



# Make Dreams Real

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## District 5510 Today

Let's Have Fun in Rotary

Don LaBarge, District Governor

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## District 5510 Million Dollar Dinner Event

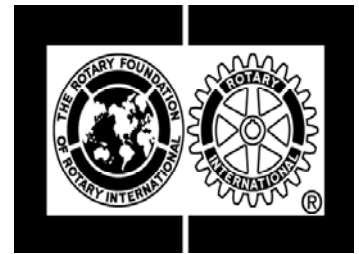
Plans for the first **Rotary District 5510 Million \$ Dinner** are well underway. The purpose of this top-notch "black-tie" dinner event is to raise US\$1 Million for The Rotary Foundation and to thank donors who are making or adding new contributions and/or commitments of \$10,000 or more to the programs of or Bequest Society of The Rotary Foundation.

This year's dinner is being held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Sanctuary in Scottsdale. Past Rotary International President and Past Trustee Chair of The Rotary Foundation Luis Giay has been invited to be our Guest Speaker and will personally present Major Donor and Bequest Society recognitions to our dinner guests.

Please consider supporting The Rotary Foundation as your charity of choice with either an

outright gift or in your estate planning. Remember, you don't have to write a check to become a member of The Bequest Society. A codicil to a will or a life insurance policy naming The Rotary Foundation as the beneficiary are two simple ways to support those same Rotary Foundation programs after you are gone that make you proud to be a Rotarian now. In the beginning of the movie *Gladiator*, actor Russell Crowe stands before his troops before they go into battle and says, "What we do in life echoes in eternity." The actions, dedication and financial support of Rotarians and friends of Rotary to the programs and projects of The Rotary Foundation are the legacy we leave that will make the world a little better for us having been here.

For more information on at-



tending our district's first Million \$ Dinner, please contact

PDG Barb Feder at [barbfeder@gmail.com](mailto:barbfeder@gmail.com) or 480 839-5847 or

PDG Greg Podd at [Greg@pfscpa.com](mailto:Greg@pfscpa.com) or 602-400-5470

We hope to see YOU there!

PDG Barb Feder  
Major Gifts and Permanent Fund Chair

### The Four-Way Test:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

## D5510 Completes Sewing Machine Project in Northern India

District 5510, along with D5490 in Arizona and D3240 in India, collaborated on a grant to help women counter the effects of a diminishing population and a lack of job skills.



The grant was for sewing machines so these women could earn a living to care for their families. Most of the women

were either widows or women whose husbands have left the area for the big city and never returned, leaving them without any way to survive as they have no job skills. The districts did a matching grant for just over \$25,000USD.

Every club in D3240 in Northern India was asked to participate in the project. They submitted requests for the number of sewing machines they needed for their area. D3240 has 75 clubs and 2200 Rotarians spread out over North Bengal and the states of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya,

Nagaland, Aruanchi Pradesh, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura.



69 of the 75 clubs participated in the project with 475 sewing machines being distributed. In addition to the sewing machines, the women attended sewing classes to learn the necessary skills to earn a living.

## District 5510 Finance Committee for Rotary Year 2008-2009

Each Rotary year, there are Committee Members both arriving and departing this district committee and, in many cases, Rotarians across the district do not know who is serving on this committee from year to year. The structured rotation within this committee is organized and is subject to the Bylaws of Rotary International District 5510.

The District Finance "Voting" Committee Members for Rotary Year 2008-2009:

- PDG Gary Whiting, **Chairman** three year term expiring (Sun Lakes RC)
- PDG Lucinda Rose, two year term, next year as Chair (Mesa West RC)
- PDG Mel Taunt, three year term (eClub of Southwest USA RC)
- District Treasurer and Scottsdale Airpark Past Club President, Kathe Carolin (now in Scottsdale RC)
- AG and Past Club President, Bruce Peterson, one year term (Tempe South RC)

Mesa Baseline Past Club President, Tim Baughman, one year term (now in Scottsdale RC)

We encourage District 5510 Rotarians to find out more about the responsibilities and how this committee is organized and functions.

Please visit the District 5510 website [www.rotary5510.org](http://www.rotary5510.org) and review the District Bylaws. Additionally, the minutes for each District Finance Committee meeting are posted for review on the District website after they have been approved.

Gary Whiting  
Chairman

## Four Peaks and Scottsdale Airpark Join Forces to Assist in Mexico Project

Scottsdale Airpark Rotary provided the initial \$1,300 seed money for a **\$45,650** Rotary International matching grant win.



Partnering with Four Peaks Rotary Club (\$3,800) were Rotary District 4200 (\$2,000), Rotary District 5510 (\$5,000), Rotary District 5490 (\$5,000), Rotary District 5830 (\$5,000) and Tapachula Centenario Rotary Club (\$4,000). These organizations were able to obtain another \$21,050 in matching funds from **The Rotary International Foundation (TRF)**. The TRF grant will provide for the interior needs of a new Mision Orphanage building. It will allow a safe environment for the children and provide an opportunity to serve more children when needed. Eradicating ex-

treme poverty and hunger is the project's first development goal. Children are most effected by the issue of poverty.

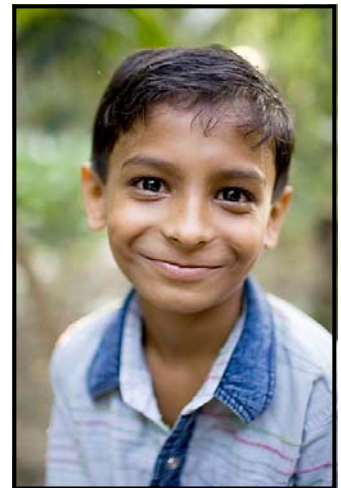
This project is based in Chiapas, the poorest state in the country of Mexico. Chiapas has the highest number of indigenous people in the country. The result is that children are left to live in poverty, often on the streets. Mision Mexico, founded by Pam and Alan Skuse, was started in response to this need and to begin to change the cycle of poverty for children in this part of Mexico. The orphanage was started with seven abandoned children in a small rented house on the outskirts of the Tapachula, in a poor, often dangerous, neighborhood. Six years later, the orphanage is caring for 40 children and has saved hundreds more who stayed while waiting for homes. The house they are in is far too small, with no yard or place for the children to play. Mision Mexico needs a new home. The

current facility is not adequate and is owned by the government, which, at any time, could request the property to be vacated. The roof on the house leaks, causing mold, a serious health risk for the children.

The TRF grant budget includes 45 beds with mattresses, linen and pillows, library chairs, tables and shelves, a six-burner stove with oven, a large-capacity dishwasher, five wooden dining tables with seating for 10 per table, dining benches, playground equipment, basketball equipment, well construction for water and water purification system, lockers, nine toilets, three urinals, sofas and chairs, refrigerator and furniture for the creative learning center.

A year ago, Scottsdale Airpark won a \$16,000 TRF grant. The club partnered with Peace and Justice Center, Pinnacle Peak Rotary, Tapachula Centenario

Rotary and other Rotary Districts to install nine water purification systems in Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico. The **Honorable Carlos Flores-Vizcarra Consul General of Mexico** extended a special thank you to the Rotary clubs and to Pam and Alan Skuse for their efforts directed to this project.



For more information about this project contact the project's primary contact PDG Greg Podd at [greg@pfscps.com](mailto:greg@pfscps.com).

## A "Roaring Rotary Wine-fest" Presented by the Phoenix East Rotary Club

The Phoenix East Rotary Club will be holding a fundraiser to benefit the Club's Rotary Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

The event will be held at the

Phoenix Zoo on October 22nd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Coronado Vineyards, of Wilcox, Arizona, has donated their wine for tasting.

Q/Scene Catering has donated the cheese and appetizers. Entertainment will be provided by *Slaves to the Grove*. Proceeds from the gala and the raffle will benefit the Phoenix East Rotary

Foundation. For more information, please contact Eileen Klecka at 480-998-4485

## Meet San Tan Crown's Youth Exchange Student Mona DaSilva

San Tan Crown Rotary Club of Chandler, AZ, greeted our new Rotary Youth Exchange student Mona DaSilva from Votuporanga, Brazil. Mona is 18 years old and will be attending Basha High School this school year as a senior. She will be living with her host family, Robert and Laura Miller of Gilbert. The Miller's have 3 children, 21,

14, and 6 years old. Mona enjoys school and is on the Basha Yearbook committee.

Every year your local Rotary clubs sponsor a foreign exchange student to help foster better understand between people of the world. This year the San Tan Crown Rotary Club also sponsored a Basha High

student, Lacy Hinkle, for a year long exchange program in South Africa.

Pictured left to right are: Mitzi Pinsky; Community Service Coordinator, Mona DaSilva and Bill Seefeldt President of the San Tan Crown Club



## It's Official: NAU has a Rotaract Club

After years of effort, NAU finally has a Rotaract Club on campus. Natane Havir is the club president, and they are 16 strong and growing. Alan Havir would like to say thank you to Tonya Watson and all the members of the Flagstaff Rotary Club for all

their assistance is getting this project off the ground.



Pictured, left, is Natane exchanging banners with the Charleroi Rotary Club in Belgium. The picture to the right is NAU's first District Council meeting that was held in September.



These events and photos

say a lot about the quality and progress of Rotaract.

## Mesa Rotary's Exchange Student Mona Benischke

Mona is an exchange student from Germany. She is attending Westwood High School in Mesa, and is sponsored by the Mesa Rotary Club.

The exchange students were given questionnaires about their experiences here in AZ. Space constraints necessitate some editing for length, but Mona was asked, "Tell

us something that happened to you that you didn't expect." Mona's reply: "I never expected that it would be so easy to get started in a different country... My exchange year could not have started better." When asked to tell us anything that she would like the District 5510 Rotarians to know about her, she replied, "This is the most

exciting time I have ever had, and I really enjoy the Arizona sun and the hot weather. I'll never forget the best year of my life, and all the experiences and friends I will make during this year."

Welcome, Mona. I wish I could say that we Arizonans were as fond of the hot weather as you are.



## A Word About Newsletter Submissions

As editor of our District Newsletter, I wanted to say a few words about how to make submissions. District Governor Don would like to see concise articles about your activities. Therefore, I would ask you to edit your articles so that they will fit in

something like 1/2 page or less. If you are planning to submit something for publication, please send your text in Word format, or another text-oriented file. Please don't send me PDF's as they are hard to copy and paste into the publishing program.

If you plan to submit photos, please send them as separate attachments; don't embed them in your text file. Give your image file names that relate to your topic so I can get the pictures with the right articles. I usually gather up articles, and then layout

the newsletter at the end of the month, so please send me your info no later than the 25th for publication on the 1st. Thanks.

Bill McGrath  
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# District 5510 Membership, Attendance, and Foundation Report

## For August, 2008

	Membership				Attendance		Foundation Annual Goal	Annual Giving (2007-08 Totals)	% of Goal
	6/30/2007	Goal	Current	Change	Monthly %	YTD %			
<b>Chandler Region:</b>									
Ahwatukee Foothills	16		18	+1	80.00		\$1500.00	\$3945.70	263.0%
Chandler	39		40	+1	82.00		\$3900.00	\$6367.20	163.3%
Chandler Horizon	27		27		100.00		\$2700.00	\$9717.84	359.9%
Chandler North	12		13	+1	78.33		\$1600.00	\$1924.95	120.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>		<b>98</b>	<b>+3</b>					
<b>Flagstaff Region:</b>									
Flagstaff	64		69	+5	86.23		\$2000.00	\$847.36	42.4%
Flagstaff Sunrise	8		8		72.00		\$800.00	\$1750.00	218.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>		<b>77</b>	<b>+5</b>					
<b>Gilbert/Sun Lakes Region:</b>									
Gilbert	21		21		77.00		-	\$1627.50	-
Sun Lakes	107		106	-1	79.00		\$10000.00	\$33072.00	331.0%
San Tan Crown	40		38	-2	69.53		\$4100.00	\$4476.00	109.2%
Superstition Mountain	36		36		72.66		\$4000.00	\$1382.04	34.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>		<b>201</b>	<b>-3</b>					
<b>Mesa Region:</b>									
Mesa	84		85	+1	74.30		\$8200.00	\$8200.08	100.0%
Mesa Baseline	76		73	-3	64.60		\$8500.00	\$4636.00	54.5%
Mesa Boeing	13		13		66.00		\$1100.00	\$12086.36	1098.8%
Mesa East	18		16	-2	79.95		\$1800.00	\$2139.12	118.8%
Mesa Sunrise	18		18		70.59		\$1900.00	\$3743.64	197.0%
Mesa West	35		34	-1	67.43		\$3500.00	\$9329.25	266.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>		<b>239</b>	<b>-5</b>					
<b>North Central Region:</b>									
Payson	33		34	+1	72.00		\$3600.00	\$3480.51	96.7%
Payson Rim Country	27		26	-1	73.00		\$2600.00	\$3529.98	135.8%
Winslow	24		23	-1	64.25		\$2500.00	\$2087.04	83.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>-1</b>					
<b>North East Region:</b>									
Silver Creek	16		17	+1	76.50		\$900.00	\$666.72	74.1%
Southwest e-Club	41		42	+1	94.00		\$3225.00	\$3690.00	114.4%
Springerville	19		15	-4	55.00		\$1500.00	\$2385.64	159.0%
White Mountain	12		11	-1	66.00		\$1500.00	\$1565.40	104.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>		<b>85</b>	<b>-3</b>					
<b>North Valley Region:</b>									
Scottsdale	167		167		66.00		-	\$1242.48	-
Fountain Hills	59		60	+1	60.90		\$6000.00	\$4367.18	72.8%
Four Peaks	30		30		62.00		\$3000.00	\$2352.30	78.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>256</b>		<b>257</b>	<b>+1</b>					
<b>Northeast Valley Region:</b>									
Paradise Valley	33		35	+2	80.73		-	\$3861.90	-
Pinnacle Peak	27		27		63.00		\$2600.00	\$2694.60	103.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>+2</b>					
<b>Phoenix Region:</b>									
Phoenix Arcadia Sunrise	33		34	+1	71.13		\$3700.00	\$20031.00	541.4%
Phoenix Camelback	22		21	-1	66.00		\$2200.00	\$1140.70	51.9%
Phoenix East	24		24		93.00		\$2400.00	\$1590.00	66.3%
Phoenix Squaw Peak	19		18	-1	72.22		\$2100.00	\$416.60	19.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>		<b>97</b>	<b>-1</b>					
<b>Scottsdale Region:</b>									
Phoenix El Puente	11		11		72.72		\$1300.00	\$498.41	38.3%
Scottsdale Airpark	17		18	+1	85.50		\$1700.00	\$1678.75	98.8%
Scottsdale Foothills	23		24	+1	90.00		\$2300.00	\$1127.00	49.0%
Scottsdale Sunrise	40		40		74.27		\$4000.00	\$7375.36	184.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>+2</b>					
<b>Tempe Region:</b>									
Kyrene Corridor	14		15	+1	92.98		\$1400.00	\$2426.62	173.3%
Tempe	23		23		65.28		\$2300.00	\$975.66	42.4%
Tempe East	12		13	+1	100.00		-	-	-
Tempe Rio Salado	13		11	-2	90.90		\$1700.00	\$894.66	52.6%
Tempe South	46		51	+5	74.37		\$4500.00	\$7145.64	158.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>		<b>113</b>	<b>+5</b>					