

2
0
2
6
-
2
7

**CLUB PRESIDENT
REFERENCE MANUAL**
Carolinas' **PETS**

Rotary
District 7670



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 work together to build a stronger world, **Rotary's Action Plan** — our strategic plan — is leading our organization to form more meaningful connections and make a more sustainable difference through service. Using the plan's four priorities as a guide, we're fulfilling the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation: creating healthy clubs, providing engaging experiences for all, and uniting people to take action with us to create lasting change.

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 ways for participants to experience Rotary
- Increase club flexibility and appeal
- Build understanding of our impact and brand

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Improve understanding and support for individual participants
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide learning opportunities for leadership development and skill building

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

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

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 4** Welcome Letter
- 5** Rotary International President 2026-2027 Bio
- 6** District Governor Bio
- 7** Rotary International Director Bio
- 8** District Governor Line
- 9** 2026 District Conference - May 1
- 10** Monthly Themes and Significant Dates
- 11** 2026 RI Convention - Taipei, Taiwan
- 12-15** District Leadership
- 16-17** Key Dates for 2026-2027
- 18** Club Presidents Listing
- 19** Finding Other Club President's Contact Information
- 20** District Leadership Goals
- 21** Goal Setting & the Club Excellence Award
- 22** District Governor Visits Proposed Schedule
- 23** District Governor Visit Guidelines
- 24** Operation Pollination
- 25-31** Assistant Governors
- 32** 2026 Leadership Installation Luncheon
- 33** Key Deadlines
- 34** Member Code of Conduct
- 35** Rotary General Liability Insurance Quick Reference
- 36** District Crisis Communications Plan & Youth Protection
- 37** 2027 District Conference - April 23-24
- 38** 2027 RI Convention - Dubai, UAE

WELCOME LETTER

Dear Friends,

I'm honored to serve alongside you in the 2026–2027 Rotary year! I hope you're as energized as I am for the exciting opportunities ahead. Rotary begins with our clubs—you are the heart of everything we do. At the District, Zone, and International levels, our job is simple: to support YOU and help your club and members serve in ways that are meaningful to them.

This year, my top priority is helping you and your club achieve the goals that matter most to you. It's natural to want to accomplish everything in your year as President, but remember—leadership is about setting a pace that inspires without overwhelming. My wish is that you end this year loving Rotary even more than you do now! With thousands of ways to serve, I encourage you to not only focus on this year's goals, but also dream about how you want to serve in the future.

Great results come from great planning—that's what PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) is all about. You'll leave with powerful tools and fresh ideas to prepare for the year ahead. After this weekend, bring your board and club members together to decide your top priorities and map out the strategies that will get you there.

You've already met many of the district leaders who are here to support you—lean on them! Our Assistant Governors were recently in your shoes and can be an incredible source of insight and encouragement. Let's make this an inspiring year of service, growth, and Rotary fun – together!

In Rotary Friendship,

Paige



OLAYINKA HAKEEM BABALOLA

05

Rotary International President 2026-2027

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola received a university degree in engineering in 1988. He worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions at Shell PLC. He is the founder of two companies: Riviera Technical Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance advisory group.

Babalola's professional affiliations include the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria, and the Association of Change Management Professionals. He is a member of Jericho Businessmen Club, an organization in his birth city of Ibadan that provides input to governments on economic and social policy.

A Rotaractor for 10 years, Babalola has been a member of the Rotary club of Trans Amadi since 1994 and served as district governor in 2011-12. He served on the RI Board of Directors (2018-20) and was vice president in 2019-20. He has served on committees including the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23, vice chair 2017-20) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

Babalola and his wife, Preba, live in the city of Port Harcourt. He supports The Rotary Foundation with a named endowment and as an Arch Klumph Society member. He volunteers as a trustee for ShelterBox UK. He has received the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.



PAIGE SCOTT

06

District Governor 2026-2027 Rotary club of Burnsville

Paige first joined Rotary back in 2000 as the Charter President of the Rotaract Club of Columbia, Missouri. In 2001, she joined the Rotary Club of Columbia, Missouri and now is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Burnsville, NC. She has experienced Rotary life and leadership in small, medium, and large clubs. Paige held club roles of Secretary, Treasurer, President, Youth Services Chair, Public Image Chair, and Rotary Youth Exchange Counselor. At the district level, she's served as Assistant Governor, Grants Co-Chair, RYLA coach, discussion leader for many years at Show Me Rotary PETS, and is a 2025 graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

Paige earned a BA in Psychology (Westminster College, 1994), an MBA (William Woods University, 1996), a Graduate Certificate in Bank Management (SMU, 2001), and a Master of Science in Information Systems (Kennesaw State University, 2021).

After retiring from a career in Financial Services Management in 2017, she now works alongside her husband, John, on their timber farm and property, and at Harmening and Company, PLLC CPA firm. She will pick up the phone in March and April but maybe not quickly.

When she isn't working or volunteering, Paige's hobbies include playing/watching golf, tennis, and pickleball. She also enjoys cooking, traveling, kayaking, spending time with family, watching Hallmark movies, and learning new things.

She's committed to environmental sustainability through ESRAG

(Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group)—and yes, she will 100% notice if you forget your reusable shopping bag or water bottle.

Paige and John are Major Donors and proud members of the Paul Harris Society, Bequest Society, Polio Plus Society, and are CART fund supporters. Paige believes that the work we do through the Rotary Foundation will create positive, lasting change throughout the world.



MARSHALL BUTLER

07

Rotary Zone 33-34 Director

Marshall Butler is past president of the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville in Jacksonville, FL, USA. He served as District Governor for District 6970 (Northeast Florida) in 2016-17. From 2020 to 2023, he was the Zone 34 Rotary Public Image Coordinator, where he developed a structured methodology to help clubs and districts strengthen their public image through a series of monthly webinars and strategic action items.

Marshall has played a significant role in Rotary leadership, serving three times as Production Chair and twice as Program Chair on the Zones 33-34 Executive Committee. He has also held multiple leadership positions on the Rotary Florida PETS executive team and served as Lead Facilitator for Rotary International's Global Support Seminar. A committed supporter of The Rotary Foundation, Marshall and his wife, Karen, are Major Donors and proud members of the Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society, and End Polio Now Society. His contributions to Rotary have been recognized with the Citation for Meritorious Service.

Professionally, Marshall brings over 30 years of experience in marketing and technology, consistently driving innovation in every role he has held. A graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in advertising, he currently serves as Marketing Director for Pragmatic Works, one of the world's leading Microsoft training companies.

An avid endurance athlete, Marshall has completed 18 marathons and numerous triathlons, including Ironman-distance races. He is currently undertaking an ambitious project to run all 14,552 streets in Jacksonville, FL—the largest city by land area in the contiguous United States. Marshall and Karen have two children who have grown up immersed in the Rotary community. Their eldest daughter, Emily, is now a proud member of the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville, continuing the family's legacy of service.



“If Rotary is to realize its proper destiny, it must be evolutionary at all times, revolutionary on occasion.”

Paul Harris, Rotary International Founder

DISTRICT GOVERNOR LINE

08



ROSS SLOAN

Ross Sloan

Asheville

District Governor Elect (DGE)

District Governor 2027-2028

Ross Sloan has been a member of the Rotary Club of Asheville for 11 years. He is a past president of the club, and he has been chair of their RI Foundation Committee. He currently chairs the Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation Board. Ross has a total of 23 years in Rotary, having also been a member of the Asheville Breakfast Club and the Hendersonville Club. Ross, along with his wife Martha, is a major donor to the Rotary International Foundation and a member of both the Paul Harris Society and the Bequest Society.

Rotary Highlights for Ross have been a District 7670 Wheelchair Distribution Project in The Philippines, a Rotary Club of Asheville school project in Guatemala, the 2022 RI International Convention and District Conferences. He has also completed all three parts of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

Ross is SVP & Specialty Banking Officer for Dart Bank. He is a graduate of Davidson College, with a B.A. in History. Ross' other volunteer work has included serving on the boards of Montreat Conference Center and MANNA FoodBank, as well as chairing United Way Campaigns in Buncombe and Henderson Counties. He is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Ross and Martha live in Fairview, NC with their brown dog, Scout. They have two adult children, a daughter who lives in Pittsburgh and a son who lives in the Asheville area.

Chip Cross

Marion

District Governor Nominee

District Governor 2028-2029

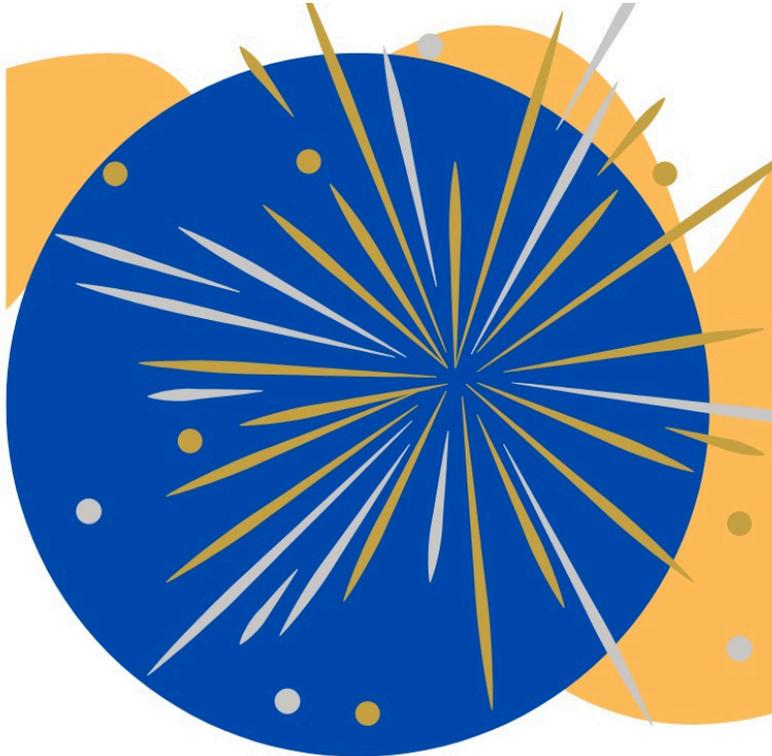
While attending high school, college, and graduate school, Chip Cross worked during the summers in the textile industry as a member of the summer staff. Following graduation from Presbyterian College (B.S. Business Administration) and Clemson University (MBA), Cross was employed twenty-two years in the textile industry. During this time, he worked for three textile companies with numerous job assignments including Supervisor, Department Manager, Plant Manager, Director of Training, and Human Resources Manager. Cross then completed 5 years as Director of Leadership Development with Western Carolina Industries working with over 250 companies training supervisors and management personnel in leadership development.

Cross is currently an instructor of Business Administration at McDowell Technical Community College in Marion, N.C. His wife, Penny, has recently retired following her assignment as Vice President of Learning at McDowell Technical Community College. They have two grown children and one grandchild. They enjoy church and community activities, jogging, hiking, camping, golf, reading, traveling, and spending time with their family and friends.

Chip joined the Marion Rotary Club in August, 2018; and has thoroughly enjoyed his time as a Rotarian. Some of the highlights of his Rotary journey include: Sponsoring over 35 new members into Rotary; District 7670 Membership Chair: 2022-2023; Marion Rotary Club President: 2023-2024; District 7670 Assistant Governor: 2024-2025; RYLA Coach: 2023-2025; District 7670 Youth Services Chair: 2025-2026.



CHIP CROSS



ROTARY 7670 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Service & Shindig

- **Inspiration**
- **Connection**
- **Celebration**



MAY | 1st | 2026

**Tryon Equestrian Center
Register soon at: rotarydc7670.org**

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

July: No Theme

August: Membership and New Club Development

September: Basic Education and Literacy

October: Economic and Community Development

October 24th World Polio Day

November: Rotary Foundation

December: Disease Prevention and Treatment

January: Vocational Service

February: Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution

February 23rd Rotary Founding Day

March: Water and Sanitation

April: Maternal and Child Health

April 22nd Earth Day

May: Youth Service

June: Rotary Fellowships



Rotary 

 TAIPEI
2026



臺北

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



Register today at convention.rotary.org.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP 2026-2027

Position	Rotarian	Club
District Governor	Paige Scott	Burnsville
Vice Governor	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research
District Governor Elect	Ross Sloan	Asheville
District Governor Nominee	Chip Cross	Marion
Immediate Past District Governor	Alpo Portelli	Marion
Council on Legislation 7670 Representative	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research
Chief of Staff 2026-2027	Sarah McGuire	Avery County
District Crisis Management Officer	Tiffany Ervin	Alzheimer's Research
District Secretary		
District Finance Chair	Jim Cruickshank	Pisgah Forest
District Treasurer	Jim Perry	Denver Lake Norman
Learning Facilitation Chair	Tracy Petrosky	Denver/Lake Norman
Rotary Leadership Institute	Sarah McGuire	Avery County
Public Image Co-Chair		
Membership Chair	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research
Foundation Chair (DRFC)	Ken Shull	Tryon
Youth Services Chair	David Mans	Asheville
District Conference Co-Chair	Karolyn Killian	Hendersonville
District Conference Co-Chair	David Mans	Asheville
DacDb Liaison (Aka. District Communications Officer or DCO)	Julie West	Lincolnton
Rotaract Chair	Lori Tyler	Boone Sunrise
Cart Chair	Andie Taylor	Denver/Lake Norman
RI Convention (Dubai) Chair	Joan VanOrman	Pisgah Forest
District Insurance Representative	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research

Rotary Foundation Committee

Position	Name	Club
Rotary Foundation Chair (DFRC)	Ken Shull	Tryon
Paul Harris Society	Larry Gardner	Waynesville
Polio Plus	Bronwen Talley-Coffey	Waynesville
District Simplified Grants	Judy Chapman	Franklin
Global Grants	Jamie Willis	Lenoir
Scholarships	Rick Molland	Madison County
Stewardship	Nancy Brooks	Asheville

Youth Services Committee

Position	Name	Club
Youth Services Chair	David Mans	Asheville
Youth Protection	Laura Phipps	Hendersonville
RYLA	Vicki Lawrence	Franklin Daybreak
Youth Exchange	Frankie Adkins	Asheville
Interact	Sarah Leatham	Hendersonville-4 Seasons



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP 2026-2027

Membership Committee

Position	Name	Club
Membership Chair	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research
Member Engagement Chair		
Attraction	Bronwen Talley-Coffey	Waynesville
New Club Creation		
Onboarding Chair	David Peltzer	Catawba Valley

District Council

Position	Name	Club
Chairperson	Paige Scott	Burnsville
Immediate Past District Governor	Alpo Portelli	Marion
District Governor Elect	Ross Sloan	Asheville
District Governor Nominee	Chip Cross	Marion
Past District Governor	Connie Molland	Madison County
Past District Governor	Tiffany Ervin	Alzheimer's Research
Club President Representative	Scott Hildebrand	Catawba Valley
Assistant Governor Representative	Bronwen Talley-Coffey	Waynesville
Assistant Governor Representative	Eva-Michelle Spicer	Asheville
Membership Chair	Tammy Mosteller	Alzheimer's Research
Foundation Chair	Ken Shull	Tryon
District Learning Facilitator	Tracy Petrosky	Denver/Lake Norman
Youth Services Chair	David Mans	Asheville
Public Image Chair		
District Finance Chair	Jim Cruickshank	Pisgah Forest

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

Name	Club	Matched Clubs
Eva-Michelle Spicer	Asheville	Asheville Asheville South Black Mountain & Swannanoa Valley
Bronwen Talley-Coffey	Waynesville	Haywood County Waynesville Waynesville Sunrise
Len Jones	Madison County	Burnsville Madison County Spruce Pine
Shawn Hamm	Valdese	Blowing Rock Catawba Valley Marion Valdese
Kim VanSickler	Morganton	Burke Sunrise Hickory Sunrise Morganton
Laura Phipps	Hendersonville	Hendersonville Hendersonville-4 Seasons Tryon
Lanzi Lanzilotta	Highlands Mountaintop	Cashier's Valley Franklin Daybreak Sylva
Kristy Smith	Franklin Daybreak	Franklin Highlands Highlands Mountaintop
Watson Jordan	Asheville Breakfast	Asheville Biltmore Asheville Breakfast Asheville Metro
Patrick Longano	Foothills Impact	Caldwell County Foothills Impact Hickory
Kadee Close	Murphy	Alzheimer's Research Bryson City Murphy
Trudie Crawford	Denver/Lake Norman	Denver/Lake Norman Newton-Conover Lincolnton Sherills Ford Dry Pond
Karen Keating	Asheville Metro	Arden Brevard Pisgah Forest
Andie Taylor	Denver/Lake Norman	Avery County Boone Sunrise Lenoir

KEY DATES 2026-2027

Event	Date	Who Attends	Addl Info.
President Elect Training Seminar (AKA PETS or Carolina PETS)	Thursday evening March 19th-Saturday lunch, March 21st.	Presidents Elect for 2026-2027, President Nominees for 2027-2028. Assistant Governors, District Governor Elect, Nominee, and Nominee Designate	Mandatory to serve as club president
RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Academy	Thursday April 9 - Sunday April 12, 2026 Blue Ridge Assembly 84 Blue Ridge Circle Black Mountain, NC 28711	Club Sponsored RYLARIANS and Rotarian volunteers	This is a leadership weekend for High School Students. There are also many volunteer opportunities available. See more information at https://www.ryla7670.org/
Rotary Leadership Institute (Spring)	Saturday, April 25, 2026 Crossroads Church 20 S Bear Creek Rd. Asheville, NC 28806	All Rotarians	Registration on DacDb - Click RLI Training Event on the Calendar
District 7670 Conference	May 1, 2026 Tryon Equestrian Center 25 International Blvd. Mill Spring, NC 28756	All Rotarians	More information to come at Rotary7670.org More information about Tryon Equestrian Center at https://www.resort.tryon.com/
Club Officer Training	By Zoom in May TBD	Secretary Treasurer Public Image Chair Foundation Chair Membership Chair	DacDb sign up TBD
Rotary International Convention	June 13-17, 2026 Taipei, Taiwan	All Rotarians	More information and to register at https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/
District 7670 Leadership Installation Luncheon	Saturday, June 27, 2026 11 AM-1 PM NC Arboretum Auditorium & Veranda 100 Frederick Law Olmstead Way Asheville, NC 28806	All Rotarians Club Presidents and District Leadership	More information on the NC Arboretum at https://www.ncarboretum.org/ Registration on DacDb

KEY DATES 2026-2027

Membership, Foundation, & PI Summit	Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026 Crossroads Church 20 S Bear Creek Rd. Asheville, NC 28806	All Rotarians Club Presidents, Presidents Elect, President Nominee, and Club Foundation, PI, and Membership Chairs	A terrific opportunity to gain ideas for your club in the areas of expanding membership, supporting the Rotary Foundation, and telling our Rotary story to the world! Registration on DacDb
Rotary Leadership Institute (Fall)	TBD	All Rotarians	
Rotary Zone 33/34 Institute	October 19-25th Williamsburg Lodge Williamsburg, VA	District Governors Elect, Nominee, Nominee Designate, Emerging Leaders (selected by District and Zone), PDG's, Rotarians	While there is Governor training and emerging leader training, this is <u>open to all Rotarians</u> who want to learn more about Rotary work in other Districts.
Rotary Foundation Luncheon	TBD	All Rotarians	Registration on DacDb
President Elect Training Seminar (AKA PETS or Carolina PETS)	Thursday evening March 11th-Saturday lunch, March 13th, 2027.	Presidents Elect for 2027-2028, President Nominees for 2028-2029, Assistant Governors, District Governor Elect, Nominee, and Nominee Designate	Mandatory to serve as club president Register at carolinapets.org
Rotary Leadership Institute (Spring)	TBD	All Rotarians	Take your Rotary Leadership skills to the next level
District 7670 Conference	April 23 & 24, 2027 Hyatt Regency Greenville, NC 220 N Main St. Greenville, SC	All Rotarians	More information to come
Rotary International Convention	May 22-May 26, 2027 Dubai, UAE	All Rotarians	More information to come

CLUB PRESIDENT LISTING

Club Name	Member Name	Badge Name
Alzheimer's Research	Sean Gibson	Sean
Arden	Dawn Treneman-Jones	Dawn
Asheville	Michelle Daniels	Michelle
Asheville Breakfast	Nathan Patrick Moran	Nate
Asheville-Biltmore	Jane A. Knight	Jane
Asheville-Metro	Carol L. Goins	Carol
Asheville-Metro	Karen Keating	Karen
Asheville-South	Robin V. Barber	Robin
Avery County	Michelle Scott	Michelle
Black Mountain & Swannanoa	Ted Rausch	Ted
Blowing Rock	Frank E. Irizarry Jr.	Frank
Boone Sunrise	Nicholas R. Friedman	Nick
Brevard	TBD	
Bryson City	Ted Goshorn	Ted
Burke-Sunrise	Stephen Mark Schoeberle	Steve
Burnsville	Peter H. Krulder	Pete
Caldwell County	TBD	
Cashiers Valley	Nancy Warriner	Nancy
Catawba Valley (Conover)	Scott D. Hildebrand	Scott
Denver/Lake Norman	Ross Bulla	Ross
Franklin	Jessica Baucum	Jessica
Franklin Daybreak	Dale B. West	Dale
Haywood County (Canton)	Rhonda Cole Schandavel	Rhonda
Hendersonville	Greg Bennett	Greg
Hendersonville-Four Seasons	Lynne Taylor	Lynne
Hendersonville-Four Seasons	Harriett King Hilton	Harriett
Hickory	Kristine Fritzingier Hutton	Kristine
Hickory Sunrise	Ric W. Vandett	Ric
Highlands	Josh Bryson	Josh
Highlands-Mountaintop	John Martin	John
Lenoir	Debbie Eller	Debbie
Lincolnton	Dean C. Lutz	Dean
Madison County	Robert Roy Allen	Robert
Marion	David Watson	Dave
Morganton	Steve DellaSala	Steve
Murphy	Suzi J. Perkins	Suzi
Newton-Conover	Cayla Miller	Cayla
Pisgah Forest	Darlene Lynn Bartosh	Lynn
Sherrills Ford-Dry Pond	Kevin Brady	Kevin
Spruce Pine	Sarita Heatherly Styles	Sarita
Sylva	William K. Haggard	Bill
The Foothills (IMPACT)	Brandy Eby	Brandy
Tryon	Anne Foster Day	Anne
Valdese	Rachael Palmer	Rachael
Waynesville	David Adams	David
Waynesville-Sunrise	Richard E. Gould	Richard

Using DacDb (Web)

1. Log in to **DacDb**.
 2. Click the **District** tab at the top of the screen.
 3. Select the **Club**
OR click the **Find Member** icon.
 4. Click the member's name to view contact information.
-

Using the Ignite Mobile App

1. Log in to the **Ignite** app.
2. Swipe left twice until **District Administration** appears at the top.
3. Tap **Clubs** and select the club.
4. Tap **Leadership** or **Find Member**.
5. Tap the member's name to:
 - Call
 - Text
 - Email



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP GOALS ROTARY YEAR 2026–2027

20

“Change is only the beginning. Impact is what endures.”

– Olayinka Babalola, Rotary International President 2026–2027

This Rotary year, we commit not only to growth – but to lasting impact.

Our mission is clear:

- **Grow Giving.**
- **Grow Members.**
- **Grow Our Audience.**
- **Grow Leadership.**
- **Grow Gratitude.**

Our 2026–2027 Commitments

 Grow Giving

We will strengthen Rotary’s humanitarian reach by achieving:

- Annual Fund: \$388,515
- PolioPlus: \$86,433

 Grow Members

We will:

- Charter two new Rotary clubs
- Increase district membership beyond our 2026 year-end total

 Grow Our Audience

We will expand Rotary’s voice beyond our membership by:

- Sharing our stories with the public
- Highlighting our impact in the communities we serve
- Inspiring new generations to join Rotary’s mission

 Grow Leaders

We will invest in leadership by:

- Delivering full RLI class offerings
- Building a robust succession planning and leadership development process

 Grow Gratitude

We will intentionally recognize and thank Rotarians who give generously – with their time, talent, and financial support – because appreciation strengthens connection and inspires continued service.

GOAL SETTING & THE CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD ROTARY YEAR 2026–2027

21

Your Club. Your Goals. Your Success.

The Club Excellence Award is the highest honor a Rotary Club can achieve. It recognizes clubs that plan with purpose, take action, and celebrate member achievement.

How Your Club Qualifies

- ✓ Set goals in **Rotary Club Central** by **May 15, 2026**
- ✓ Achieve **at least 13 goals**
- ✓ Enter progress by **June 30, 2027**

You may set as many goals as you wish – meet 13 and your club qualifies!

Why This Matters

This award is more than a recognition for the Club President – it is a celebration of **your members' dedication, service, and impact.**

Goal setting helps your club:

- ~ Strengthen engagement
- ~ Increase community impact
- ~ Grow membership and leadership.
- ~ Build long-term success

It's not about perfection – it's about progress.

Where Can You Set Goals?

Goals align with the **Rotary Action Plan:**

- Enhance Participant Engagement
- Increase Impact
- Expand Reach
- Increase Ability to Adapt

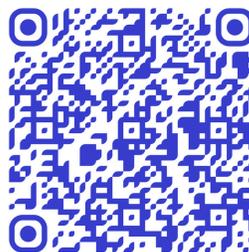
Example Goal Areas

Service • Membership • Youth Programs • Leadership • Giving • Training • Public Image • Strategic Planning • Fellowship • Media Outreach • Website & Social Media • District Participation • Rotary Action Groups • Rotary Fellowships • And more!

👉 Choose the goals that best fit **your club's vision.**

How to Enter Goals

1. Log in at **Rotary.org**
2. Click **Rotary Club Central**
3. Select year **2026–2027**
4. Check **Select Goal** for any goal
5. Review 5-year trends
6. Enter numeric goals.
7. Click **Save**



Learn More

Scan the QR code or visit:

👉 <https://my.rotary.org/en/who-we-are/office-of-the-president/club-excellence-award>

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS (2026–2027) - PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Club	Proposed Visit Schedule
Arden	August 17, 2026
Asheville	November 12, 2026
Asheville Breakfast	July 29, 2026
Asheville Biltmore	August 3, 2026
Asheville Metro	August 6, 2026
Asheville South	August 12, 2026
Avery County	October 15, 2026
Black Mountain/Swannanoa Valley	November 11, 2026
Blowing Rock	August 24, 2026
Boone Sunrise	September 15, 2026
Brevard	Invite me!
Bryson City	September 24, 2026
Burke-Sunrise	November 19, 2026
Burnsville	January 21, 2027
Caldwell County	October 13, 2026
Cashiers Valley	September 16, 2026
Catawba Valley	January 14, 2027
Denver/Lake Norman	January 6, 2027
Franklin	August 26, 2026
Franklin Daybreak	August 11, 2026
Haywood County	September 17, 2026
Hendersonville	August 4, 2026
Hendersonville-Four Seasons	July 20, 2026
Hickory	January 6, 2027
Hickory Sunrise	October 28, 2026
Highlands	November 17, 2026
Highlands Mountaintop	November 16, 2026
Lenoir	October 2, 2026
Lincolnton	October 12, 2026
Madison County	August 13, 2026
Marion	November 19, 2026
Morganton	October 28, 2026
Murphy	October 5, 2026
Newton-Conover	November 3, 2026
Pisgah Forest	November 11, 2026
Alzheimer's Research	August 18, 2026
Sherrills Ford-Dry Pond	November 18, 2026
Spruce Pine	October 8, 2026
Sylva	November 5, 2026
The Foothills (IMPACT)	Invite me!
Tryon	December 3, 2026
Valdese	October 13, 2026
Waynesville	October 30, 2026
Waynesville-Sunrise	August 4, 2026

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS (2026–2027)

Each club in our district will receive one official visit from the District Governor during the 2026–2027 Rotary year.

Purpose of the Visit

- Celebrate your club and the achievements of individual members
- Welcome new members to Rotary
- Share resources and inspiration to strengthen your club
- Highlight Rotary’s local, regional, and global impact—and ways your club can engage

Speaker Gifts

Speaker gifts for the District Governor are discouraged. Instead, please consider directing club funds to a club project or making a contribution to The Rotary Foundation or PolioPlus.

Scheduling

Suggested visit dates are listed on the following pages.

- If you need to request a change, please coordinate with **Sarah McGuire** as soon as possible.
- The Governor’s visit should serve as your program for the day; please do not schedule additional speakers.

Pre-Visit Information Form (Due Two Weeks Prior)

Please complete the **Club Visit Form** at: <https://forms.gle/TXyoeCHXff81wiEr8> (or use the QR code provided).

This form helps Paige prepare to recognize your club’s achievements and focus her remarks on the topics most valuable to your members.

Use this QR Code to access the form:





OPERATION POLLINATION

24

Invitation to Participate & Lead a Local Pollination Project

Purpose

Rotary clubs are invited to join **Operation Pollination** by launching or leading a local project that strengthens habitats for pollinators and educates the community. This document includes why pollinators matter, project ideas, planning steps, resources, and a simple timeline you can adapt for your club.

Why Pollination Work Matters:

Food security, Biodiversity & ecosystems, Local resilience, Community engagement

Ways Clubs Can Participate

Choose a single activity or combine several to create a full program. Start small and scale up.

- **Habitat & Planting**
- **Education & Community Engagement**
- **Partnerships & Policy**

Measuring Impact:

Track and report: Habitat, Engagement, Education, Stewardship

Learn more about the many facets of **Operation Pollination**:



ASSISTANT GOVERNORS



EVA-MICHELLE SPICER

Eva-Michelle Spicer
Rotary Club of Asheville

Serving: Asheville, Asheville South, and Black Mountain & Swanannoa Valley

Eva-Michelle is an Asheville native with deep Western North Carolina roots. After Asheville School, UNC-Chapel Hill, and the Gemological Institute of America, she and her husband, Elliott, took the helm of Spicer Greene Jewelers, carrying forward her family’s nearly 100-year legacy downtown. An award-winning jewelry designer, she’s also dedicated to philanthropy and civic service. As 2024–2025 president of the Rotary Club of Asheville, she led local relief efforts after Hurricane Helene and serves on the Asheville Downtown Improvement District board and the City of Asheville Economic Recovery Board. She loves time with Elliott, their daughter Ellie-Grace, and their dog, Carats.

Shawn Hamm, DO, MPH, FAFP
Rotary Club of Valdese

Serving: Blowing Rock, Catawba Valley, Marion, & Valdese

Dr. Hamm is a Family Physician with UNC Health Blue Ridge and the Medical Director of the Burke County Health Department. He has been a Rotarian since 2011, initially joining Rotary in Florida, and then transferring to Valdese, NC, once he finished his medical training. Dr. Hamm is the recipient of the Service Above Self Award in 2014 and the Rotarian of the Year Award in 2023. He is the Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Valdese. At the District level, in addition to being an Assistant Governor, Dr. Hamm serves on the RYLA Planning Committee, District Conference Planning Committee, and the Membership Committee as the Discover Rotary Chair. Outside of Rotary, Dr. Hamm holds multiple leadership positions at the local, state, and national level within the medical profession. In his free time, Dr. Hamm enjoys traveling and playing pickleball, and spending time with his immediate family who all live in Shelby, NC.



SHAWN HAMM

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

Laura J. Phipps
Rotary Club of Hendersonville

Serving: Hendersonville, Hendersonville Four Seasons, and Tryon



LAURA PHIPPS

Laura J Phipps, Physician Assistant-Emeritus, devoted much of her career to the medical discipline of child abuse pediatrics. She began her Rotary journey in 1992 as the 1st female member of the Rotary Club of Altamonte Springs (District 6980), serving as President in 2001-02 and 2012-13. Laura later served as Assistant Governor 2002-05, and as District 6980 Youth Protection Officer. She is the recipient of multiple service awards and is a Paul Harris Fellow +6. Laura is a 2008 graduate of Rotary Leadership Institute. In 2017, the Altamonte Springs Rotary Club established the “Laura J Phipps Legacy Award”, in recognition of her leadership and service in the Central Florida area. Each year, the Altamonte Springs Rotary Club continues to honor a select Rotarian with this accolade. Laura joined the Rotary Club of Hendersonville after moving to Henderson County in 2018. She served as President in 2022-23, and began her service as Assistant Governor in 2024. Having served as District 7670 Youth Protection Officer, she continues her work with the District Youth Protection Team. Laura resides in Henderson County with her husband Stan. They are the proud parents of one son, Justin.

Kadee Close
Rotary Club of Murphy

Serving: Murphy, Bryson City, and Alzheimer’s Research

I’m Kadee Close, a wife, mom to four awesome kids, and “Na” to three amazing grandbabies. I value creativity, connection, and steady growth, and I try to approach every project with curiosity and a willingness to learn. I enjoy collaborating with others and turning ideas into something meaningful. Supporting the people around me—whether at work or at home—is something I truly care about. Whether I’m taking on a new challenge or stepping outside my comfort zone, I aim to show up with kindness, integrity, and an open mind. My hope is simply to keep learning and make a positive impact where I can.



KADEE CLOSE

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

Karen Keating
Rotary Club of Asheville Metro

Serving: Asheville Metro, Brevard, and Pisgah Forest



KAREN KEATING

Karen is a former Outreach Coordinator with over 20 years of experience in the brain injury world. Throughout her career with the Brain Injury Association of NC, she supported families and professionals with education, advocacy and awareness on both local and national levels. Her passion for working with this population was due to personal experience. Though retired, she continues to be passionate about brain injury education. Her first introduction to Rotary was in 1989 when one of the doctors she worked with said ‘my Rotary meetings are sacred; I cannot be disturbed’. Jump to 2008 when she was invited to join a spin-off club and raised her hand when asked if someone would be President. That was 3 Presidency’s ago, and she is her club’s incoming Co-President. Karen has attended both District and International Conferences as well as joined the Honduran Medical Brigade. Karen enjoys life. Karen enjoys life. She loves traveling, time with the grandkids, time with friends, local music, a great book & just ‘being’.

Bronwen Talley-Coffey
Rotary Club of Waynesville

Serving: Haywood County, Waynesville and Waynesville Sunrise.

Bronwen is a native of Waynesville in Haywood County, North Carolina. She serves as an Assistant Governor for Rotary District 7670, is the District PolioPlus Chair, RLI facilitator, and is the Immediate Past President of the Waynesville Rotary Club. Bronwen is actively involved in club and community service projects, including the Lake Logan Triathlon, Folkmoot, School Supply and food backpack drives, United Way Day of Caring, and seasonal service efforts such as blanket, coat, toy, and Christmas basket drives. She also supports projects benefiting Haywood Pathways, the Manna Food Bank, and area children’s homes. Outside of Rotary, Bronwen enjoys the outdoors, reading mystery novels, and spending time on her small ranch with her animals and local wildlife.



BRONWEN TALLEY-COFFEY

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

Watson Jordan

Rotary Club of Asheville Breakfast

Serving: Asheville Biltmore, Asheville Breakfast, and Arden



WATSON JORDAN

He speaks, writes, and works with teams to drive superior insight, understanding, and productivity. The 5-3-1 Resilience Plan focuses on our inner circle, community involvement, and core belief, which is the cornerstone of his work with teams. He has earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership, a Wake Forest MBA, and a BA in History from Wofford College. Watson lives in North Asheville and is married to Meghan; they have two adult children and two pups.

Trudie Crawford

Rotary Club of Denver/Lake Norman

Serving: Denver/Lake Norman, Lincoln, Newton-Conover, & Sherrills Ford Dry Pond

Trudie is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor in private practice in Denver, NC and a therapist for the Lincoln County Child Advocacy Center. She specializes in trauma recovery, is a National Board Certified Counselor, sees each client as unique, valuable and offers a warm, safe place to facilitate growth and joy. Trudie was born in New Zealand and raised in Denver. She values family, friends, animals, community, service and has been a Rotarian for 15 years. She served for 5+ years as Secretary and International Chair as well as District 7670 Polio Plus Chair and her 2025-26 Club President.



TRUDIE CRAWFORD

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

Len Jones

Rotary Club of Madison County

Serving: Madison County, Burnsville, and Spruce Pine



LEN JONES

Len was a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Madison County (founded in 2004) and served as Club President in 2019-2020. A graduate of Western Carolina, Len spent much of his career in public accounting but recently transitioned to working in the non-profit sector with a current role as CFO of Hot Springs Health Program. He and his wife Phyllis, live in Mars Hill and have three children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Michael “Lanzi” Lanzilotta

Rotary Club of Highlands Mountaintop

Serving: Franklin Daybreak, Sylva, and Cashiers Valley

Michael Lanzilotta is a retired Healthcare Executive. He was a senior manager at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In the private sector he was the Founder and President of Georgia Medical Plan, now Cigna Healthplan of Georgia. He was the President of the Southeast Division, Cigna Healthplans. Michael is the Past President of Mountaintop Rotary Club of Highlands, and District 7670 DEI Chair since 2022. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Major Donor. The Chamber of Commerce awarded him Volunteer of the Year for 2024.



LANZI LANZILOTTA

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

Patrick Longano

Rotary Club of the Foothills IMPACT

Serving: Hickory, Caldwell County, and Foothills IMPACT



PATRICK LONGANO

Patrick Longano created IMPACT, the first-ever “companion club,” a type of Rotary satellite club built to stay connected to the sponsor club without splitting off. IMPACT is a service-only type of companion club that encourages diversity and focuses on local communities. With his innovative four-step process, Patrick has helped create, grow, and inspire hundreds of clubs in six countries. This is a remarkable achievement that was showcased at the 2022, 2023, and 2024 RI Convention, where he has shared his expertise in membership growth and Rotary’s mission.

Kristy Smith

Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak

Serving: Franklin, Highlands, and Highlands Mountaintop

Kristy Smith is a Certified Residential Appraiser who also owns Highlander Roofing Services with her husband and Rotarian Luke Smith. Kristy graduated from Winthrop University with a degree in Finance and has been a member of the Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak since 2009. She is also an RLI Graduate. She has served as President, Admin, Foundation and Fundraising chairs. She lives in Franklin and has two sons, one daughter-in-law, four stepdaughters, one step-son-in-law and three step-grandchildren.



KRISTY SMITH

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

Kim Van Sickler
Rotary Club of Morganton

Serving: Burke Sunrise, Hickory Sunrise, & Morganton



KIM VAN SICKLER

Kim Van Sickler is Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Morganton and also the club's Foundation Chair, Pancake Breakfast Chair and Family Fun Run/Zombie Run Chair. She's been a member of five different clubs in three different districts where she's also served terms as Secretary, Treasurer and Community Service Chair. Her current day job is Marketing Director for an architecture/engineering firm in Hickory. She is the Assistant District Governor for the Hickory Sunrise Club, Burke Sunrise Club and the Rotary Club of Morganton. One of her favorite Rotary memories was attending the International Conference in Calgary last year.

Andie Taylor
Rotary Club of Denver/Lake Norman

Serving: Avery County, Boone Sunrise, & Lenoir

Andie Taylor is the owner of Fit Realty and Fit Properties serving clients from Charlotte to Hickory. She is currently an Assistant Governor, for District 7670, past president of the Denver/Lake Norman Club (2023-2024) and is District 7670 CART Chair. She currently serves as the Public Image Chair Club-Admin Co-Chair and has held positions on the club foundation board. She has also served on various committees in her 12+ years as a Rotarian plus many other boards and clubs whose missions are to have deep impact on the community. Andie lives on her farm in Maiden with her husband, Jason (attorney), has two grown children, and 1 grandchild. Things you'll often hear Andie say "Rotary is my church. It's mission and vision align with those I wish to embody."



ANDIE TAYLOR

District 7670

LEADERSHIP INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026
11AM - 1PM

NC Arboretum

Auditorium & Veranda
100 Frederick Law Olmstead Way
Asheville, NC 28806

All Rotarians
Club Presidents and District Leadership

More information on the NC Arboretum at:
www.ncarboretum.org/
Registration on DacDb

Rotary
District 7670



KEY DEADLINES

Goals entered in Rotary Club Central ([Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org)): May 15, 2026

Final report for 2025-2026 District Grants: May 15, 2026

Applications for 2026-2027 District Grants: May 15, 2026

2027 RYLA Applications

April 8-11, 2027

December 31, 2027 for Discount of \$50 per RYLARIAN

March 14, 2027 for all other applications

USEFUL RESOURCES

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Rotary International | rotary.org |
| Rotary District 7670 | rotary7670.org |
| Rotary Zones 33/35 | rotaryzones3334.org |
| RYLA 7670 | ryla7670.org |
| End Polio Now | endpolio.org |
| Rotary Leadership Institute | rotaryleadershipinstitute.org |
| The CART Fund | cartfund.org |



MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT FROM THE ROTARY CODE OF POLICIES UPDATED AS OF JANUARY 2026

8.030.2

All members (Rotarians and Rotaractors) are expected to:

1. **Act with integrity and high ethical standards** in their personal and professional lives.
2. **Treat others fairly** by using respectful language, being supportive, fostering a welcoming environment, and honoring all individual member characteristics.
3. **Use their professional skills through Rotary** to improve people's quality of life, their own communities, and elsewhere in the world
4. **Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary** or other Rotary members.
5. **Follow all codes of conduct** for any Rotary-related event.

In addition, district and regional leaders, including district governors will:

6. **Comply with all applicable laws and regulations** in conducting Rotary business and in their personal lives.
7. **Adhere to the provisions of Constitution of Rotary International and the Rotary International Bylaws**, as well as to the provisions established by the RI Board in the Rotary Code of Policies.
8. **Serve for the benefit of all members** and participants in upholding Rotary's purpose, prioritize the interests of district members, and avoid even the appearance of impropriety in their conduct.
9. **Foster an environment in the district that promotes safety, courtesy, dignity**, which includes promptly addressing any allegations of harassment.
10. **Avoid using their office for personal prestige or benefit** or to benefit family members or friends.
11. **Act on what is fair** to all concerned.
12. **Promote transparency** about financial information, compliance with all local and national laws relating to financial management and adhere to Rotary's reimbursement policies for expenses.
13. **Use confidential or proprietary information for their intended purposes** (never for personal ones), prohibit and restrict the disclosure, communication, and use of this information, and take precautions against any accidental disclosures.

THE “NOT SO FUN” STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

“An Ounce of Prevention is worth a pound of cure” - Benjamin Franklin

Rotary General Liability Insurance – Quick Reference

The Rotary General Liability Insurance Policy helps protect clubs against claims for bodily injury or property damage during approved Rotary activities (meetings, events, fundraisers, and service projects).

Club Presidents should do the following....

- Review the Policy to ensure club compliance (make note of exclusions involving fireworks, liquor liability, intentional acts, etc.)
- Follow Rotary risk management guidelines
- Request a **Certificate of Insurance (COI)** if required by a venue or partner
- Report incidents IMMEDIATELY to your District Governor and Rotary International Risk Management

Information about the Policy and links to the Insurance Portal (where you can find the COI), are at <https://my.rotary.org/en/us-rotary-club-and-district-liability-insurance-program> or the QR Code below.

Questions can also be sent to our District Insurance Representative, Tammy Mosteller.



DISTRICT 7670

CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Please review the Crisis Communications Plan to ensure compliance. The plan is located in DacDb under “District Files” in the “Secure” tab and the Crisis Communication Plan folder.

Key points are.....

- Most issues will be handled at the club level but the District is available to be a sounding board.
- The District Governor is the primary “spokesperson for the Rotary District.
- Any issues with Youth should be reported to the District Governor IMMEDIATELY and by phone (please do not email or text)

Questions can also be directed to our District Crisis Management Officer.

YOUTH PROTECTION

The Rotary District 7670 Youth Protection Policy is designed to ensure the safety and well-being of young people who engage with Rotary programs and activities.

Expectations for Club Presidents and Officers

- **Review the Policy:** Club Presidents and Officers should be familiar with the Youth Protection Policy, which is available in **DACdb** under **District Files → Secure tab → Youth Protection**.
- **Complete training (strongly recommended) (in the Learning Center at Rotary.org)**
 - Complete the online learning module “**Protecting Youth Program Participants 25–26**” by **July 1, 2026**.
 - Complete the online learning module “**Protecting Youth Program Participants 26–27**” after **July 1, 2026**, once it becomes available.
- **Promote annual completion:** Encourage all club members who interact with youth to complete the recommended learning module **each year**.
- **Report any incidents immediately:** Report **any** incident by phone (speaking directly) to the **District Governor** as soon as possible—**even if it appears minor**. If you are unable to reach the DG, contact the Vice-Governor.
- Please note: clubs that engage with the Rotary Youth Exchange programs have additional guidelines.

District Conference Greenville, SC



SAVE the DATE!
April 23 & 24, 2027
Hyatt Regency Greenville, SC

Rotary
District 7670



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

DUBAI, UAE | 22-26 MAY 2027