

Rotary District 7710

2026-2027 Presidents Resource Guide





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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



District 7710, welcome to your leadership year!

Thank you for agreeing to be not only a Rotarian, but a Rotarian leader. The most important entity in Rotary is the club. Rotary International, the zones, and the districts were all put in place to support the clubs. This is because most of the important activities happen at the club level. It is clubs who recruit new members, raise funds, contribute to the foundation, and most importantly execute service projects!

Service is the cornerstone of Rotary. Our motto is Service Above Self. The service we do helps those in need in our communities and around the world. It also fosters cohesiveness in our clubs, engages new members, serves as a platform for attracting new Rotarians, and provides opportunities to grow leadership skills. That is why our district's theme for 2026-2027 is **ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES FOR SERVICE!**

As you plan your service projects, think about the impact you want to make inside and outside your club. Assess the needs of the community you are serving and develop projects that engage as many members of the club as possible.

For those of you in the President succession chain, I want you to know that **you are not in this alone.** Your assistant governor, the entire district council, and the district governor chain are here for one primary purpose—to help your club be successful. To do this we need to understand what success looks like for your club. It is important for you to develop, share, and execute your club goals. You should have goals for membership, service, foundation giving, public image and more. Whether this is your first time leading a club or your fifth, your club is counting on you to convey a vision and lead the members to execute that vision.

Your Assistant Governor (AG) will work with you as you develop your goals. Use the AG as an additional resource to help you refine your goals and enter them into Rotary International's Club Central.

We can make this a great year for Rotary in District 7710. I am excited to be on this journey with you. **Together we will roll up our sleeves to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves!**

Patrick Gallagher
Rotary District 7710 | Governor 2026-2027

MEET RI PRESIDENT



Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

Rotary International President

Rotary International President 2026-27
Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria

Babalola began his Rotary journey in 1984 as a Rotaractor. He joined the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi 10 years later. His leadership roles include serving as district governor (2011-12), RI vice president (2019-20), and member of the RI Board (2018-20). He was also an active leader and participant in RI committees such as the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

Babalola received a university degree in engineering in 1988. He worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions in 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.

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. A trustee of ShelterBox UK, he is a recipient of 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.

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR PROFILE



Patrick Gallagher

District Governor

Rotary District 7710 Governor 2026-27
Rotary Club of Cary-Page, NC, USA

Patrick was born on September 5 in Sasebo Japan. As the son of a career Navy officer, he moved extensively when he was young. In addition to Japan, Patrick lived in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Northern and Southern California, before graduating from Schaumburg High School in the suburbs of Chicago. During high school he competed in swimming and water polo and was part of an All-American medley relay his senior year.

He attended the University of Illinois in Champaign where he studied Computer Science and was captain of the water polo team. In 1985 he received a Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Engineering.

Patrick began working for Worldwide Chain Store Systems (WCSS) as a programmer where he installed and worked on systems across the country to develop warehouse and store automation software. He has since worked as a consultant for Keane, managed a post-sales implementation group for software company Tangram Solutions, and founded a software services company. For the last 16 years of his career he worked for Motorola Solutions providing operational support for public safety systems worldwide.

Patrick met his wife Vicki in Chicago while she was in graduate school at Northwestern University. They were married in 1989 and moved to Raleigh in 1990 where she began her career as a Professor of Communication at NC State University. They have two children— Danny and Molly—who have both been part of Rotary clubs in the past.

After moving to NC, Patrick began seeking out opportunities for service and got involved with refugee resettlement, yard and home care for elderly members of the community, and causes related to hunger through church. He served for 15 years as a director for the high school youth group and is currently involved in teaching, stewardship, and home building through Habitat for Humanity.

In 2009 Patrick joined the Rotary Club of Cary Page where he remains an active member. After serving as Community Service Chair, he entered the president track and served as president during the 2018-19 Rotary year. Following that he served as Assistant Governor for Area 9 from 2020-23 and as Lead Assistant Governor Advisor during the 2023-2024 Rotary year.

Patrick's favorite Rotary activities have been building houses in the Dominican Republic, tutoring through Read and Feed, and being involved as a Rotary Peace Scholar host.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT PROFILE



Samantha Manning

District Governor Elect

**District Governor Elect for 2027-28
Rotary Club of Morrisville, NC, USA**

Samantha was born on March 26 in Raleigh, North Carolina at the old Rex Hospital, for those familiar with the area. She graduated from South Johnston High School in Four Oaks, NC. After high school, at 18 years old, she joined the U.S. Army. She spent most of her enlistment at Ft. Richardson, Alaska

She later attended N.C. State University, obtaining dual Associate of Applied Science degrees in Field Crops Technology and Agribusiness Management, and I went on to obtain a Bachelor's of Science in Agricultural Professional Services from N.C. A&T State University. For several years she served as the Program Director for the Soldier to Agriculture Program run by NCSU at Ft. Bragg, NC. In 2021, she transitioned into the legal field, and obtained a Juris Doctor from North Carolina University School of Law in May of 2025.

Samantha joined the Rotary Club of Zebulon in 2017, where she quickly became involved in leadership roles, serving as President Nominee and then President Elect. She attended the Carolina PETS training in 2018 and 2019, which prepared her for her term as President of the Zebulon Club from 2020 to 2021. She completed RLI, graduating in 2020, and has served as an RLI facilitator since 2021.

In 2022, due to a job change and relocation, she transferred her membership to the Rotary Club of Morrisville due to a job change and relocation. Samantha has served as Club Secretary and Rotary Foundation Chair for the Morrisville Club. From 2023 to 2024, she served as District Secretary and contributed to the District Conference Planning Committee. From 2024 to 2025 she served as the District Paul Harris Society Coordinator. Samantha has four adult children and one granddaughter. She lives with her husband, Mark, and three dogs in Smithfield, near her family's bicentennial farm.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE PROFILE



Bob Griffin

District Governor Nominee

**District Governor Nominee for 2028-29
Rotary Club of Cary, NC, USA**

Bob was born on February 17 in Newton, Massachusetts. The oldest of five children, he graduated from nearby Natick High School where he was actively involved in the Marching Band program. He continued his education at Boston College, where he majored in Economics and Mathematics, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps, Bob began a career in financial services after graduation. His early work as a mutual fund wholesaler and eventually to American Express where he served in marketing, management and client-facing roles.

During his time at American Express, Bob continued his studies with MBA coursework at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota and Northwestern University.

Bob settled in Morrisville, NC and spent more than 10 years with First Citizens Bank, helping families with their investment and estate planning needs, leading to management responsibility for Administration of Personal Trusts across the bank.

One last assignment to Philadelphia, PA as Trust Director for Wells Fargo Bank in the Northeast Region convinced Bob that NC was the place he wanted to be. He returned to Morrisville and joined with a long-time colleague to form a financial planning practice working directly with clients.

Bob's Rotary journey began in 2018 when he joined the Rotary Club of Cary. He quickly engaged as Membership Chair and eventually served as Club President in 2021-22. Bob is an RLI graduate (2020) and has been an Area Governor in District 7710 since 2023. His participation in Emerging Leaders at 2025 Zone 33/34 Summit inspired Bob's awe of what Rotarians accomplish around the world by working to make the world a better place.

Bob and his wife, Carol (a Physical Therapist) were married in 2022 and have two children, Katherine and Michael who are currently in their junior year at UNC-Charlotte and the University of South Carolina respectively.

Bob and Carol are adjusting to life as 'empty-nesters' and enjoy cooking, traveling, working in the yard and exploring local greenways. Their guilty pleasure is spending Sunday evenings on the couch watching the latest F-1 race and imagining attending the Monte Carlo race someday.

2026-27 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

District Council

District Governor	Patrick Gallagher (Cary Page)
District Governor Elect	Samantha Manning (Morrisville)
District Governor Nominee	Bob Griffin (Cary)
Immediate Past District Governor	Lisa Higginbotham (Cary Kildaire)
Rotary Foundation Chair	PDG Donna Peffley (Cary Central)
Public Image Chair	Tara Abernathy (Garner)
Service Chair	Richard Rohrbaugh (Cary Page)
President of the College of Governors	PDG David Hayden (Capital City)
District Secretary	Willie Smith (Central Johnston County)
Membership Chair	Susan Martin (Wakefield/Wake Forest)
Rotaract Chair	Jackson Lemons (TBD)
Learning Facilitator	Kathy Roadcup (Goodwill of Eastern NC)
Treasurer	PDG Carol Allen (Cary MacGregor)



2026-27 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Assistant Governors

Area 1: Henderson, Warrenton, Roxboro, Oxford, South Granville County

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Area 2: Knightdale, Wakefield/Wake Forest, Wake Forest, Wendell, Zebulon

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Area 3: Central Johnston County, Clayton, Garner, Garner Mid-Day, Cleveland School

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Area 4: Fuquay-Varina, Fuquay-Varina Downtown, Angier, Lillington, Dunn, Dunn-Erwin

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Area 5: Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Sunrise, East Chapel Hill

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Area 6: Durham, Durham Sunrise, Southwest Durham, E-Club of District 7710, Goodwill

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Area 7: Apex, Apex Sunrise, Morrisville, Holly Springs

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Area 8: Cary, Cary Central, Cary-Kildaire, Cary-MacGregor, Cary-Page

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Area 9: Capital City, Crabtree, North Raleigh, Raleigh, Raleigh Midtown, West Raleigh

Eric Stevens (Raleigh) | EStevens@poynerspruill.com

Area 10: Rotaract: Duke, Durham, NC State University, UNC-Chapel Hill, Triangle

Eli Hauber (UNC Rotaract) | elihaub@unc.edu

2026-27 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR (AG) RESPONSIBILITIES

- Visit each club at least once per quarter
- Attend major club events such as fundraisers or banquets
- Host bi-monthly meetings to convey information from the district to the clubs
- Collect reports from each club for the bi-monthly district council meeting
- Assist the clubs with membership, fundraiser, or service projects



CLUB PRESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Welcome the AG to your club as a guest
- Offer to treat them to a meal if it is part of a meeting
- Attend bi-monthly meetings to receive district information
- Provide club status updates to the AG bi-monthly
- Reach out to the AG for support on any club issues



2026-27 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Club Presidents

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AREA 2			
All Nations			
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AREA 3			
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2026-27 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Club Presidents Continued

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AREA 6			
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Durham Sunrise	Jennifer Bedick	919-698-0169	jennifer@thekitchenspecialist.com
Goodwill for Eastern North Carolina	Kevin Kline		kkline@goodwillenc.org
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AREA 7			
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Cary-Kildaire	Thomas Finigan	919-798-5308	finigantl@gmail.com
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AREA 9			
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PRESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Key Responsibilities of Club Presidents

<p>Leadership & Vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Provide overall leadership for the club » Set annual goals aligned with Rotary International and district priorities » Inspire participation and ensure leadership continuity 	<p>Meetings & Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Preside over club and board meetings » Prepare agendas and ensure efficient meetings » Oversee club operations, records, and compliance with bylaws
<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Promote member recruitment and retention » Foster an inclusive and engaging club culture » Support new member orientation 	<p>Service Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Guide planning and execution of service projects » Monitor progress and encourage member involvement
<p>Financial Oversight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Work with treasurer on budgets and financial health » Authorize expenditures and ensure dues payments 	<p>Rotary Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Promote giving and participation in Foundation programs » Ensure proper stewardship of grant funds
<p>District & RI Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Serve as liaison to district and Rotary International » Attend required training and represent the club at events 	<p>Public Image</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Promote the club in the community and media » Support consistent Rotary branding and outreach
<p>Ethics & Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Uphold Rotary's Four-Way Test » Encourage fellowship and recognize member contributions 	<p>Succession & Continuity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Mentor president-elect » Ensure smooth leadership transition

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

April 11, 2026

23rd Annual Rotary
Peace Conference
Chapel Hill, NC

April 17-18, 2026

2026 District Conference
in Atlantic Beach, NC

Oct 24, 2026

World Polio Day

July 1, 2026

Start of the
Rotary Year

Dec 31, 2026

Enter the New Club
President Elect into
DACdb

January 2027

Sign-up President Elect
and President Nominee
for PETS

Every 1-2 months Meet with your AG

Every 2 months Submit a report to the AG for the District Council

Every 6 months Pay the club invoice

CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

May 1, 2026

Deadline for District Grant Submission

June 13-17, 2026

Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan

June 30, 2026

Deadline for Entering Goals into Rotary Central

June 25, 2026

District 7710 Leadership Installation Banquet
Cary, NC

March 12-13, 2027

2027 Carolinas PETS
Greensboro, NC

April 29-May 1, 2027

2027 District Conference
Asheville, NC

June 6-9, 2027

Rotary International Convention in Dubai, UAE

ROTARY FOCUSES BY MONTH

Month	Theme/Focus
July	Maternal and Child Health / New Rotary Year Begins (also a time to focus on club goals, planning, and leadership transition)
August	Membership and New Club Development Month
September	Basic Education and Literacy Month
October	Community Economic and Development Month
November	Rotary Foundation Month
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
January	Vocational Service Month
February	Peace-building and Conflict Prevention Month (also recognizes Rotary's birthday, February 23)
March	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month
April	Environment Month (formerly Maternal and Child Health) – in 2021, supporting the environment became Rotary's seventh area of focus, and many clubs now celebrate it in April
May	Youth Service Month
June	Rotary Fellowships Month

INTERNATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

The backbone of Rotary is service.

“Service Above Self” is the principal official motto of Rotary International, representing the organization’s philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. It encourages over 1.4 million members worldwide to prioritize the needs of others and their communities over their own interests.

Some of Rotary’s largest projects involve Polio eradication, the availability of clean water, and the promotion of peace.

In 2025, Rotary International estimates its members worldwide contribute approximately 47 million volunteer hours annually.

This represents:

- **Economic Impact:** The volunteer effort is valued at an estimated \$850 million USD per year.
- **Workforce Equivalent:** These hours are equivalent to a full-time workforce of nearly 27,000 workers.
- **Historical Data:** Recent specific tracking for the period ending in October 2021 recorded 48.2 million hours.
- **2024-25 Initiatives:** During the current 2024-25 fiscal year, The Rotary Foundation has already awarded \$273 million in grants to support these volunteer-led sustainable projects.



But our community and international service does not only benefit those that Rotary serves, it is what allows our clubs to grow, connect, and collaborate with like-minded people in our communities and around the world.

By leading with service, our clubs can attract new members, engage the members of our clubs, encourage giving and develop effective fundraising.



ROTARY THINGS TO KNOW

Our Founding

The first Rotary Club was formed when attorney Paul P. Harris called together a meeting of three business acquaintances in downtown Chicago, Illinois, United States, at Harris's friend Gustave Loehr's office in the Unity Building on Dearborn Street on February 23, 1905.

The First 5 Clubs

Chicago, Illinois (Feb 23, 1905)

San Francisco, California (Nov 12, 1908)

Oakland, California (Feb 5, 1909)

Seattle, Washington (June 15, 1909)

Los Angeles, California (June 25, 1909)



Our Mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Who We Are

Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Rotary



The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals who report harassment

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IMPORTANT DATES

IMPORTANT CLUB DATES

SAVE THE DATE

Join us at the Crystal Coast!

Block your calendars for *YOUR* DisCon 2026 on the beautiful NC Crystal Coast!

Doubletree by Hilton

April 17-18, 2026

ON the beach! Feet in the sand!

Attendance and spirit competitions, club awards, fellowship -- LOTS of fun!

06.25.26

Save the Date

Rotary District 7710
Leadership Installation Banquet

JUNE 25, 2026 | PRESTONWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, CARY, NC



IMPORTANT DATES

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Rotary International Convention | June 13-17, 2026 Taipei, Taiwan



Rotary International Convention | May 22-26, 2027 Dubai, U.A.E.



IMPORTANT DATES

2027 DISTRICT 7710 CONFERENCE

A poster for the 2027 Rotary District 7710 Conference. The top section is a light yellow background with the text "Rotary District 7710" and the Rotary International logo. Below this is a central illustration of a sunset over a city skyline, with musical notes floating in the sky. The bottom section is a dark green background with a white rounded rectangle containing the dates and location.

Rotary
District 7710

Join us for a vibrant district conference

April 29 - May 1, 2027
Crown Plaza Hotel
Asheville NC



ROTARY ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS



AG – Assistant Governor

AKS – Arch Klumph Society

APF – Annual Programs Fund

BEN – Benefactor

BOD – Board Of Directors

BOT – Board Of Trustees

BS – Bequest Society

CLP – Club Leadership Plan

COG – College Of Governors

COL – Council on Legislation

D – District

DA – District Assembly

DCh – District Chair

DDF – District Designated Fund

DG – District Governor

DGE – District Governor-Elect

DGN – District Governor Nominee

DGND – District Governor Nominee Designate

DIK – Donations In-Kind

DIR – District Interact Representative

DISCON – District Conference

DPIC – District Rotary Public Image Coordinator

DRR – District Rotaract Representative

DS – District Secretary

DSA – Distinguished Service Award

DSG – District Simplified Grant

DT – District Trainer

EREY – Every Rotarian Every Year

FRP – Foundation Recognition Point

GMS – Grant Management Seminar

GPEI – Global Polio Eradication Initiative

GSE – Group Study Exchange

IPDG – Immediate Past District Governor

IPP – Immediate Past President

LOA – Leave of Absence

MAP – Membership Action Plan

MG – Matching Grant

MOP – Manual of Procedure

MPHF – Multiple Paul Harris Fellow

NID – National Immunization Day



ROTARY ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS



PDG – Past District Governor

PE – President-Elect

PEF – Permanent Endowment Fund

PETS – President-Elect Training Seminar

PHF – Paul Harris Fellow

PHS – Paul Harris Society

PHSM – Paul Harris Sustaining Member

PN – President Nominee

PND – President Nominee Designate

PP – Past President

PRID – Past Rotary International Director

PRIP – Past Rotary International President

PRIVP – Past Rotary International Vice President

RAG – Rotary Action Group

RC – Rotary Club

RCC – Rotary Community Corps

RFE – Rotary Fellowship Exchange

RI – Rotary International

RIA – Rotary International Assembly

RIB – Bylaws of Rotary International

RIC – Constitution of Rotary International

RID – Rotary International Director

RIDE – Rotary International Director Elect

RIP – Rotary International President

RIPE – Rotary International President Elect

RIPN – Rotary International President Nominee

RIVP – Rotary International Vice President

RLA – Rotary Leadership Academy

RLI – Rotary Leadership Institute

RYE – Rotary Youth Exchange

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

SAA – Sergeant-At-Arms

SAR – Semi Annual Report

TPF – The Permanent Fund

TRF – The Rotary Foundation

TWF – The World Fund

VP – Vice President

VTT – Vocational Training Team

YIR – Yours In Rotary

YIRS – Yours In Rotary Service

DISTRICT 7710 BY THE NUMBERS

DISTRICT 7710 AT A GLANCE

1,892 Active Members
(AS OF FEB 1, 2026)



46
clubs

3
Rotaract
Clubs

2024-2025 GIVING

\$98,085
Polio Plus



\$407,841
Annual Fund

\$433,485
Endowment Fund

\$1,001,228 Total
Giving

SETTING GOALS

Step 1 - Assemble your board

Meet to discuss and decide on your club's goals

Step 2 - Determine your goals

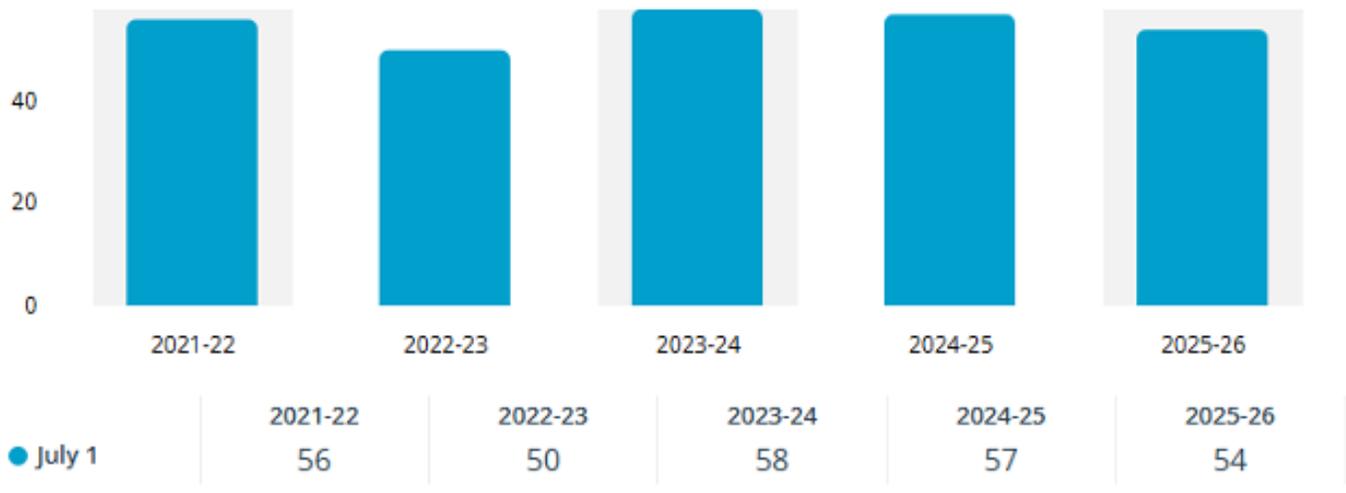
Consider how you can be "Better than your Best". Get some historical data from the last five years to determine what was your best year for:

- Service Projects
- Service Participation
- Net Membership Growth
- Social Events
- District Conference Attendance
- District Assembly Attendance
- Foundation Giving
- Polio Plus Giving
- CART Giving
- Rotary Learning Institute (RLI) Participation

Whichever year was the best in each category, try to exceed that level in 2025-2026.

To find historic data (as shown below) for membership levels, annual fund giving, and gender breakdown, go to Trends under Reports in Rotary Club Central (<https://rcc.rotary.org/>).

Membership Trends



Step 3 - Enter your goals

Go into Club Goals under Rotary Club Central

Try to enter a goal for every category



AWARDS

Club Excellence Award

The Club Excellence awards, formerly the Rotary Citation awards, recognize clubs that achieve specific goals throughout the year, such as increasing their membership, engaging members in sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, building awareness of Rotary in your community, and having an up-to-date strategic plan. When clubs achieve these goals, they contribute to Rotary's overall health and culture for generations to come.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs can find their goals in Rotary Club Central. To achieve the Club Excellence Award, review all the available goals, select at least half of them, achieve those goals, and report your achievement in Rotary Club Central.



Lead with Service Award for Clubs

The Lead with Service Award recognizes clubs who make service projects a priority. By leading with service, clubs find ways to contribute to the wellbeing of their communities, nation and world by developing and participating in service projects. To receive the Lead with Service Award, clubs must:

- Participate in at least 10 service projects
- Have 75% of their members participate in at least one of the 10 service projects



Extra Effort Award

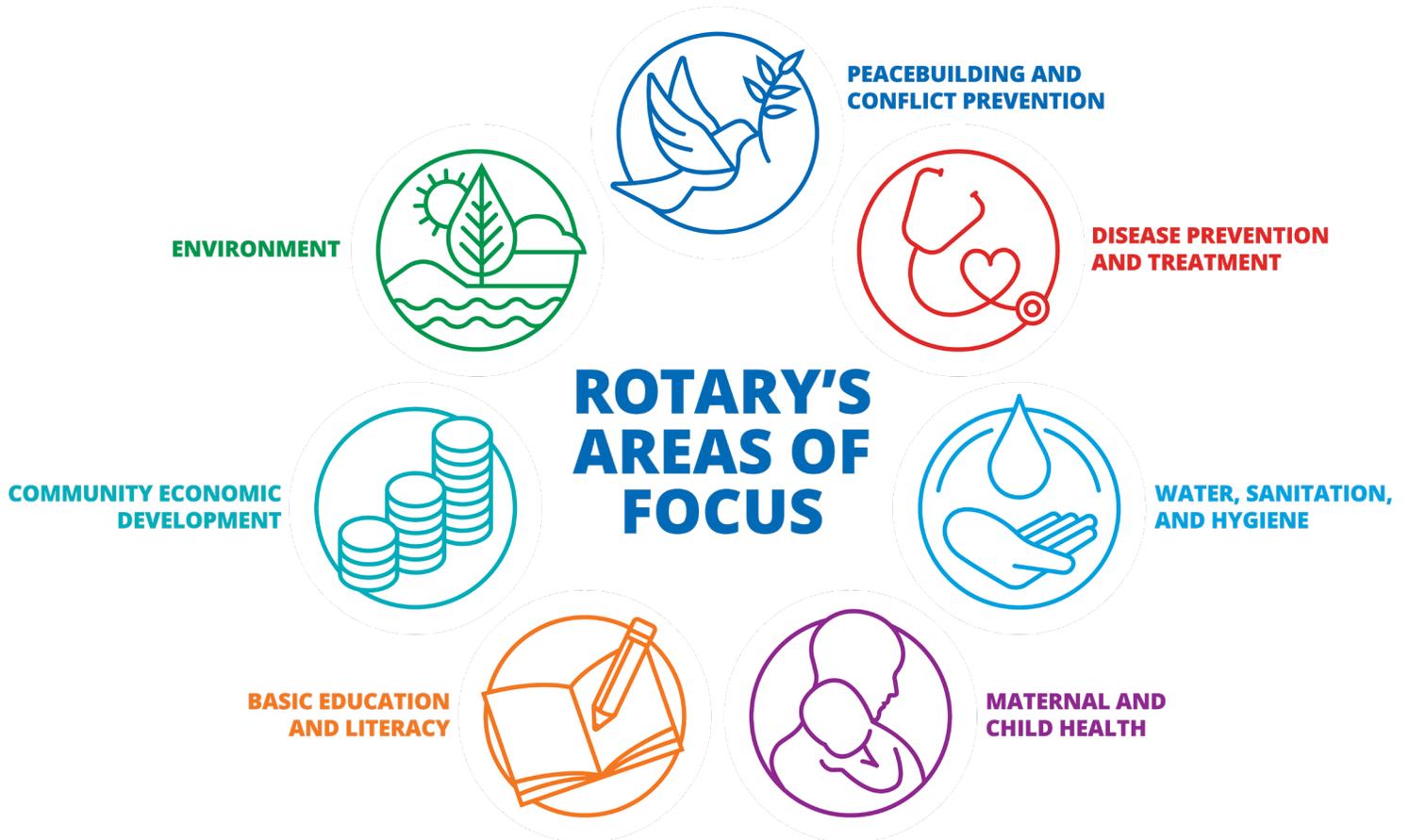
The Extra Effort Award recognizes members who contribute to their club, the community, and to Rotary International. Individuals who do two of the following three tasks are eligible for the Extra Effort Award.

- Participate in service activities at least 12 times during the year
- Sponsor a new member
- Paul Harris Society Member or Polio Plus Member or Donate any amount to the annual fund via Rotary Direct



AREAS OF FOCUS

Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus



Rotary's seven areas of focus give us a way to think about the service projects we want to initiate or participate in. These are the areas that Rotary International focuses its efforts.

These areas of focus are aligned with the [17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations](#), which aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and improve everyone's lives and expand their possibilities.

When our members take action in these areas, they are collaborating with people around the world to address the significant challenges we face today. And having areas of focus that are aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals provides a common language used by others in these fields, which helps us communicate with our partners and the communities we work with.

AREAS OF FOCUS

The vision for each area of focus



Peacebuilding and conflict prevention: Rotary invests in peace education and builds the capacity for peace, fosters strategic relationships locally and globally, and integrates peacebuilding into our programs and service projects.



Water, sanitation, and hygiene: Rotary envisions a water-secure world, driven by locally led collaboration among governments, water and sanitation service providers, and civil society – who have the commitment, accountability, skills, and financing to provide sustainable, climate-resilient, and safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services for all.



Global health (disease prevention and treatment, and maternal and child health): Rotary collaborates with local, regional, and international health providers to address preventable and treatable causes of illness and death while promoting equity in health services.



Basic education and literacy: Rotary seeks a world in which all children and adults have access to quality education and lifelong learning opportunities.



Community economic development: Rotary works create sustainable economic opportunities for people who are living in poverty, young people, women, refugees, people with disabilities, and other underserved communities.



Environment: Rotary uses evidence to sustainably address shared environmental issues and foster harmony between people and nature.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Interact

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self.

Interact clubs are established at local high schools. A participating school is sponsored by a Rotary club.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive leadership program for young people. Organized by clubs, districts, or multidistricts, RYLA allows participants to learn new skills through civic engagement and personal and professional development opportunities.



RYLA is open to all students in their junior year of high school. Participant interviews and selections are handled by individual Rotary clubs.

Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

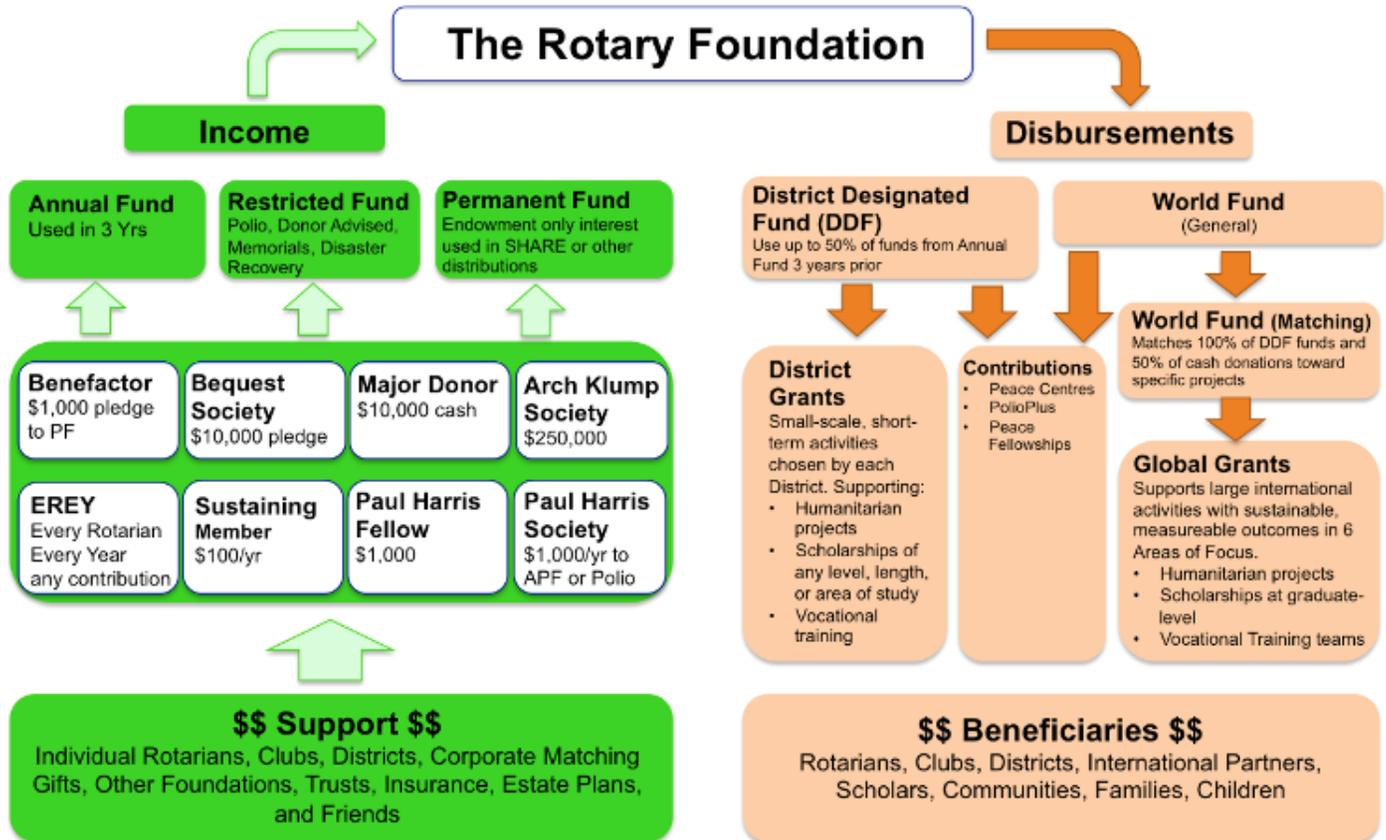
Long-term exchanges last a full academic year, and students attend local schools and live with multiple host families. Short-term exchanges last from several days to three months and are often structured as camps, tours, or homestays that take place when school is not in session.

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ROTARY FUNDING

The Rotary Foundation (TRF)



Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART)



In October 1995, the Sumter Rotary Club in South Carolina, led by Roger Ackerman, initiated the effort to prove that Rotarians voluntarily emptying their pockets of change for a good cause could produce significant levels of funds to support Alzheimer's Disease research. The CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) was the name given to the project. Today, CART is supported by nearly 600 Rotary Clubs in 40 Rotary Districts.



SAMPLE MEETING AGENDA

WEEKLY CLUB MEETING AGENDA

Rotary Club of _____

Week of: _____

Presiding: _____

1. Call to Order (Time): _____
2. Song/Pledge and Leader: _____
3. Invocation by: _____
4. Meal
5. Introduction of Visiting Rotarians, Special Visitors & Guests: _____

6. Special Announcements and / or Presentation of Banners: _____
7. Fines and/or "Happy Dollars"
8. Birthdays and Anniversaries _____

9. Special Features (magazine summary; Rotary information; four-way test):
10. Special Remarks; Coming Events; Next Week's Program: _____

11. Speaker Introduction by: _____
12. President's Additional Thanks to Speaker and Memento
13. Special Comments on Meeting or Notes for Next Week's Meeting: _____

14. Four-way Test by: _____
15. Adjournment (Time): _____



ROTARY ACTION PLAN

WHO WE ARE



OUR PRIORITIES

We know that realizing our vision requires a strategy. The Action Plan provides a structure to help us achieve that vision through four priorities:



Use evidence to define, measure, and analyze our projects to ensure that we're using resources effectively while making positive, meaningful, and lasting change.

Connect with new audiences who share our passion for service and for making change, and create innovative ways for them to experience Rotary.

Give people reasons to join Rotary and stay involved with us by providing meaningful experiences and opportunities to make connections, build skills, and serve communities.

Embrace innovation and new perspectives that allow us to respond nimbly to the evolving needs of our communities, clubs, and members.

The **ROTARY ACTION PLAN**

How we will implement this:

1. Increase our impact. Find new ways to use our expertise to make a difference in our communities and around the globe. 2
2. Expand our reach. Build connections and opportunities that allow people who share our drive to make change.
3. Enhance participant engagement. Recommit to putting the needs, expectations, and growth of our participants at the center of all that we do.
4. Increase our ability to adapt. Find new opportunities, create more paths to leadership, open our conversations to more diverse voices, and simplify how we operate.

DACdb IGNITE APP

What is the IGNITE App?

The Ignite App is a mobile app for smartphones and tablets designed by DACdb. This app takes the most common tools and features from DACdb and makes them easier and more convenient to use from your mobile device. Whether you love or loath DACdb, you're sure to find their new Ignite App to be both clean and simple to use. The screens are clutter-free making it effortless to find exactly what you need.

How to Download the IGNITE App:



1. Open up the App Store (Apple) or Google Play Store (Android) on your device.
2. Enter "Ignite" in the search bar.
3. Scroll down until you find the IGNITE app and click on the red fire icon.
4. Download the app by clicking the "Get" or "Install" button.

Sign in to the IGNITE App:

Simply enter your DACdb login credentials.

Remember, IGNITE is powered by (and is effectively just a better version of) DACdb.

- Username: This is your email address (the one you received this message on)
- Password: If you don't remember your DACdb password you can reset it by going to www.DACdb.com and click "Forgot/Reset Password?"

IGNITE App Features!

- Log service hours in seconds from anywhere
- View club calendar
- Look-up, call, text, or email club members directly
- Send messages within the app to club members (like Facebook Messenger)
- Check your foundation points (Paul Harris Fellow)
- Donate directly and securely to Rotary Foundation
- Share photos with our Public Image Committee to use on social media/website
- Add prospective members
- Pay dues (not available at this time)

CLUB VISITS SCHEDULE

Club Name	Visit Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Raleigh	7/27/2026	12:15 PM	Tobacco Road Sports Café & Brewery
Chapel Hill Carrboro Sunrise	7/28/2026	7:15 AM	Residence Inn, Erwin Road, Chapel Hill
Garner	7/29/2026	7:00 AM	Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Warrenton	8/4/2026	6:00 PM	Jacob Holt House, 122 S. Bragg Street Warrenton, NC
Wakefield	8/6/2026	8:00 AM	Kerr Family YMCA, 2500 Wakefield Pines Dr. Raleigh, NC
Apex	8/6/2026	12:30 PM	Daniel's Restaurant
East Chapel Hill	8/7/2026	12:45 PM	Sancar Turkish Cultural & Community Center (STCCC) 1609 E Franklin St Chapel Hill, NC
Durham	8/10/2026	12:30 PM	Coasdaile Country Club, 3800 Farm Gate Avenue, Durham
Fuquay Varina	8/13/2026	12:30 PM	Cleveland Draft House, Fuquay-Varina
Cary Central	8/17/2026	7:00 AM	Mayton Inn, Cary
Morrisville	8/18/2026	12:00 PM	Prestonwood Country Club
EClub of 7710	8/18/2026	8:00 PM	Virtual
Holly Springs	8/19/2026	7:30 AM	Holiday Inn Express
Cleveland School	8/19/2026	12:00 PM	Finch Lee House, 103 McLemore Road, Clayton NC
Knightdale	9/1/2026	11:30 AM	426 N. First Ave. Knightdale
Cary	9/8/2026	12:30 PM	MacGregor Country Club
Angier	9/8/2026	5:30 PM	Angier Chamber
Cary Kildaire	9/10/2026	6:30 PM	Doubletree, Cary
Dunn Area	9/16/2026	12:00 PM	Western Sizzlin, 1810 W Cumberland Street, Dunn
North Raleigh	9/23/2026	12:15 PM	Wake County Shrine Club, 6015 Lead Mine Road, Raleigh, NC
Cary Page	9/25/2026	7:00 AM	MacGregor Country Club
Chapel Hill	9/29/2026	6:00 PM	Kehillah Synagogue, 1200 Mason Farm Road, Chapel Hill.
Roxboro	10/1/2026	12:00 PM	La Piazza Italian Restaurant, 35 Abbitt Street Roxboro, NC
Garner Mid-Day	10/6/2026	12:30 PM	Logan's Roadhouse, 1000 Timber Dr. East
Apex Sunrise	10/7/26	7:15 AM	IHOP Beaver Creek
Clayton	10/8/2026	6:45 AM	Rainbow Lanes Family Fun Center
Cary MacGregor	10/14/2026	12:30 PM	MacGregor Downs Country Club
Central Johnston County	10/15/2026	12:00 PM	UNC Health Johnston Medical Mall, 514 N Brightleaf Blvd, Smithfield, NC 27577
Lillington	10/15/2026	6:30 PM	Mi Casita Restaurant 111 West Cornelius Hamett Blvd Lillington
All Nations	10/17/2026	9:00 AM	New World Cafe - Raleigh 5900 Duraleigh Rd Raleigh, NC
Wendell	10/20/2026	12:00 PM	Wendell Country Club
Durham Sunrise	10/21/2026	7:00 AM	3211 Shannon Road suite 106 Durham
Wake Forest	10/26/2026	6:30 PM	The FORKS Cafeteria
South Granville	10/27/2026	6:30 PM	2669 Horseshoe Road, Creedmoor NC (Randy Lanou home)
Southwest Durham	10/29/26	12:30 PM	The University Club, 3100 Tower Blvd #1700
West Raleigh	10/30/2026	12:30 PM	NC State University Club
Fuquay Downtown	11/4/2026	7:30 AM	1000 N. Main Street Fuquay-Varina, NC
Crabtree	11/5/2026	12:30 PM	Wells Fargo Advisors Bldg, 3105 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh
Raleigh Midtown	11/16/26	6:30 PM	Highland Methodist Church, 1901 Ridge Road, Raleigh
Goodwill	11/18/2026	2:00 PM	1701 TW Alexander Drive, Durham, NC
Oxford	11/19/2026	12:00 PM	House of Ribeyes, 102 Roxboro Road, Oxford NC
Zebulon	11/19/2026	5:30 PM	Norse Brewing
Capital City - Raleigh	12/1/2026	7:30 AM	Carolina Country Club
Raleigh International (e-club)	12/5/2026	9:00 AM	Virtual
Henderson	12/8/2026	6:30 PM	Henderson Country Club



BRAG SHEET

This sheet will be sent to you prior to DG Pat visiting your club. This is a prompt to help you document what makes your club special. Please take the time to complete this so DG Pat can acknowledge your club's achievements.

Three things that DG Pat should praise my club for doing well:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Three things I would like DG Pat to challenge my club to do:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

This is what makes us a special club:

Our biggest/best service projects are:

We plan to grow our club by:

Our plans for foundation giving are:

Our most fun activities are:

Special acknowledgment for any member: