



# Carolinas' PETS

President Elect Training Seminar  
March 14-15, 2025

Dave Brenner  
District Governor 2025-26

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**PETS District Session Agenda**  
 March 14-15, 2025

*Welcome*

Welcome to District 7750 President-Elect Training Seminar.

Through the presentations today, we hope to

***inform, inspire, and empower***

Rotary club presidents to lead successful and engaging Rotary Clubs for the year ahead.

**Friday, March 14**

8:00-9:00	Registration	
8:30	Networking	
9:00 am	Welcome - Introductions DGE Dave Initiatives	DG Rysheeka Bush DGE Dave Brenner
9:30	Youth Services	Frank Cox, PDG
9:40	Club Expectations Governor's Award RI Club Excellence Award	Dave Brenner, DGE
10:10-10:20	Break	
10:20	RAGS and Fellowships	
10:30	Club operations	Eric Kirchbaum, DGN
10:50	Committees and District Support	Renée Stubbs, PDG
11:15	Area Meetings with AG	
11:45	Lunch	
1:30	Your Year of Leadership	Beth Trotter
2:30	Refer to PETS schedule for next session	

**Saturday, March 15**

7:15	Breakfast – General Session	
8:45	Networking	
9:00	District Budget District Events District Governor Club Visits  RLI	District Finance Chair, Renee Stubbs DGE Dave Brenner  Julia Larson
9:30	Area Meetings with AG	
9:45	Break	
10:00	Refer to PETS Schedule	

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## **President of Rotary International 2025-2026**

**Mário César Martins de Camargo**

**Rotary Club de Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil**

Mário César Martins de Camargo is a business consultant to the printing industry and former director of Gráfica Bandeirantes, a printing company founded by his father. Under de Camargo's leadership, the company expanded to be a supplier of printed material for clients in Brazil and elsewhere in South America.

De Camargo attended military school and graduated from a secondary school in St. Paul, Minnesota, USA, during a Rotary Youth Exchange program. He had a yearlong internship at MAN Roland, a printing press manufacturer in Offenbach, Germany, before he earned his undergraduate degree at the Fundação Getúlio Vargas' São Paulo School of Business Administration.

He also received his law degree from the Faculty of Law of São Bernardo do Campo. He has led numerous professional associations, including as president of the Brazilian Association of Graphic Technology and ABIGRAF, the Brazilian Printing Industry Association. He was also delegate director of the Federation of Industries of the State of São Paulo (FIESP) in the National Confederation of Industry, vice president of FIESP, and vice president of the Latin American Confederation of the Printing Industry. He received the Printing Leader of the Americas award from the Printing Association of Florida and the Global Presidential Print Award from NPES, the Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing, and Converting Technologies.

De Camargo joined Rotary in 1980 at age 23. A past director and trustee, he will be the fourth RI president from Brazil. He has volunteered for numerous roles including RI learning facilitator, zone coordinator for the Avoidable Blindness Task Force, Latin American coordinator for the Health Concerns Task Force, RI president's representative, and Council on Legislation representative. He has also served on committees including the RI Membership Growth Committee, The Rotary Foundation Programs Finance Committee, and the International PolioPlus Committee.

De Camargo says he is continually impressed by Rotary's global reach. "With Service Above Self, Rotary has created a unique global identity that is unlike any other I know," he says. "I think we all need to remember that we belong to an organization that opens up the world to us."





## **District Governor Biographies**

### **District Governor 2025-2026**

#### **David Brenner**

Dave joined the Rotary Club of Greenville Breakfast in 2013. He served as his club's president in 2015-16 and again in 2020-21. He currently serves as Assistant Governor and RYLA Chair for District 7750. He is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute and a faculty member. Dave supports the Rotary Foundation as a Paul Harris Society member and is a Major Donor.



Dave graduated from Westminister College in Pennsylvania with a BS in Physics. He holds an MS degree in Aeronautical Systems from West Florida and an MSBA from Indiana University. He served 7 seven years in the US Navy as a Naval Aviator. After the Navy, he spent 34 years in the tire business retiring from Michelin in 2011. His career in the tire business included Tire Development, Quality, and Manufacturing. He was the Plant Manager at the Michelin plants in Ft Wayne, Indiana, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and his final seven years before retirement as Plant Manager of the Ardmore, Oklahoma Plant.

During his career he was always active in the communities in which he worked, serving on numerous committees and boards. He was the Council President of the Arbuckle Area Council, BSA, for 3 years. He is an Eagle Scout and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. Dave served as Chairman of the Board of Mercy Hospital in Ardmore, Ok. He also served on the Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Business Roundtable (economic development). He currently serves on the Executive Board of the Blue Ridge Council, BSA.

Dave enjoys golf, fishing, hiking, and reading in his spare time. He and Peggy have been married for 48 years. They have three children and four grandchildren, located in Columbia City, Indiana, and Tampa, Florida.





### **District Governor Elect - Eric Krichbaum**

Eric joined the Rotary Club of Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 2001, and was a member for 3 years. After relocating to Simpsonville, he joined the Greenville Evening Rotary Club (now the Reedy River Greenville Rotary club) in 2015. Eric served as the Club President from 2017 – 2018. He has been on the Club's Board of directors and the held positions of Community Services Chair, Charities Treasurer, and is currently the Logistics Committee Chair and Head of the Planning Committee for the Club's annual fundraising project, the Reedy River Duck Derby.

Eric held the position of District 7750 Community Service Committee Chair from 2019 – 2021 and is currently the Assistant Governor for Area 12. He is an RLI graduate, Multiple Paul Harris fellow and a PolioPlus Society member.



While living in Iowa, he served as a Board member for the Cedar Rapids Science Center and the Cedar Rapids Community Theater. Eric was also on the Advisory Board of the Kansas City Manufacturing Network. Eric worked in leadership positions with various companies throughout his 39-year professional career and retired in April of 2022. After retirement, he joined the Greenville Natural History Association's hiking club and has assisted Rebuild Upstate as an assistant site leader.

Eric received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, graduating as a member of Pi Tau Sigma, the International Mechanical Engineering Honor Society. He later received an MBA with a concentration in Marketing from the University of Nebraska.



### **Immediate Past District Governor 2024-2025 - Rysheeka Bush**



Rysheeka joined the Rotary Club of Aiken Sunrise in 2010 after returning from a Group Study Exchange to Australia. She served as Club President for two terms 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. She has served as one of the clubs Interact Liaison's for nearly a decade and currently serves as the chair for Service and RYLA. She is a glowing example of what an investment in a young professional can yield.

Rysheeka served as Assistant Governor for Area 8. She began the term in 2019. She supports the Rotary Foundation, is a Benefactor, and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. She also serves on the District's Innovative Club Advocate Committee.

She graduated from Aiken Technical College, earning an Associate of Arts and a Human Services Degree. She moved on to earn additional dual degrees in Psychology and Sociology from the University of South Carolina- Aiken. She completed her term at U of SC Aiken with a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Psychology. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in South Carolina.

She is employed by Helping Hands, Inc., a residential facility for children in foster care. She has enjoyed working for the agency for over 20 years, with a one-year sabbatical to work in case managing with juvenile offenders. Starting as an intern, she now serves as the Clinical Program Manager at Helping Hands, overseeing the clinical needs of youth in placement and the therapeutic training needs of staff.

Rysheeka serves on various boards in the Aiken area as a representative of Helping Hands. Community service and helping her fellow man is a driving force in her life. Her family taught her the value of hard work and dedication that she brings to every element of civic work.



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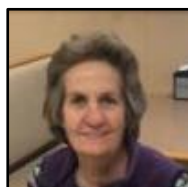
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# *The* **ROTARY ACTION PLAN**



**TOGETHER** WE SEE A WORLD  
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION  
TO **CREATE** LASTING  
**CHANGE** ACROSS THE GLOBE  
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

As we stand on the cusp of eliminating polio, we find ourselves poised for our next challenge. **The time is right to move toward realizing a new vision that brings more people together, increases our impact, and creates lasting change around the world.** To achieve the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, we have set four priorities that will direct our work over the coming years.

## **INCREASE OUR IMPACT**

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Focus our programs and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

## **EXPAND OUR REACH**

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new channels into Rotary
- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal
- Build awareness of our impact and brand

## **ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT**

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Develop a participant-centered approach to deliver value
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide leadership development and skills training

## **INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT**

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Review governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making



## Rotary International Areas of Focus



### Basic Education & Literacy

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

### Maternal & Child Health

Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.

### Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.

### Disease Prevention & Treatment

We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.

### Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.

### Community & Economic Development

We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

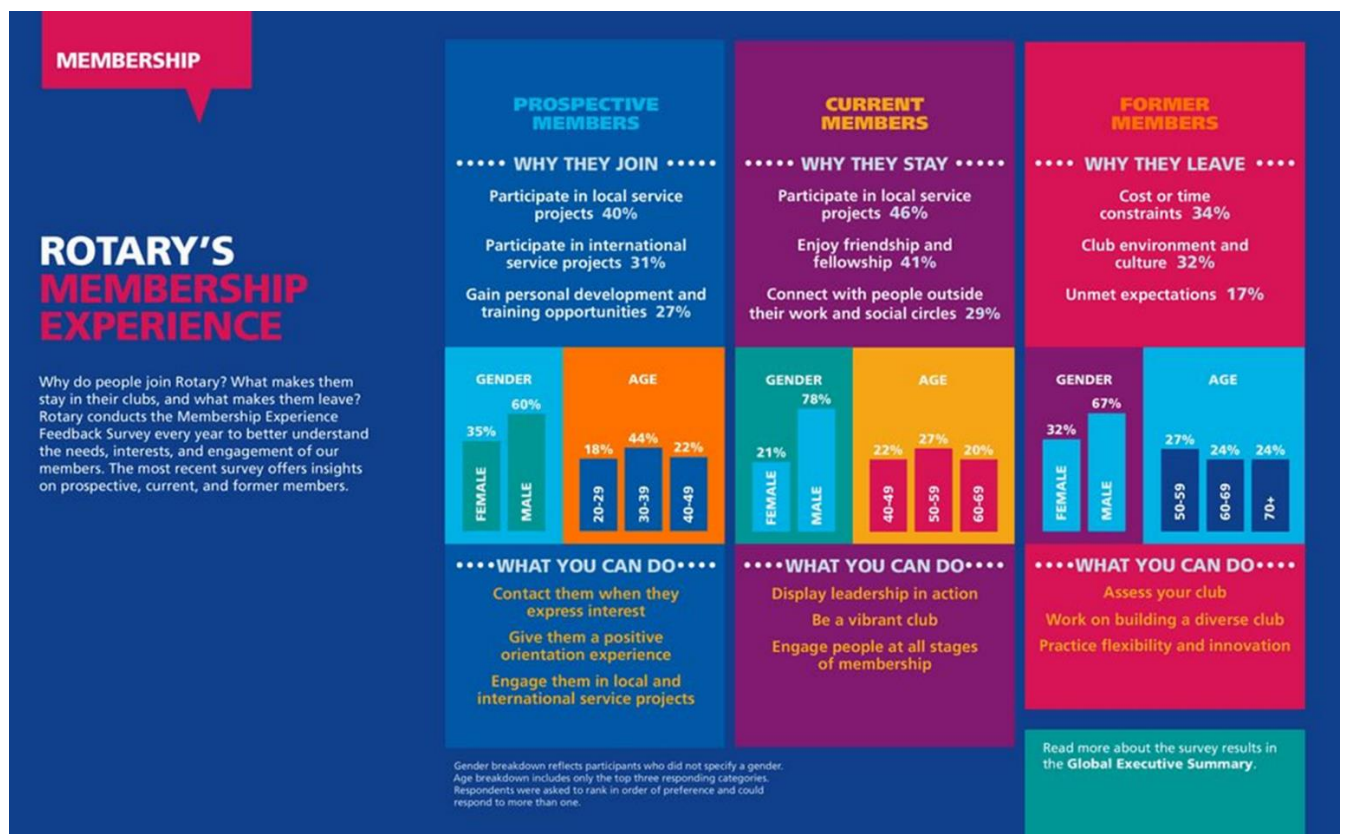
### Support the Environment

Rotary's newest area of focus is the environment which will enable Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.



RIPE Mario in his closing remarks at the International Assembly listed these seven things to help membership:

- Promote New Club Formats
- Resurrect Dying Clubs
- Strengthen Traditional but Dying Clubs
- Engage Former Members
- Reach Out to Youth
- Utilize Fellowships and RAGs
- Leverage Professional Organizations



GOODWILL

## Light a fire under your club

Members say they thrive with clear, specific goals  
and the continuity they provide

**A** rainbow of colors brightens the scorecards Hilda Addah shows members of the Rotary Club of Accra-South in Ghana. The activity is a monthly exercise to let members know how the club is doing on its goals.

Red on the homemade scorecards means a goal is behind schedule, while yellow reflects progress on track and green indicates a pace ahead of schedule. The system has been in place for about five years, and Addah, the club president, says it's helping to reveal achievement gaps and drive improvement. Committee members are motivated to keep their goals out of the red.

Many successful clubs have one thing in common: goal setting. When club leaders plan for the future, they provide their club with direction and purpose. Setting goals in areas such as membership growth, service projects, and club experience motivates members and inspires them to work together with a common purpose.

Rotary Club Central makes it simple. Accra-South club leaders set and track their goals in this online goal-setting tool for Rotary and Rotaract clubs. "Rotary Club Central is a very simple and user-friendly tool," Addah says. "It helps me as a leader follow and track progress."

While club leaders can use Rotary Club Central to set goals and record accomplishments, members can use it to view the club's

progress. New club leaders can use previous goals to make informed decisions about the club's future and set up to three years' worth of goals. They can adjust goals as needed, always planning three years ahead.

Planning for multiple years is important to ensure continuity and ease transitions in leadership.

"Some things that come out of strategic planning, you can't do in a short period of time," says Tony Winter, secretary and past president of the Rotary Club of Batavia, Illinois. "We also deliberately wanted some goals to stretch out longer to span different leadership teams and instill consistency in our club."

To start setting goals in Rotary Club Central, club leaders can use the club's current situation as the baseline and its strategic plan as a guide for the next three years. Clubs should make sure incoming leaders have a My Rotary account and report their role in My Rotary to ensure they have access to the online tool.

The Batavia club learned there's no such thing as too much communication. It decided in 2021 to use Rotary's Club Health Check to kick-start the goal-setting process. The club sought input from the dozen new members who had joined during the COVID-19 pandemic and was thrilled when most of them took part in a visioning session, Winter says. The club used the feedback to set goals, create a strategy, and develop an action plan.

To support long-term planning, RI directors will appoint regional plan team leads to coordinate customized plans for their regions, aligned with Rotary's Action Plan. District leaders will share their region's plan with presidents-elect to use in their goal setting.

Start planning your club's future at [rotary.org/clubcentral](https://rotary.org/clubcentral).

"The information we got from that session was vital in telling us, in combination with the health check, what we needed to start doing, what we needed to keep doing, and what we needed to change," says Winter. "It was something we had never done before. It was a big step forward and gave us maybe a dozen items to work on over the next three years."

Quantifying goals and regularly reporting progress to members can light a fire under a club, Winter says. "There's a big difference between saying, this year let's do some social events, and this year we are going to do six social events," he says. "Once you put that number on it, it becomes somebody's responsibility to get that done. When you don't quantify it, it's just a statement."

Club President Margaret Perreault instituted a quarterly assembly this year to report to members on the club's progress, complementing the updates featured in the club newsletter.

"Overcommunicating is a healthy strategy for a club," Perreault says.

The Batavia club also uses Rotary's Member Satisfaction Survey at least once a year to fine-tune objectives and identify new needs.

"It's an ongoing challenge. People evolve, things evolve," Winter says. "You need to get out in front of things. You have to constantly communicate back to the club. It's the only way to plan."

— ARNOLD R. GRAHL



1. Make an Annual Fund-SHARE Donation while President- Elect.
2. Turn in District Grant Application by April 30 if your club is eligible.
3. Develop a reason your members should support The Rotary Foundation.
4. Select a Rotary Foundation Chair who **supports** the Foundation.
5. Determine realistic goals for AF-SHARE and PolioPlus. Stretch a bit!
- 6. Enter Foundation goals in Rotary Club Central.**
7. Meet with your Foundation Chair and plan how you will achieve your goals and promote TRF next year.
8. Make your own Foundation AF-SHARE donation in mid-to late July.
9. Tell your club that **you** support the Rotary Foundation in your first meeting.
10. Plan something special for World Polio Day and Rotary Foundation Month in November.
11. Include Foundation Moments and Updates at least once a month at club meetings.
12. Attend or have your Foundation Chair attend any Foundation training throughout the Rotary year.
13. Plan to attend the Foundation Training and Celebration in November.
14. Get in touch with your District Rotary Foundation Chair (Beth Padgett) when you have questions, need ideas, or want to plan a Foundation program.
15. Have a blast during your year as Club President and let's all "Do Good in the World."





## **Governor's Initiatives**

As we embark on our Rotary journey together for Rotary year 2025-2026, I would like to give you my thoughts about how we want to leave our district at the end of the year. First and foremost, we should remember that Rotary is a club-based organization. The district exists to support you and your clubs.

But let's consider what we are all trying to accomplish. And that is to serve our communities. We can only do that if our Rotary clubs are active and growing. I fully support Rotary International President-elect Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo's message of "Unite for Good". We must unite as Rotarians in our club, with other Rotarian clubs, and with organizations within our communities. Together we can change the world just as we did with Polio.



Our greatest internal objective has been and must continue to be growing our Rotary Clubs, and adding new Rotary Clubs in order to do more good. As we grow, though, we must have continuity in our clubs. That is why I encourage you to work with your club boards to create a vision for the future. How can you invite members to join your club if you cannot tell them what you are trying to accomplish? Succession planning is key to a successful club. But you cannot have succession planning without bringing in new members.

I am also a strong supporter of our Rotary Youth Programs. Our future depends on the involvement of youth. After all, they are where our future Rotarians will come from. We have great programs that teach leadership, teamwork, and service. Youth need mentors so why not a Rotarian mentor. I hope to see more youth involved in our Youth Service Programs. If your club is not involved in youth programs, either one of our many Rotary programs, school support, or other youth service activity, I encourage you to consider getting involved.

You are all leaders of your clubs. Be enthusiastic and lead Rotary forward. Be a club president that makes a difference.

Good Luck in 2025-2026 and beyond. Your district leadership is here to support you. Take advantage of the vast experience of your district leadership team to help you lead your club forward.

Dave Brenner  
District Governor 2025-2026



## Governor's Award – Club Action Items

The **Governor's Award** aims to recognize Rotary Clubs in District 7750 who exemplify the best practices for maintaining and creating a vibrant club culture.

- Planning,
- Service,
- Engaging members and,
- Supporting The Rotary Foundation,

are all components of a successful Rotary Club.

### How to use the document.

**Download the Excel Document from the District Website. Leadership Library Club President.**

Save it on your computer, then complete the checklist. The spreadsheet will automatically calculate the total points. **(NOTE: the spreadsheet for 2025-26 will be available in May2025)**

There may be some exceptions to trying to use the Excel document on Apple computers.

- **Share** the whole document with the Club Board of Directors, Membership Chair, Foundation Chair and the membership.
- **Review** the document at least monthly and check off the items as they occur.

It is very challenging to wait until the week before the due date to try to complete the form.

**\*\*\*Remember** that this award represents the commitment of the whole club.

Please do not deny your club the opportunity to be recognized. If you do not wish to fill out the form yourself, maybe the club secretary or another member will assist.

**BELOW is a list of the items. The Excel Sheet found in DACdb has the columns for calculating points.**

**It will be uploaded at the District Website in May.**

**In the meantime, a copy will be emailed to you to begin working on**

Governor's Award Strategies
<b>Planning</b> - Activities to Complete as President-Elect (2025-2026 president) Must be Completed by June 30, 2025
Submit a District Grant application not later than April 30, 2025
Complete all sections of Club Planning Guide. Submit a draft to Assistant Governor by May 23, 2025, and final copy to District Administrator by May 30, 2025
Enter 15 Goals into Rotary Club Central by June 16, 2025
2025-2026 Membership, Foundation, Service Projects & PI/PR chair names entered in Dacdb. Advise District administrator by June1,2025
Visit other Rotary Clubs (can be completed by Club President, President-Elect or President Nominee)

Allocate expenses for RLI, PrePETS, PETS, and Area Training for the 2025-2026 year Club Budget
Before June 15, 2025 Conduct the MAP Survey- identify up to 3 priorities and actions aimed at retention of members
<b>20 Point Reduction if Club Planning guide is turned in later than July 1, 2025</b>
<b>Leadership/Sustainability – INCREASE YOUR ABILITY TO ADAPT</b> <i>(to be completed during 2025-2026 Rotary Year)</i>
Conduct a full club assembly to present club goals and planned projects, programs, initiatives in July/August 2025
2025-2026 President Completes RLI Part I + 5-point bonus for completion before Sept. 1, 2025
2025-2026 President Completes RLI Part II + 5 point bonus for completion before April 1 , 2026
2025-2026 President Completes RLI Part III + 5-point bonus for completion before July 1, 2026
2025-2026 President-Elect Completes RLI Part I
2025-2026 President-Elect Completes RLI Part II
2025-2026 President-Elect Completes RLI Part III
Club members complete any part if RLI during the 2025-2026 Rotary year.5 points per member, up to 25pts
Club expands Board to include a Rotaract representative as an observer or include the Rotaract representative as a voting member, subject to club approval of updated bylaws
Have at least one Strategic Planning Meeting before October 1, 2025, and adopt at least two new strategies to Increase Impact, Expand Reach, Enhance Engagement, Increase Ability to Adapt
Update DACdb data to include Email, phone number <b>and</b> photo for at least 85% of members
Hold elections not later than 30 November 2025 and notify District Administrator of the President-Elect and President Nominee not later than 31 December 2025
2025-2026 President Nominee attends Pre-PETS and PETs (PE attendance is mandatory)
Club President attends 2026 All Club Conference (+5 for each additional member attending)
Club Constitution and Bylaws have been updated to the current Rotary International Constitution and Bylaws. Submit updated documents to the District Admin.
Club Secretary, Treasurer, PI/PR chair (or their representatives) attend their specific district training workshop. +5 for each member attending
Club officers complete role specific course in the Rotary Learning Center in My Rotary. 5 points per course
Club nominates at least one person to serve on a district committee
<b>Membership – EXPAND YOUR REACH</b>
Increase net Club membership by 5% or 2 new members not later than June 1, 2026 (20 Point Bonus for 20% increase)
Enter your club membership goal in the Membership Success Center by June 15, 2025
Conduct up to four New Member Attraction Events with at least 4 prospective members per event (10 points per event). (10-point bonus per new member resulting from an event)
Sponsor a Rotaract Club
Sponsor a new Rotary Club or Innovative Club
Execute one new documented and measured Intentional Strategy aimed at increasing membership to support the club's membership growth goals

Club President and Membership Chair (or their representative) attends District Membership Summits. 5 bonus points for each additional Club Member attending up to 20 points
Conduct a club assembly devoted to Membership within a month of attending a Membership Summit. Report club-specific data, review club membership plan, encourage each member's participation and support
Submit updated club membership plan to District Membership Chair by Oct 1, 2025
Conduct the Membership Survey in MAP
Implement or maintain an onboarding program for new members 20 points
Members (non-officers) complete the Rotary Basics course in My Rotary 5 points per member up to 25pts
Members with less than one year tenure participate in at least two club projects = 10 points per member
Have a social media presence with a posting at least once/week
Club President, PE, Membership Chair, Service Chair, and PI/PR Chair follow at last 3 clubs in the district on social media 5 points for each
Complete 4 Zone Public Image (EPIC Award) tasks 5 points each
Write an Article for the Online District Newsletter (Submit to <a href="mailto:editor@rotary7750.org">editor@rotary7750.org</a> by 25 <sup>th</sup> of the month)
<b>The Rotary Foundation – INCREASE YOUR IMPACT</b>
Have a program on the Rotary Foundation (preferably in November)
Every member contributes at least \$25 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund
Contribute an average of \$175 per member to The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund, or if the 4-year average is less than \$175, close the gap by half
Contribute an average of \$50 per member to PolioPlus
Recruit one or more new Polio Plus Society members. Plus 20 if all members are polio Plus Society.
Include a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Contribution (\$100 annual, \$25/quarter) on Club invoice
Conduct or Participate in a Rotary Foundation or PolioPlus Fundraising Event
Recruit and recognize members who become Paul Harris Fellows or members achieving a new PHF Level (+1, +2, etc.). 15 Points each up to 25 recognitions
Become or maintain status as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club
Recruit one or more new Paul Harris Society member(s) (\$1,000/year pledge). 25 points each up to 10 recognitions
Recruit one or more new Rotary Foundation Benefactors (\$1,000 or more estate pledge or cash contribution to the Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund). (10 points each up to 25 Benefactors, and 5-point bonus for every new Benefactor presented at a DG visit or the Foundation Event.)
Recruit at least one new Rotary Foundation Bequest Society member or Major Donor or have an existing Bequest Society member or Major Donor increase to a higher level. 25 points for first recruit, 10 for each additional new or increased level member
Club members participate in Million Dollar Foundation Campaign 25 points for each member
Remit contributions to The Rotary Foundation not later than 15 Sept, 15 Dec, 15 March and 15 June
Participate in a District Grant (5-point bonus for publicizing the project)

Participate in a Global Grant or International Service project
At least two club members attend Foundation Banquet = 10 points, bonus 5 pts each additional member.
<b>Service – ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT</b>
Members participate in new or established literacy project involving school age children
Members participate in new or established adult education project
Conduct a Club Program Focused on CART
Hold special fundraiser for CART or Recognize Leadership Gift (\$500 minimum raised)
Establish or continue project to Protect Our Environment
Support Diversity, Equity, Inclusion by conducting a project aimed at helping an underserved demographic in your community. Examples, but not limited to age, race, gender, disability, culture
Lead or Participate in a Service Project that involves another Rotary Club, a Rotaract or Interact Club, or another Community Partner
75%+ club members actively participate in any club, district, or zone service project
Sponsor a New Interact Club, College-based or Community-based Rotaract Club
Sponsor an Earlyact or Roto-kid club
Adopt-a-School or support an After School Program
Maintain active sponsorship of an existing Rotaract or Interact Club (15 points for each club)
Conduct a program or activity that promotes RYLA
Sponsor one or more Rotary Youth Leadership Awards delegates (15 points for each delegate)
Conduct a program or activity related to Vocational Service
Conduct a program or activity that promotes Rotary Youth Exchange
Host a long-term inbound Youth Exchange Student = 30 points per student
Host a short-term inbound Youth Exchange Student = 20 points per student
<b><i>Discretionary Category</i></b>
Describe below any activities, accomplishments, or projects for which your club might deserve discretionary points awarded by the Governor (up to 50 additional points):



## Rotary International Club Excellence Award

<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/club-excellence-award>

## ROTARY CITATION / CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD GOALS AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Rotary Citation, which will be renamed the Club Excellence Award starting 1 July 2024, recognizes the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Taking action toward achieving the required number of goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs work to achieve these goals, they also contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come.

To be eligible for the Club Excellence Award, clubs need to be active clubs in good standing – or having paid each invoice balance in full upon receipt. To verify that your club is in good standing, go to My Rotary>Click on Club Name>Finance>Club Invoice. You should have an outstanding balance of \$0.00. Invoices are due when they are posted, in mid-January and mid-July.

Rotary club leaders can go into Rotary Club Central and select the goals they wish to apply toward the club excellence achievement. This flexibility allows clubs to choose the goals that are most relevant and achievable. In addition, many goals will be self-reported by marking “achieved” in Rotary Club Central. Clubs must achieve at least half of the goals by 30 June to be eligible.

To achieve the Club Excellence Award:

1. Go to [Rotary Club Central](#)
2. Review the available goals
3. Set at least half of the available goals
4. Achieve those goals
5. Report achievement in Rotary Club Central by 30 June.
6. Pay club invoices in full upon receipt

Once you are in Rotary Club Central, go to **Club Goals** on the left side of the page if you are not there already, select the **year**, and click on the **All tab** to see the goals. Eligibility will be determined based on goal achievement as of 30 June.

Enhance Participant Engagement	
Goal	Description
Service participation	How many members will participate in club service activities during the Rotary year?
Rotary Action Group participation	How many club members will be members of at least one Rotarian Action Group (RAG) during the Rotary year?
Rotary Fellowship participation	How many club members will be members of a Rotary Fellowship during the Rotary year?
District conference attendance	How many members will attend your district conference?

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District training participation	How many of your club's leaders will attend a learning event to prepare for their role
Leadership development participation	How many members will participate in leadership development programs or activities during the Rotary year?
Social activities	How many social activities will your club hold outside of regular meetings during the Rotary year?
Use of official Rotary promotional materials	Did your club use Rotary International's advertising and public service materials, such as broadcast videos, print ads, and other official materials available in the Brand Center, to promote Rotary in your community during the Rotary year?

Increase our Impact	
Goal	Description
Service Projects	How many service projects will your club complete during the Rotary year?
Inbound Youth Exchange students	How many Rotary Youth Exchange students will your club host virtually or in person during the Rotary year?
Outbound Youth Exchange students	How many Rotary Youth Exchange students will your club sponsor virtually or in person during the Rotary year? <sup>1</sup>
Annual Fund contributions	How much money will be contributed to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund by your club and its members during the Rotary year?
PolioPlus Fund contributions	How much money will be contributed to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund by your club and its members during the Rotary year?
Major gifts	How many single outright donations of US\$10,000 or more will be made by individuals associated with your club during the Rotary year?
Bequest Society members	How many individuals or couples will inform The Rotary Foundation of their plans to leave US\$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation through their estate?
Benefactors	How many individuals or couples will inform The Rotary Foundation of their estate plans to include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary or will make an outright gift of US\$1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund?

Expand our Reach	
Goal	Description
Club membership	How many total members does your club want by the end of the Rotary year?
New member sponsorship	How many members will sponsor a new club member during the Rotary year?
Rotaract clubs	How many new and existing Rotaract clubs will your club sponsor during the Rotary year?
Interact clubs	How many new and existing Interact clubs will your club sponsor during the Rotary year?
RYLA participation	How many individuals will your club sponsor to participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) events during the Rotary year either in person or virtual?
Media stories about club projects	How many media stories will cover your club's projects during the Rotary year?

Increase Our Ability to Adapt	
Goal	Description
Strategic plan	Does your club have an up-to-date strategic plan?
Review club bylaws	Do your club bylaws reflect your members and other participants needs?
Online presence	Does your club's online presence accurately reflect its current activities?
Update website and social media	During the Rotary year, how many times per month will your club's website or social media accounts be updated?

Questions? Read responses to [frequently asked questions](#) for more information.



## **2025–2026 District Governor Official Visit Protocol**

### **Purpose of the governor's visit:**

- The District Governor is the representative of the Rotary International President.
- To allow the District Governor to communicate directly with all Rotarians in the district and answer questions about Rotary International and District 7750.
- To listen to club leadership and gain a better understanding of their club.
- Recognize the contributions of Rotarians in the club.
- To encourage Vibrant Rotary Clubs through membership growth and member engagement.

### **Preparation for the visit:**

- The Assistant Governor for the area will work with the club leadership to confirm the meeting and any special arrangements.
- The District Governor is the program for the Official Club Visit.  
Please do not schedule another program to take place for their visit.  
Allow 30 minutes for the Governor's Program.
- Communicate any special plans you have to the Governor and AG to make sure it fits in with his/her other plans.
- The District Governor will meet with the board of each club to discuss the club plan, membership, Foundation, what is going well, areas that need extra attention. For lunch clubs, this special Board meeting will take place 90 minutes before the start of the Club meeting unless special arrangements have been made. For breakfast clubs, the special board meeting can take place the night before or after the club meeting.

### **Introduction of the District Governor and the Meeting:**

- Biographical information will be provided to the Club President and Assistant Governor in advance of the meeting.
- The Assistant Governor will handle the introduction of the District Governor unless other arrangements have been made.
- It is customary that the Rotary Club members stand when the District Governor is introduced and when he has completed his presentation. This form of respect is shown because the District Governor is acting as the official representative of Rotary International President.
- Presentations of Paul Harris Fellowships, inductions of new members and other honors for Club members are especially appropriate during the District Governor's Visit.  
*Celebrate your Club's successes!*

### **Recognition of the District Governor:**

If a Club wants to make a gift, please consider a donation to The Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus, or CART.

## District Governor Official Club Visit Calendar

<b>Aug</b>	Tue 5	12:00 Anderson
	Thu 7	1:00 Abbeville
	Mon 11	12:15 North Spartanburg
	Fri 15	7:00 Clemson Sunrise
	Mon 18	12:15 Fountain Inn
	Wed 20	7:30 Seneca Golden Corner
	Thu 21	1:00 Laurens
	Tue 26	1:00 Chester
	Wed 27	7:00 Lancaster Brk
	Thu 28	12:30 Lancaster

<b>Sept</b>	Tue 2	Clinton
	Thu 4	12:30 Pleasantburg
	Fri 5	12:30 City Center
	9-14	Zone Summit
	Tue 16	e-club of the Carolinas
	Thu 18	12:00 Easley
	Mon 22	12:00 Clemson
	Tue 23	12:00 Gaffney
	Wed 24	12:00 Fort Mill
	Thu 25	Rock Hill
	Tue 30	Union

<b>Oct</b>	Wed 1	12:15 Simpsonville
	Thu 2	7:15 Golden Strip Sun.
	Fri 3	1:00 Newberry
	Tue 7	12:15 Mauldin
	Tue 7	5:30 Greer
	Thu 9	7:00 Aiken Sunrise
	Mon 13	6:00 Electric City And
	Tue 14	12:00 Greenwood
	Tue 14	5:30 Reedy River
	Wed 15	12:30 Pickens
	Thu 16	1:00 Seneca
	Tue 21	5:30 Emerald City Evening
	Wed 22	7:30 Emerald City
	Thu 23	12:30 Greater. Anderson
	Mon 27	12:00 Aiken
	Tue 28	12:00 Batesville-Leesburg
	Thu 30	7:15 North Augusta

<b>Nov</b>	Tue 4	12:00 Lake Wylie
	Wed 5	12:00 Clover
	Thu 6	12:30 York
	Tue 11	12:00 Westminster
	Thu 13	12:30 Spartan West
	Thu 13	5:30 Blacksburg
	Mon 17	12:00 Walhalla
	Tue 18	12:00 Indian Land
	Wed 19	6:30 Indian Land Evn.

<b>Dec</b>	Tue 2	1:00 Winnsboro
	Thu 4	4:30 Travelers Rest
	Tue 9	12:30 Spartanburg
	Thu 11	12:30 Car. Foothills

<b>Jan</b>	Tue 13	Greenville
	Thu 22	Greenville After Hours
	TBD	Clemson Rotaract Club

Please let the District Administrator know ASAP if this date is not acceptable.

An email will be sent 2-weeks before the official visit as a reminder.

## District 7750 Budget

### District Finance Committee 2025-26

**Members:**

Chair: Lisa Mangione	
Dave Brenner, DG	
Rysheeka Bush, iPDG	Eric Kirchbaum, DG
Renee Stubbs, PDG	Mark Moreno, DGN
Joyce Morin, PDG	Melissa Patterson, District Treasurer
Beth Padgett, PDG	Franklin Sparkman

Each year the incoming district governor (DGE) prepares a budget and shares it with the District Finance Committee for comments, suggestions, and approval.

The budget document is then shared with the incoming club presidents (PE) to be voted on and accepted for the upcoming Rotary Year.

President-Elect was sent a copy of the district 7750 budget 30 days before PETS and will vote on the budget at PETS on Saturday morning.

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### District Calendar Items as of Spring 2025

*Please stay informed of District and Club events through our **District Calendar in DACdb** and emails about the events*

March 14-15	PETS	Greensboro
March 29	RLI	Ashville
May 16-18	All Clubs Conference	Columbia
June 21-25	Rotary International Convention	Calgary, Canada
July 18	District Awards and Officer Installation	Greenville
August TBA	District Membership Summit	TBA
August 9	In Person RLI	Duncan SPARK Center
Nov. 14	District Foundation Celebration	Greenville
April 24, 2026	All Clubs Conference	Greenville
June 13–17, 2026	Rotary International Convention	Taipei, Taiwan
July 11, 2026	District Awards and Installation	Greer

**Other Items:**

PrePETS – Feb. 2026

RLI – Feb. or March 2026

PETS – March 2026



### ***Find Your Passion in Rotary!***

The purpose of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is to strengthen your club and strengthen your life. Rotary provides an opportunity for all of us to provide service to our community and throughout the world (Service Above Self). With that service comes a learning experience in the areas of leadership, team building, planning, marketing, communication, and organization. RLI provides an opportunity to enrich that learning through sharing experiences and ideas with other Rotarians throughout the region.

**The RLI Program** The program consists of the separate sessions, Part I, Part II, and Part III. Attendees progress through the three parts on separate days and complete the program at their own pace. The workshop topics can be found in detail on the RLI website: [midatlanticrli.org](http://midatlanticrli.org)

Each session is highly interactive and provides many opportunities for participants to share their experience and ideas. The sessions are led by Rotary leaders who have been trained in the facilitation techniques that maximize the learning experience.

### **District RLI Chair – Julia Larson**

Want your Rotary Club to learn more about the value of RLI?

District RLI Chair Julia is eager to speak to your Rotary Club. Contact her at [docjulia99@gmail.com](mailto:docjulia99@gmail.com)

If an area wants to host an RLI, all they need to do is secure a location and plan food, and we will organize the rest! They will have to guarantee at least 20 participants. RLI reimburses for the location cost and food.

### **RLI offers Virtual events**

Each event is open to participants regardless of their home district.

***If you have previously completed RLI***, please encourage your fellow Rotarians to participate in this opportunity to learn about Rotary and share and network with fellow Rotarians across the Mid-Atlantic region.

\$35 for Virtual events and \$95 for in person. If 3 members from your club attend the 4th attends for FREE!

### **Register on the District Calendar on DACDB**

Please check the district calendar and select RLI from the checkboxes for the most current events. Both virtual events and out-of-district events are open to everyone, not just the sponsoring district. In fact, we encourage participants to attend out-of-district events to expand their knowledge of Rotary and make new friends.

Look for future RLI dates in DACdb and encourage your emerging leaders to sign-up and grow as Rotarians.

## **Rotary Action Groups and Fellowships**

### **Rotary Fellowships**

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

Membership in a fellowship is open to any interested individual. You can contact a fellowship directly by using the links in the Rotary International Website.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

### **Rotary Action Groups (RAGS)**

Rotary Action Groups are independent entities affiliated with Rotary that each have a specific humanitarian focus, such as economic development, peacebuilding, addiction prevention, ending modern slavery, or environmental sustainability.

#### **JOIN AN ACTION GROUP**

- Membership is open to any individual. Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Peace Fellows
- By joining a Rotary Action Group, you can use your professional skills to advise on meaningful service activities outside your own club, district, or country.
- Rotary Action Groups provide networking opportunities with likeminded individuals from around the world

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/rotary-action-groups>

### **Useful Websites EVERY Club Leader Should Visit**

- District 7750 website [www.rotary7750.org](http://www.rotary7750.org)
- District and Club Database DACdb [www.dacdb.com](http://www.dacdb.com)
- Rotary Leadership Institute [www.midatlanticrli.org](http://www.midatlanticrli.org)
- Zone33-34 Website <https://www.rizones33-34.org/>
- My Rotary – A member's log in to the private sections of the Rotary International Website. You may check your personal Foundation donations, Review Club Goals, and more. <https://my.rotary.org>

### **Standard Rotary Club Constitution**

**A Word Document version can be found at**

**<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/governance-documents>**

- Rotary International Brand Center – Resources to help tell the Rotary Story  
<https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-GB>  
*Make sure that your club uses the correct Rotary symbols and branding for its projects, apparel, banners, etc.*
- Rotary Club Central - Set and Track your club's goals  
<https://rcc.rotary.org/#/dashboard>
- Rotary International Club excellence Award  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/rotary-citation>
- Rotary International Learning Center – online courses  
<https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/catalog>
- Rotary International Membership Resources <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership>
- Rotary International Showcase – Location to add your great projects!  
[https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project\\_showcase.aspx](https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_showcase.aspx)
- Youth Protection Resources – Resources for clubs that participate in youth programs  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/youth-protection>
- End Polio Now <https://www.endpolio.org/resource-center>