



# TUCSON VERDE

A Group of Thoughtful, Committed Citizens

## OUR MISSION

We invest our time and human resources on projects that will improve the ecological and sustainable environment of our community and planet. No project is too small.

[www.rotarytucsonverde.com](http://www.rotarytucsonverde.com)

## IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR

We had a wonderful first year as Rotary Club Tucson Verde. It was also very successful by some exacting standards. Our Club was one of only 10 of the 51 in District 5500 to be awarded the **Rotary International Citation** (formerly the Presidential Citation).

The award recognizes RCTV's progress toward meeting its 2021-22 goals in the areas of membership and engagement, service, young leaders, Rotary Foundation giving, and public image. The official presentation was celebrated at the recent D5500 conference.



We're closely tracking progress toward the 2022-23 targets adopted in August.

**Public Image** goals are already ached: Facebook; newsletter; a terrific new Website, and Instagram coming soon.

**Membership** is at 29 vs. goal of 40.



**Rotary Foundation Giving** We have a ways to go on 100% of members contributing to the Foundation (9 out of 29) and our total giving so far is \$1K vs. the goal of \$3k.

All of these objectives are still achievable, if not beatable. We've got over 9 months to do it and some real experience now!

## COMING UP

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12 Annie Franklin
- 12 Emily Rockey
- 14 Linda Fugate
- 29 Carmen Dolny

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Oct. 9 Tucson Meet Yourself Service Project
- Oct. 16, **Patagonia** Library Meet Mountain Empire Rotary group
- Oct. 22 **Observe Polio Day** (Register: [D5500 End Polio](#))
- Oct. 24 **World Polio Day**
- Nov. 19 **Ride to End Polio** More info at: [Tour de Tucson](#)



On **Saturday, October 22, 2022** District 5500 will observe and celebrate **World Polio Day**, which is Monday, October 24, 2022. We will have a special program on Zoom from 9 am to 10:30 (PDT, MST).

The program will include a short history of the disease and Rotary's pledge to eradicate it, an update on eradication efforts, and how we Rotarians in D5500 can help.

A D5500 Rotarian polio survivor will tell his personal story. And we will recognize and honor members of the D5500 PolioPlus Society.

Register to receive your Zoom invitation: [www.RotaryD5500.org](http://www.RotaryD5500.org)

Triple your impact on **#WorldPolioDay** thanks to the Gates Foundation's 2-to-1 match. [endpol.io/give](http://endpol.io/give)



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### Check This Out!

A new model for RCTV's work has been introduced by the Projects Committee after months of research. **HANDS ON GOING GREEN** is an expansive approach to the five key areas of environmental sustainability. We will focus on one topic at a time, tying all of our work in a given period to that area.



The model is too rich in detail to describe in this newsletter. You can read all about it — and other exciting new developments — at our beautiful new website, [www.rotarytucsonverde.com](http://www.rotarytucsonverde.com)

## RCTV Hits Fall Double Header



The stars aligned for our Fall Equinox celebration and timing for the September service project.

Members gathered at Mission Garden on the morning of Sept. 22 and enjoyed a tour of the gardens by Kendall Kroesen, an Autumn Equinox celebration led by John Eisele, pomegranate harvesting alongside friends from Iskashitaa Refugee Network. And, of course, there were tasty breakfast burritos, thanks to Linda Fugate. It was a gorgeous day!

