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NEWSLETTER



Unite for Good – A Call for Action

Giddy-up! A brand new Rotary year is here—a new chapter filled with possibility, purpose, and power!

The photo above was taken in Calgary with Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo and our 2025–26 District Governor Jeff Borek—two inspiring leaders who reinforced how powerful our collective Rotary impact can be—locally and globally.

I can't wait to see you at our July 17 meeting, where I'll share highlights from the Calgary convention and roll out a strategic plan to help us make a lasting imprint for EARC—through service, fellowship, and our commitment to The Rotary Foundation.



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SUPPORT A FELLOW ROTARIAN, SPARK SOME HAPPY MONEY



Al Mayes

Treasurer and
Referral Program

Since joining EARC last year, I've been thinking about how we might create a vehicle to encourage more consistent and generous Happy Money contributions from members.

When Andrew learned that I'm a commercial broker—and that I had been donating Happy Money tied to successes from my deals—he asked me to help him find a new office for his company. As we worked together, I realized that the commission I'd earn from helping him would give me a bucket of funds I could pull from to make a meaningful Happy Money donation.

That got me thinking: What if more of us did business with fellow EARC members? If we simply knew what goods and services each of us offered, we could support one another's businesses and give back to the club through Happy Money contributions.

I've discussed this idea with a few fellow EARC members, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Many would love the chance to earn new business through EARC connections—and would gladly contribute a reasonable amount to Happy Money when that happens.

When I made a donation during our May meeting, I jokingly called it "HMERG" – Happy Money EARC Referral Gift. I got some good feedback, including that we could come up with a better name.

So today, I'd like to propose we consider creating a proper Rotary-style Happy Money Referral Program. Something catchy, easy to remember, and that reflects Rotary values—service, generosity, and connection.

Here are a few name ideas we can explore or refine together:

◆ GIVE

Grow Involvement, Value Everyone

Simple & powerful. Emphasizes generosity and community through referrals.

◆ SPARK

Share, Promote, Appreciate, Refer, Kindness

A dynamic, energetic acronym that invites action and connection.

◆ CORE

Connections, Opportunity, Referrals, Engagement

Highlights foundational club values and the nature of relationship-building.

◆ LIFT

Leadership, Involvement, Fellowship, Thrive

Emphasizes how referrals "lift" the club and build vibrancy.

HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome New Members



Cynthia
joins EARC
July 1, 2025



Brandon
joins EARC
July 1, 2025

Birthdays

Happy Birthday
to you...

Mona - July 18

PAST BIRTHDAYS

Bill - June 4

Stacie - May 7

...and many more!



MY FIRST RI CONVENTION A CALGARY EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER – YAHOO!

BY STACIE THORLAKSON

Giddy-up Wranglers!

As a first-time attendee at the Rotary International Convention, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. I had heard stories—global connections, inspiring speakers, and an overwhelming sense of shared purpose—but nothing could have fully prepared me for the energy and scale of the event in Calgary. OOHAY! 😊

From the moment I stepped into the largest convention centre in Western Canada, BM Centre, I felt the buzz of thousands of Rotarians from all corners of the globe. The convention wasn't just a meeting—it was a movement. Flags waved, hugs were exchanged between longtime friends, and strangers became instant allies in service. It truly felt like the "Olympics of Rotary."



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Online
Calendar

July

01: Happy New Rotary Year - Unite for Good = A Call for Action!

04: Happy Independence Day

08: Hunger Strike 2.0 - Rotary District 5030 Live Podcast - A link will be sent Tuesday

10: Networking, The Bellevue Club, 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Let's Represent EARC. Pls RSVP

13: Community Service Project with fellow Rotarians! I signed up and I hope you do too! View details online and register today! Spots are filling up quickly

www.harvestagainsthunger.org/rotary-work-parties-at-elk-run-farm/

17: EARC Meeting, learn about Calgary, welcome 2 new members and plan for a memorable year. Let's make an EARC imprint that is ever lasting! Join us at 4:30pm for social/happy hour, brainstorm session begins at 5:00pm and we'll adjourn at 6:15pm

18-20: EARC President will be in Anaheim, CA for a Public Image Workshop

21: Rotary Games Galore, 3pm - 6pm. Location TBD. RSVP to earc@actionrotary.org
This outing is in conjunction with a few Rotary Clubs

25 & 26: Enumclaw Street Fair, let's support our District Asst. Governor and her club

25 - 27: Bellevue Arts & Crafts Fair - <https://bellevuecollection.com/arts-fair/>

August

01 - 03: [Seafair Weekend](#)

07: EARC Board Meeting

08: [Rotary District 5030 night at the Seattle Mariners game](#)

14: EARC General Meeting

18: Rotary Games Galore, 3pm - 6pm. Location TBD. RSVP to earc@actionrotary.org

29: Happy Labor Day Weekend

