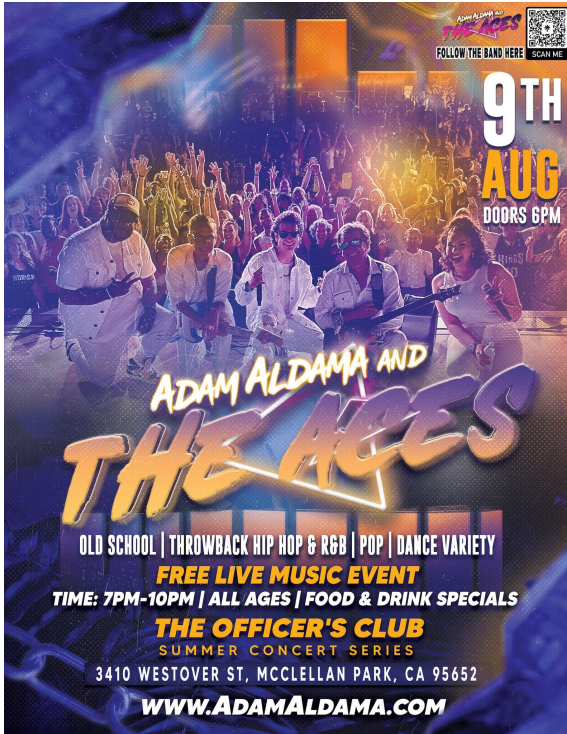
Our guest speakers were Holly Siino & Missy Okelberry from Gigi's Playhouse. This is a non-profit that supports all ages of individuals with down syndrome.



Alex & Deanna Fenner became the newest members to our club.



Hope to see you at our next meeting in September.



August Dinner & a Concert

Thank you for all who attended our first social at the Officer's Club. We had an awesome turnout with 20 or so members. The company and music by Adam Aldama and the Aces were fabulous. Many were pleasantly surprised that the Officer's Club had a beautiful outdoor seating area and dance floor. It definitely was a change of pace from being in our regular meeting room. Also, thank you to Dwight and Joanne providing the festive leis for the attendees to wear during the event.

We hope our next social is just as successful. Possible future socials include roller skating, bowling, karaoke, game night, paint night, and a City Experience mini cruise. Any other ideas, please contact Sheryl (Sheryl.Luoma@yahoo.com).



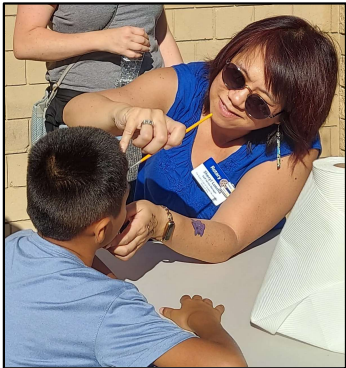
SERVICE Above Self

Volunteer Opps

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



On September 7th, a few of us volunteered at the Active 20-30 Club of Sacramento #1's Shopping Spree. Children from Isador Cohen Elementary School (ages 5-11) went shopping with volunteers for necessities such as clothes, underwear, socks, and shoes. The children also received a backpack with school supplies and a bag of toiletries, and a hot breakfast. They enjoyed some playtime and getting their face painted (one of whom was our own Sheryl)

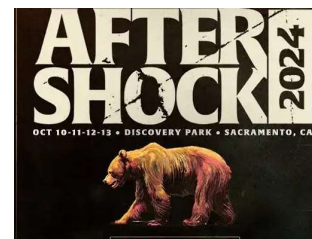


Let's get a group of volunteers to go!!

River City Food Bank (RCFB) is thrilled to host the 21st Empty Bowls fundraising event at the Sacramento Zoo. As RCFB's only major fundraiser, Empty Bowls provides critical operating support to purchase and distribute healthy food to anyone experiencing food insecurity in Sacramento County.

Thursday, September 19, 2024 – Setup from 2:30 to 5:30 pm – Event from 5:30 to 9:30 pm

Location: Sacramento Zoo; 3930 W. Land Park Dr. Sacramento, CA (parking is free throughout Land Park).



we have been invited back to participate in the 2024 Aftershock Festival as volunteer bartenders. This year an amazing lineup has been planned for this 4-day music festival in Discovery Park. The festival starts on **Thursday, October 10th, and runs through Sunday, October 13th**. Shifts are from 11:00 to 5:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 2:00 to 10:00 pm each day. Sign up via link provided in emails.



Rotary Anniversaries

9/1 – Glenn Fong (Honorary Member) 19 years
9/1 – Heidi Hershenhouse-Corbett 19 years
9/1 – Sherry Whitcomb 2 years
9/7 – Eric James 7 years
9/11 – Valerie Mebust 17 years



Birthdays

9/8 – Leroy Ellinghouse
9/11 – Tom O'Connor
9/16 – Michael Reinero (Honorary Member)



WHO'S AWESOME?
YOU'RE AWESOME.

Rotary International dedicates September as its Education and Literacy Month to emphasize the importance of literacy as a foundational aspect of community development. This month-long celebration is a key part of Rotary's broader mission to promote peace, fight disease, support public health, and end poverty.

Rotary clubs around the world engage in activities such as book drives, literacy campaigns, and educational scholarships to uplift communities and provide access to education for all, especially in underprivileged areas.



Club Calendar

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

September

19 – Board & General meeting
21 - International Day of Peace

October

3 – Board meeting on Zoom
19 – Foundation Dinner
24 – World Polio Day

November

7 – Board meeting in person
21 General meeting

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.

District 5180 News

Upcoming September & October events from other clubs in the District
webpage: rotary5180.org

Did you know?

There are 37 clubs
in our District.



September 13, 2024
6:00PM – 11:59PM
Marysville

CHEERS TO 30 BREWERS 30 YEARS!

September 14 | 1-4pm
Discovery Park, Sacramento

VIP EARLY ENTRANCE | 12pm

BEER RELAY • BEER • WINE •
FOOD • MUSIC • GAMES • FUN!
KIDS 11 AND UNDER ARE FREE

Benefitting:

GET YOUR TICKETS!
CALBREWFEST.org | @cabrewfest

September 14, 2024
1:00PM – 4:00PM
Point West Sacramento

FAIR OAKS ROTARY CRAFT BEER GARDEN
At the Fair Oaks
CHICKEN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
12:00pm - 6:00pm
Fair Oaks Park

SAVE THE DATE
09.21.24

Fair Oaks Rotary Club

September 21, 2024
12:00PM – 6:00PM
Fair Oaks

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
TO SUPPORT OROVILLE LIGHTS

Entry fee: \$20 per person
Cash and Raffle Prizes
September 14th 2024 at 1 pm
Orville Convention Center
1200 Myers St.

To Register Online:
<https://share.scoreholio.com/zlkzy5ROGLb>
or Contact:
OAR Office (530) 533-9112
ae@orovillerealtors.com

There will be a snack bar and limited bar menu

September 14, 2024
1:00PM
Oroville

East Sac Chamber of Commerce • Rotary Club of Clarksburg
Presents
RIBS AND RHYTHMS EXTRAVAGANZA
★ Prof Am Rib Cookoff ★

September 21st
CHEFS CHECK-IN 7 AM
BBQ SERVED 2 PM
CONCERT 6:30 PM

In Benefit of
CLARKSBURG Youth PROGRAMS

CHEFS OF all SKILL LEVEL WELCOME!

at MINER'S LEAP WINERY
54250 S RIVER RD
CLARKSBURG, CA

LIVE MUSIC BY
HIPPER HIP

BUY TICKETS & REGISTER TODAY

ANY QUESTIONS? JUST REACH OUT!
JASON GRAY PRESIDENT@EASTSACCHAMBER.ORG | 916.588.8877
LINDA HART LAGRENT@GMAIL.COM | 530.220.2515
MORE INFORMATION AT EASTSACCHAMBER.ORG

September 21, 2024
7:00AM – 9:00PM
Clarksburg & East Sac
Chamber of Commerce

**3rd Annual - Walk to
End Alzheimer's
COME JOIN YOUR
FRIENDS AND FELLOW
ROTARIANS
AS WE DO OUR PART
TO END ALZHEIMER'S!**

September 23, 2024
11:30AM – 12:00PM
Walnut Grove

District 5180 News




Join us in Cultivating a Culture of Peace
Rotary District 5180 Celebrates the
United Nations International Day of Peace

Cal Expo
1600 Exposition Blvd.

September 21, 2024
9:00 a.m. to noon

Peace Scholar Guest Speaker
Dr. Preston Lindsay
A Culture of Connectivity:
How to Have a Peaceful Thanksgiving Dinner

Plus: a panel discussion with youth leaders

Rotary
District 5180 

You are invited to join your fellow Rotarians and friends as we celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace on Saturday, September 21, 2024, with a special program organized by our District's Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee.

Through its Peace Centers and Peace Fellows, Rotary has a long history of promoting peace and remains committed to creating lasting change that improves lives and creates a more peaceful world.

On September 21, from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon, we are celebrating the Day of Peace with guest speaker, Dr. Preston Lindsay, a highly respected peace and conflict scholar, and a panel of dynamic youth leaders sharing their thoughts on what it means to promote peace in our communities.

Dr. Lindsay's presentation, A Culture of Connectivity: How to Have A Peaceful Thanksgiving Dinner, will be timely and meaningful as we consider what each of us can do to promote and maintain peace whether at home or across the globe.

Dr Lindsay is a scholar and educator specializing in peace and conflict studies, social entrepreneurship, and community development. He holds a Ph.D. in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Manitoba, an MA in Social Entrepreneurship and Change from Pepperdine University, and a BS in Social Science Education from Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Currently, Dr. Lindsay is focused on developing a peace center, peace curricula for secondary education, and expanding research on grassroots-level peace indicators.

You will want to set aside the morning of September 21 to hear Dr. Lindsay and our youth panel at Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd, Sacramento. Be watching for signs directing you to the building location.

This event is free and open to all so invite your family and friends!

District 5180 News



September 28, 2024
7:00AM
Sacramento



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



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



September 28, 2024
10:00AM – 3:00PM
Foothill Highlands



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



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

More info to come

2025
Rotary International Convention



**Rotary International
President**

Stephanie Urchick
McMurray, Pennsylvania

**District 5180
District Governor**
Steve Turner
Arden-Arcade

Assistant Governor Area 2
Yvonne Whalen
North Sacramento

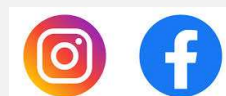


Passport One Club Webpage:
Rotarypassport.org (Club Runner)

District 5180 Webpage:
rotary5180.org

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

Find our club on



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