



CREATE LASTING IMPACT

President Elect Training Seminar

Handbook 2026-2027

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District Governor

Welcome and Charge to Club Presidents

Carolinas President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)
Rotary Year 2026–2027

Dear Club Presidents,

Welcome to Carolinas PETS—and congratulations. Your fellow Rotarians have placed their trust in you, and Rotary has placed its confidence in your leadership. The year ahead matters more than you may realize.

The role you are stepping into is the most important role in Rotary. Everything Rotary accomplishes—locally and globally—begins at the club level. Clubs are the heart of Rotary, and presidents are the heartbeat. The tone you set and the priorities you choose will shape your club’s experience and impact long after your year ends.

PETS is not just a requirement—it is an investment in you. It exists to equip, encourage, and connect you with the tools and people you need to succeed. You are not expected to have all the answers; you are expected to lead with openness, curiosity, and care.

While you are here, fully engage with fellow presidents from across North and South Carolina. Share ideas, ask honest questions, and learn from both successes and missteps. Explore what works in attracting and engaging members, supporting The Rotary Foundation, and delivering meaningful service—locally and globally.

Our number one priority in District 7720 is membership—not just numbers, but belonging, engagement, and purpose. As president, you set that tone.

This year, Rotary International President Yinka challenges us to Create Lasting Impact. As a club president, that work begins with you—through strong relationships, meaningful service, and leadership that invites others to serve alongside you.

My Charge to You:

- Lead with purpose and compassion
- Build connection and belonging in your club
- Focus on impact, not just activity
- Invite others to serve and lead with you
- Remember that your leadership matters—deeply

I am honoured to serve as your District Governor for 2026–2027. You are not alone in this journey. The District 7720 team and I are here to support you every step of the way.

Thank you for saying yes to leadership. Together, we will Create Lasting Impact—starting at the heart of Rotary, in our clubs.

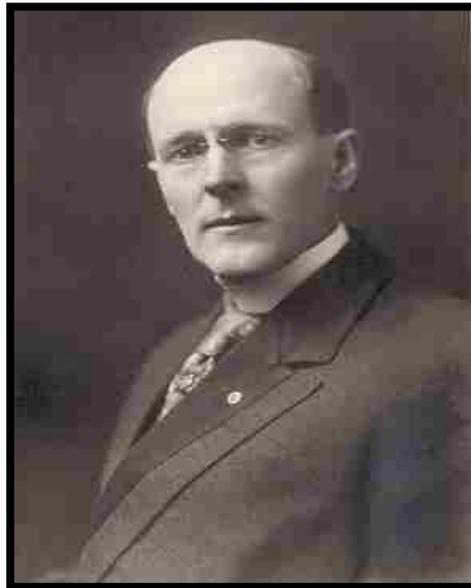
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Paul Harris — The Friendly Founder of Rotary



Paul P. Harris (1868–1947) was the kind of person who could strike up a conversation with just about anyone — and that gift eventually became a worldwide movement. Born on April 19, 1868, in Racine, Wisconsin, Paul earned his law degree from the University of Iowa and settled in Chicago, where his big idea would take root.

Before practicing law, Paul tried a surprising mix of jobs: newspaper reporter, business teacher, stock-company actor, and even cowboy. He also traveled extensively across the United States and Europe selling marble and granite. Along the way, he gained a deep appreciation for people from all walks of life — a theme that would define Rotary.

On February 23, 1905, Paul and three friends — Silvester Schiele, Gustavus Loehr, and Hiram Shorey — formed the first Rotary club in Chicago. Meetings rotated among members' places of business, giving Rotary its name. The concept quickly spread across the United States and internationally.

By 1922, the organization officially became Rotary International. Paul served as its first president and helped shape a movement built on fellowship and service. His legacy continues today in millions of Rotarians around the world.

Watch a fun tribute to Rotary history here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wf88ogBBeyA>

Paul Harris may not have had children, but he built something far bigger: a global family united by friendship, service, and a shared desire to make the world a better place.

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

International President 2026-27

Rotary Club of Trans Amadi Rivers State, Nigeria

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 been a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi since 1994 and served as a district governor from 2011-12. 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.

MARSHALL BUTLER
ZONE 33-34 DIRECTOR 2026-29
Rotary Club of West Jacksonville



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.

Sophie Szymeczek

District Governor 7720 2026–27

Rotary Club of Farmville



Sophie Szymeczek has spent her life caring for others—first as a nurse, and now as a leader in Rotary. Born in 1959 as the oldest of five children, Sophie grew up with a strong sense of responsibility and service. Her family moved to eastern North Carolina in 1973, and she has proudly called this region home ever since.

After graduating from Washington High School at age 17, Sophie began her studies at NC State before earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from East Carolina University.

She went on to serve more than 32 years in hospital nursing, specializing in labor and delivery, postpartum care, high-risk obstetrics, and lactation. For decades, she walked alongside families during some of the most meaningful moments of their lives—welcoming new babies into the world.

Sophie’s Rotary journey began in an unexpected way. While still working as a nurse, she learned about Rotary through a news story highlighting a Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship. Inspired, she applied—and was awarded a scholarship to study Spanish language and Mexican culture. In 2004, she spent three months living and studying in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico. That experience deepened her appreciation for cultural exchange and the global reach of Rotary’s mission.

She officially became a Rotarian in 2006 after seeing first-hand how Rotary changes lives locally and around the world. Since then, Sophie has served as Club President, worked as a counselor at RYLA, and completed the Rotary Leadership Institute. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and enjoys visiting Rotary clubs whenever she travels—believing that fellowship is one of Rotary’s greatest strengths.

After retiring from her hospital career, Sophie briefly opened and operated her own retail business before selling it in 2022. Retirement, however, didn’t quite stick. She currently works as a summer camp nurse, continuing to do what she does best—care for others.

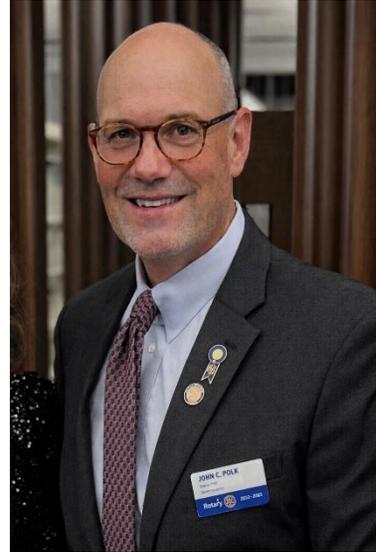
Sophie is the proud mother of three grown daughters who live nearby with their families. Her greatest joy is her twelve grandchildren—five boys and seven girls—who range in age from four to sixteen and keep her life wonderfully busy.

As District Governor, Sophie brings warmth, experience, and a servant’s heart to her leadership. She believes Rotary is at its best when members feel connected, empowered, and inspired to make a difference. She looks forward to working alongside clubs across District 7720 to strengthen fellowship, grow impact, and create lasting change in our communities and around the world.

John Polk

District Governor 2027-28

Rotary Club of First Flight



John's Rotary journey began in 2018 when he became a member of the Rotary Club of First Flight in Kill Devil Hills, with the desire to engage with and give back to his community. He undertook several club roles including two terms as club secretary and leading the club as president during the 2023-24 Rotary year. With a commitment to his club, he has actively taken part in various committees such as Public Image, Membership and Projects Committee, while also chairing several major fundraising events for his club.

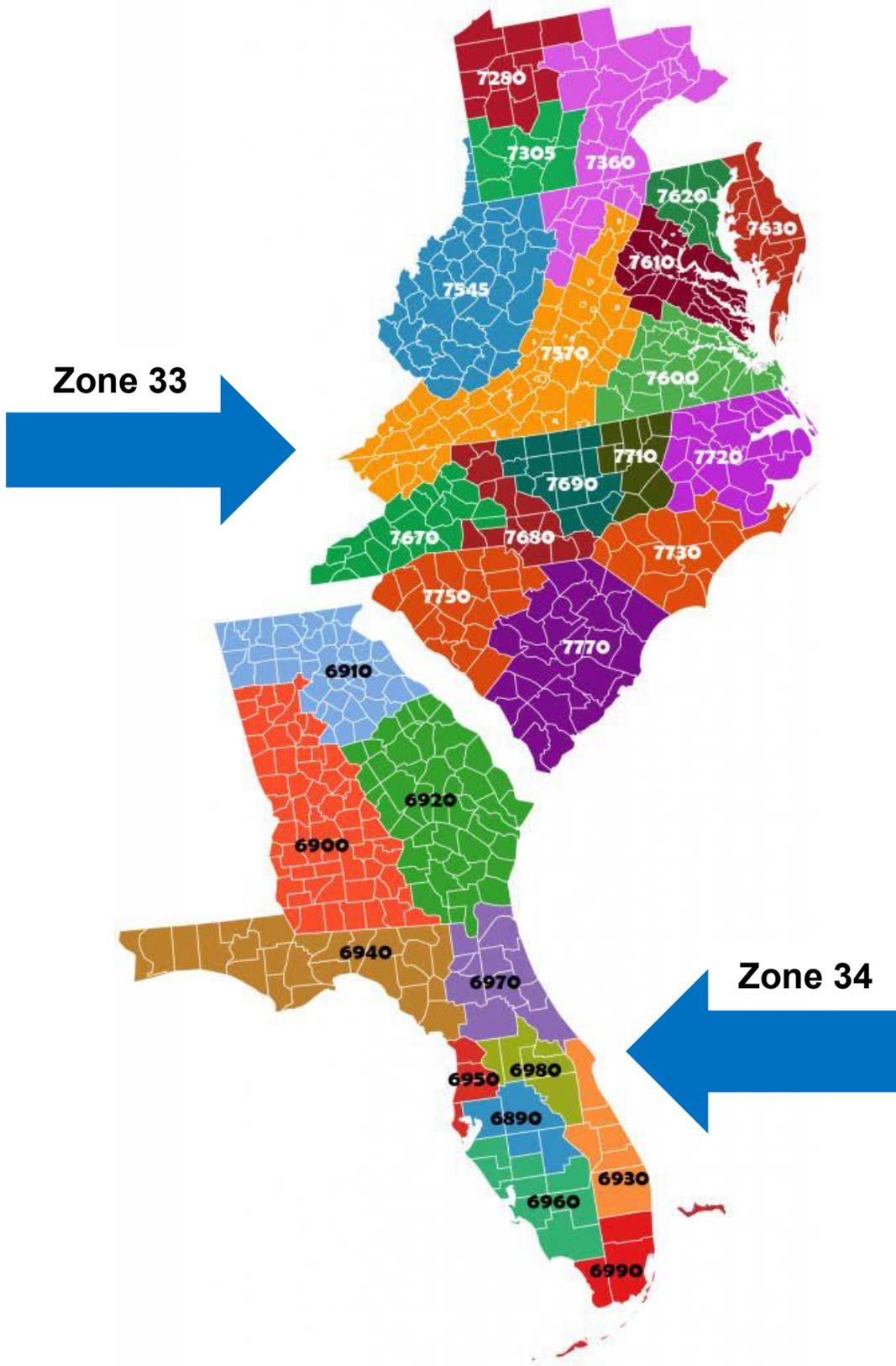
Recognizing the importance of leadership and education within Rotary, John is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute, as well as an RLI Facilitator. He is committed to mentoring emerging leaders within the Rotary community. He was honored as District Rotarian of the Year in 2024. Most recently, he served as the Assistant Governor for Area 1 of District 7720.

John believes in the transformative power of the Rotary Foundation and is a proud Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Rotary Benefactor, and a member of the Bequest Society. His dedication to the foundation's mission underscores a commitment to making a positive difference both locally and internationally.

In his professional career, John is a graduate Horologist, certified in classical American and Swiss watchmaking, with over 20 years of experience providing comprehensive mechanical and cosmetic restoration services for antique, vintage, and modern timepieces. His passion for the art and science of horology continues through his ongoing involvement as a board member and past president of the Horological Association of Virginia. He has also served as a regional delegate to the American Watchmakers-Clockmakers Institute in Columbus, OH, and as a member of their National Convention Committee. John is featured in the March 2026 Rotary Magazine with a special spotlight of his career.

John and his wife Barbara have lived on the Outer Banks of North Carolina since 2013. Outside of Rotary, John enjoys reading, music, playing guitar, and collecting fine bourbons.

Zones 33 and 34 Map



Rotary Structure

Understanding Rotary's structure helps you lead with confidence. Rotary is organized to provide vision, connection, and support—from the international level down to your local club. As president, you serve at the most important level of Rotary: the club.

Rotary International (RI)

Rotary International unites Zones, Districts, and Clubs worldwide. It is governed by a Board of Directors composed of the International President, President-Elect, General Secretary, and 17 Zone Directors. The General Secretary oversees daily operations from headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, along with international offices worldwide.

For Presidents: RI provides the vision, mission, policies, and strategic priorities that guide your club's work.

Zones

Zones group districts into larger regions for leadership and coordination. Each Zone Director serves on the RI Board and supports two Zones. Our District is part of Zone 33.

For Presidents: Zone leadership influences district strategy and strengthens long-term Rotary growth.

District

Districts exist to support and strengthen clubs. Each District is led by a District Governor, an officer of Rotary International. The Governor is supported by Area Governors and district committee leaders.

District 7720 includes 33 clubs and approximately 1,200 Rotarians serving northeastern North Carolina.

- President-Elect Training (PETS)
- District Training Assembly
- Grants guidance
- Membership and public image support
- Leadership development and mentorship

For Presidents: Your District is your primary support system. You are never leading alone.

Club

The Rotary Club is where Rotary comes to life. Each club determines its membership, service priorities, and meeting format within Rotary policy.

- President
- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Directors

- Immediate Past President

For Presidents: Your leadership shapes club culture, member engagement, service impact, membership growth, and financial stewardship. Strong clubs create lasting impact.

How It All Connects

- Rotary International sets the vision.
- Zones provide regional leadership.
- Districts train and support clubs.
- Clubs deliver service and create impact.
- As club president, you are leading at the heart of Rotary—supported by a structure designed to help you succeed.

District 7720 Assistant Governors

Area 1

John Driver
Rotary Club of
(252) 305-3224



Area 2

Melvin Hawkins
Rotary Club of Elizabeth City Morning
(252) 333-6098



Melvin initially joined the Rotary Club of Elizabeth City Morning in 2010. He currently serves as the President of the Club for the 2023-2024 Rotary Year. Melvin is a Paul Harris Fellow and is excited and humbled to serve at the district level. Melvin graduated from East Carolina University (1988, 1999, 2005) and is a retired educator. Melvin currently resides in Camden, NC with his wife of 31 years, Jennifer, their son, Blake and their Golden Retriever, Comet.

Area 3

Errol Parker
Rotary Club of Belhaven
(352) 610-0809



Errol Parker brings a lifetime of service, leadership, and adventure to his role as Assistant Governor. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1991 and went on to teach in a Catholic K-8 school until its closing in 2005. Never one to sit still, Errol moved to Virginia, where he spent several years riding with a motorcycle club—and met his current wife on a Toys for Tots ride. After leaving the club, they relocated to Florida, where he enjoyed eight successful years in real estate before the heat convinced them it was time for a change. In 2016, Errol and his wife settled in North Carolina, and in 2022 he joined Rotary. Since then, his passion for service and steady leadership have made a lasting impact. Serving four years as Club President—by default, as he likes to say—he guided the club through growth and renewal, doubling its membership during his tenure. An ‘archaeologist of junk’ and avid numismatist, Errol enjoys uncovering hidden treasures—whether in old coins, forgotten artifacts, or in people discovering their potential through Rotary. He loves Rotary for what it is and for what it does, and he is committed to helping clubs thrive and serve their communities with purpose.

Area 5

Chad Thompson
Red Oak Area Rotary Club
(252) 904-8922



Chad Thompson currently serves as Assistant Governor for Rotary District 7720, Area 5, and is a Past President and Membership Chair of the Red Oak Area Rotary Club. His Rotary service reflects a strong commitment to leadership development, membership growth, and community impact.

Professionally, Chad serves as the Executive Director of Career and Technical Education and Workforce Development for Nash County Public Schools. He earned his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree from Catawba College and his Master of School Administration (MSA) and Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degrees from North Carolina State University.

With 30 years in education, Chad has served in many leadership roles as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and Executive Director of Secondary Education. His professional work closely aligns with Rotary's mission of Service Above Self through workforce development, student opportunity, and community partnerships.

Chad lives with his wife, Heather, and they have three children: Anna Shaye (25), Brooke (22), and Brody (14).

Area 6

Shea Baldwin
Rotary Club of Greenville (Morning)
(847) 902-3708



Larry Shea Baldwin is a member and twice past president of the Rotary Club of Greenville (Morning). Shea joined Rotary in 2020. He served twenty years in the United States Navy as a hospital corpsman. During his years of service he held multiple leadership, training, and various other positions in military service groups.

Shea retired in 2014, but his desire to continue serving his community brought him to Rotary. Shea is married to Pamela Baldwin, who is director of curriculum programs and scheduling at Pitt Community College in Greenville. She is also a member of the Rotary Club of Greenville (Morning) where she has served five years as the Sergeant-at-Arms. Together Shea and Pamela strive to be ambassadors to their community through Rotary's motto of Service Above Self.

Area 7

Barbara Bryan

Rotary Club of Goldsboro-Three Eagles

(919) 750-1267



Before starting The Bryan Group consulting firm in 1997, Barbara had over 25 years of human resource, administrative and operations management experience at the executive level. She has achieved top HR status as a SPHR – (Certified Senior Professional of Human Resources) and is certified in Human Resources Law. Other than being extremely active in her club and a Rotarian of the Year. Barbara has been actively engaged in the District since 2020 and the district Rotarian of the year in 2021. She is a PHF+4, sustaining member and RLI graduate. Married to Dr. Ron Bryan retired after 50 years in pastoral ministry, 2 daughters, 3 grandsons, 1 granddaughter and 6 great-grandchildren.

Area 8

Meloni Wray

Rotary Club of New Bern

(704) 473-8901



Meloni McGraw Wray is a member of the Rotary Club of New Bern.

She was born in Shelby, NC and moved to New Bern in August

2013 to become the Director of Elections for Craven County. Prior to this she was Deputy Director of Elections in Cleveland County. Her background consists of county government finance and private human resources. She retired as the finance officer for the Craven County ABC Board. She is a graduate of Gardner-Webb University with a BS in business administration.

Meloni has been a member of the Rotary Club of New Bern since 2017 and was very honored to be awarded the 2018-19 Rotarian of the year for Area 8 and the 2018-19 Rotarian of the Year for District 7720. She is a member of the Paul Harris Society and the Bequest Society. Her hobbies are singing and performing in plays and musicals. Meloni is married to Tony Wray and has two adult sons.

Assistant Governors

You are the connection between your clubs and the district. The relationships you build with club leaders make Rotary stronger.

- Serve as the primary liaison between assigned clubs and the District Governor.
- Build strong, supportive relationships with club presidents and leadership teams.
- Attend club meetings and events throughout the year to stay connected and visible.
- Support presidents in setting, entering, and tracking goals in Rotary Club Central.
- Encourage alignment with the district theme and priorities.
- Promote participation in district events, trainings, and conferences.
- Provide timely communication from the district to clubs and share club feedback with district leadership.
- Identify challenges early and offer guidance, resources, or connections for support.
- Assist clubs in developing strong leadership succession plans.
- Encourage membership growth, engagement, and retention strategies.
- Promote Foundation giving, grant participation, and project sustainability.
- Support clubs in earning the Club Excellence Award.
- Mentor new presidents and reinforce best practices for effective club management.
- Encourage collaboration between clubs and cross-club service opportunities.
- Celebrate club successes and share impact stories across the district.
- Uphold Rotary values and foster a positive, solution-focused culture.

District 7720 Club Presidents 2026-2027

Area	Club Name	AG	President-Elect (PE)
1	First Flight (Kill Devil Hills)	John	Elijah Wisden
1	Kitty Hawk	John	Andrew Keeney
2	Edenton	Melvin	Ethan Nelson
2	Elizabeth City	Melvin	
2	Elizabeth City Morning	Melvin	Marshall Lee Powell, III
2	Hertford	Melvin	Bill Berens
3	Belhaven-Pantego	Errol	Mike Goodwin
3	Washington	Errol	Jon Oliver
3	Washington (Noon)	Errol	Michael Dean Johnson
3	Williamston	Errol	Michael Peaks
5	Elm City	Chad	Kim M. Valentine
5	Murfreesboro	Chad	Jill Awuni
5	Nash-Rocky Mount	Chad	
5	Red Oak Area	Chad	Joshua Ruiz
5	Roanoke Rapids	Chad	Jance Moody
5	Rocky Mount	Chad	Jessica Poindexter-Hatu
6	Ayden	Shea	Arcina Dixon
6	Farmville	Shea	Marlon Bernard Poitier
6	Greenville	Shea	Ferdonia Stewart
6	Greenville (Morning)	Shea	Keisha Gray
6	Greenville Noon	Shea	Terri Ramsey
6	Tarboro	Shea	Chad Hinton
7	Fremont	Barbara	Tamara Mooring
7	Goldsboro	Barbara	
7	Goldsboro-Three Eagles	Barbara	Karen Tinsley
7	Greater Wilson	Barbara	William Aycock
7	Mount Olive	Barbara	Kimberly Kornegay
7	Wilson	Barbara	Brandt Harrell
8	Havelock-Cherry Point	Meloni	Gary Baldree
8	New Bern	Meloni	Walter Crayton
8	New Bern-Breakfast	Meloni	Ann Super
8	Oriental	Meloni	Carol De Moranville
8	Vanceboro	Meloni	Perry Morris

The Rotary Action Plan

A Roadmap for Creating Lasting Impact

Rotary’s Vision reminds us: Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

The Rotary Action Plan is more than a strategy document. It is a practical leadership guide designed to help every club strengthen its service, grow sustainably, engage members meaningfully, and remain relevant in a changing world. The four priorities work together, each strengthening the others.



Increase Our Impact

Impact is the heart of Rotary. Service without measurable results is activity; service with measurable results is transformation.

- Focus on sustainable, high-quality projects aligned with Rotary’s Areas of Focus.
- Use data and evaluation to measure outcomes.
- Seek partnerships and grants to amplify results.
- Communicate clearly the difference Rotary is making.
- Continue efforts to eradicate polio while building Rotary’s legacy.

Expand Our Reach

A vibrant Rotary must reflect and serve a changing world.

- Grow membership intentionally and inclusively.
- Diversify age, profession, culture, and background.
- Explore flexible meeting formats and new club models.
- Increase Rotary’s visibility in the community.
- Strengthen storytelling and public image.

Enhance Participant Engagement

People remain in Rotary when they feel connected, valued, and inspired.

- Provide meaningful roles and leadership opportunities.
- Offer professional development and skill-building.
- Foster fellowship and authentic relationships.
- Create projects aligned with members' passions.
- Regularly seek and respond to member feedback.

Increase Our Ability to Adapt

Thriving organizations are willing to evolve.

- Encourage innovation and fresh thinking.
- Streamline governance and simplify processes.
- Embrace appropriate technology.
- Evaluate traditions to ensure they serve the mission.
- Welcome diverse perspectives in decision-making.

These four priorities are interconnected. Strong engagement fuels greater impact. Expanded reach increases service capacity. Adaptability ensures sustainability. Demonstrated impact strengthens growth and reputation.

When clubs align goals, projects, and leadership decisions with these four priorities, Rotary becomes stronger at every level. This is how we create lasting impact.

District 7720 Strategic Plan

Our Purpose

Support clubs. Grow leaders. Create lasting impact. District 7720 equips Rotary clubs in northeastern North Carolina with the tools, leadership, and inspiration needed to thrive – so Rotarians can serve with purpose and adapt with confidence.

Increase Our Impact

- Plan at least one significant local or international service project.
- Set a club goal for Annual Fund and PolioPlus giving.
- Participate in the Governor's Project through service, fundraising, or awareness.
- Track service hours and community impact.

Expand Our Reach

- Establish a net membership growth or retention goal.
- Improve onboarding and engagement for new members.
- Share your Rotary story through media, social platforms, and community partnerships.
- Explore opportunities for innovative or satellite club models.

Enhance Participant Engagement

- Maintain a President-Elect and President-Nominee.
- Encourage members to take leadership roles in committees and service projects.
- Identify and mentor emerging leaders.
- Promote leadership development opportunities such as RLI or district training.

Increase Our Ability to Adapt

- Maintain a Club Leadership Plan with key committee chairs.
- Review and update club bylaws as needed.
- Develop or refresh a three-year club vision or strategic plan.
- Budget to send your President-Elect to PETS.

What This Means for Club Presidents

- Clear goals
- Practical support
- Shared responsibility
- Measurable outcomes

You are not expected to do everything – just something meaningful, aligned, and sustainable.

2026–2027 Club Awards Overview

Recognizing Excellence. Celebrating Impact. Creating Lasting Impact.

Rotary’s Club Excellence Award (Presented by Rotary International)

The Club Excellence Award recognizes clubs that achieve strategic goals aligned with Rotary’s Action Plan. It is Rotary International’s official annual award for clubs that demonstrate strong performance and meaningful impact. Clubs earn this award by setting goals in Rotary Club Central and achieving benchmarks in areas such as membership growth, service impact, Foundation support, public image, and leadership development. This award encourages intentional planning, measurable outcomes, and sustainable leadership aligned with Rotary’s global priorities.

EPIC Award (Engagement • Public Image • Impact • Collaboration)

The EPIC Award recognizes clubs that create visible, collaborative, and high-impact projects within their communities. This award highlights meaningful engagement, strong storytelling, measurable impact, and partnerships with other clubs or community organizations. Projects should demonstrate innovation, sustainability, and alignment with Rotary’s Areas of Focus. The EPIC Award celebrates clubs that clearly show their communities what Rotary can accomplish when people of action work together.

District Governor’s Outstanding Club Award (Presented at the District Conference following this Rotary Year)

The District Governor’s Outstanding Club Award recognizes the five clubs earning the highest cumulative points across key performance categories during the Rotary year. Points are accrued through measurable achievements such as membership growth and retention, Foundation participation, goal completion, district event participation, Governor’s Project involvement, public image activity, and documented service impact. The five highest-scoring clubs will be recognized at the District Conference following this Rotary Year, with awards presented to the club presidents. This award promotes friendly competition, balanced excellence, and strong district engagement.

These awards are not about perfection - they are about progress, participation, and impact.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OUTSTANDING CLUB AWARD
2026-2027 Evaluation Form

Deadline to send to AG: July 31 2027

Club Name _____

Membership

Membership on July 1, 2026	_____		
minus Membership on June 30, 2027	_____		
Net Membership Increase	0	20 pts each	0
Formal New Member Orientation		20 pts each	_____
Bonus points			_____
>5 new members		50 pts	_____
>10 new members		100 pts	_____
district speaker on membership		25 pts	_____
membership event		20 pts each	_____
Total Membership			0

Learning and Development (PETS and RLI)

Number of Participants enrolled in RLI courses		10 pts each	_____
RLI graduates July 1, 2026 thru June 30, 2027		20 pts each	_____
President-elect attending 2026 PETS		50 pts	_____
President-nominee attending 2026 PETS		25 pts	_____
Total Learning and Development			0

Club Administration

Submitted 2026-2027 Planning Guide for Effective Clubs to AG by June 1, 2026		10 pts	_____
Elect PE & PN and report on DACdb, and Rotary Central by Dec 10, 2026		10 pts	_____
<i>Bonus if done by October 15, 2026</i>		20 pts	_____
Record Club Goals on Rotary Club Central by June 1, 2026		10 pts	_____
Adoption of Club Leadership Plan		10 pts	_____
Club Financial Statements published and sent to membership quarterly		10 pts	_____
Income tax return for 2025-2026 completed and sent to IRS by Dec 30, 2026		10 pts	_____
Separate bank accounts kept for club admin income/expenses and club fund raising		10 pts	_____
Develop/Update three/five year strategic plan and obtain membership approval		10 pts	_____
Data kept current on DACdb (usually done by Club Secretary)		10 pts	_____
Data kept current on Rotary Club Central (usually done by Club Secretary)		10 pts	_____
Total Club Administration			0

Club Project/Activities

Rotary Awareness Project		10 pts	_____
Club Bulletin/Newsletter published minimum of two times/month		10 pts	_____
Club Project in conjunction with another Rotary Club in District 7720		25 pts	_____
Club Fellowship and Social Events outside club meeting times		20 pts each	_____
Club Excellence Award Form submitted by July 15, 2027		10 pts	_____
Community Needs Assessment Conducted by Club		25 pts	_____
Club Program/Speaker on RIs Causes		10 pts each (Max 70 pts)	_____
Club Grants: dollar donations to the community (including scholarships)			_____
<\$2,500		20 pts	_____
>\$5,000		30 pts	_____
>\$10,000		40 pts	_____
>\$20,000		50 pts	_____
>\$50,000		100 pts	_____
Service Projects in the Community		25 pts each (Max 200 pts)	_____
Total Club Projects/Activities			0

Member Participation in District and International Events

District Training Assemblies			
Each Attendee		20 pts each	_____
District Governor Installation May 2026		5 pts each	_____
District Membership/Foundation/Grants Management Seminar Sept 2026		25 pts each	_____
2027 Mid-year Assemblies		10 pts each	_____
Registered for District Conference '27		30 pts each	_____
Participating in a district role		25 pts each	_____
Registered for International Conference in 2027		20 pts each	_____
Total Participation			0

Foundation and Other Giving

Annual Giving per capita from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027			
\$99 or less		15 pts	_____
\$100 to \$150		30 pts	_____
\$151 or more		60 pts	_____
District Speaker on the Foundation, Polio Plus, or CART		10 pts each	_____
Total Annual Giving per capita			0

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OUTSTANDING CLUB AWARD
2026-2027 Evaluation Form**

Polio Plus Fundraising Event	30 pts	
Polio Plus Giving		
>\$600 for clubs less than 25 members	25 pts	
>\$1,500 for clubs between 26 & 50 members	25 pts	
>\$2,000 for clubs above 51 members	25 pts	
>\$3,000	50 pts	
Total Polio		0
CART Fund Giving through June 30, 2027		
<\$250	5 pts	
>\$500	10 pts	
>\$1,000	15 pts	
>\$1,500	20 pts	
>\$2,500	30 pts	
>\$3,500	40 pts	
Total CART		0
Number of new Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Bequest Society, Major Donors, Paul Harris Society Members, or Polio Plus Society members	10 pts each	
Number of Major Donors in Club	10 pts each	
Number of members who reach a new level during the year	10 pts each	
EREY Club in July 2027 (\$100 per capita and \$25 per member)	30 pts	
Sustaining Club by July 2027 (every member donated \$100 to Foundation)	30 pts	
100% Paul Harris Club	30 pts	
Total Giving Recognition		0
District Grant participation and acceptable Final Report	50 pts	
Submitted and Signed Grants MOU and Addendum before/during PETS	30 pts	
Participate in existing Global Grant project - funds donated	25 pts	
Global Grant participation and acceptable interim report - active club participation	50 pts	
Total Grants Program		0
Youth Programs		
Interact/Rotaract active sponsor	30 pts each	
Charter a new Interact/Rotaract Club	50 pts each	
4 way Essay Contest	50 pts each	
2027 RYLA Students Sponsored	20 pts each	
2027 RYLA Adults Attended	20 pts each	
Total Youth Programs		0
Rotarian of the year selected and given to AG	20 pts	
		0
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL POINTS		0 0

President Name and Signature

Date

Assistant Governor Name and Signature

Date

Award Categories: Bronze = 600 pts ; Silver = 700 pts; Gold = 800 pts; Platinum = 1,000+ pts

Please provide further explanation if needed

District Organization Chart

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

District Governor	Sophie Szymeczek	Farmville	252-916-0933
District Governor Elect	John Polk	First Flight	804-335-5006
Immediate Past District Governor	Brownie Futrell	Washington	252-258-3140
Assistant Governors See page 11...			
Membership Chair	Barry Lutz	New Bern Breakfast	917-751-0855
Foundation Chair	Terry Lubsen	New Bern	209-250-9029
Public Image Chair	vacant		
Youth Services Chair	Elvira Johnson	Goldsboro-Three Eagles	704-488-4783
Mental Health Chair	Steve Callender	Greenville Noon	252-258-4698
Disaster Assistance Chair	Brownie Futrell	Washington	252-258-3140
District Learning Facilitator 2025-2027	vacant		
District Treasurer	William Sherman	New Bern	252-671-9872

Finance Committee

Finance Committee Chair	Gene Foster	New Bern	910-476-1877
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Membership Committee

District Membership Chair	Barry Lutz	New Bern Breakfast	917-751-0855
Subcommittee Chairs			
Engagement Attraction	Dave Super vacant	New Bern Breakfast	570-872-6941
New Club Creation	Ben Monachino	New Bern Breakfast	631-275-7343
Public Image	vacant		
Rotaract	Anthony Engrassia	Nash Rocky Mount	252-270-8265
Rotaract District Representative	Delfi Conde Latini		252-801-9190
Innovative Club Advocate	Dave Super	New Bern Breakfast	570-872-6941

Foundation Committee

District Foundation Chair	Terry Lubsen	New Bern	209-250-9029
Subcommittee Chairs			
Annual Giving Fund	vacant		
Major Donor/Endowment	Lee Martin Adams	Greenville	252-320-8908
Paul Harris Society	Connie Jaklic	Hertford	919-801-2847
Polio Plus	Terry Lubsen	New Bern	209-250-9029
Grants			
Global Grants	Fred Huestis	New Bern	252-617-5700
District Grants	Paul Platek	New Bern Breakfast	201-914-2120

Youth Service Committee

Youth Services Chair	Elvira Johnson	Goldsboro-Three Eagles	704-488-4783
Subcommittee Chairs			
Youth Exchange/Friendship Exchange	vacant		
Interact	vacant		
4 Way Test Essay Contest	vacant		
RYLA Chair	Elvira Johnson	Goldsboro-Three Eagles	704-488-4783
Child Protection	vacant		

Public Image Committee

Public Image Chair	vacant
District Photographer	vacant
Website	vacant
District Newsletter	vacant

Learning Committee

District Learning Chair 2025-2027	Sherri Williams	ROAR	252-903-6312
PETS	vacant		
Rotary Leadership Institute	vacant		

Events and District Support Committee

District Secretary and Communications	vacant		
District Conference Chair	Claire Boyd	Greenville Noon	252-214-5380
CART Chair	Ann Super	New Bern Breakfast	570-688-6915

District Governor's Visit

A Celebration of Your Club

Each year, the District Governor visits every club in the district. This visit is not an inspection- it is a celebration, a conversation, and an opportunity to strengthen the connection between your club and Rotary's larger mission.

Why the District Governor Visits

- Connect directly with Rotarians across the district
- Listen to club leaders and better understand your goals, challenges, and successes
- Answer questions about Rotary International, the district, and available resources
- Encourage and inspire your club's service and leadership
- Serve as a catalyst to help strengthen and grow your impact

Preparing for the Visit

- The Assistant Governor will coordinate details with club leadership.
- Confirm the meeting date, time, and location well in advance.
- Reconfirm plans at least one month prior to the visit.
- The District Governor's presentation is the official program (plan approximately 30 minutes).
- Communicate any special plans such as new member inductions or Paul Harris presentations ahead of time.
- Schedule an informal meeting with the board to share your vision and goals.

During the Meeting

- Biographical information will be provided in advance for the introduction.
- If a Past District Governor is present, they are invited to introduce the Governor.
- Members customarily stand when the Governor is introduced and at the conclusion.
- Recognitions and special presentations are especially appropriate during the visit.

Most importantly, this visit is about partnership. Rotary's impact begins at the club level- and your leadership makes that impact possible.

Financial support of the Governor's Project is encouraged.

District Governor Club Visit Schedule

Rotary Year 2026–2027

AUGUST 2026

Aug 17 – Greenville: 7:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 6:20 PM
Aug 18 – Farmville: 5:30 PM
Aug 20 – Ayden: 6:30 PM
Aug 24 – Wilson: 12:15 PM
Aug 26 – Greater Wilson: 12:30 PM
Aug 27 – Elm City: 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sept 7 – Tarboro: 12:00 PM
Sept 8 – Rocky Mount: 12:30 PM
Sept 9 – Nash–Rocky Mount: 12:00 PM
Sept 10 – Red Oak: 6:00 PM
Sept 15 – Three Eagles: 7:00 AM
Sept 15 – Goldsboro: 12:30 PM
Sept 15 – Fremont: 6:00 PM
Sept 17 – Mount Olive: 12:00 PM
Sept 28 – Washington: 7:15 AM, 12:00 PM
Sept 29 – Williamston: 12:00PM
Sept 30 – Belhaven–Pantego: 12:00 PM

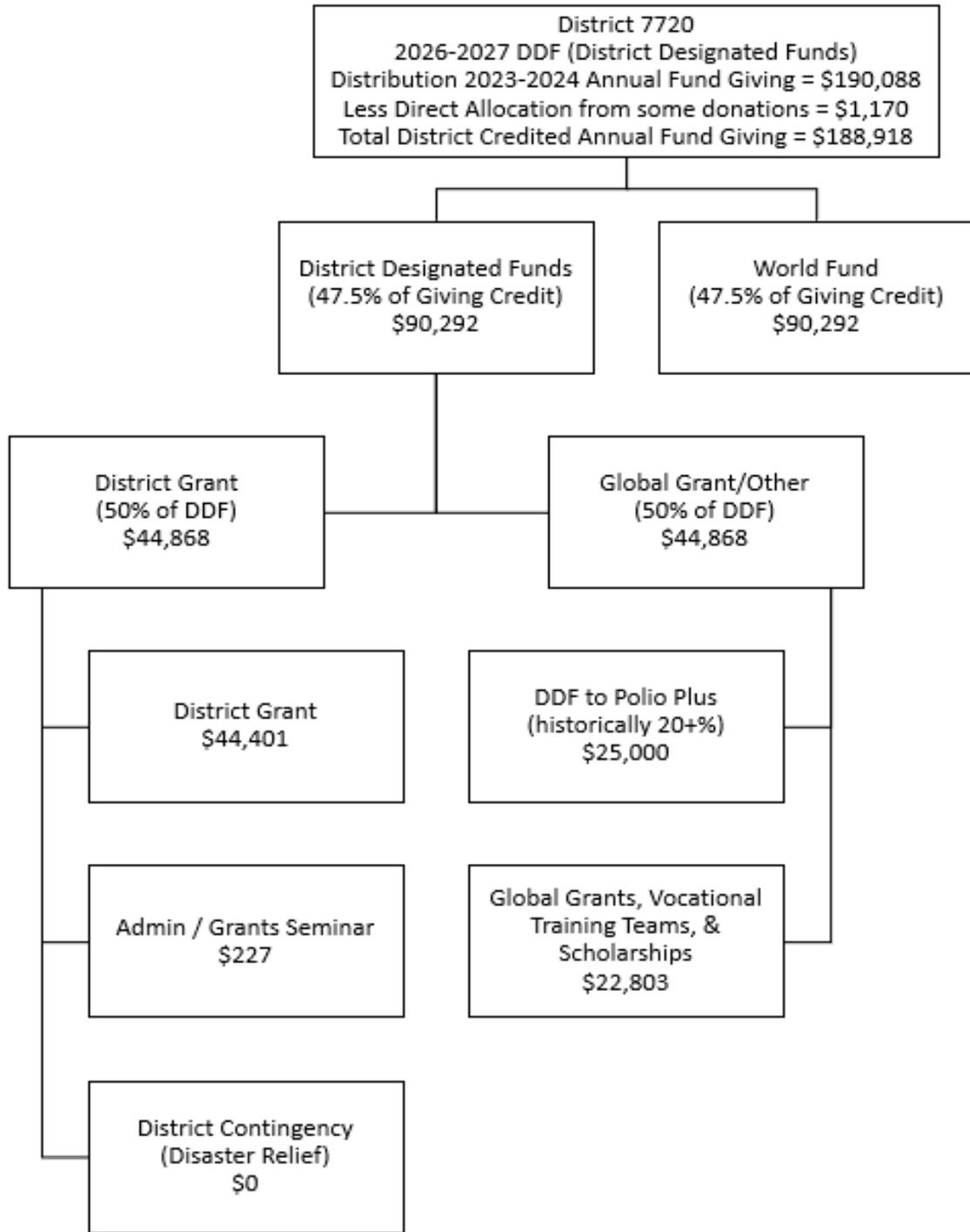
OCTOBER 2026

Oct 6 – New Bern: 1:00 PM
Oct 7 – New Bern: 7:30 AM
Oct 7 – Vanceboro: 7:00 PM
Oct 14 – Havelock: 7:30 AM
Oct 14 – Oriental: 6:00 PM
Oct 21 – Kitty Hawk: 7:30 AM
Oct 22 – First Flight: 1:00 PM
Oct 26 – Elizabeth City: 1:00 PM
Oct 27 – Hertford: 8:00 AM
Oct 29 – Edenton: 1:00 PM
Oct 30 – Elizabeth City: 8:00 AM

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov 2 – Murfreesboro: 6:00 PM
Nov 4 – Roanoke Rapids: 6:30 PM

District Designated Funds



To Qualify for a District Grant, Clubs must:

1. Attend Grants Management Seminar
2. Sign Memorandum of Understanding
3. Sign District Addendum
4. Have a minimum \$100 per capita giving in 2026-2027

District Designated Funds

Club No	Name	Members 7/1/23	Annual Fund Giving 23- 24	AF per Member \$100 to Qualify	Reduction in AF for Direct Designation	Adjusted AF Total	DDF Allocatio n (Adj AFx0.24)	Top 3 per capita Giving Bonus +1000\$	Total DDF 26- 27 by Club
	District 7720		\$445			\$445			
	Elizabeth City								
23239	Morning	53	\$6,516	\$123		\$6,516	\$1,564		\$1,564
6103	Elm City, NC	17	\$2,400	\$141		\$2,400	\$576		\$576
6150	Farmville, NC	7	\$760	\$109		\$760	\$182		\$182
29566	First Flight	60	\$12,000	\$200		\$12,000	\$2,880		\$2,880
6152	Fremont, NC	11	\$1,770	\$161	\$120	\$1,650	\$396		\$396
30917	Goldsboro-3	28	\$7,310	\$261		\$7,310	\$1,754		\$1,754
22127	Greater Wilson, NC	54	\$5,500	\$102		\$5,500	\$1,320		\$1,320
6155	Greenville, NC	62	\$12,700	\$205	\$250	\$12,450	\$2,988		\$2,988
24258	Greenville	22	\$3,477	\$158		\$3,477	\$834		\$834
6156	Greenville (Noon)	62	\$10,700	\$173		\$10,700	\$2,568		\$2,568
6157	Havelock-Cherry	17	\$2,160	\$127		\$2,160	\$518		\$518
6109	Hertford, NC	22	\$3,724	\$169		\$3,724	\$894		\$894
6169	Mount Olive, NC	30	\$10,272	\$342		\$10,272	\$2,465	\$1,000	\$3,465
6112	Murfreesboro, NC	11	\$1,140	\$104		\$1,140	\$274		\$274
23849	Nash-Rocky Mount,	20	\$2,100	\$105		\$2,100	\$504		\$504
6170	New Bern	93	\$18,189	\$196		\$18,189	\$4,365		\$4,365
22802	New Bern-	58	\$10,039	\$173		\$10,039	\$2,409		\$2,409
6172	Oriental, NC	48	\$21,173	\$441	\$500	\$20,673	\$4,962	\$1,000	\$5,962
6126	Tarboro, NC	41	\$5,800	\$141		\$5,800	\$1,392		\$1,392
6178	Vanceboro, NC	13	\$1,400	\$108		\$1,400	\$336		\$336
6181	Washington, NC	33	\$6,988	\$212	\$25	\$6,963	\$1,671		\$1,671
28957	Washington (Noon)	63	\$21,460	\$341		\$21,460	\$5,150	\$1,000	\$6,150
6132	Wilson, NC	48	\$6,320	\$132		\$6,320	\$1,517		\$1,517
Total for SHARE Giving RY 23-24		1165	\$190,088	\$163	\$1,170	\$188,918	\$41,521	\$3,000	\$44,521
47.5% of SHARE Total to DDF		\$90,292	SHARE DDF-Directed Giving			\$89,736			
			Total DDF Available (50%)			\$44,868			
Notes						Total DDF for Qualifying Clubs		\$44,521	
1- Per Capata giving less than 100\$						DDF not Allocated		\$347	
2-Top 3 Giving Clubs Bonus									

Resolution Process and Resolutions 2026-2027

Our district is governed by resolutions that are voted on at each District Conference. The resolution process used in District 7720 is as described in the Bylaws of Rotary International, Article 15 Districts, Sections 15.060 District Finance, Sections 15.040 District Conference and 15.050 Conference Voting. The following resolutions will be voted on at the 2025 - 2026 District Conference on April 10, 2026

2026-1 District Finances

2026-2 District Conference Location

2026-3 District Nominating Committee

2026-4 District Vice-Governor

Each club is allowed one or more electors depending on the number of members in the club. Electors are the only ones to vote on certain resolutions so they have to register as electors at the District Conference and present their credentials.

If you have a question about this process, please contact your Assistant Governor or District Governor.

Sophie Szymeczek

District 7720 Governor 2026-27

sophieszymeczek@gmail.com

(252) 916-0933

Credential Form

Bylaws of Rotary International 15.050.1. Electors.

Each club shall select and certify at least one elector to its conference and legislation meeting (if held). A club with more than 25 members has one additional elector for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof. That is, a club with a membership of up to 37 members is entitled to one elector, a club with 38 to 62 members is entitled to two electors, a club with 63 to 87 members is entitled to three electors and so on. Membership is determined by the number of members in the latest club invoice before the vote, except that a suspended club has no vote. Each elector shall be a member of the club. To vote, an elector must be present at the conference or legislation meeting. To participate in any voting by electors at the district conference, a club shall have paid the required district levy for the Rotary year in which the voting is taking place and shall not be indebted to the district. The financial status of the club is determined by the governor.

Members/Electors: 37 or less = 1 38 to 62 = 2 63 to 87 = 3 88 or more = 4

Rotary Club of _____

The total club membership (exclusive of honorary members) reported to RI on July 1, 2025, was _____.

In accordance with the Bylaws of Rotary International, this club has selected the following Elector(s):

President: _____

Secretary: _____

District 7720 Resolution 2026 - 1

District Finances 2026-2027

This resolution authorizes the District Fund and related accounts. It establishes accountability, procedures, guidelines, and responsibilities for managing these accounts during the year 2026-2027.

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of Rotary International, Article 15, Section 15.060.1 states “Each Rotary District may establish a fund to be called ‘The District Fund’ for financing district-sponsored projects and the administration and development of Rotary in the District. The District Fund shall be established by resolution at either PELS or district conference. Any person who fails to fulfil financial requirements, including improperly administrating the district fund or failing to comply with subsection 15.060.4., shall be prohibited from holding any RI or district office until financial irregularities are resolved within the district.,” and

WHEREAS, The District Fund shall be financed by all clubs in the district by a per capita levy on the members of those clubs, and by revenue from the District Conference and other identified District revenue sources. The amount of the levy on club members shall be decided either by (a) the district assembly after the approval of three-fourths of the incoming club presidents present, or (b) the PELS or District Conference by a majority of the electors present and voting. (Ref. 15.060.2); and

WHEREAS, As per RI Bylaws subsection 15.040.3 “The per capita levy is mandatory on all clubs of a district. The governor shall certify to the board the name of any club that has failed for more than six months to pay such levy. The board shall suspend the services of RI to the delinquent club while the levy remains unpaid.,” and

WHEREAS, The District Governor shall establish a finance committee to review and study the necessary expenses of District administration in accordance with the provisions of Section 15.060. of the RI Bylaws and Part One of the Manual of Procedure (2016); and in accordance with the following guidelines:

- a) The District Finance Committee shall consist of the District Governor, appointed Committee Chair that usually serves a three-year term and a minimum of three Rotarians appointed to serve terms of three (3), two (2), and one (1) year with each succeeding governor appointing one Rotarian to a three-year term. The District Governor-elect and District Governor-nominee also serve on this committee.
- b) The voting members of the committee include the current District Governor, District Governor-elect, District Governor-nominee, Committee Chair and the three appointed Rotarians.
- c) The District Treasurer is appointed to serve as an ex officio committee member. The Immediate Past District Governor, District Rotary Foundation Chair and District Secretary also shall serve as non-voting members.
- d) The committee shall meet at a minimum once a quarter with the principle business of the first quarter (September) meeting a review of the prior year’s financial reports/audit committee findings, the principle business of the second quarter meeting (December) the review approval of the District Governor Elect’s budget for the coming year, the principle

business of the third quarter (February) meeting a review year to date spending in the current year/District Finances Resolution approval for submission to the clubs and the principle business of the fourth quarter meeting (after District Conference) a review of audit committee nominations/review of current year spending.

- e) District Governors current, elect and nominee act as agents for the District when arranging for long term commitments in the form of financial agreements and contracts. Agreements or contracts that extend more than a year or exceed a financial commitment of \$2,500 are subject to review by the Finance Committee.
- f) Meeting notes/minutes of the Finance Committee meeting shall be taken by the District Administrator or in their absence by the District Secretary or another member of the Finance Committee. The minutes shall be distributed to the Finance Committee within thirty days after the meeting. The prior meeting's minutes shall be read and approved at each successive meeting.

WHEREAS, The financial records of the district will be maintained in compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations and will be housed in a professional document storage facility.

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of RI Article 15, Section 15.060.4 Annual Statement and Report of District Finances states "the governor must provide an annual statement and report of the district finances that has been independently reviewed to each club in the district within three months of the completion of the governor's year in office." In District 7720 the treasurer will be responsible for preparing monthly reports for the district governor and district finance committee that compare current results with the budget. The District Treasurer will make quarterly financial reporting available to all Rotarians in District 7720.

The annual reports of district finances shall be reviewed by a district audit committee. In District 7720 the audit committee:

- a) will be composed of at least three members;
- b) have all the members be active Rotarians;
- c) have at least one member who is a past governor or a person with audit experience;
- d) will not allow the following to serve on the audit committee for the year in which they serve in these positions: District Governor, District Treasurer, signatories of district bank accounts, and members of the Finance Committee; and
- e) have the members selected by the District Governor in accordance with the procedures established by this resolution and approved by the Finance Committee.
- f) This annual statement and report shall include but not be limited to details of:
 - all sources of the district's funds (RI, The Rotary Foundation, district, and club);
 - all funds received by or on behalf of the district from fundraising activities;
 - grants received from The Rotary Foundation or funds of The Rotary Foundation designated by the district for use;
 - all financial transactions of district committees;
 - all financial transactions of the District Governor by or on behalf of the district;
 - all expenditures of the district's funds; and
 - all funds received by the District Governor from RI.

The annual statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative and for which 30 days' notice has been given that the statement and report of district finances will be presented. If no such district meeting is held, the statement and report shall be presented for discussion and adoption at the next district conference. If the statement is not adopted after presentation, it shall be discussed and adopted within three months of the conclusion of the district conference at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative and for which 30 days' notice has been given that the statement and report of district finances will be presented. If a district meeting does not take place, the governor shall conduct a ballot-by-mail within 60 days thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the following procedures and guidelines shall be established by this resolution for the operation and management of the District Fund:

- a) A reserve fund equal to one-half of the sum of the budgeted per capita levy shall be established and maintained. Expenditures from this reserve fund shall require the approval of a majority of the clubs. Approved expenditures from the reserve fund shall be replaced during the next budget year.
- b) Excess general funds – monies not spent or reserved during this budget year shall be deposited into the District Reserve/Project Fund account and may be used for disaster relief, financing district sponsored projects and the development of Rotary in the District. Withdrawals from this fund shall require approval from the Finance Committee as well as approval of the majority of the district clubs. The Governor is responsible for soliciting and documenting those approvals. The documentation of those approvals is to be made part of the accounting records of fund withdrawals.
- c) Total expenditures of the year shall not exceed the annual district revenue without the approval of a majority of district clubs.
- d) The funds in the form of checking, savings and certificates of deposit will be maintained in accounts at a financial institution recommended by the treasurer and approved by the Finance Committee. Invoices that require payments of \$1000 or more must have two finance committee approval signatures other than the district treasurer. The payee cannot be one of the approvals. Those approvals can be in the form of electronic correspondence.
- e) All reimbursements to Rotarians will be properly receipted with those receipts becoming a part of both the financial records on paper as well as stored electronically with the accounting files. Reimbursement requests must be made to the treasurer no later than 30 days after of the expense to facilitate timely reimbursement to all parties and accurate financial records. Reimbursements will be made within 30 days of approval.
- f) A stand-alone checking account shall be established to accept District Governor's Rotary International Expense Allocation funds and to disburse those funds to the Governor upon receipt and approval of a valid Rotary expense form. Receipts for all expenses are required. The Rotary International Eligible & Ineligible Expenses (CDS Feb 2017 EN) is used as a guide. The District Treasurer assists the Governor in preparing the expense report. The expense report and receipts are reviewed by the District Finance Chair and District Governor Elect before reimbursement is made. The Governor can appeal and disagreements or dispute regarding expenses with the members of the Finance Committee not involved in the approval of the report in question. Their decision is binding. Should it be found that the Governor is missing Rotary funding the Rotary International General Secretary will be notified.

- g) The District Governor shall insure all District bills are paid by the end of the governor's Rotary year and District Funds and financial records, excluding any records needed for the annual statement and report of District finances, are transferred to the incoming governor not later than fifteen working days after completion of the governor's term of office. Records used for the annual statement and report of the district finances shall be turned over immediately upon completion of the annual statement and report of District finances and not later than August 1 following the end of the budget year ending June 30.
- h) The District Governor for the year in which the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 (Form 990 EZ for the District EIN 56-1825354 and Form 990 N for the Charitable Trust EIN 56-1765647) are prepared is responsible for signing the form or in the case of the 990 N receive a confirmation copy from the district treasurer of the postcard form that has been electronically filed. In the case of the Governor not being available the Treasurer can sign the form. Once the forms have been signed a scanned copy of the form is to be sent to all members of the Finance Committee.
- i) The income and expenditures budget for this year shall be attached hereto and become a part herein of this resolution.
- j) This Resolution shall be effective only for the Rotary year 2026-2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution has been approved by voice vote by a majority of the electors present and voting at District Conference this 10 day of April, 2026.

District Governor _____
 (Signature)

District Secretary _____
 (Signature)

Rotary International District 7720 Budget Worksheet

July 2026 - June 2027

				Members		Dues	
INCOME							
40300	District Dues	49,450			1,150	\$ 43.00	
	Initial Seed	2,000					
	Total Revenue	\$51,450		62000	District Governor	13,150	
				62114	Governor's Leadership Meetings	750	
				62120	Council of Governor's Meetings	1,250	
	EXPENSES			62122	PETS - Travel and Miscellaneous Expenses	150	
60000	General Administration	11,800		62123	DG to International Convention	0	
60100	District Officer Expense	500		62127	DG Zone Institute	2,500	
60101	Postage And Delivery	300		62130	Zone Institute - PDG's expenses	1,000	
60102NB	Initial Seed Money	2000		62131	Zone Institute - iPDG	1,000	
60103	Stationery & Printing	200		62132	Zone Institute Scholarship	2,000	
60104	Supplies	200		62141	Governor's Expenses and Contingency Fund	1,000	
60105	Accounting Services	700		62149	Zone PR/Foundation Seminar - Allocatioed by DG	3,500	
60106	Records Maintenance and Storage	600		62150	Zone Director Nomination Representative	0	
60108	Equipment and Software	1000		63000	District Governor Elect	17,250	
60109	Awards and Gifts	500		63107	DGE Installation as Governor	2,000	
60111	District Database and Website	3,500		63121	CART Meeting Travel Expenses	400	
60113	Zone 33/34 Membership Fees	500		63123	PETS Travel Expenses	200	
60146	Annual Fee to Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)	300		63125	PETS - Other Participants - allocated by DGE	7,000	
TBA	District PR/Advertisement	500		63126	DGE to International Convention	3,150	
60190	District Administrator	0		63128	Zone Institute Travel for DGE	2,500	
60199	Unbudgeted Expenditures	1000		63143	DGE Travel and Administrative Expense	1,000	
	Council on Legislation	0		63144	DGE Expenses and Contingency Fund	1,000	
61000	Conferences, Seminars and Meetings	6,900		64000	District Governor Nominee	-	
61116	District Conference	6,500		64124	PETS Travel Expense	0	
61118	Foundation Summit	0		64129	Zone Institute Registration and Travel for DGN	0	
61119	Membership Summit	0		64130	DGN Expenses and Contingency Fund	0	
61150	Foundation and Membership Summit Materials	400		64500	District Governor Nominee Designate	-	
65000	Youth Programs	2,350		64600	PETS Travel Expense	0	
65132	4 Way Test Essay Contest Awards	600		64700	Zone Institute Registration and Travel for DGND	0	
65136	RYLA Expenses	0		64800	DGND Expenses and Contingency Fund	0	
65137	Interact/Rotaract Expenses	1500					
65140	Youth Exchange Expenses	250			Total Expenses	\$51,450	

District 7720 Resolution 2026 - 2

District Conference Location 2026-2027

The purpose of this resolution shall be to set the location for the District Conference to be held during Rotary year 2026-2027.

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of Rotary International, Article 15, Section 15.040.2 states "where a governor-nominee has been selected and certified to the General Secretary, the District Conference for the year of the governor-nominee's service may be planned in advance. The governor-nominee and a majority of the current presidents of the clubs of that district must agree to the site of such conference." and

WHEREAS, The governor-nominee has surveyed several conference sites using the criteria established by Rotary International and has evaluated such sites considering availability cost, travel, location, member preference and attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on this survey and evaluation of these sites Sunset Beach, NC has been selected for the 2026-2027 District 7720 Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution has been approved by voice vote by a majority of the electors present and voting at District Conference this 10th of April, 2026.

District Governor _____
(Signature)

District Secretary _____
(Signature)

District 7720 Resolution 2026 - 3

District Nominating Committee 2026-2027

This Resolution authorizes and establishes the responsibilities for and the makeup of the District Nominating Committee for Rotary year 2026-2027 for the purpose of nominating the District Governor for the Rotary year 2029-2030 and any other special Rotary International appointment as required during the Rotary year 2029-2030

WHEREAS, Rotary International Bylaws, Article 12, Section 12.020.1 establishes the requirement for a District Nomination Committee to select the District Governor for Rotary year 2029-2030; and

WHEREAS, the District Nominating Committee shall function and operate under the guidelines of the Rotary International Bylaws, the Manual of Procedure, and the District Governor; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Nominating Committee meeting convening, all applicant/governor-nominee candidates are to spend a minimum of two hours of governor learning with two past District Governors, appointed at the discretion of the District Governor; and

WHEREAS, it is the consensus of the clubs of the District that the Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) of the five (5) most recent Past District Governors to have served the District, an at-large Past District Governor, a current sitting Club President, an immediate past Club President from the preceding Rotary year, a serving Assistant District Governor, the District Governor-elect and the District Governor-nominee; and

WHEREAS, the appointments of the Nominating Committee and the committee chairman shall be the responsibility of the District Governor for the year in which the committee is to function, all appointments to the committee shall be made by the District Governor in accordance with the make-up as described above and in the event that this make-up is not possible, the governing factor shall be the representation of each of the areas of the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Resolution is effective for one year only, it shall be the responsibility of the District Governor, with the advice and consent of the District Governor-elect, to present for approval of the clubs at the District Conference, a Nominating Committee Resolution for the Rotary year 2026-2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution has been approved by voice vote by a majority of the electors present and voting at District Conference this 10th day of April 2026.

District Governor _____
(Signature)

District Secretary _____
(Signature)

District 7720 Resolution 2026 - 4

District Vice Governor 2026-2027

The purpose of this resolution shall be to acknowledge that the District Nominating Committee has the authority to name a vice-governor who will replace the governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to continue in the performance of the governor's duties.

WHEREAS, the Council on Legislation 2013 Adopted Enactment 13-100* to amend the provision for vacancy in the office of governor, it is enacted by Rotary International that the Bylaws of Rotary International be and hereby are amended as follows (page 185 MOP)

Article 6 Officers

6.20 Vacancy in the Office of Governor

6.120.3 District Authority

The nominating committee for governor will select one available past governor to be named vice-governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the based on the advice of Rotary International, the District 7720 Nominating Committee will name one available past governor to serve as vice-governor

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution has been approved by voice vote by a majority of the electors present and voting at District Conference this 10th day of April 2026.

District Governor _____
(Signature)

District Secretary _____
(Signature)

District 7720 Council of Governors

The Council of Governors is the group of Past District Governors residing in District 7720, most of whom have served as District Governor in the District, but some who serve in other districts prior to moving here. Their collective experience and wisdom gained in office is a valuable resource to the leadership team. Their contacts with other Past District Governors and Rotary International staff provides information and assistance to the operation of the District. The council functions in an informal advisory capacity.

1992-1993

“Real Happiness is Helping Others”

Joseph M. “Joe” Norton (deceased), North Banks (Doris)

1993-1994

“Believe In What You Do - Do What You Believe In”

Albret I. “Al” Stroud (deceased), Roanoke Rapids (Mildred)

1994-1995

“Be a Friend”

John R. Ball (deceased), Greenville Noon (Jo)

1995-1996

“Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace”

Paul H. Peel, Rocky Mount (Janie)

1996-1997

“Build the Future with Action and Vision”

W. D. McRoy (deceased), Goldsboro (Jerri)

1997-1998

“Show Rotary Cares for Your Community, for Our World, for Its People”

Richard W. Baker (deceased), Ahoskie (Jackie)

1998-1999

“Follow Your Rotary Dream”

Thomas “Tom” Price Miller, Tarboro (Patsy)

1999-2000

“Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity”

Charles J. Williford, Ahoskie

2000-2001

“Create Awareness, Take Action”

Dale L. Elks, New Bern Breakfast (Kathy)

2001-2002

“Mankind Is Our Business”

Robert A. “Bob” Manning (deceased), Rocky Mount (Jan)

2002-2003
"Sow the Seeds of Love"
Thomas S. "Tom" Payne, III, Washington Noon

2003-2004
"Lend a Hand"
Darron Flowers, Fremont (Mary Lee)

2004-2005
"Celebrate Rotary"
E. W. "Bill" Rogister, Tarboro (Jean)

2005-2006
"Service Above Self"
Brenda Tinkham, Murfreesboro (Dwight)

2006-2007
"Lead the Way"
Daneel "Dan" Le Roux, Greenville Morning (Betty)

2007-2008
"Rotary Shares"
A. Bradford "Brad" Sears, New Bern (Rita)

2008-2009
"Make Dreams Real"
Vivian W. Mott (deceased), Greenville Noon (Don)

2009-2010
"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"
Edward A. "Ed" Wyatt, Wilson (Jeannie)

2010-2011
"Building Communities Bridging Continents"
Donald L. "Don" Johnson, Hertford (Virginia)

2011-2012
"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"
Gregory L. "Greg" Browning, Roanoke Rapids (Mae)

2012-2013
"Peace through Service"
Thomas L. "Skip" Morgan, Manteo (Linda)

2013-2014
"Engage Rotary, Change Lives"
Brenda Reges Shaw, Rocky Mount (Bill)

2014-2015
"Light Up Rotary"
Lee Martin Adams, Greenville Morning (Ed)

2015-2016
"Be a Gift to the World"
Robert L. "Bob" Pippen, Elizabeth City Morning (Charlene)

2016-2017
"Rotary Serving Humanity"
James W. "Jim" Findley, New Bern (Kathy)

2017-2018
"Making a Difference"
Stanley R. (Stan) Keeler, First Flight Kill Devil Hills (Patsy)

2018-2019
"Be the Inspiration"
Frank Jaklic, Hertford (Connie)

2019-2020
"Rotary Connects the World"
Tracey E. Ivey, Goldsboro (Mitch)

2020-2021
"Rotary Opens Opportunities"
Spencer G. Stanley, Washington Noon (Leigh)

2021-2022
"Serve to Change Lives"
Lewis Wynne Hoggard, Windsor

2022-2023
"Imagine Rotary"
Octavius A. Murphy, Goldsboro Three Eagles (Jacqueline)

2023-2024
"Create Hope in the World"
Anthony (Tony) Santore, Oriental, (Cathy)

Past District Governors from other Districts who are now members of Rotary Clubs in District
7720 and part of the Council of Governors

1994-1995 District 7610
Jay D. "Rocky" Jacobs, Washington (Jo)



Rotary Learning Institute (RLI)

The Rotary Learning Institute (RLI) is one of the best investments a club can make in its future leaders. RLI is a leadership development program designed to help Rotarians grow in confidence, knowledge, and effectiveness — both within Rotary and in their professional and personal lives.

Founded in 1992, RLI is now a worldwide grassroots coalition of Rotary districts committed to

strengthening clubs through better leadership. District 7720 is part of the Mid-Atlantic RLI, living our members access to high-quality, interactive training led by experienced Rotarians.

RLI is offered as a three-day, non-consecutive course that blends Rotary knowledge with practical leadership skills. Participants explore topics such as Rotary's global impact, The Rotary Foundation, membership engagement, ethics, strategic thinking, and how to lead volunteers effectively. Sessions are discussion-based and highly engaging — not lectures — allowing participants to learn from one another as well as from facilitators.

Those who attend RLI consistently leave more energized about Rotary, more confident in their leadership abilities, and better equipped to serve their clubs. RLI helps Rotarians see the bigger picture and understand how their local club connects to a global movement.

Clubs are encouraged to identify members with leadership potential and sponsor them to attend. However, any Rotarian may participate on their own initiative. Every Rotarian can benefit from RLI — whether preparing for leadership or simply deepening their understanding of Rotary.

RLI doesn't just develop leaders. It builds stronger clubs.

The Rotary Foundation

The Seven Causes of The Rotary Foundation

Planning a Purpose-Driven Rotary Year



The Rotary Foundation advances Rotary’s global impact through seven core causes. These causes provide a ready-made planning framework for your club year. Use them to organize speakers, service projects, partnerships, and Foundation giving.

1. Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention

Program Ideas: Invite mediators, law enforcement leaders, school counselors, or military veterans. Service Ideas: Support youth leadership programs, sponsor peace essay contests, host community dialogue events.

2. Disease Prevention & Treatment

Program Ideas: Invite public health officials, hospital leaders, or global health partners. Service Ideas: Organize blood drives, health fairs, vaccination awareness campaigns, or support global immunization efforts.

3. Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Program Ideas: Invite water utility leaders, environmental experts, or global grant partners. Service Ideas: Hygiene supply drives, school handwashing initiatives, support clean water projects.

4. Maternal & Child Health

Program Ideas: Invite pediatricians, nonprofit leaders, or school nurses. Service Ideas: Baby supply drives, parenting resource partnerships, support prenatal care initiatives.

5. Basic Education & Literacy

Program Ideas: Invite educators, literacy nonprofits, workforce development leaders. Service Ideas: Book drives, tutoring programs, scholarships, reading mentorship initiatives.

6. Community Economic Development

Program Ideas: Invite entrepreneurs, chamber of commerce leaders, economic developers.

Service Ideas: Small business mentoring, job readiness workshops, financial literacy classes.

7. Supporting the Environment

Program Ideas: Invite conservation groups, park officials, sustainability advocates.

Service Ideas: Tree planting, community clean-up projects, recycling initiatives, sustainability improvements in club operations.

How to Use the Seven Causes in Planning

- **Build a Balanced Speaker Calendar:** Rotate speakers across multiple causes for variety and alignment.
- **Select 2–3 Priority Causes:** Focus on areas that best match community needs and member passions.
- **Align Service & Fundraising:** Connect projects and Foundation giving to the causes you emphasize.
- **Increase Member Engagement:** Members are more inspired when activities reflect meaningful global impact.

President Planning Tip

At your first board meeting, review the seven causes together. Identify which align most closely with your club's strengths and community needs. Then intentionally build your program calendar and service plan around those priorities to create focus, clarity, and lasting impact.

Rotary is dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.



End Polio Now

Rotary's Promise to the World

For more than four decades, Rotary's End Polio Now initiative has led the global charge to eradicate polio. Since 1979, Rotary and its partners have reduced polio cases by 99.9% and helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children worldwide. We are closer than ever to ending polio – but until it is completely eradicated, every child remains at risk.

How Clubs Can Contribute

- **Raise Awareness:** Share updates at meetings, post on social media, invite your District Polio Chair, and include polio news in newsletters.
- **Fundraise for the Cause:** Host a Purple Pinkie fundraiser, add a voluntary polio dollar at meetings, or organize a community event.
- **Encourage Giving:** Support The Rotary Foundation Polio Fund. Contributions are matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation.
- **Educate & Advocate:** Share Rotary's leadership story and global health progress.

World Polio Day – October 24

- World Polio Day is your club's annual opportunity to highlight Rotary's promise to end polio. Plan early and build fall programming around this important date.
- Host a public awareness event or special meeting program.
- Light a building purple or wear purple at your meeting.
- Invite local media coverage.
- Present PolioPlus recognition to donors.

How Presidents Can Plan & Lead

- **At Your First Board Meeting:** Set a Polio Fund giving goal and assign a World Polio Day coordinator.
- **Throughout the Year:** Schedule a polio-focused program and track giving progress.
- **At Year-End:** Celebrate milestones and recognize contributors.

Ending polio will be one of the greatest public health achievements in history – and Rotary will be known as the organization that helped make it happen. When your club supports End Polio Now, you are fulfilling Rotary's promise and creating lasting impact for generations to come.

Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases									
	Full year total							01 Jan-31 Dec ¹		Date of most recent case
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024	2025	
Pakistan	12	147	84	1	20	6	74	74	31	14-Dec-25
Germany										
Afghanistan	21	29	56	4	2	6	25	25	13	24-Oct-25
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	10-Aug-22
Malawi	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	19-Nov-21
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total (Type 1)	33	176	140	6	30	12	99	99	44	
Tot. in endemic countries	33	176	140	5	22	12	99	99	44	
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	
No. of countries (infected)	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	
No. of countries (endemic)	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Total Female	18	72	59	2	10	4	43	43	25	
Total Male	15	104	81	4	20	8	56	56	19	

Countries in yellow are endemic. ¹Data reported to WHO HQ on week 08 in 2025 and 2026

²Wild viruses from environmental samples, selected contacts, healthy children and other sources.



Understanding WHO Polio Case Definitions

A Quick Guide for Club Presidents

When reviewing global polio updates, you may see different case classifications reported by the World Health Organization (WHO). Understanding these definitions helps clubs communicate clearly and confidently about Rotary's End Polio Now efforts.

1. AFP – Acute Flaccid Paralysis

AFP is a clinical symptom category, not a confirmed polio diagnosis. It refers to sudden onset of weakness or paralysis in a child under age 15, or any suspected polio case at any age. Most AFP cases are not polio, but each is investigated through laboratory testing. AFP surveillance is the global screening system that helps detect possible polio cases.

2. Wild Poliovirus (WPV)

Wild poliovirus refers to the naturally occurring strain of the virus. A confirmed WPV case means laboratory testing detected wild poliovirus in a patient sample. Historically there were three types; today only WPV type 1 remains in circulation globally.

3. cVDPV – Circulating Vaccine-Derived Poliovirus

cVDPV occurs when the weakened virus used in the oral polio vaccine circulates in under-immunized communities, mutates over time, and regains the ability to cause paralysis. These outbreaks occur because vaccination rates are too low. High immunization coverage prevents both wild and vaccine-derived outbreaks.

4. Polio-Compatible Cases

A polio-compatible case is an AFP case where adequate laboratory samples were not collected and follow-up shows lasting paralysis, death, or loss to follow-up. Because lab confirmation is missing, WHO cannot confirm or rule out polio. These cases are rare in countries with strong surveillance systems.

Why This Matters for Rotary Leaders

As club presidents, use accurate terminology when sharing updates, emphasize that strong surveillance supports eradication, and reinforce that vaccination remains the solution. Clear communication builds confidence — and confidence builds support for ending polio worldwide.



CART – Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust

CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) is a Rotary-led initiative dedicated to funding cutting-edge Alzheimer's disease research. Founded in 1995 by

Rotarians in the Carolinas and Georgia, CART began with a simple idea: emptying pockets of spare change at weekly meetings to support the search for prevention and a cure — without competing with other club projects.

Alzheimer's disease affects millions of families worldwide, and the need for research continues to grow. One hundred percent (100%) of donated funds go directly to Alzheimer's research grants. Administrative expenses are covered separately through interest earned on invested contributions, ensuring that every donated dollar supports scientific discovery.

How Presidents Can Include CART in Their Year

- Add a simple CART coin jar or collection basket at weekly meetings.
- Schedule one educational program about Alzheimer's research.
- Include CART in your Foundation or service giving goals.
- Recognize members who contribute consistently.
- Highlight CART during a designated month or special meeting.

CART is an easy, low-impact way to make a high-impact difference — allowing your club to support life-changing research while continuing other service priorities.

Club Brag Sheet

Name of Rotary Club: _____

Name of Club President: _____

LIST THREE THINGS MY CLUB DOES WELL

LIST THREE THINGS MY CLUB NEEDS TO WORK ON

LIST THREE THINGS THAT MAKE MY CLUB UNIQUE

WHAT IS MY CLUB'S PRIMARY GOAL THIS YEAR?

DESCRIBE YOUR CLUB'S SERVICE PROJECTS & YOUR OCT 24 POLIOPPLUS EVENT

PLEASE CHECK ALL THE FOLLOWING THAT APPLY TO MY ROTARY CLUB:

- My Club has a written Strategic Plan
- My Club uses the District Achievement Awards as a planning tool
- My Club has great vibrant and educational meetings

Rotary Membership Action Plan & Club Creation Team

Rotary's Membership Action Plan is a practical roadmap to help clubs attract new members, engage current members, and create a welcoming, inclusive club culture. It encourages clubs to assess their current membership experience, set intentional growth goals, diversify their reach, and strengthen member engagement through meaningful service and fellowship. The plan emphasizes flexibility in club models, innovation in meeting formats, and a strong focus on belonging so that every member feels valued and connected.

The Club Creation Team supports this work by identifying opportunities to start new clubs in underserved communities. Using demographic insights, local knowledge, and strategic planning, the team helps Rotary leaders determine where new clubs could thrive and how best to launch them. By combining thoughtful membership planning with intentional club development efforts, Rotary can build vibrant, sustainable clubs that create lasting impact.



- 1 SET YOUR MEMBERSHIP GOALS**
Start on the Membership Goal page and review your club's annual rate of attracting and terminating members.
- 2 IDENTIFY YOUR PROBLEM TO SOLVE**
Attrition? Attraction? Both? Neither?
- 3 DISCOVER SOME RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES**
These strategies are developed for your club's specific situation.
- 4 TRACK YOUR PROGRESS ON THE DASHBOARD**
Are you attracting new members at a rate that will meet your growth goal, plus replacing members likely to terminate?
- 5 CREATE A MEMBERSHIP SATISFACTION SURVEY**
Distribute to your members and use the feedback to make your club irresistible.

WHAT IS THE MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN?

The Rotary Membership Action Plan is an initiative of Zones 33/34.

[CLICK HERE](#) for recordings of "bite-sized" webinars that provide club leaders with actionable strategies, tried and proven, and **GUARANTEED** to help your club create a culture of consistent, moderate membership growth.

[REGISTER](#) for upcoming MAP Webinars on the same page.

CLUB TYPES, FORMATS, AND MODELS



All Rotary and Rotaract clubs share similar values and a passion for service, but each offers a unique experience. When you start a club, you'll need to choose a club type, a meeting format, and a club model. Look at the needs of your community and the club's prospective members to decide which kind of club would be best.

CLUB TYPES: First, determine whether your new club will be a Rotary club, a Rotaract club, a Rotaract club, or a Companion club.

Club Types	Description	Appeals to	Charter member minimum
Rotary club	Professionals and other leaders who meet regularly for service, connection, and personal growth.	People who are looking for networking, fellowship, friendship and service opportunities.	20 required
Satellite club	A section of a Rotary club that has its own meetings & projects run in collaboration with its sponsor club. May have its own bylaws and/or board. May decide to charter as an independent Rotary Club in the future.	Those who want a club experience, a meeting format or time other than what's offered by other clubs in the area but appreciate the support and partnership of another club	8 for a satellite Rotary club; no minimum for a satellite Rotaract club
Companion club	A type of Satellite club with no intent to separate from the Host Club	Similar to Satellite	12-15 recommended
Rotaract club	Young adults who take action through community and international service, learn leadership skills, and develop professionally.	Young professionals and university students who want to meet new people, find innovative solutions to pressing issues in their community, develop leadership skills, and have fun through service. Networking and meeting other community leaders can enhance personal growth	12 recommended

MEETING FORMATS: Next, determine whether your club will meet in person, online, or both.

Meeting Format	Description	Appeals to
In person	A club that traditionally meets in person-once a week. Some Clubs are switching to a blend of meetings, socials and service projects, or meeting only twice a month with meals optional or a combination of meetings, socials, and service projects.	Those who consider face-to-face interactions an important part of the meeting experience or who aren't comfortable with or don't enjoy online meetings
Virtual/E-Club	A club that meets primarily online, sometimes known as an E-Club	People who travel frequently, have circumstances that make it difficult to meet in person, or prefer an online experience
Hybrid	A club that holds some meetings in person and others online, or one that holds in-person meetings that some members attend virtually	Those who need flexible meeting options or who want a mix of meeting experiences



CLUB MODELS & MEMBERSHIP TYPES

CLUB MODELS: Finally, determine the approach or elements your club will offer. You can choose a model below or design your own.

Club Models	Description	Appeals to
Traditional	The traditional club meets weekly for a meal, a speaker, and the practice of traditions that members value; traditional clubs often have higher costs because of venue and meal costs. Some traditional Clubs are switching to twice a month with meals optional or a combination of meetings, socials, and service projects.	People who want to network with community leaders and socialize over a meal while learning about a new topic or an opportunity to serve the community
Cause-Based /Interest Based	A club whose members are passionate about a particular cause or interest and focus their service efforts in that area. No regular meals provided	People who want to network and connect with others while addressing a particular cause or interest to provide solutions or assistance. Time and expense of regular meetings may make this a better option.
IMPACT or “Service-Only”	The club’s primary mission is community service, perhaps seen as a “service-only” club without a commitment to traditional meetings, speakers, meals, etc.	An IMPACT club’s service-only focus without meeting requirements offers Rotary membership as an opportunity to those who cannot attend meetings for various reasons. Time and expense of regular meetings with meals may make this a better option.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES: Within ANY type of club, various member types can be defined by the Board of Directors

Member Types	Description	Characteristics
Active	One of two primary member types – Active and Honorary, recognized by Rotary International Different types of Active members are listed below	A full-fledged member of a Rotary club, eligible to hold office, chair committees, serve on the Board of Directors and hold other positions in the District, Zone and Rotary International May reduce meeting costs and/or time requirements
Active-Service/Service Choice	An option that a Club may offer, this allows a member of a traditional Club to participate as service only	
Corporate	Primary and Associate members, all of whom are Rotarians, and part of the same company	The Primary member is generally subject to membership and meal costs as well as other club Actives. Associates may be offered lower membership costs and/or allowed to pay for meals when attending. Full RI & District Dues are NOT changed, a Club may subsidize some costs.
Family	Primary and Associate members, all of whom are Rotarians, within the same immediate family	Primary and Associate relationships are similar to Corporate members. Full RI & District Dues are NOT changed, a Club may subsidize some costs.
R-85	An option for members with over 20 years of Rotary membership and whose age + Rotary years = 85	Exempt from attendance expectations. In clubs that pre-bill for meals, generally allowed to pay for meals when attending. Club Members must request this type of membership.
Honorary	A non-active member type recognized by Rotary International. Cannot serve as a Club officer.	Often used to honor leaders in the Community (Mayor, Police Chief, etc) or distinguished Rotarians who may not be able to regularly attend meetings. No costs or meals required.

Rotary Youth & Young Leader Programs

Building the Next Generation of Service Leaders

Rotary's youth and young leader programs create a powerful pipeline of service, leadership, and lifelong connection to Rotary. As club president, your support of these programs strengthens your club, develops future leaders, and expands Rotary's impact in your community.



What It Is: Interact is Rotary's service club for young people ages 12–18. Sponsored by a Rotary club, Interact clubs complete at least two service projects each year—one local and one international.

Why It Matters: Interact builds leadership, confidence, teamwork, and service values at an early age. Many Rotarians first connected to Rotary through Interact.

How Clubs Can Support: Sponsor and mentor a club, provide advisors, invite students to participate in Rotary projects, and recognize their achievements.

Planning Tip: Invite Interact leaders to present at one club meeting annually and involve them in your signature service projects.

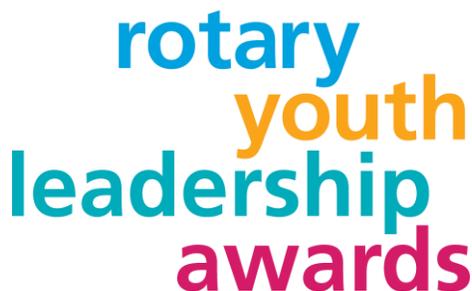


What It Is: Rotaract is Rotary's membership type for adults 18+. Clubs may be university or community-based and operate as full members of Rotary International.

Why It Matters: Rotaract expands Rotary's reach and builds a natural pathway into Rotary membership while developing young professionals as leaders.

How Clubs Can Support: Sponsor clubs, collaborate on service projects, provide mentorship, and create transition pathways into Rotary.

Planning Tip: Schedule at least one joint meeting or service project during your Rotary year.



What It Is: RYLA is a leadership development program for high school students. Clubs sponsor participants to attend a multi-day leadership experience focused on communication, ethics, and teamwork.

Why It Matters: RYLA is often life-changing for students, building confidence and leadership skills. Many alumni continue into Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary.

How Clubs Can Support: Sponsor students, invite participants to report back, and ensure cost is never a barrier to attendance.

Planning Tip: Budget early and schedule a post-RYLA presentation to energize your club.

rotary youth exchange

What It Is: Youth Exchange allows students ages 15–19 to live and study abroad for short- or

long-term exchanges, serving as ambassadors of their home country.

Why It Matters: The program builds global understanding and advances Rotary’s peacebuilding efforts through meaningful cultural exchange.

How Clubs Can Support: Sponsor outbound students, host inbound students, recruit host families, and assign

club counselors.

Planning Tip: Intentionally involve exchange students in club life and invite them to present about their culture.

Supporting youth and young leader programs strengthens your club’s visibility, builds future membership pipelines, and aligns with Rotary’s Action Plan to expand our reach and enhance participant engagement. When we invest in young leaders, we create lasting impact.



Governor's Project 2026–2027

Supporting OMNI International – Improving Maternal & Child Health in Zambia

This Rotary year, District 7720's Governor's Project will support OMNI International, a nonprofit organization working in Zambia to improve the health of mothers and babies and reduce birth complications.

OMNI International was founded by Karen Throckmorton, a dedicated Rotarian and member of the Rotary Club of Hertford, NC. Her work reflects the heart of Rotary—identifying a need, building partnerships, and creating sustainable solutions that save lives.

Why This Project Matters

In many rural areas of Zambia, women face pregnancy and childbirth without adequate prenatal care, trained medical support, or essential supplies. Preventable complications remain a significant cause of maternal and infant mortality. OMNI works to improve access to maternal healthcare, support training for healthcare workers, provide safe delivery resources, and strengthen education for mothers and families.

This effort aligns directly with Rotary's commitment to Maternal and Child Health. Healthy mothers strengthen families. Healthy babies strengthen communities.

Governor Sophie Szymeczek's Vision

DG Sophie Szymeczek has selected OMNI International as this year's Governor's Project because it represents both local Rotary leadership and global impact. A Rotarian from our own district is leading transformational work—and we have the opportunity to stand beside her.

Every club is encouraged to participate through financial contributions, fundraising events, awareness programs, or member engagement. Together, we can equip clinics, support healthcare training, provide life-saving delivery supplies, and help decrease preventable birth complications.

Supporting OMNI reflects our district theme: **Create Lasting Impact**. When we invest in maternal and child health, we invest in generations to come.

Tax Preparation Guidelines for Club Presidents

Each Rotary Club must file an annual federal tax return with the IRS. The Club President serving during the year the return is due is responsible for ensuring the proper form (990, 990-EZ, or 990-N) is filed accurately and on time. If your club has a foundation or charitable trust, a separate filing may also be required.

President's Tax Preparation Steps

1. **Confirm the Required Form:** Determine whether your club files Form 990-N (gross receipts ≤ \$50,000), 990-EZ (\$50,000–\$200,000), or 990 (over \$200,000). Confirm EIN and prior filings.
2. **Assign Responsibility Early:** At the start of your year, confirm who will prepare the return (Treasurer, CPA, etc.) and calendar the deadline.
3. **Review Financial Records:** Ensure accounts are reconciled, gross receipts and expenses are accurate, and board approvals are documented.
4. **Review & Sign:** The President signs Forms 990/990-EZ. For 990-N, obtain confirmation of electronic filing from the Treasurer.
5. **Send Copy to District:** Provide a scanned copy or confirmation to the District 7720 Treasurer.
6. **Track Deadlines:** Filing is generally due the 15th day of the 5th month after your fiscal year ends. Apply for extensions if needed.

North Carolina Note: NC does not require a separate state income tax return if a federal return is filed.

Failure to File: Failure to file for three consecutive years results in automatic revocation of federal tax-exempt status. Reinstatement is costly and may require filing as a taxable entity in the interim. This has happened to clubs in our district and is entirely preventable.

After filing, notify the District Treasurer to ensure compliance records remain current. Timely filing protects your club's nonprofit status and financial integrity.

SAVE THE DATES – District 7720

Governor's Installation

Thursday, May 28, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Farmville Depot
3762 W Wilson St
Farmville, NC 27828

District Membership & Foundation Seminar

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Beaufort Community College

District Conference 2026–2027

Weekend of April 16–18, 2027

Sea Trail Golf Resort & Convention Center
75 Clubhouse Road
Sunset Beach, NC 28468
Seatrail.com

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