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Richard Lemire 2026-2027

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE
October 2026

Greetings District 5330 Rotarians!

I just completed my 25th club visitation at Norco this morning and every one of those club visits has been absolutely incredible. I am so proud of all of the service that our clubs are providing. No matter the size of the club, they are all doing many, many projects that are Creating Lasting Impact in their communities and in the world. And they are doing it as friends united in service. Every Rotarian that I have met shares the same passion for Rotary from club to club. I fully expect to see the same amount of enthusiasm and commitment in the other 36 clubs that I will be visiting starting October 1. Rotary is alive and well and thriving in District 5330.

The other major highlight of this month occurred on September 12 when I joined 30 Rotarians from throughout the District in a life changing home build in Tijuana. In one day, our Rotarians worked along side the incredible volunteers of Corazon to build from scratch a new small home for the deserving and grateful Bretado family. The family got to see their home being built. There wasn't a dry eye when the keys to the new home were handed over to the mother of the woman who will be living in that home when she returns from the hospital. Her two young sons and daughter were also present. These words from Lake Arrowhead Rotary say it all: *But the most meaningful part of yesterday wasn't what we built with our hands. It was what we created together. Rotarians, Corazón team members, and volunteers worked side by side for one purpose: to give a family something that will remain long after the tools were packed away—a place to gather, grow, dream, and call their own.*

This is Rotary. This is service. This is what People of Action can accomplish when we come together. To everyone who picked up a hammer, carried lumber, painted a wall, shared a laugh, lent a hand, or simply kept the team moving—thank you. Yesterday proved that one day can make a difference that lasts for years.

I would like to remind you of two major upcoming events, World Polio Day and our Foundation Dinner. For World Polio Day on October 24 I issued the challenge to the clubs to enroll 100 new members in the Polio Plus Society Kennel Klub. I am proud to say that we are on our way to reaching that goal and our District Challenge has made worldwide news! To sign up your pet please see the flyer below.

November 14 is our Foundation Dinner at Sun Lakes in Banning. The cost is only $100 and our guest speaker is the amazing Ina Pinkney from Chicago who will bring a smile to your lips, a tear to your eyes and warmth to your heart. Registration is limited to the first 275 so sign up now.

Also, please see the district opportunity drawing to walk along side the Rotary Float in the parade on January 1. Each $50 donation goes to support the float, which receives no funding from Rotary International. PDG Joe Ramos is heading up our efforts in support of the float this year. Please contact him for more info or to speak at your club.

Finally, if you have not had the chance to check out our new website, District 5330.org., please do so. It was designed by the incredible Jamie Webber and she has more to tell you later in this newsletter.

Thank you Jamie!

Please take advantage of the resources that our District offers to serve your needs and expand your knowledge of Rotary. This is shaping up to be our clubs' and district's best year ever as we all ***Create Lasting Impact***.

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JAMIE WEBBER

ROTARY DISTRICT WEBSITE

Explore the New District 5330 Website

District 5330 began the 2026–2027 Rotary year with a redesigned website created to better connect our members, clubs, and communities. The new site, **District5330.org**, was introduced during the District Kickoff Meeting and continues to grow as a central source for information and resources throughout our district.

The website was developed with two primary goals: to help people learn more about Rotary and District 5330, and to provide current Rotarians and clubs with the information and tools they need.

Visitors can explore Rotary's areas of service, learn about district programs and events, connect with district leaders, and discover the many ways Rotarians are creating lasting impact throughout our communities.

Current members will also find a Member Hub and Resource Library designed to make district information easier to locate and use. Contact buttons throughout the website help members connect directly with committee chairs and district leaders using the information listed in DACdb. Because of this connection, it is important for every Rotarian and club to keep their contact information current in DACdb.

The redesigned website is also intended to help introduce Rotary to prospective members. By sharing our service projects, programs, events, and stories, we can help visitors understand who we are, what we do, and how they can become involved.

This is not a one-and-done process. The website will continue to evolve as we add resources, update information, improve pages, and share stories from across District 5330. Clubs and district committees can support this effort by submitting updated content, photographs, upcoming events, and stories that highlight Rotary in action.

Thank you to Dess Benedetto, Carissa Gerry, David Simpkins, Chris Webber, and Jamie Webber for contributing their time and talents to the development of the new website.

We invite every Rotarian to visit **District5330.org**, explore the available resources, and share the website with anyone who would like to learn more about Rotary. Together, we can ensure that our website remains a current, useful, and welcoming reflection of Dist. 5330.

JUDY ZULFIQAR PDG

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SERVICE CHAIR

Bring a Friend to Serve

There is something special about the moment a guest walks into a Rotary club for the first time. They see neighbors working side by side, hear about projects that are changing lives, and feel the warmth of a community that shows up for one another. Every one of us has the power to create that moment for someone else.

This fall, the District Membership Committee invites every Rotarian to look around their own circles and ask a simple question: who do I know with a heart for service? It might be a coworker who volunteers on weekends, a neighbor who organizes the block cleanup, a friend who always asks how they can help, or a business contact who cares deeply about your town. These are the people who belong at our tables.

Service does more than strengthen our communities. Studies have shown that giving back is good for our mental and physical health. People who volunteer regularly report lower stress, a greater sense of purpose, and stronger social connections, all of which contribute to a fuller life. When we invite our friends and associates into Rotary, we are not only growing our clubs. We are sharing something that has enriched our own lives.

The invitation does not need to be complicated. Bring a guest to your next meeting, invite them to a service project, or simply tell them why Rotary matters to you. A personal ask remains the most powerful way people find their way to us.

Want to learn more about attracting new members to your club? Join our Zone representatives online on Saturday, October 17, at 9:00 a.m. for a session filled with practical ideas you can put to work right away.

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/raDoAUADRkG9szguxvUqdA

Membership Mondays also continue throughout the year. All club Presidents, Assistant Governors, and club membership chairs are invited to join us on the third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. to share ideas, celebrate successes, and support one another.

CRAIG DAVIS

DISTRICT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR

Community Services: Serving Our Communities

As we move into the holiday season, it is a wonderful time to pause and recognize the difference our Rotary clubs are already making in their communities.

The first three months of the Rotary year have been filled with opportunities to **Serve to Change Lives**. Across our District, clubs have been involved in projects that address local needs, support families, strengthen our communities, and bring Rotarians together in service.

As your District Community Services Chair, I would love to hear from every club about what you have accomplished since July 1. What community service project are you most proud of? Who did it help? What did your club learn from the experience?
And now, as the holidays approach, what is your club planning? Whether it is providing meals, supporting families in need, collecting toys, helping a local nonprofit, visiting seniors, or simply finding a meaningful way to bring some holiday spirit to your community, these projects represent Rotary at its best.

Please share your club's accomplishments from the first three months of the Rotary year, along with your upcoming holiday plans. Your stories may inspire another club to try a new project or strengthen an existing one.

WILLIAM R. CHASE, PDG

DISTRICT LEARNING FACILITATOR

It is again my pleasure to serve under DG Richard Lemire as the *District Learning Facilitator* (DLF) formerly known as the *District Trainer*. It is my job, as it was then under Immediate Past District Governor, Nyron McLean, to coordinate the planning of the Pre-Presidents'-Elect Learning Seminar; the Mid-Term Review; the multiple Break-Out sessions for D5330 PEs at PELS; and the District Training Assembly.

The District Education Committee headed by PDG Marilyn Sanderson (who will be replacing me as DLF on July 1) continues to plan many exciting learning opportunities for the district in the form of 45-minute ZOOM sessions, throughout the year by Rotary Information experts in their fields.

This year's *District Training Assembly* (DTA) will be chaired by our newly elected District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND), Jeri Simpson from the Rotary Club of Lake Arrowhead! She replaces Dess Benedetto from the Palm Springs Sunup Rotary Club. Dess stepped down because of some important family responsibilities. The DTA will be held in April, 2027.

Southwest President's-Elect Training Seminar is fast approaching. That will be held at the LAX Marriott between February 18-21. All incoming presidents are required to attend this event before their year officially begins on July 1. More information will be forthcoming.

Best wishes to all D5330 clubs as they continue to serve their communities this Rotary year!

PATSY ORR

ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR

Rotary’s Unwavering Mission: Ending Polio for Good

For more than three decades, Rotary has stood at the forefront of one of humanity’s most ambitious public health efforts: the global eradication of polio. What began as a bold vision has become one of the most successful international health initiatives in history—reducing polio cases by 99.9% worldwide and protecting billions of children from paralysis.

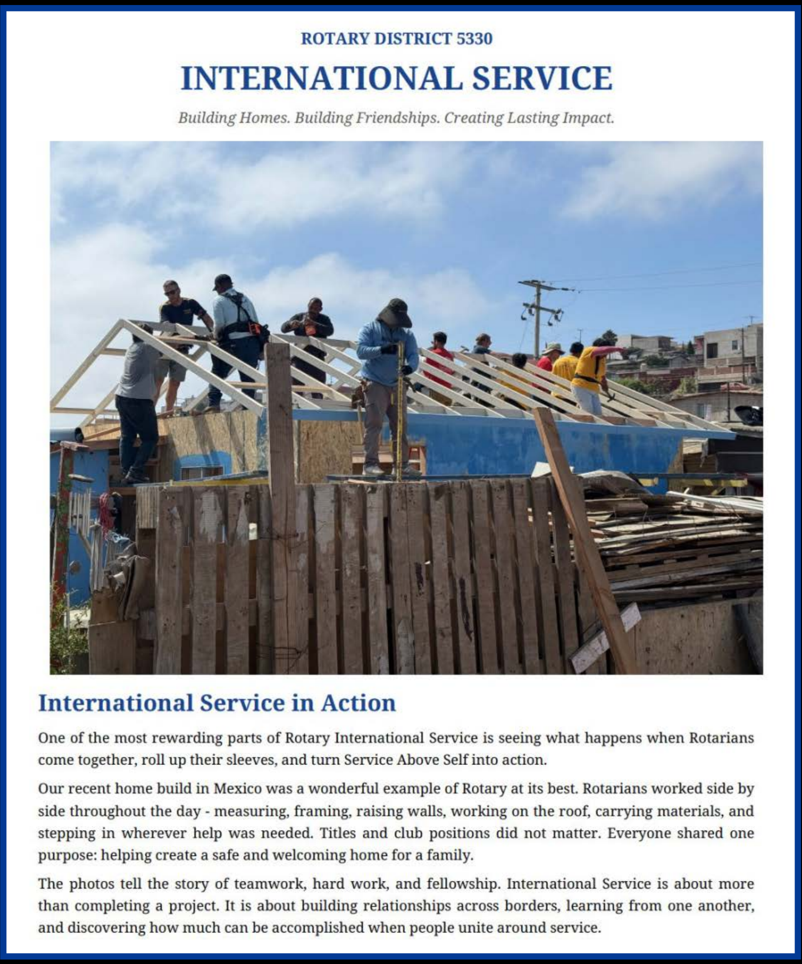
Polio remains endemic in just a few places, and as long as the virus exists anywhere, children everywhere remain at risk. Rotary continues to play a vital role in vaccination campaigns, surveillance, and rapid response efforts, working alongside partners such as the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Every contribution—large or small—helps sustain the momentum needed to cross the finish line.

World Polio Day, October 24th, is more than a date on the calendar—it’s a reminder that Rotary’s promise to the world remains strong. It’s a call to action for every club and every member to help ensure that future generations live in a world where polio is nothing more than a chapter in history.

Since 1985, Rotary has donated over 2.8 billion dollars to global polio eradication. Rotary’s impact is measured not only in dollars raised or vaccines delivered, but in the determination of its members. When Rotarians unite behind a cause, extraordinary things happen. The eradication of polio will be one of Rotary’s greatest legacies—and every club has a role to play in achieving it.
As we approach World Polio Day, let’s celebrate how far we’ve come and recommit ourselves to finishing the job. Together, we can make history.

DAN GOODRICH

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CHAIR



ROTARY DISTRICT 5330

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

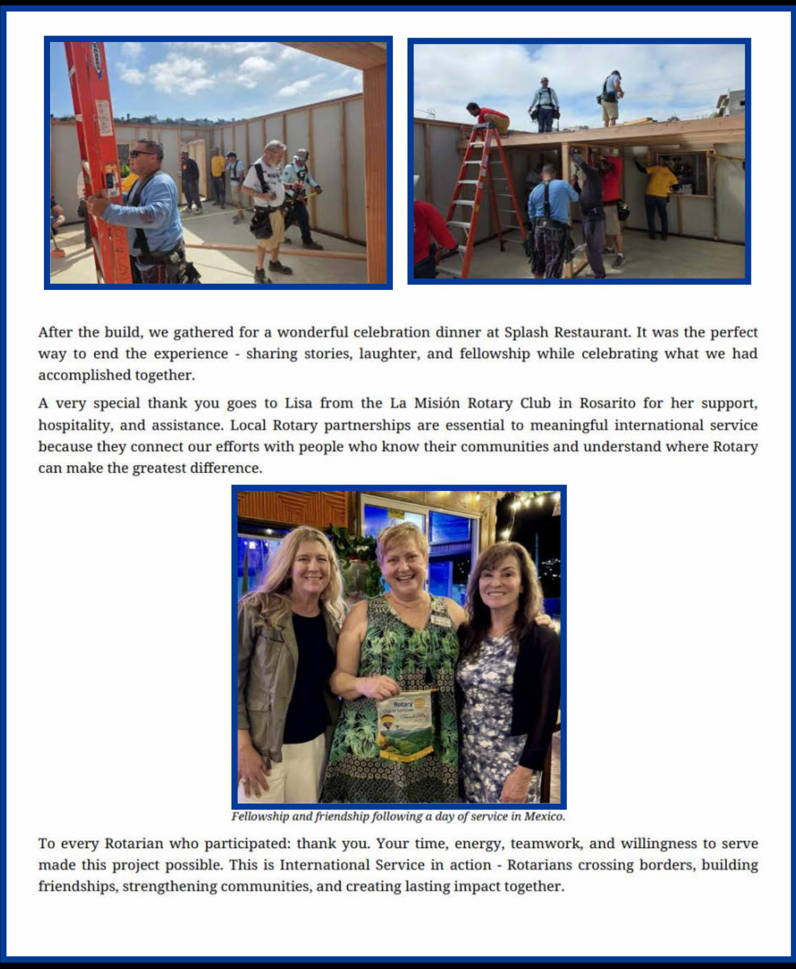
Building Homes. Building Friendships. Creating Lasting Impact.

International Service in Action

One of the most rewarding parts of Rotary International Service is seeing what happens when Rotarians come together, roll up their sleeves, and turn Service Above Self into action.

Our recent home build in Mexico was a wonderful example of Rotary at its best. Rotarians worked side by side throughout the day - measuring, framing, raising walls, working on the roof, carrying materials, and stepping in wherever help was needed. Titles and club positions did not matter. Everyone shared one purpose: helping create a safe and welcoming home for a family.

The photos tell the story of teamwork, hard work, and fellowship. International Service is about more than completing a project. It is about building relationships across borders, learning from one another, and discovering how much can be accomplished when people unite around service.



After the build, we gathered for a wonderful celebration dinner at Splash Restaurant. It was the perfect way to end the experience - sharing stories, laughter, and fellowship while celebrating what we had accomplished together.

A very special thank you goes to Lisa from the La Misión Rotary Club in Rosarito for her support, hospitality, and assistance. Local Rotary partnerships are essential to meaningful international service because they connect our efforts with people who know their communities and understand where Rotary can make the greatest difference.

Fellowship and friendship following a day of service in Mexico.

To every Rotarian who participated: thank you. Your time, energy, teamwork, and willingness to serve made this project possible. This is International Service in action - Rotarians crossing borders, building friendships, strengthening communities, and creating lasting impact together.

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Scenes from a memorable day of Rotary service and fellowship

MORE MOMENTS FROM THE BUILD

Thank you to every Rotarian who helped make this international service experience possible.

Dan Goodrich | International Service Chair | Rotary District 5330

WORLD POLIO DAY | OCTOBER 24
MARILYN SANDERSON
DISTRICT 5330

One of the things we can be especially proud of as Rotarians is the role Rotary has played in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide.

Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and was a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988, working alongside governments, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the CDC, the Gates Foundation, Gavi and countless health workers and volunteers around the world.

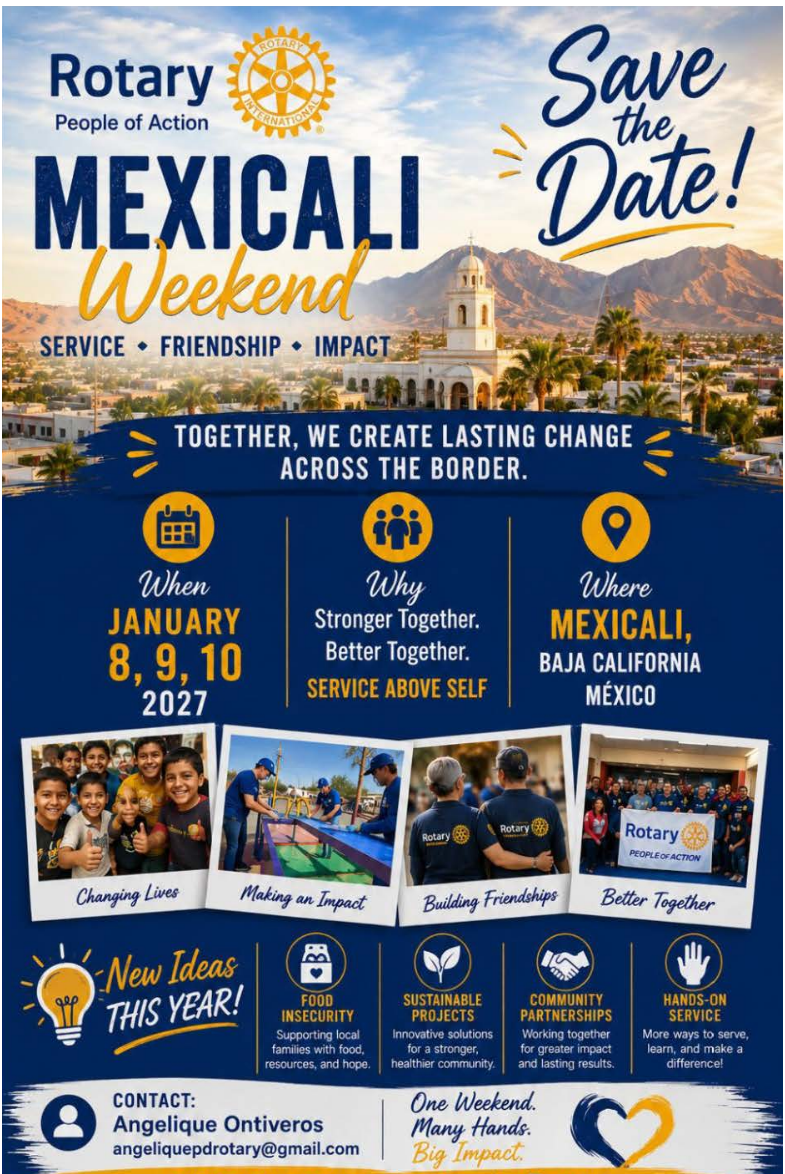
The numbers are remarkable:
More than **3 billion children** have been immunized through the global effort.

Polio cases have been reduced by 99.9% since 1988.
An estimated 20 million people are walking today who otherwise might have been paralyzed by polio.

But the work isn't finished. Wild poliovirus remains endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and continued vaccination, surveillance and funding are essential to prevent the virus from returning.

That's what makes Service Above Self so powerful. Rotarians around the world have spent decades raising funds, building awareness and working alongside health partners to protect children from a disease that once affected hundreds of thousands of children every year.

On World Polio Day, we celebrate the incredible progress—and keep working toward the day when polio is gone for good.



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JANUARY
8, 9, 10
2027

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Stronger Together.
Better Together.
SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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BAJA CALIFORNIA
MÉXICO

Changing Lives
Making an Impact
Building Friendships
Better Together

New Ideas THIS YEAR!

FOOD INSECURITY
Supporting local families with food, resources, and hope.

SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS
Innovative solutions for a stronger, healthier community.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
Working together for greater impact and lasting results.

HANDS-ON SERVICE
More ways to serve, learn, and make a difference!

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Many Hands.
Big Impact.

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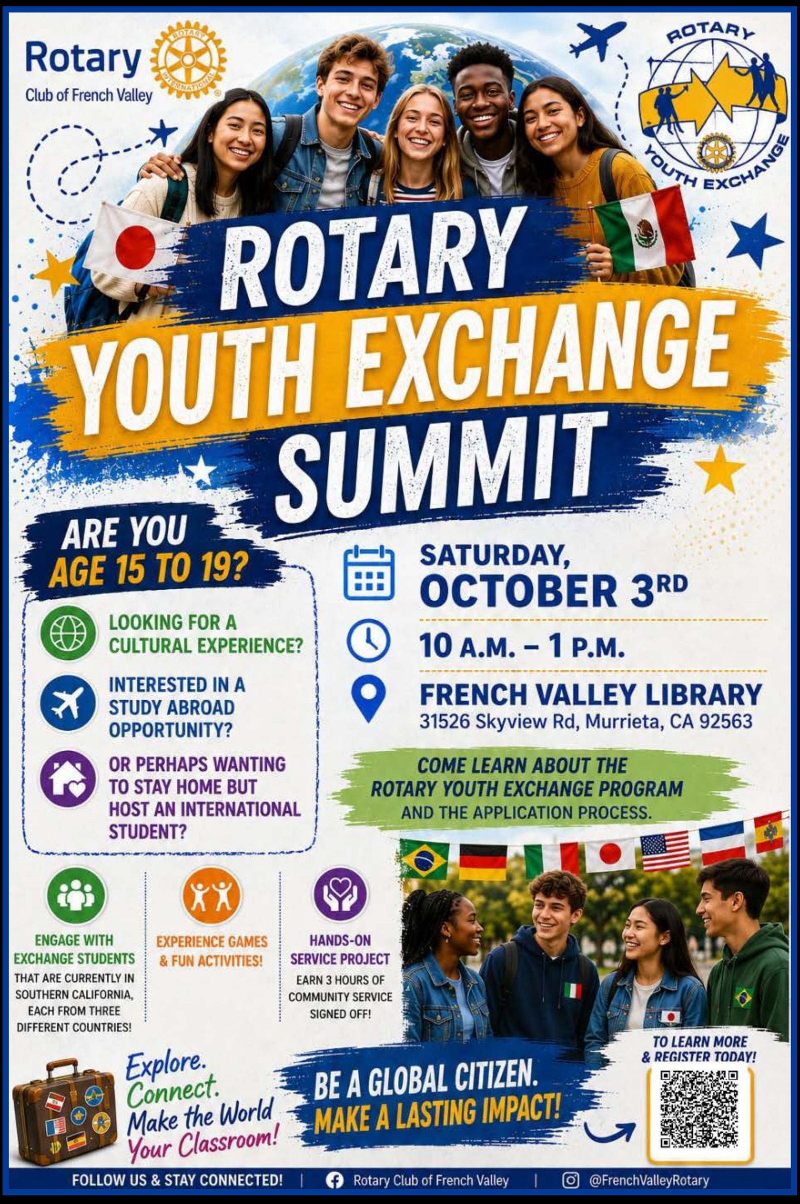

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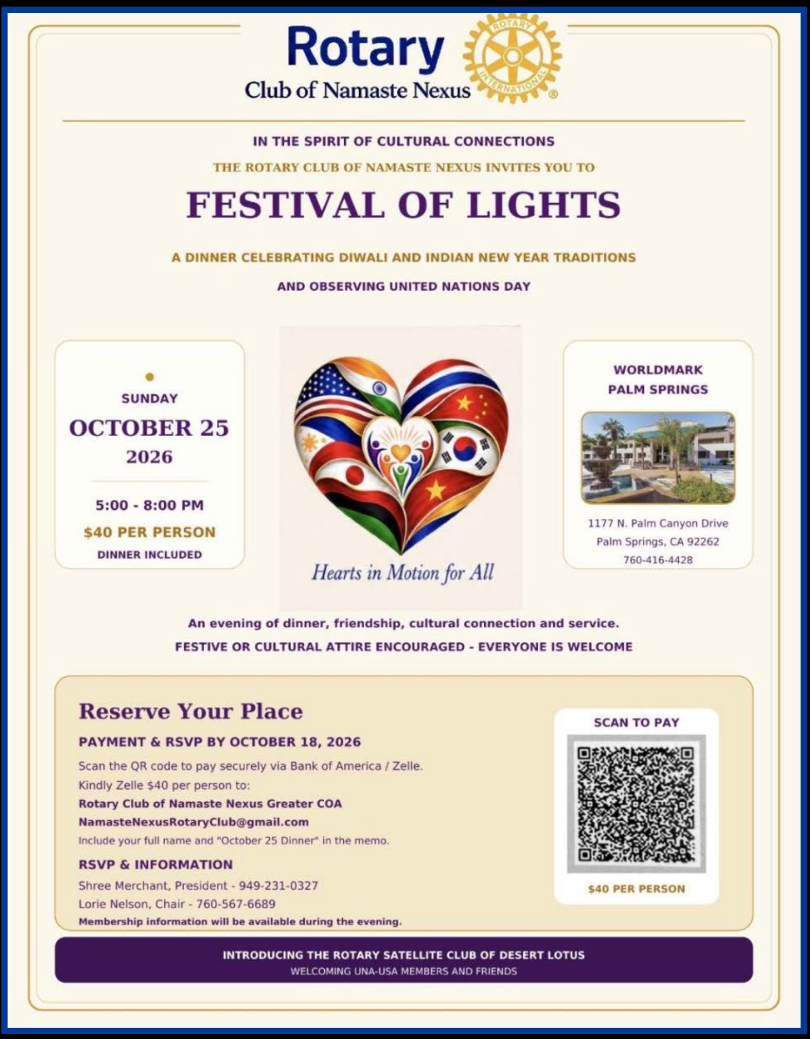

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NamasteNexusRotaryClub@gmail.com
Include your full name and "October 25 Dinner" in the memo.

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Lorie Nelson, Chair - 760-567-6689
Membership information will be available during the evening.

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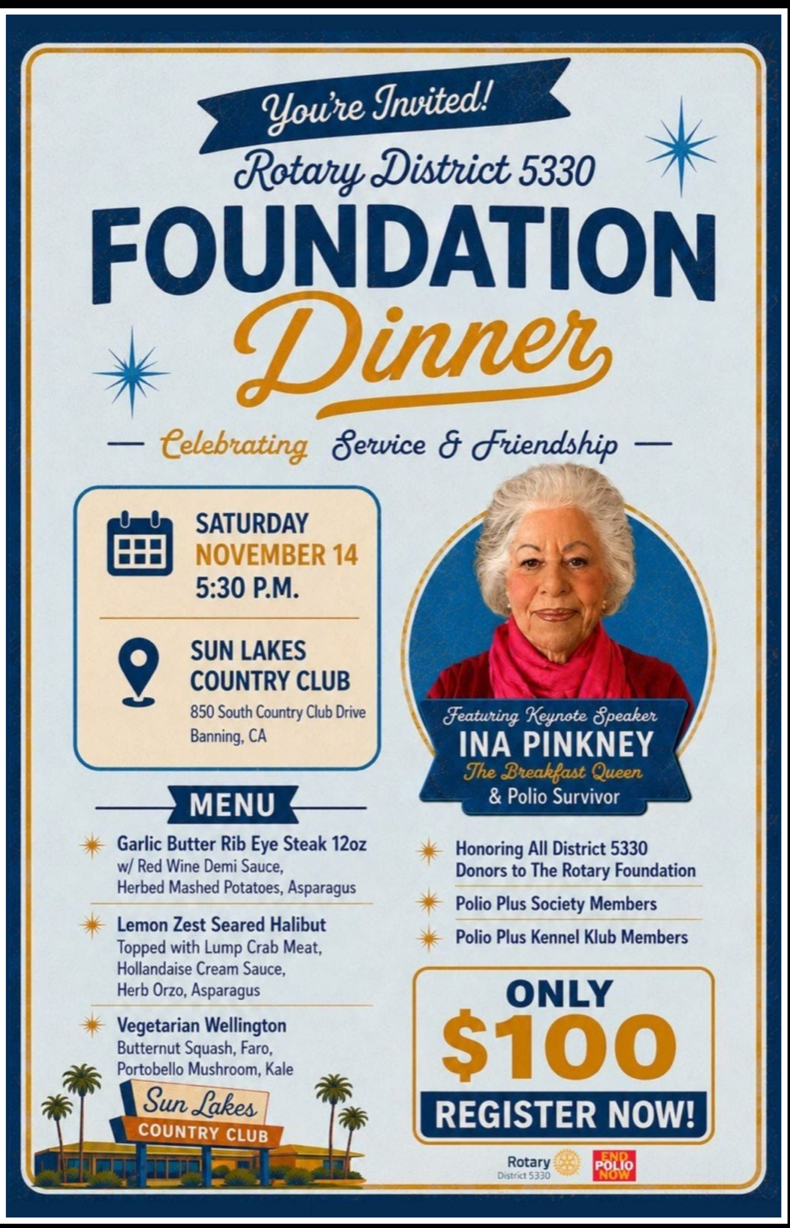
WELCOMING UNA-USA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



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Rotary District 5330

FOUNDATION *Dinner*

— *Celebrating Service & Friendship* —

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14
5:30 P.M.

SUN LAKES COUNTRY CLUB
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The Breakfast Queen
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MENU

- **Garlic Butter Rib Eye Steak 12oz**
  w/ Red Wine Demi Sauce,
  Herbed Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus
- **Lemon Zest Seared Halibut**
  Topped with Lump Crab Meat,
  Hollandaise Cream Sauce,
  Herb Orzo, Asparagus
- **Vegetarian Wellington**
  Butternut Squash, Faro,
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