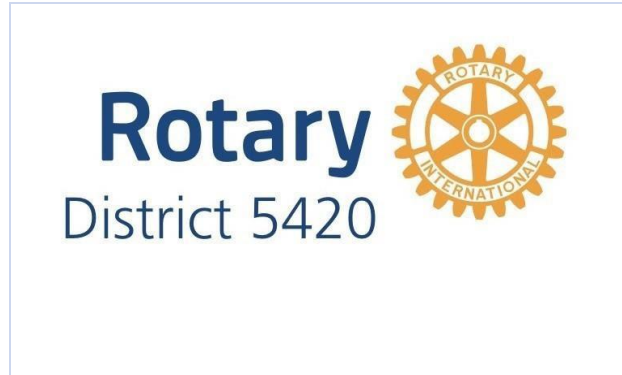


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## Rotary District - News & Updates

November 2022

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### A Gentleman with a Mission

On October 13, 2022, a gentleman arrived at the Salt Lake International Airport from Chattanooga, TN by way of Atlanta, GA.

Past Rotary International President and immediate Past Board of Trustees Chairman, John Germ came to Utah by invitation from District Governor Jose Velasco. He generously and patiently spent days with Rotarians with only one purpose in mind ... to energize the spirit of every Utah Rotarian to fight polio and to support the eradication program of RI in different ways such as:

- Increasing the awareness of polio as a threat to the children of the world and the need to continue to focus on the fight
- donating to provide funding for vaccines and vaccinators willing to deliver this lifesaving resource to children in every community on the planet.

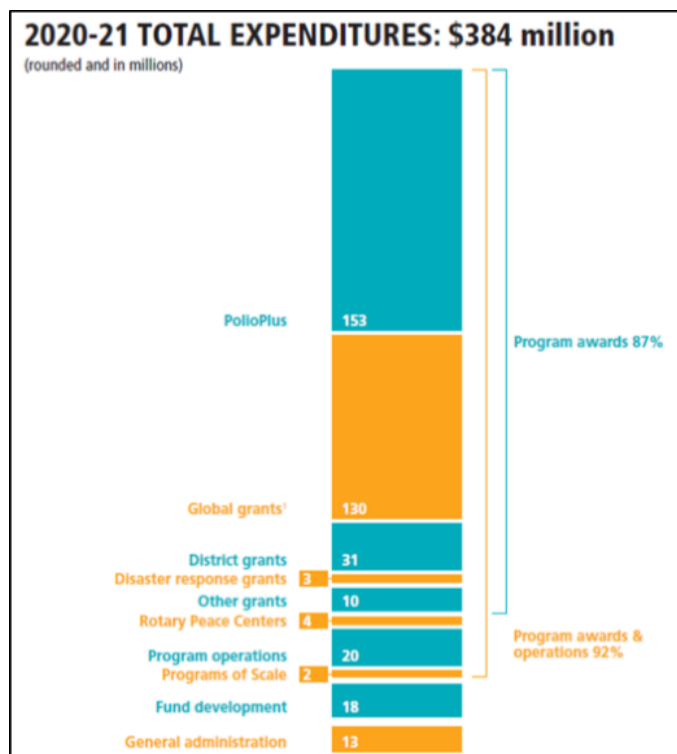


With wisdom, life experience and his infectious sense-of-humor John was able to bring the excitement of a great speaker, spark our emotions and more than anything demonstrate ... *Rotary is for all of us to make of every day, changing lives of children for the better and improving opportunities for many people around the globe.*

*The history of polio eradication is impactful. Since the 1979 beginnings there were about 350,000 cases across more than 125 countries in that year. And then in 2022 we are with only 29 cases of Wild Poliovirus.*

Let's put our efforts together to make sure that Polio ends and then we can celebrate the final step of the global eradication program as a success for the future of children in the world.

**Jose Velasco**  
Utah Rotary District Governor 2022-2023  
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## Join Us in Donating to the Rotary International Foundation

May we Rotarians have the vision of the tremendous value of our Rotary Foundation.

We donate because it is an amazing Foundation, doing far more good than just the money that comes back to us for District and Global Grants.

We are not just a local club; we are an **international force** for good in the world.

**Let's donate to our Foundation!**

**Jose Velasco, District Governor**

**Bruce Powell, District Foundation Chair**

**Egor Shulman, District Global Grants Chair**

**Kris Swanson, District Grants Chair**

**Jerry Summerhays, District Annual Funds Chair**

## Two-Hour District 5420 Telethon Raises Funds from Six Countries to Fight Polio

For the first time ever District 5420 held a global telethon fundraiser with participation from six countries, held on Saturday, October 1.

Park City TV broadcast our two-hour online streaming event, bringing together Rotarians and friends of Rotary from England, Japan, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and from Utah, Colorado, California and Arizona representing the United States.

A highlight of this unique event was the chance for District Governor Jose Velasco to interview Past Rotary International President John Germ



Assistant Governor Suzanne Leonelli and Rotarian Krista Simonsen served as emcees. Rotaractor Arkab Alvarez from Merida, Mexico provided simultaneous interpretation and guitarist Miguel Mendoza entertained the audience with his original music. Rotaractor Stephanie Velasco served as the technical manager together with the PCTV Personnel.

It was an honor to bring Rotarians from all over the world to Utah – even electronically – showing the amazing possibilities in the world of Rotary.

Our fundraiser was successful, raising funds for the ongoing war against polio. Through different fronts including individual Rotarians and clubs involved in fundraising and giving, our efforts will now be multiplied two-to-one by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to bring us closer than ever to eradicating only the 2nd human disease in history.

Whether you gave a dollar or thousands of dollars, thank you for donating to The Rotary Foundation. You are making a difference for the world's children.

**Jose Velasco, District Governor**

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## **Urgent Call for Volunteers November 10 - 12 at the Zone Institute in SLC**

### **Volunteer! Help Spread Peace at the Trails to Peace Zone Institute!**

It is too late to register for the Zone Institute Thursday, Friday, and Saturday November 10, 11 and 12, but it is **not too late to volunteer to help at the main peace display in the hall in front of the main ballroom.**

The huge display, created by our own peace scholar Brian Farr, stimulates people to ask themselves, "What is your piece of peace?"

You, as Utah Rotarian or Rotaractor volunteers, will help your fellow Rotarians from all over the western United States and Canada write their piece of peace on a sticky and attach it to the display.



Please volunteer at least half a day by emailing Jerry at [SummerhaysGS@gmail.com](mailto:SummerhaysGS@gmail.com). **We will be overwhelmed if we don't have at least 8 to 12 volunteers.**

**Come enjoy the fabulous new Hyatt Regency Hotel attached to Salt Lake's Salt Palace.**

**You'll feel the energy of the next best meeting to the Rotary International Convention.**

**Jerry Summerhays**, Past District Governor, 801-557-1904

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## **Upcoming Events from Around the District**

## Utah Rotary is Now Recruiting for Youth Exchange - Informational Meetings in Four Utah Cities

The **Rotary Youth Exchange program** is the largest & least expensive exchange program in the world. With more than 8,000 students annually doing exchanges in the world, our Youth Exchange program provides youth with the opportunity to live with people from other countries, allowing for them to experience new cultures and planting the seeds for a lifetime of international understanding.

Come learn about Rotary Youth Exchange at one of the following informational meetings:

**Provo** - November 2 @ 7pm, Provo library, Bullock Room, #309, 550 N University Ave, Provo, UT 84601

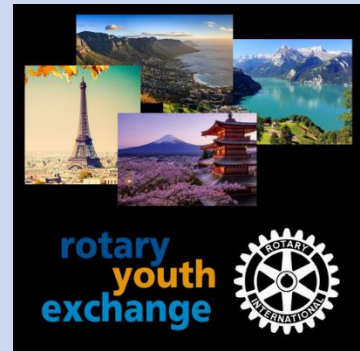
**West Jordan** - November 3 @ 7pm, Fire station # 53, Community room, 7602 Jordan Landing Blvd, West Jordan, UT 84084

**St George** - November 3 @ 5:30pm, Washington County Library, Community room B (downstairs), 88 West 100 South, St. George, UT 84770

**Ogden** - November 17 @ 7pm, Eccles Art Center, 2580 Jefferson Ave, Ogden, UT 84401

For more information [click here](#). Or contact:

**Aaron Lowe, Outbound Coordinator** (801) 592-0913  
**Kahrin Sharp, Youth Exchange Officer** (435) 640-5370



## Rotary Foundation Training Meetings Nov 16, 19 or 21 on Zoom

Want to know more about the Rotary International Foundation - how it works, how you can access its funds, and how supporting the Foundation will make a better world?

Find out at one of our 1½ hour training meetings on Zoom - **Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7 pm, Saturday, Nov. 19 at 10 am or Monday, Nov. 21 at 7 pm**. We will discuss Foundation essentials including supply and use sides.

Club Foundation Chairs should definitely attend. If you are in leadership and do not understand the Foundation, please, join us. We plan to cater to the specific needs and concerns of attendees. Contact [BrucePancho85@gmail.com](mailto:BrucePancho85@gmail.com) to register for one of the classes and receive the Zoom link for the meeting.



**Bruce Powell**  
Utah Rotary District Foundation Chair

ROTARY ZONES 26 & 27 PRESENT

## Building A Successful Media Strategy

## Public Image Chairs - Don't Miss Zoom Training Session on Nov. 17 at 6 pm

How to build a Successful Media Strategy is the topic of a panel discussion on Zoom designed for District Public Image Chairs, Club Public Image Chairs and all Public Image Committee members. The

Zoom session will be held November 17 from 6 to 7:15 pm MTN (5 to 6:15 PT) .

The panel discussion features:

- Renai Bodley Miller, President/General Manager KPCW, NPR Affiliate, Park City, UT. Park City Rotary
- Marlene Olsen, GoodStanding Outreach, Public Outreach Strategist, Rotary Club of Reno, NV
- Luanne Arredondo, Rotary Zone 26/27 Public Image Coordinator, Rotary Club of Greater San Gabriel Valley
- Joshua Laguana, District Public Image Chair, Rotary Club of Hickam Pearl Harbor Club, Hawaii.

To receive the Zoom link [Register here](#).



## Angel Flight West Kickoff Event Nov. 5

Join the [Westminster College Rotaract Club](#) on Saturday, November 5 at 11 am at Westminster College Jewett Center of Performing Arts as we kick off our 6th annual Angel Flight West Santa Flight Mission with our **Books & Brunch event**.

Angel Flight West's Annual Santa Flight Mission provides Title I schools in Utah with supplies every year. Volunteer pilots fly these supplies out to the school. This year will be Westminster Rotaract's 6th year participating in the Santa Flight Mission.

King's English Bookstore will be hosting a book fair at the Brunch. Books may be purchased for family and friends, or donations can be made for Angel Flight West's annual Santa Flight Mission. For tickets [click here](#).

## Hispanic Latino Club Anniversary Gala Thursday, November 17 - 6:30-8:30 pm

The members of the [Hispanic Latino Rotary Club](#) invite you to join them to celebrate their 15th Anniversary Gala.

The event will be held Thursday, November 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, 277 W Segó Lilly Dr. in Sandy, UT 84070

Tickets to this dinner and entertainment celebration are only \$34 per person. RSVP before November 10 to Luz Mery Mejias (801)793-5381 Venmo: @Rotarios-EnAccion.



**Take Advantage of Some Great Ideas**



## An Exciting Gift Idea - RI Convention in Australia

Imagine how excited your loved one will be to receive a trip to Melbourne, Australia from his/her favorite Santa Claus ... but hurry, because on **December 16** the cost to attend the RI Convention on May 27-31, 2023 **goes up by \$100 to \$575 per person!!!**

The countdown has begun to Rotary International's 114th worldwide convention when thousands of Rotarians from around the world will gather in the "land down under," held this year in the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Center. Together we'll "Imagine What's Next" for Rotary.

**Register Today!**

## Have You Signed Up for Amazon Smile Yet?

The holiday season is soon upon us. If you, like many of us, enjoy the simplicity of shopping online, please also give a gift to Rotary by signing up for Amazon Smile, the program where Amazon donates to the charitable organization you designate at no cost to you.

If you don't have Amazon Smile already:

1. You must be on your Amazon account page just as you would to order an item (sign in if you don't go into your Amazon account automatically)
2. Then go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), scroll down to "Pick Your Own Charitable Organization"
3. In the window, type in: **The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**
4. There's a bookmark icon at the bottom of the page you can drag and drop to your bookmark bar in your browser so you can click and go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) easily
5. To support Rotary, always shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)



If you have Amazon Smile already & you wish to change to **The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**:

- Click on "Change Your Charity" in the upper left of your ordering screen and follow the prompts.



## Global Grant for Neuro-Clinic in Morocco

MAIR clinic is a not-for-profit medical facility specializing in neurological rehabilitation, the first of its kind in Morocco.

Thanks to Rotary financial support, extensive clinical training was provided to MAIR staff. Indeed, two global grants were used to sponsor 80 U.S. volunteers - psychiatrists, neurologists, therapists and nurses - who traveled to Morocco to train MAIR staff. These trainings greatly impacted MAIR service. The clinic started treating patients on September 1st, 2015 and patients from all over Morocco are now seeking treatments at this facility.

**The current global grant (GG1983987) is for establishing the first curriculum in neurorehabilitation in Morocco and North-Africa. This is a project with global impact and support from Utah Rotary Clubs is highly encouraged and appreciated.** Checks may be made out to SLRF/Morocco Project and mailed to The Salt Lake Rotary Club Foundation, PO Box 776, Kaysville, UT, 84037. For more information contact Dr. Sbai: 801-808-4563

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## Moments from a Memorable Foundation Gala

With the presence of Past President (2016-2017) John Germ in Utah as Keynote Speaker, our district celebrated a Gala Foundation Dinner event at the Salt Lake Community College Miller Campus in Sandy on Oct. 15..

With more than 230 Rotarians, Rotaractors and guests attending, the Gala was a lively opportunity for all to meet and greet with President John Germ. Many Rotarians had the great chance to ask questions and take a moment to get to know President Germ.

A wonderful and savory dinner of prime rib and/or Chicken Caprese, ratatouille, roasted potatoes and salad, lemonade and pies were the taste of the night.

Three leading Rotaractors gave an incredible performance as emcees. Ms. Robin Cage, a prestigious singer-songwriter delighted us with marvelous vocals, interpreting melodies from Adele and other high-quality performers - especially her interpretation of a medley that contained so much - it was an exquisite performance.

A recognition for **Natalie Argyle and Michael Anglin, co-chairs of RYLA** for the past several years, was a wonderful and surprise for them. Thank you both.

President John Germ, as keynote brought us to the aspect of history and understanding of the Polio Eradication Campaign and the importance and relevance of Rotary and its partners throughout the world. He gave us the feeling and comprehension of why and how we can make a difference in someone's life anywhere in the world.

It is important to make Rotary relevant and to continue to make our lives relevant through Rotary, attracting members and having them engage in clubs and service projects as well as engage with each other through fellowship and important active commitments.

Thank you to all that attended, but most especially to those who were part of the committee that made this Gala Dinner an important and wonderful evening to remember.

- **District 5420 Utah, Jose Velasco, District Governor**



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**The Club Hub**

Get ideas, support other clubs! Send your service projects & fundraisers to Newsletter Editor **Lola Beatlebrox** for this monthly section of the newsletter.



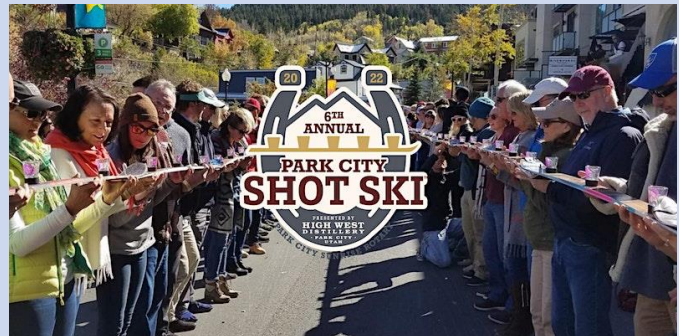
**St. George Sunrise Rotary Club** held our Evening of Elegance Gala where we raised over \$40,000 for Washington County Search and Rescue, Backpack for Kids, and our Veterans Rotary Club. Attendees dressed up and were treated to a delicious meal, silent and live auction, live entertainment and were addressed by our District Governor Jose Velasco. The leaders of each recipient organization also had time to talk about how contributions would be used. Everything from Bartholomew the Bear to African Photo Safaris were auctioned. The two sponsors of the event were Rotarians: Paramount Tax and Accounting CPAs and Infinite Solutions.



On October 19th, the **UVU Rotaract** and **Orem-Lindon Rotary Clubs** hosted their Annual World Polio Day Presentation which included keynote speaker Dr. Joseph Johnson, Head of Provo Pediatrics, and UVMC Newborn Director. It was attended by 45 Rotarians, students, and community members. Through our partnership with Utah Symphony, UVU Rotaractors hosted a lobby display at their concert on October 20th to raise community awareness about polio. In preparation, UVU Rotaractors held a tabling event on UVU campus to further engage with students. 24 Orem-Lindon Rotarians and UVU Rotaractors held a service project on October 8th, in conjunction with Utah Rotary's Environmental Protection Initiative, and planted trees in Nielson Grove Park in Orem.



Since 2003 **Bountiful Rotary** has been giving dictionaries to 3rd graders. The kids love them! They



**Park City Sunrise Rotary** raised more than \$40,000 for our community grants program at the 6th Annual Shot Ski TM event in October.



cherish having their own dictionary. Eighty 3rd graders at Odyssey elementary school received theirs. Oak Hills Elementary 3rd Graders just received theirs and the rest of the schools are being delivered by our dedicated Rotarians. We also did our 30th Annual Great Pumpkin Hunt. Rotarians, family and friends come in costume and eat dinner around a campfire and get custom made balloons from Sammy T Clown. At dusk the kids take flashlights and head into the woods to find their own pumpkin to take home. It's an incredible family event. We love getting together.

A record 1,340 people tipped back High West whiskey and apple juice shots by simultaneously raising 515 skis drilled together. Park City Sunrise surpassed the previous record of 1,333 shots-taken in Breckenridge February 2022.

Park City Main Street was closed to cars as the excitement built to the countdown at 2 pm when the stoked crowd lifted the big U of skis to support community organizations involved in education, health care, food security, music and the arts, families, sports equity, and other important community needs.



**Murray Rotary** recently helped remodel the women's shelter of Rescue Mission in downtown Salt Lake City. Twelve volunteers tackled repainting the dining area, replacing the basement flooring, and removing an accumulation of 75 years of alternating layers of paint and wallpaper in the living room. The wallpaper removal turned out to be much more labor-intensive and time-consuming than we initially estimated; however, our crew was in great spirits. We all left the project happily weary after a job well done!



The **Rotary Club of Logan** delivered dictionaries to each third grader in Cache and Rich county elementary schools as part of Rotary's focus on literacy.

To date the Logan Club has distributed more than 50,000 dictionaries over the years.

Many of these books have gone to college with their owners and occupied the former student's book shelf, tattered and well used.



The **Ogden Rotary Club** was pleased to be entertained by a group called Class Act. Class Act is a group of young performers from throughout the Ogden area who study musical theater through Kids Are Music.

They presented a patriotic program during one of our recent lunch meetings. These students are extremely talented and provided inspiration and entertainment to our group. The Ogden Rotary Club enjoys supporting future Rotarians!



On October 15, eight **Orem-Lindon Rotarians** and fifteen **UVU Rotaractors** contributed to the Utah Rotary World Polio Day Gala. Through a Student Engaged Learning model in action, Rotaractors assisted with set up, clean up, running the check-in table, and, most importantly, networking with Utah district Rotarians. This model encourages students to work as a group to solve real-world issues with faculty mentoring them. Rotaractors thanked John Germ, the past Rotary International President, and Governor Velasco for allowing them to contribute to the event experiences and funds. They will use the lessons learned to make a difference in the lives of mountain people in Utah and globally.



The **Hurricane Valley** and **Zion Canyon-Springdale Rotary Clubs** will merge on January 1, but that's not stopping them from bonding together well in advance. Several Hurricane Valley Rotarians went to Springdale on October 22 for the 20th Annual Auction for Education co-sponsored by Zion Canyon. The two clubs have a longstanding relationship. Hurricane Valley



On World Polio Day the **St. George Rotary Club** was supposed to make a splash in the community when President Dale Desmond and Utah Rotary DG Jose Velasco jumped out of an airplane commemorating the 37-year war against polio.

sponsored Zion Canyon back in 2015, and the new club got off to a good start. The COVID-19 pandemic was a big blow to Zion Canyon, however, because of the large number of hospitality-industry businesses in the area. The combined club will continue participating in projects in the Springdale area, such as the Auction for Education and the Giving Tree.

But at the very last minute Mother Nature decided it was too cold! Postponed but not cancelled, so standby!

SGR also manned an aid station providing water and noisy encouragement to 7,000 participants in the St. George Marathon; hosted BYU students in town for the Huntsman Games and repaired some of 50 bicycles for Christmas for children in the tribal community of Halchita.



Last month the **Cedar City Rotary Club** inducted three new members, bringing the total membership to 115. Our club has also been supporting multiple causes, such as the Canyon Creek Services (a crisis center) in tree planting, as well as getting the Rotary Centennial Veterans Park ready with a new rock garden in time for Veteran's Day. We are also working on a project to donate 50 Thanksgiving meals to the local food pantry and homeless shelter, organized by a prospective member of our club.



The **Westminster College Rotaract Club** made 17 blankets and for donation to Primary Children's Hospital. This is part of our semi-annual blanket tying event with the Neuroscience club.

## Save the Dates

### November 2022

Nov. 10-12 "Trails to Peace" Zone 26/27 Institute, Hyatt Hotel SLC

### December 2022

Dec. 16 Registration for RI Convention in Australia increases to \$575

### February 2023

Feb. 10-17 Utah Friendship Exchange to Mexico

### March 2023

March 3-5 High Country Presidents-elect Training in Denver  
March 8-20 Utah Friendship Exchange to Colombia



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