

# TUCSON VERDE

A Group of Thoughtful, Committed Citizens



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## PEOPLE OF ACTION



RCTV crew harvesting citrus with Ishkashitaa Refugee Network, which helps UN refugees integrate into the Southern AZ community while helping to reduce food waste. IRW also produces some delectable food items for sale. (See FB)



## OUR FIRST GRANT!

We just received approval for a \$500 grant from District 5500 to fund a \$1,000 project with Felicia's Farm, the organization that donates 100% of its produce and eggs to local nonprofits feeding the hungry. We'll be helping to build more roosting boxes to boost egg output.



More to come! For now, thanks to Fonda Insley for identifying the opportunity; the Foundation Team, coached by Michael Drake, for preparing the application; and the Rodeo team for raising most of the matching funds RCTV must provide.



From RCTV President Ellie Patterson,

The Rotary Days of Service is a signature program for DG Anita MacDonald this year and it is our first year in active participation.

The purpose of the Arizona Rotary Days of Service is to increase awareness of Rotary throughout the State and to invite non-Rotarians to engage with us in some of our Service Projects. This opportunity for volunteer service is open to all!

Our Tucson Verde Club is participating in three projects that week. The Human Traffic Forum, the Tucson Free Zero Waste Collection Drive, and the Environmental Fair as part of the Earth Day Festival at the Children's Museum Tucson. See below for details on how to register for these and other activities.

In the meantime I look forward to seeing you at our April 4 meeting, at the Ward 3 office, 1510 E. Grant Rd. 5:30-6:45PM. Board Meeting follows at 7PM.

See you soon, Ellie

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING FORUM



April 15, 2023 9am-4pm  
Pima Community College West Performing Arts Center  
2202 W. Anklam Rd., Tucson  
Continental breakfast and lunch included.  
REGISTER: [MaranaRotary.org](http://MaranaRotary.org)



## Tucson Zero Waste Collection Drive

Saturday, April 15, 9am-1pm 2700 E. Speedway Blvd

ZERO WASTE TUCSON is a free waste collection drive to provide a resource for folks looking to safely and responsibly reuse and recycle commonly used goods.

Contact: [cristina.polsgrove@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:cristina.polsgrove@tucsonaz.gov)

## April 22 - EARTH DAY



Environmental Fair  
Tucson Children's Museum, near Armory Park, 9am-1pm

Fun activities, crafts, games, and educational material for children and adults. Plus a beautiful park to enjoy. Free Admission.  
Contact: [Michelle.Felix](mailto:Michelle.Felix)

## BIRTHDAYS

### APRIL

- 2 John Eisele
- 22 Kendall Krosen
- 26 Fonda Insley
- 28 Jennifer Sprung



## GREEN LIVING TIPS — About Water

- ◆ Don't put food waste, oils, chemicals or medicines down toilets or drains. Participate in projects to clean streams.
- ◆ Buy local, seasonal foods and focus on those made with less water. Above all, don't waste food and compost scraps.
- ◆ Protect what water we have. Plant a tree or create a rain garden to prevent flooding and harvest rainfall.
- ◆ Make sure your local and national representatives know that sustainability matters to you and water conservation is vital.

## 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.