



# The Traveler

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

### **Come Join Us:**

Meetings: the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://rotarypassport.org)

## **Fishing In The City Day**

see more about it on page 5

**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



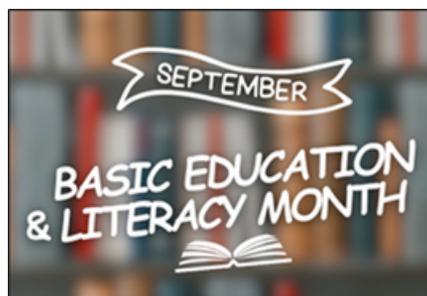
# President's Corner

Dear Passport One Family,

We are only three months into the Rotary year, and I am so proud of what we have already accomplished together! In just a short time, our club has already completed multiple service projects, making an impact in our community and living out Rotary's call to "Create Hope in the World."

I am also excited to share that our grant funding has been approved, which means we are set to move forward with the projects we've planned for this year. This will allow us to expand our reach and serve even more people in meaningful ways. If you're looking for ways to help, just reach out to our Service Chair Sara, she'd love to help find a project that's right for you. In addition to our service projects, we've had a few social events where members were able to gather & enjoy good food, music and fellowship. Please plan to join us at one of the future events!

YIR,  
Leroy Ellinghouse



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.



# CALENDAR

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



## 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

9/6 - Alex Fenner  
9/8 - Leroy Ellinghouse  
9/16 - Michael Reinero  
(Honorary Member)



## in Rotary

9/1 - Glenn Fong (Honorary Member) 20 years  
9/1 - Heidi Hershenhouse-Corbett 18 years  
9/1 - Sherry Whitcomb 3 years  
9/7 - Eric James 8 years

## September's Meeting

Thursday  
Sep 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

- Kumaraswamy "Siva" Sivakumaran will be sharing information with us regarding Human Trafficking and Grants within District 5180.
- Cyndi Swindle, Principal of John Morris Elementary School.
- Tony Meyers. Tony is a profession civil engineer and will be speaking about the State Water Project.
- We will also be presenting Bigger Than Us Arts with a donation from our 1st Annual Crawfish Celebration.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 17 with meal selection to Sheryl. 1 entree and 1 side up to \$25 value included with paid RP1 membership.

## September

13 - Mastering The Rotary Foundation for Your Club Seminar  
13 - Point West Brewers Fest, volunteers  
18 - General meeting  
20 - Fair Oaks Chicken Festival, volunteers  
21 - International Day of Peace

## October

TBD - Social event  
11 - PRLS - Practical Relevant Leadership Skills (2 days)  
16 - 18 - Feed My Starving Children, volunteer  
24 - World Polio Day

## November

8 - Foundation Dinner  
20 - General meeting

## December

TBD - Holiday party

## January

15 - General meeting

## February

TBD - Social event

## March

19 - General meeting

## April

TBD - Social event

## May

1 - District 5180 Annual Conference (3 days)

21 - General meeting

## June

6 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crawfish Fundraiser  
TBD - End of term party

**Rotary** District 5180 **UNITE FOR GOOD**

### 2025 FOUNDATION DINNER

Keynote Speaker: Greg Podd (Rotary Foundation Trustee)

Date: November 8, 2025  
Location: Citrus Heights Community Center, 6300 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Time:  
• VIP Reception at 5:30 PM  
• Doors open at 6:00 PM

Cost:  
• \$85 per person  
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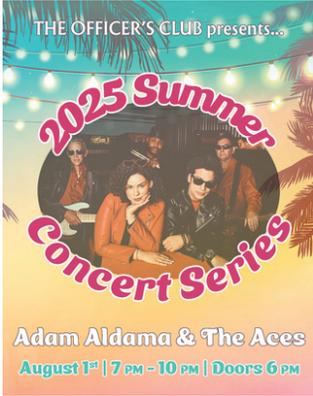
Registration:  
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Please ensure to register by the deadline of **November 4, 2025.**

# Out & About with Our Members

## AUGUST

### Dinner and a Concert

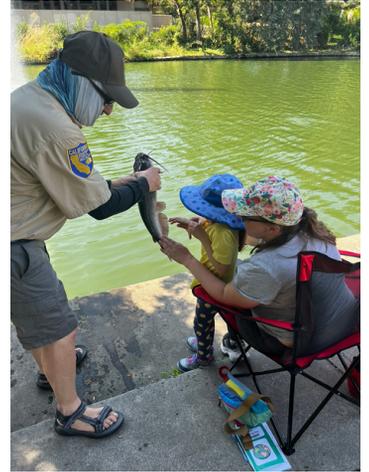


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## AUGUST

### Fishing Day

Successful first event as Rotary Passport One's Youth Services Director. Organized a day of fishing, learning and service with United Cerebral Palsy youth families, CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife and Rotary. Proud to see the positive impact a small project can make!  
Adam Campbell



# 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.

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.



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



**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



**Club Foundation:**  
**Monique Harris**

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

## Rotary Foundation Tibits

What is Polio?

Polio Poliomyelitis (polio) is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. Poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio is incurable, but completely vaccine preventable.

What is PolioPlus?

In 1985, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 3 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.



## 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.

Do you know a high school student with a passion for adventure, new cultures, and making lifelong friendships around the globe? Tell them about Rotary Youth Exchange and send them to [rye5180.org](http://rye5180.org)! Applications for the 2026-27 school year are open!



**Live Abroad,  
Learn a new Language,  
Experience a new Culture!**

**rotary  
youth  
exchange**



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# District 5180 News

Upcoming events from other clubs in the District

*Did you know?*  
There are 37 clubs  
in our District.



September 20, 2025  
12:00PM – 6:00PM  
Fair Oaks



**September 20, 2025**  
Zittel Family Amphitheater  
200 Wool Street, Folsom  
**6:00 Doors Open**  
**7:00 Event Begins**  
\$35. on-line, \$40. or at the door.  
Bring a low back beach chair. 60's-70's attire is encouraged.  
A fundraiser brought to you by:  
Rotary Club of Historic Folsom

September 20, 2025  
Doors open at 6:00PM  
Historic Folsom



Rotary Elk Grove Saturday September 27, 2025  
**BEEF & REEF BASH**  
BBQ Tri-Tip Steak & Pasta  
Oyster/Shrimp Feed  
Vegetarian option available upon request  
Proceeds to benefit Elk Grove youth programs and Community & International projects  
Elk Grove Rotary Foundation  
No Host Bar & Silent Auction 5:00 PM  
Dinner & Live Auction 6:30 PM  
Purchase Tickets Online- \$75 per person  
SES Hall 10428 E Stockton Blvd, Elk Grove CA 95624

September 27, 2025  
5:00PM  
Elk Grove

Rotary Charity Golf Tournament



September 29, 2025  
9:00AM  
Granite Bay



October 4, 2025  
6:00AM  
Sacramento



Rotary Club of Lincoln  
23RD YEAR! **SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2025**  
**Tour de Lincoln**  
BBQ LUNCH  
100k, 50k, 25k, and 10k  
Proceeds support Rotary service projects  
**REGISTER**  
lincolncarotary.org

October 18, 2025  
7:00AM  
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# District 5180 News

## OKTOBERFEST



October 26, 2025  
3:00PM – 7:00PM  
Folsom &  
Folsom Lake

## Rotary Charity Golf Tournament



October 27, 2025  
9:30AM  
Laguna Sunrise

A flyer for the Rotary District 5180 2025 Foundation Dinner. It features the Rotary logo and the text "UNITE FOR GOOD". The event is on November 8, 2025, at the Cirrus Heights Community Center. The keynote speaker is Greg Podd. Registration information and a QR code are also included.

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November 8, 2025  
District 5180

Let me know of any other  
Rotary events



Which do you prefer,  
apples or pumpkins?



Last year's Rotary International Rose Bowl Parade float

**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](mailto:mchlspil@gmail.com)

**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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