

District 5495
Rotary
Arizona



District 5495 Rookie of the Month Program

Recognizing Outstanding New Rotarians

Purpose:

The Rookie of the Month program celebrates and spotlights new Rotarians (within their first 12 months of membership) who are already making a difference in their clubs and communities. This initiative aims to foster early engagement, retention, and recognition for those who exemplify the values of Rotary.

Program Goals:

- **Recognize** the contributions of new Rotarians across the district.
 - **Encourage engagement** and leadership in the first year of Rotary membership.
 - **Promote Rotary membership** by showcasing meaningful impact made by new members.
 - **Inspire other new Rotarians** to participate in club and district activities.
 - **Strengthen the Rotary experience** through storytelling, connection, and recognition.
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Nomination Guidelines:

- **Eligibility:** Rotarian with **less than 1 year of membership** at the time of nomination.
 - **Criteria may include:**
 - Active participation in club projects or committees
 - Bringing new ideas or energy to the club
 - Demonstrated service above self in club, community, or profession
 - Embodying the spirit of Rotary and its Four-Way Test
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How to Submit a Nomination:

- **Who can nominate:** Club Presidents or Assistant Governors
- **Due date:** **15th of each month** for the following month's recognition (e.g., August Rookie of the Month due by July 15)

- **Send nominations to:**
Selina Gonzales
D5495 Rookie of the Month Program
✉ **5495Admin@rotary5495.org**
 - **Nomination should include:**
 - Nominee's name, club, and membership start date
 - A brief write-up (150–300 words) about the nominee's Rotary story and contributions
 - Optional: photo(s) of nominee in action
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Recognition Includes:

- Featured article and photo in the **District 5495 Newsletter**
- **Social media spotlight** on District Rotary channels
- Personalized **certificate of recognition**
- Invitation to **District events** or monthly recognition spotlight
- Shared story as an **inspiration to others**