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# Francesco Arezzo: Rotary's new president

## EDITOR'S NOTE

### Why we stopped the presses

In the news business, time is of the essence. But every now and then, last-minute developments force us to sacrifice deadlines to bring you the most timely information. Our July issue is a case in point.

As *Rotary* magazine was about to go to press in early June, we received news that Mário César Martins de Camargo had resigned and would not serve as Rotary's 2025-26 president so he could focus on personal and business matters at home in Brazil. Given that the July issue is dedicated to Rotary's new class of leaders, including articles that chronicle the life and work of the new RI president, we stopped the presses to update our pages while waiting to learn what would come next.

Within a week, President Stephanie Urchick (2024-25) convened a special session of the RI Board of Directors to address the unexpected leadership gap. Guided by RI's Code of Policies, they selected Francesco Arezzo of Italy to lead our organization in the coming Rotary year.

Because we delayed publication, we're able to introduce RI President Arezzo, albeit rather briefly, in this special handbook issue. A more in-depth feature will come in September once we meet up with President Arezzo and his family and dive deep into his Rotary journey. Until then, please check [rotary.org/magazine](https://rotary.org/magazine) or the *Rotary Voices* podcast for updates.

We join the rest of the Rotary world in congratulating President Arezzo. As he inspires clubs with the message *Unite for Good*, we'll bring you comprehensive coverage ... in a timely fashion.

**WEN HUANG**

*Editor in chief, Rotary magazine*



**F**rancesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. Arezzo took office on 1 July.

The Board selected Arezzo in a special session following the unexpected resignation of RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on 8 June. Arezzo was chosen from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain *Unite for Good*, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background — across races, religions, and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa. Arezzo founded the Ragusa chapter of Fondo Ambiente Italiano (the National Trust for Italy), which focuses on the preservation of Italy's cultural and environmental heritage. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative. He is a Major Donor and a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. Arezzo is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children. ■







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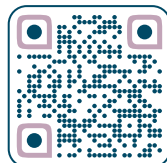
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### Nora Zei

*Chief Member  
& Participant  
Experience Officer*

**I grew up in East Troy**, a farming community in Wisconsin. My parents came from large families in Chicago and craved a quieter lifestyle. I had a carefree childhood. My siblings and I roamed freely, riding our bikes or running through fields. It was a close-knit community. My parents were generous volunteers and instilled in us a strong ethos of helping others, which was why I later became a Rotary member.

**I never felt isolated.** My parents were actively involved in AFS, an exchange program for high school students similar to Rotary Youth Exchange, which brought us exposure to the outside world. Every year, our town hosted three to five international students from places such as Thailand, Costa Rica, Belgium, the former Yugoslavia, and Paraguay. My parents worked as liaisons for these students, so I learned about their cultures over many visits to our home and developed lifelong friendships with them.

**As a result, my siblings and I began developing a strong interest in exploring the world.** My sister spent one year of high school in France, my brother did a short exchange to Russia, and I went on a summer exchange to New Zealand. In 1996, I was awarded a scholarship from Kikkoman Corp., the famous Japanese soy sauce maker, which has a plant in Wisconsin. I studied in Tokyo on a summer program, which fostered my independence. It was amazing to see how a gigantic, crowded city like Tokyo can be so organized and safe. I love the Japanese tradition of showing respect to each other through body language and verbal communication.

**I studied history at Loyola University Chicago.** After graduation, I traveled



around South America for eight months to improve my Spanish and stayed in Paraguay with the family of a girl my family had hosted years before. Upon returning to Chicago, I knew I wanted to work for an international nonprofit.

**I first learned about Rotary in 2002**, while babysitting for a former RI staff member in Evanston. Having studied up on Rotary and its history, I felt compelled to apply. I started out in the Programs department and moved up to become an international training manager. To further broaden my horizons, I attended the University of Chicago Booth School of Business in 2008. The program was competitive and intense. While working a day job, I took night and weekend classes and earned an MBA in strategic management in three years.

**In 2015, I joined the Rotary Club of Chicago Cosmopolitan**, a satellite club of Rotary One, the first Rotary club, which Paul Harris established in 1905. Our club's flexible model has made it more accessible for younger professionals. At that time, I had taken on more leadership roles at RI and believed I could benefit





**Clockwise from left:** Nora Zei travels in Hoi An, Vietnam; volunteers with fellow Rotary members at Inspiration Kitchen in Chicago; and poses with classmates in Tokyo in 1996.

from firsthand club experience. Being in Rotary helps me understand the common challenges facing clubs and their leaders, and what kind of practical tools and support those leaders need.

**My club just celebrated its 10th anniversary in June** while I was the club president. I help organize one service project per month. We partner with nongovernmental organizations in Chicago, supporting their projects. We just received our first global grant to support Forging Opportunities for Refugees in America. Our project intends to accelerate learning for children of refugees, mostly from Afghanistan and Myanmar, so they can reach their full potential and contribute to our community.

**Although I now live in a big city, I still bike a lot.** I've participated in El Tour de Tucson to raise money for polio. I volunteer at Working Bike, which refurbishes and donates bikes to children and adults in Chicago and abroad so they can bike to school or work. The organization also trains locals to become skillful mechanics who can do repairs and make the bikes more sustainable. Once a year, my club

members and I work at the group's huge bike warehouse where I have learned how to fix bikes and do basic maintenance.

**I continue to love international travel.** During the COVID-19 lockdown, I realized how much I missed traveling. Shortly after the restrictions lifted, I went to Ghana to see a close friend. We traversed the country and I loved the warmth of the people and their vibrant culture.

**At Rotary, my teams help grow our organization** by working with clubs to bring value to members and enhance their club experience. Whether through service, leadership development, or networking, they can experience tangible benefits, which will motivate people to join and stay. We also provide direct support for members, especially our club and district leaders, coaching and advising them. We also build tools and platforms, such as My Rotary and Rotary Club Central, to empower Rotary leaders, so they can manage clubs efficiently, set goals, and share their accomplishments proudly. Our Service Project Center enables members to share their projects and learn about service opportunities. ■

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The RI Board of Directors manages Rotary International affairs and funds in accordance with the RI Constitution and Bylaws. Directors are nominated by their zones and elected to two-year terms. Nine new directors, along with the president and the president-elect, join the Board on 1 July.



**Francesco Arezzo**

President  
Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy

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On 14 June, the Board selected Francesco Arezzo to serve as 2025-26 Rotary International president. Read his bio on page 1.



**SangKoo Yun**

President-elect  
Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Korea

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SangKoo Yun grew up in Seoul, where his father, a prominent political

activist, served as the country's president in the early 1960s. Instead of entering politics like his father, Yun traveled to the United States to pursue his interest in architecture. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture at Syracuse University in New York.

When he returned to Korea in the late 1980s, Yun founded Dongsuh Corp., which engineers and markets architectural materials. His business flourished during the construction boom before the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. Later, he started the Youngan Corp., a real estate and investment venture.

Yun joined Rotary in 1987, helping to start the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang. From the beginning, he worked to promote Rotary Youth Exchange and served on his district's scholarship committee. These interests evolved into a lifelong passion for community service, especially international service.

For eight years, Yun served as co-chair of the Keep Mongolia Green initiative. This project planted windbreak forests in the Gobi Desert to combat dust storms. The initiative's success helped inspire the Mongolian government to plant a

2,700-kilometer (1,680-mile) "Great Green Wall" to counter desertification. Yun received a Friendship Medal from the president of Mongolia.

Yun was recognized by Queen Elizabeth II as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. The president and prime minister of Korea presented him with an award for distinguished services.

Yun has served Rotary as a director, trustee, committee chair, and learning facilitator. He has also served as moderator of the International Assembly, chair of the Foundation's Executive and Programs Committees, member of the Strategic Planning Committee, and member of the nominating committee for RI president. In support of polio eradication, Yun is regional vice chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee and a PolioPlus national advocacy adviser. He has also represented the Rotary International president at 17 Rotary events around the world.

Yun chaired the Host Organization Committee for the Rotary International Convention in Seoul and received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award. He and his spouse, Eunsun Yang Yun, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society, the Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

Yun is a trustee of the Yun Posun Memorial Foundation, chair of the Seoul Spring Festival of Chamber Music, and a director of the United Nations Association of the Republic of Korea.



**Alain Van de Poel**

Vice President  
Rotary Club of Wezembeek-Kraainem, Belgium

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Alain Van de Poel is the owner of Cocoonpoel

SRL, a distributor of bathroom supplies and fixtures. He established the company in 2005. His previous experience includes management positions in the fields of banking, publishing, and human resources. He also ran a consultancy focused on management programs within the European Commission.

Van de Poel holds a degree in com-

mercial management and marketing from Institut Supérieur de Commerce Saint-Louis in Brussels. He completed management courses and earned a certificate in manager coaching at the Institut Catholique des Hautes Études Commerciales in Brussels.

During the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, Van de Poel resumed law school studies. He is a former member of the general assembly of Collège Saint-Michel, a Jesuit secondary school in Etterbeek, and a member of the Export Commission of the Brussels Chamber of Commerce.

In 1992, Van de Poel helped start the club where he is still a member. He is proud of club projects that include hosting Christmas dinner for older people who are alone and raising more than 100,000 euros in less than 48 hours to help purchase respirators for a Brussels hospital during the pandemic.

Van de Poel has chaired district membership and Rotary Foundation committees and has been active in regional Rotary groups, serving as director of the Coordination Center for French-speaking Governors and as honorary chair of Rotary BeLux Services, the publisher of *Rotary Contact*, Rotary's official regional magazine in Belgium and Luxembourg. He also served as a Council on Legislation representative and co-chair of the Rotary Leadership Institute in Europe.

As a reserve officer in the Belgian armed forces, Van de Poel helped teach recruits how to read and write, which taught him the power of humility. "If everyone were more humble, the world would be much better," Van de Poel says. "Just because I am an RI director does not mean I know Rotary better than anyone else, so I must always learn from the members of Rotary."

Van de Poel says he is passionate about three things in Rotary: regional adaptability, Rotary's core values, and The Four-Way Test, which was always on display in his offices.

For years, he was active as a scout leader in Belgium's scouting association. He enjoys golf, Alpine skiing, reading philosophy and history books, and listening to classical music.

A recipient of the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritori-

ous Service, he supports the Foundation as a Paul Harris Fellow.



#### **Patrick Eakes**

Treasurer  
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of Crescent  
(Greensboro),  
North Carolina  
♦ ♦ ♦

Patrick Eakes,  
a professional

engineer, is the owner of C.P. Eakes Co., a custom metal fabricator he formed in 1996 that supplies metalwork in construction and manufacturing. He is a graduate of North Carolina State University, having earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering.

Eakes joined Rotary in 1998, on Rotary's anniversary. He says he was initially drawn to Rotary for the service opportunities and stayed in part because of the organization's impact on him and his family. He has served Rotary as International Assembly learning facilitator, Rotary coordinator, assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, leadership seminar chair, innovative club advocate, and vice chair of the Carolinas' presidents-elect training seminar.

Eakes has also led membership development and success initiatives with the Membership Action Plan Committee for Zones 33 and 34. The panel hosts monthly peer-to-peer webinars and has developed online tools that use real-time data and predictive analysis to assist clubs with setting goals and gauging overall club health.

One of Eakes' favorite roles was assistant governor, when he first experienced the power of Rotary beyond his club. "I saw Rotary in all its forms and made incredible friendships outside my club," Eakes says. "To this day — and it's been 20 years — if I walk into any of those clubs, I am greeted as if I were a member there."

Eakes is proud of his club's strong Rotary Foundation support. With his leadership, at one time, each of its 125 members was a Benefactor, a Sustaining Member, and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Eakes and his wife, Kristen, support Children of Vietnam, a local organization that provides education, nutritious

meals, clean water, and medical support for thousands of children in Vietnam.

Eakes enjoys golf and served for two years as president of Sedgfield Country Club, where he helped move a PGA Tour event back to the course. His other hobbies include travel and appreciating wine.

Eakes has received RI's Service Above Self Award and belongs to the Membership Society. He has also earned The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and Citation for Meritorious Service. He and Kristen are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society and Paul Harris Society.



#### **Christine Buering**

Director 2025-27  
Rotary Club of  
Altenburg, Germany  
♦ ♦ ♦

Fostering international connections and increasing opportunities for

women are central to the work Christine Buering has been doing for nearly three decades. She believes that Rotary is the most amazing platform. "In Rotary, you can bring together people who have never spoken before, and a fruitful conversation begins," Buering says.

Born in southern Germany, Buering pursued tourism studies at the Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne in Switzerland, followed by studies in Mexico and Spain. She worked in public relations and marketing in London and Paris before returning to the newly reunified Germany in the early 1990s. Moving to Altenburg, a 1,000-year-old city in former East Germany, she fell in love with the region and her husband, Alexander, a lawyer.

In 1994, Buering founded Altenburger Tourismus, helping to build and promote regional tourism in eastern Germany after decades of closed borders. Her company offers immersive tours showcasing Altenburg's rich history, culture, and traditions, with a focus on local people, foods, startups, and card games.

Buering joined Rotary in 1995 when she co-founded her club with her husband and others. "We were a young club — most of us in our early 30s — who wanted to bring the East and West together," she says. "Rotary, for us, was a link to the world."



Passionate about gender equality, Buering helped found the Rotary Action Group for Menstrual Health and Hygiene and was a member of the group that started the Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award in 2017. The award, adopted by Rotary International in 2021, honors one Rotary member each year who has actively worked to advance women in Rotary. "I've been the first woman in a lot of things I have worked on," Buering says. "In East Germany, if you wanted leaders, they were often women, so it felt natural to have women join Rotary."

Buering has served as a learning facilitator, Council on Legislation representative, and RI president's representative, among other roles. She is the first woman from a German-speaking country to be elected to the RI Board and hopes to help shape the perception of Rotary in society. "I am a woman from the east, from a small town, who owns a small business," she says with pride.

Outside Rotary, Buering serves as vice president of the regional chamber of commerce. She chaired the tourism council of the German chambers of commerce, breaking barriers as its first female chair.

An avid reader, especially on historical topics, Buering enjoys walking through cities while traveling. She supports The Rotary Foundation as a Major Donor.



**Christine Etienne**  
Director 2024-26  
Rotary Club of  
Petoskey, Michigan

Chris Etienne is an associate broker with Harbor Sotheby's Interna-

tional Realty and director of leasing for the Village at Bay Harbor. With her husband, Dennis Lindeman, she also owns a retail business, Linde Furniture.

Etienne graduated from the University of Maryland after studying at its campus in Heidelberg, Germany, and earned her master's degree in business administration from Lake Superior State University. She worked in the banking industry for 15 years before transitioning into real estate.

A recipient of the Realtor of the Year Award from the Emmet Association

of Realtors, Etienne is a past president of the organization and serves on its board. She also serves as vice chair of the North Central Michigan College board of trustees and on the board of the North Central Michigan College Foundation. While chairing the Michigan Women's Commission, she worked on projects that support female veterans and victims of human trafficking. Etienne received an Athena Award in 2007.

Etienne joined Rotary in 1990, when she relocated to a new community for work. "Most of my best friends today are people I met through Rotary," Etienne says. "A lot of people like me join for the networking but end up staying because of the relationships and service."

About three years into her membership, Etienne was invited to a district conference where she became aware of the international reach of Rotary and its Foundation. She championed the sponsorship of her district's first inbound Ambassadorial Scholar from Afghanistan, who she says became a part of her family. That scholar later earned a master's degree from Grand Valley State University, returned home to teach at Nangarhār University, and joined a Rotary club.

Etienne has volunteered during National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria, experiences that she found to be life-changing. "It's so rewarding to see what you accomplish by being part of an organization like Rotary," she says.

Etienne has served Rotary as a training leader, president's representative, Rotary coordinator, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and Convention Promotion Committee member. She has moderated the Global Support Seminar and Global Philanthropy Seminar. Etienne currently serves on the board of directors for the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group as well as on the steering committee of the Haiti National Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Initiative. Through that effort, her district has a partnership with the Rotary Club of Memorial des Gonaives in Haiti.

Etienne has received The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award. She and her husband are Major Donors. When they're not working, they enjoy sailing on the Great Lakes.



**Brian Hall**  
Director 2025-27  
Rotary Club  
of Covington,  
Louisiana

Brian Hall is director of development at Attivo

ERP, where he specializes in integrating business systems. After earning his accounting degree from Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi, he initially set out to become a certified public accountant but later transitioned into computer programming and enterprise resource planning, eventually co-founding AIM Technologies in 2000.

Following a personal health scare, Hall was driven by a desire to make a greater impact. After a trip to Russia, where he volunteered in orphanages, he returned home with a deepened commitment to service. It was while he was establishing a nonprofit to support humanitarian efforts that he connected with members of the Rotary Club of Covington, and he joined the club in 2007.

His first leadership role in Rotary was chairing a circus fundraiser. Since then, Hall has participated in and helped lead numerous initiatives. One of the most notable projects of his club is an annual holiday meal program that provides fully cooked turkey dinners to thousands of families. Working with partners, the club has expanded the project to serve more than 6,000 people each Christmas, helping alleviate food insecurity during school breaks.

Hall has been an active leader in the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group for more than eight years, currently serving as chair-elect. "Bringing clean water to a village is something that creates generational change," he says. "If you do the project correctly so that the project is sustainable, you affect the trajectory of that village for generations."

Since serving as governor of District 6840 in 2014-15, Hall has taken on multiple leadership roles, including as an RI president's representative, a training leader at the International Assembly, and a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers. His favorite assignments include serving as sergeant-at-arms at five Rotary International Conventions.

“That’s one of the hardest, most physically demanding jobs because it is from morning to night,” he says. “But you get to help people have an amazing convention.”

With a background in business and technology, Hall brings a unique perspective to Rotary’s Board of Directors. As chair of the Joint Technology Committee of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, he is focused on strengthening Rotary’s information technology infrastructure and digital strategy.

“The real story of your time as a leader is not told during your time when you’re in that position,” he says. “The story is told afterward, in the results, and it’s told in the people that follow you who say, ‘You inspired me.’”

Hall is a recipient of Rotary’s Service Above Self Award. He has also received The Rotary Foundation’s Citation for Meritorious Service, and he and his wife, Lynn, are Major Donors.

In his spare time, he enjoys gaming and outdoor grilling with Lynn.



**Jung-Hyun Lee**

Director 2025-27  
Rotary Club of  
Hwasung Taeon,  
Korea

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Jung-Hyun Lee has dedicated his life to education,

beginning his career as a high school teacher. He went on to become an instructor for college entrance exams at prestigious preparatory schools, playing a pivotal role in shaping Seoul’s renowned Noryangjin school district.

As part of this effort, Lee founded his own institution in Seoul, the Hanssem Academy, where he continues to serve as chairman of the board. His passion for empowering youth and expanding educational access led him to establish California University of Management and Sciences in San Diego. This institution, designed with affordability in mind, offers scholarships and lower tuition to provide opportunities for students from developing regions of the world.

Lee has been a Rotary member since 2003. An avid supporter of and fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation, he has served as assistant regional Rotary

Foundation coordinator. While serving as governor of District 3750 in 2014-15, he led a fundraising campaign that set a record with more than US\$1.5 million in contributions, nearly doubling the previous record. That campaign started a powerful philanthropic tradition for the district. Each year since, its total giving has topped US\$1.2 million.

Lee is also a champion of digital literacy. Recognizing the need to bridge the digital divide, he initiated scholarships and launched free computer education programs for underserved populations. He has also extended digital literacy to his volunteering in Rotary. As chair of Rotary Korea’s committee on information technology, he spearheaded digitalization efforts that significantly increased member registrations on My Rotary, growing participation from 15 percent to 70 percent. The aim was to enhance engagement and strengthen member communication and networking opportunities through improved technological integration.

Another interest of Lee’s is Rotary’s area of focus on the environment. Through Rotary, he has organized tree-planting campaigns, river cleanups, and seminars to promote awareness of sustainability and ecological responsibility.

His wife, Young-Ran Won, is a survivor of ovarian cancer, and they lead a support group for cancer patients and their families to provide guidance and hope to others navigating similar challenges.

Lee further expresses his commitment to The Rotary Foundation through his membership in the Arch Klumph Society, which he joined in 2020. “To me, Rotary is a blessing and a mission,” says Lee. “It’s also been the greatest reward of my life.”



**Naomi Luan-Fong Lin**

Director 2024-26  
Rotary Club of  
Taipei Lily, Taiwan

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Naomi Luan-Fong Lin is general manager of Lite-

Puter Enterprise Co. Ltd., a brand of energy-saving lighting control systems she started in 1978. The company manufactures and distributes products such as dimmers for hotels, shopping malls, and

museums in more than 60 countries. It has earned numerous awards, including the Good Design Award and the PLASA Award for Product Excellence.

A speaker of four languages (Mandarin, Taiwanese Hokkien, English, and Japanese), Lin holds bachelor’s degrees in Japanese literature and international trade from Chinese Culture University in Taipei. She also earned academic credits in the master’s program in business administration at National Taipei University and has served as president of the alumni association of its Department of Business Administration. Lin served as president of the Northern District Fellowship for the Council for Industrial and Commercial Development. Her professional recognition includes the Model of Chinese Youth Entrepreneurs Award and the Taiwan Excellence Award.

Lin joined Rotary in 2004 as the first president of the Rotary Club of Taipei Lily. She enjoys mentoring new members and clubs as well as organizing fundraisers for Rotary. Working with seven districts, she helped organize an End Polio Cycling Tour in Taiwan, which raised more than US\$271,000 for The Rotary Foundation and the PolioPlus Fund. As district governor, Lin helped establish 17 Rotary clubs and 16 satellite clubs, welcoming 565 new members. That year, she also led her district in raising US\$1.5 million for The Rotary Foundation.

She has served in senior leadership roles in the Taiwan Rotary Clubs Association and the Taiwan Rotary Council of Past Governors. She has also been active in Rotary internationally in numerous roles, including as RI president’s representative, assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, assistant Rotary coordinator, Peace Major Gifts Initiative Committee member, and endowment/major gifts adviser. She was also a Rotary institute vice chair and co-convenor of the 2024 Taipei Rotary institute.

Lin says one of her most fulfilling assignments in Rotary so far was serving as endowment/major gifts adviser for Zone 9. “This role allowed me to contribute to Rotary’s global initiatives and work closely with leaders from diverse backgrounds,” she says. In her leisure time, Lin is an avid reader and walker.

Lin has received the Service Above Self Award. She and her husband, Louis Hsu Kun-Pai, a past district governor, support

The Rotary Foundation as Arch Klumph Society members and Major Donors.



**Isao "Mick" Mizuno**

Director 2024-26  
Rotary Club of  
Tokyo Tobihino,  
Japan

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Isao "Mick"  
Mizuno is presi-  
dent of Chiyoda

Unyu, which supplies parts to the automobile and trucking industries with branches throughout Japan. He assumed leadership of the company in 1986. His father founded it in 1953.

After graduating from Keio University in 1975, Mizuno earned his master's degree in business administration from the same institution. He worked for three years in the planning division at Seven & i Holdings, the largest retail company in Japan and the operator of 7-Eleven stores in the U.S. He then worked as secretary for the company's founder, Masatoshi Ito, for two years. "Ito-san taught me so many things," Mizuno says.

At age 44, Mizuno chaired the Japan Automobile Transporters Association, making him the youngest chair in the association's history at that time. He currently serves as vice chair of the Tokyo Trucking Association. Previous roles with professional associations have included chair of both the Japan Trucking Association and the Japan Automobile Transport Technology Association, where he helped initiate a nationwide education and accreditation system under the sponsorship of the Japanese government for the development of skilled drivers. Mizuno received the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, decoration from the emperor of Japan in recognition of his contributions to the transportation industry.

Mizuno joined Rotary in 1989 as a charter member of his club, which was sponsored by his father's club. He has served RI as Rotary coordinator, training leader, regional membership plan project leader, and RI president's representative (nine times). Since 2018, he has served as the host area coordinator for the Rotary Peace Center at International Christian University in Tokyo.

Mizuno says that he strongly believes

in the power of making connections in Rotary. "There are so many people doing good all over the world — it makes me happy," he says. "That is part of the magic of Rotary."

He was asked by Hino's mayor to lead a spring cherry blossom festival in the city, and he enlisted his club to support the event as volunteers. Mizuno is also a donor and past vice chair of the Rotary Yoneyama Scholarship for Overseas Candidates, a large scholarship program for international students in Japan. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, playing golf, and food crawls.

He supports the Foundation as a Major Donor and Paul Harris Society member.



**M. "MMM"**

**Muruganandam**

Director 2025-27  
Rotary Club of Bhel  
City Tiruchirapalli,  
India

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M. Muruganandam,  
widely known as

"MMM" or "Triple M," is an entrepreneur with over 30 years of expertise in supply chain management. As founder and chair of Excel Maritime, he has expanded operations across 18 cities in India and to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia. Today, the Excel Group of Companies spans various markets, including human resources, renewable energy, health care, and agriculture.

MMM holds degrees from the Indian Institution of Industrial Engineering in Mumbai and is a chartered engineer. He also holds a master's degree from Birla Institute of Technology and Science in Pilani, India; a Master of Business Administration from Indira Gandhi National Open University; and a Master of Foreign Trade from Pondicherry University.

His Rotary journey began at 16 in Rotaract. One of his first service projects was administering drops of polio vaccine in remote villages, including a river community not far from his home. "Whenever I pass by that community, I still get goose bumps thinking of what we did there," he says.

MMM became a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation while still a Rotaractor. In 2016-17, as one of the youngest governors of District 3000, he

spearheaded record-breaking initiatives, including some recognized by Guinness World Records, to commemorate the Foundation's centennial. These initiatives raised awareness about literacy, road safety, blood and organ donation, and self-defense training for girls. He also played a pivotal role in establishing 99 Rotaract clubs, 250 Interact clubs, and 100 Rotary Community Corps in his district. Throughout his Rotary leadership, he has led and supported numerous service projects dedicated to literacy, health care, youth, and women.

He and his company have been recognized in numerous business magazines, including *The Leaders Globe*, *Daily Shipping Times*, and *Silicon India*. He was featured on the cover of *The CEO Magazine* as one of India's top 20 most inspiring business leaders in the logistics and supply chain industry.

Outside of Rotary, MMM leads the Excel Foundation, which champions education, health care, sports programs, and skill development for marginalized groups. Its cornerstone project, a 75-bed comprehensive cancer hospital set to open in 2026, will make basic health treatment accessible to rural communities.

He has served in numerous Rotary positions, including as Rotary public image coordinator for Zone 5 and RI president's representative. He is the recipient of RI's Vocational Service Leadership Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

MMM and his wife, Sumathi, a member of the same Rotary club, support The Rotary Foundation as members of the Arch Klumph Society.

His personal motto is "Say yes to Rotary!" reflecting his core belief that Rotary transforms lives. "In Rotary, an ordinary person can become an extraordinary leader with the leadership opportunities we offer," he says.



**K.P. Nagesh**

Director 2025-27  
Rotary Club  
of Bangalore  
Highgrounds, India

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K.P. Nagesh is an  
entrepreneur and  
founder of UNIQ

Security Solutions, a company that



employs more than 10,000 workers and serves over 500 clients across southern India. He has also established Uniq Skill Development Academy in Ramanagara district, which provides vocational training to rural youths, helping them secure employment in the uniformed services and the corporate sector.

After earning a degree in mechanical engineering at PES College of Engineering in Mandya, Nagesh served as a short service commissioned officer in the Indian Air Force, where he gained valuable experience in leadership, discipline, and time management.

Nagesh joined Rotary in 1995. While serving as governor of District 3190 in 2015-16, he led initiatives that resulted in the addition of about 2,000 members and 52 new clubs while increasing the representation of women. Under his leadership as governor, the district also achieved the highest total contribution to The Rotary Foundation worldwide during that year.

He has served Rotary in various leadership roles, including assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, endowment/major gifts adviser, and member of the executive committee of Rotary India Water Mission.

Nagesh is passionate about fundraising for The Rotary Foundation. His goal is for India to become a US\$100 million-giving country, with every district giving at least US\$1 million.

“Rotary made a huge difference in my life, and now I want to give back to Rotary and take it to more and more people,” Nagesh says.

Among the numerous national awards and recognitions Nagesh has received are the President’s Medal for Meritorious Service as commandant for Home Guards, the President’s Medal for Distinguished Service as commanding officer and chief warden of civil defense, the Chief Minister’s Medal for Meritorious Service in civil defense, and the Entrepreneur of the Year Award from the Central Association of Private Security Industry. He was also honored with the Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya Global Leadership Award for excellence in environmental work, social service, and education by the Power Development and Energy Research Institute.

Nagesh is a recipient of RI’s Service Above Self Award. He and his wife, Uma,

a computer science engineer, are active supporters of The Rotary Foundation as members of the Arch Klumph Society Chair’s Circle.



**Salvador Rizzo Tavares**

Director 2024-26  
Rotary Club of  
Monterrey Carlos  
Canseco, Mexico

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Salvador Rizzo  
Tavares is CEO

of Grupo Rizzo, which he established in 1987 as an office equipment wholesaler. The group now has four companies and specializes in supplying hardware and software for private companies, educational institutions, and governments. Among his professional accomplishments is the creation of Aula Inteligente technology that has been used in more than 120,000 classrooms in public elementary schools in Mexico. In collaboration with Intel, he also helped develop the Classmate student laptop, more than 200,000 of which have been sold in Latin America.

Rizzo Tavares joined Rotary in 1989 at age 27. His mentor was Past RI President Carlos Canseco, who imparted extensive knowledge about Rotary during their travels throughout Mexico and the region. Rizzo Tavares has focused on connecting Rotary members, engaging young professionals, and enhancing members’ understanding of the organization. He has served RI as a Rotary coordinator, member of the New Generations Committee, and training leader. He also established leadership institutes in 11 countries and led them for 10 years, training more than 5,000 Rotary members.

He is dedicated to strengthening Rotary in his region. “I want to promote the growth and development of Rotary in Latin America and Spanish-speaking countries,” he says.

Rizzo Tavares has led global grant projects to address eating disorders, resolve environmental problems, and provide equipment to detect prostate cancer, among others.

He has served his community in the Monterrey area as a member of an arts organization that fights pediatric cancer.

He volunteered for Acciones en Cadena (“Chain Reactions”), which runs programs to protect youths from alcoholism, tobacco, drugs, and eating disorders.

An avid sports fan, Rizzo Tavares is a former golfer and soccer player, and multiple marathon runner.

He and his partner, Esmeralda, are Rotary Foundation Major Donors, Benefactors, Paul Harris Fellows, and Bequest Society members.

Rizzo Tavares has three children, Anna María, Salvador, and Paulina, and three grandchildren, Enrique, Regina, and Santiago.



**César Luis Scherer**

Director 2025-27  
Rotary Club of  
Marechal Cândido  
Rondon-Beira Lago,  
Brazil

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César Luis Scherer  
is an entrepre-

neur and accountant with extensive experience in financial management, strategic planning, and administration. He is the founder and director of a thriving accounting firm and served as a professor of accounting for 29 years at the State University of Western Paraná (UNIOESTE) in Brazil. While at UNIOESTE, he also served as vice rector of administration and development and on the board of trustees.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from the Faculty of Human Sciences of Marechal Cândido Rondon in Paraná, Brazil, and completed postgraduate and doctoral studies in auditing and financial management at UNIOESTE and Universidad Del Museo Social Argentino in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

A Rotarian since 2003, Scherer learned the true meaning of Rotary early in his career when he lost his checkbook during a move. While seeking help at a local bank, he discovered the manager was a Rotarian who, upon hearing his situation, not only assisted but also offered his home for Scherer to stay in while he looked for an apartment. “This selflessness deeply moved me and shaped my Rotary journey,” Scherer says.

As District 4640 governor in 2009-10, Scherer led a membership expansion strategy that resulted in the formation of



new clubs. His efforts helped the district become the largest in Latin America, with approximately 3,200 members as of early 2025.

Scherer is also dedicated to leadership development, having served as a training leader at the International Assembly and lead instructor at governors-elect learning seminars. He has also served as Rotary coordinator and chair of the Rotary institute of Brazil.

As an accountant, Scherer brings an analytical and strategic approach to the RI Board, as he has done with membership development. He firmly believes that successful clubs thrive on purpose and mission. "If there is no purpose, there is no reason to meet," he says. "Clubs that function well are those that have a clear goal and are actively working toward it."

Outside of Rotary, Scherer enjoys traveling with his family and spending time at the beach. His two daughters have participated in Rotary Youth Exchange, reflecting his family's strong connection to Rotary's mission.

Scherer is a recipient of a Citation of Meritorious Service from The Rotary Foundation. He and his wife, Sônia, support The Rotary Foundation as Major Donors.



**Jennifer A. Scott**  
Director 2025-27  
Rotary Club of  
Central Blue  
Mountains, Australia  
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Jennifer A. Scott is a lawyer, mediator, and conflict

resolution specialist with experience in environmental law. She holds a law degree and a Master of Laws in environmental law from Macquarie University, as well as a Master of Dispute Resolution from Western Sydney University, where she was recently named a Community Fellow.

A Rotarian since 1996, Scott has held numerous leadership roles starting with her term as governor of District 9685 in 2007-08. She has served as a training leader, seminar trainer, and moderator at the 2022 International Assembly. She has also been a member of Rotary's Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Election Review Committee, and 2019 Hamburg

Convention Committee. Scott chaired the 2024 Singapore Convention Committee and currently serves as regional vice chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee. She is also a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers.

Scott became more deeply connected to Rotary's humanitarian efforts during a National Immunization Day in Chandigarh, India, where she witnessed firsthand the impact of polio eradication efforts. "There were thousands of us out there, immunizing millions of children under the age of 5 within those couple of weeks, and I was part of it."

She and her husband, Ian, have also been active in Sustainable Cambodia. This Rotary-led initiative empowers communities in rural Cambodia through an integrated approach of education, clean water access, and sustainable agriculture. The project has so far helped 56 communities to become self-sustaining with a pathway to future growth and assisted with the education of 2,400 students in the six project schools, with 460 of the students heading to university. "We support the teachers, support the students and their families, and work with the villagers, and the project just keeps expanding," Scott says.

Scott has also played a key role in advancing legal frameworks in Mongolia, leading a vocational training team to train judges and social workers in family mediation. Her collaboration with Mongolian members of Rotary contributed to the development of a national Family Law Act, now progressing through Mongolia's parliament.

In both her professional life and Rotary service, Scott advocates for fostering open dialogue and addressing conflicts before they escalate. "Imagine a world without conflict — there'd be no change," Scott says. "You need to be able to disagree in a healthy way, listen to other ideas, and have difficult conversations when they matter."

In 2023, Scott was recognized as a Member of the Order of Australia, an honor her husband, a retired air commodore of the Royal Australian Air Force, also received in 1996.

Scott is an avid hiker, trail runner, and gardener. She has completed pilgrimage routes in Europe to the tomb of St. James in Spain.

She and her husband, also a Rotarian and past district governor (2014-15), are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society. She has been recognized with The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.



**Wyn Spiller**  
Director 2025-27  
Rotary Club of Grass  
Valley, California  
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A Louisiana native and daughter of a Rotarian, Wyn Spiller earned a

psychology degree from Louisiana State University. She began her career teaching. After moving to California with her husband, she co-owned a children's clothing store before transitioning into a local winery business founded in part by her family.

As the chief executive officer and board chair of Nevada City Winery in Nevada City, California, she led a major transformation, overseeing its consolidation and incorporation, along with a historic restoration and expansion of the winery's production facility. The project earned an award for best new construction in the historic downtown. She retired in 2014.

A dedicated Rotarian and proud member of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley since 1994, Spiller has held numerous leadership roles, including endowment/major gifts adviser, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, RI president's representative, facilitator for the International Assembly, and 2022 Council on Legislation learning leader. She brings expertise in governance, strategic planning, and team building to her Rotary service and believes the best leadership provides opportunities to others and empowers them to flourish.

Traveling to India to participate in National Immunization Days, meeting global partners, and administering lifesaving drops of polio vaccine have deepened her commitment to ending polio forever. Drawn to international service, she has supported grant development and training, and she participated in hospital-related projects in Mexico and Uganda. In 2005, she and her hus-

band traveled to a remote area of Uganda near the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest to support a small hospital that began with IV bags hanging from trees. A lasting memory for Spiller is experiencing the exact moment that a critically ill child's life changed for the better.

Spiller's commitment to peacebuilding includes supporting the Rotary Peace Centers, connecting with Rotary Peace Fellows, and helping build an endowed fund for peace. A strong advocate for Rotary Youth Exchange, she has chaired her district Youth Exchange committee and enjoyed being a host mom. "Peace is up to each one of us. Together, I truly believe we can transform our world."

Spiller is active in her community outside of Rotary as treasurer of the North Star Historic Conservancy, which manages and restores the historic North Star House, one of the earliest designs by Julia Morgan, California's first licensed female architect. Spiller also enjoys traveling and spending time with her three grown children and two grandchildren.

Spiller is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Steve, are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society, and PolioPlus Society.



**Suzan Stenberg**

Director 2024-26  
Rotary Club of  
Östersund Åre,  
Sweden

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Suzan Stenberg  
owns a consulting  
firm dedicated to

business development and management training for university students. She also runs summer school programs for teenagers and teaches them entrepreneurship, innovation, economics, and business law.

A former Rotary Youth Exchange student in Manhattan, Kansas, Stenberg took sales and marketing courses at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., before returning to Sweden to work in information technology. At Microsoft, she worked in business development before moving into learning and training, where she helped start the Microsoft University program and establish the

certification industry for IT professionals in Sweden. She ended her 20 years at Microsoft serving on the company's leadership team in Sweden and overseeing small-business marketing as well as education and certification programs in the Nordic countries.

Stenberg developed a business incubator in Åre in conjunction with Swedish universities as well as a science park that coaches startups and drives innovation in local companies. She has served on the boards of many Swedish startups and publicly listed technology companies. "I want to help build a culture of innovation to revitalize Rotary," Stenberg says.

A member of Rotary since 2009, Stenberg has served RI as a representative to the Council on Legislation, district trainer, Rotary coordinator, learning facilitator for a governors-elect learning seminar, and regional Rotary Foundation coordinator.

Stenberg organizes the annual Åre Rotary Wild Camp, which invites all Rotary Youth Exchange students in Sweden to enjoy Jämtland County's natural beauty. "These are the things that make me proud of Rotary because I know we change lives, one person at a time," she says.

Stenberg is part of Women in Action, a group of female Rotary members from the Nordic region who meet and work on projects together and have helped supply incubators to hospitals in Lithuania. Her mascot teddy bear, Benny, has his own Instagram account and helps her raise funds for End Polio Now. Outside of Rotary, Stenberg is active in scouting and volunteers to help refugees find jobs. She loves skiing, kayaking, and biking.

She and her husband, Göran Stenberg, support The Rotary Foundation as Major Donors and members of the Paul Harris Society, District 2230's PolioPlus Society, and the Bequest Society.



**Daniel V. Tanase**

Director 2024-26  
Rotary Club of  
Suceava Bucovina,  
Romania

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Daniel V. Tanase is  
managing partner  
of Assist Software

SRL, a software research and development company that he co-founded in

1992 and now has 360 employees. The company specializes in outsourced projects, including developing mobile and web-based custom business applications for e-commerce, security, health, and gaming. In 2016, the Romanian Chamber of Commerce ranked Assist Software as the top information technology research and development firm in the country.

A graduate of the University of Bucharest, Tanase earned a master's degree in physics and nuclear reactor engineering. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the Open University in the UK.

Tanase joined Rotary in 2002 as a charter member of his club. He has served as assistant Rotary coordinator, Rotary coordinator, chair of the Rotary institute in Bucharest, and several times as an RI president's representative. Passionate about training, he has served as learning facilitator at the International Assembly, governors-elect learning seminar, and Rotary institute. He is also a member of Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Council and Participant Experience Committee.

As club president, he led the club's first community service project helping children and orphans, which grew to be a district initiative that has helped more than 3,000 children across Romania. His club sponsors Autumn Symphonies, an annual open-air concert of classical music in downtown Suceava that attracts about 10,000 attendees. At intermission, the club screens a video that showcases Rotary's community projects while volunteers in Rotary vests collect donations. "In seven or eight minutes, we usually raise between 12,000 and 15,000 euros," Tanase says. "It's also a great opportunity to show the city what Rotary is all about."

Tanase says that as he has grown in Rotary, so has his humility. "When you visit the clubs and see so many people who are more generous than you, you see their dedication and motivation, and you are amazed," he says.

Tanase co-founded the Assist Humanitarian Foundation, an organization that has collaborated with Rotary on disease prevention projects and received a certificate of appreciation from The Rotary Foundation. He also served on the board of the Blijdorp Romania As-

sociation, a day care facility for children with severe disabilities.

Tanase enjoys climbing, hiking, and skiing in the Carpathian Mountains and playing the board game Go. He has written books about management, a collection of short stories, and a Rotary pocket handbook that he distributes to people at events.

Tanase has received the Service Above Self Award. He and his spouse, Marlena P. Tanase, support The Rotary Foundation as Major Donors.



**Harriette Florence Verwey**

Director 2025-27  
Rotary Club  
of Leiden-AM,  
Netherlands

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Harriette Florence Verwey, born

in Suriname as a Dutch citizen, moved to the Netherlands at age 18 to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor. She graduated from Leiden University with a medical degree, later earning a PhD, and dedicated her 34-year career to cardiology at Leiden University Medical Center.

Verwey pioneered the use of the left ventricular assist device as an alternative treatment for chronic heart failure when transplant is not feasible. The protocol she wrote for the treatment has been incorporated internationally, and her work in cardiology was recognized by the king of the Netherlands when she was appointed Officer of the Order of Orange-Nassau in 2017.

Verwey joined Rotary in 2002, following numerous invitations from one of her patients. One project from her early involvement included organizing a national concert for deaf children. "They experienced music by gently pressing an air-filled balloon close to their belly" to feel the vibrations of the music, Verwey says. "The joy and excitement was something I could never forget — I became a Rotarian for life."

Verwey was the first Black district governor in the Netherlands and is the first female director coming from her zone. As governor of District 1600, she prioritized youth engagement and Rota-ract. She also served as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator from 2019 to

2022, and she has volunteered to support the Rotary-IHE Delft Institute for Water Education international student scholarship program.

Verwey participated in a National Immunization Day in India, which further exposed her to Rotary's global reach. "One of my goals is to get members involved beyond their clubs," she says. "Rotary is one of the largest NGOs [nongovernmental organizations] in the world, and when people feel they belong, they realize their immense potential to contribute."

She says nonmembers can find a sense of belonging in Rotary, too, as she has done while volunteering for organizations that include the advisory board of the Dutch Association of Black Female Entrepreneurs and Professionals in Leiden.

"Some think because of their background and skin color that they don't belong in Rotary, but they do," Verwey says. "They have a lot of abilities to bring to the table and make Rotary much more than they can ever imagine. I urge people of color to join Rotary because everyone is of value in Rotary."

Outside of Rotary, Verwey led a campaign for better diagnosis and treatment for women with suspected heart disease. She also serves on several boards, including the board of the Leiden University Fund and the advisory board of the BuZz Foundation, which mentors immigrants in Leiden.

In her free time, Verwey enjoys cooking, gardening, walking, and exploring historic cities. She is devoted to her family and to her faith as a member of De Rots Ministries, a Christian church.

Verwey supports The Rotary Foundation as a member of the PolioPlus Society, a Major Donor, and a Bequest Society member.



**John Hewko**

General Secretary  
Rotary Club of Kyiv,  
Ukraine

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John Hewko is the general secretary and chief executive officer

of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

From 2004 to 2009, Hewko was vice president for operations and compact development for the Millennium Challenge Corp., a U.S. government agency established in 2004 to deliver foreign assistance to the world's poorest countries. At MCC, he was the principal negotiator for foreign assistance agreements to 26 countries in Africa, Asia, South America, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union. During his tenure, he completed the negotiation of assistance agreements totaling \$6.3 billion to 18 countries for infrastructure, agriculture, water and sanitation, health, and education projects.

Prior to joining MCC, Hewko was an international partner with the law firm Baker & McKenzie, specializing in international corporate transactions in emerging markets. He helped establish the firm's Moscow office and was the managing partner of its offices in Kyiv and Prague.

While working in Ukraine in the early 1990s, Hewko assisted the working group that prepared the initial draft of the new Ukrainian post-Soviet constitution and was a charter member of the first Rotary club in Kyiv.

Hewko has been a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University, and a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

He has published papers and articles in leading U.S. and international publications, and he has spoken extensively on political and business issues dealing with the former Soviet Union, Central Europe, Africa, and Latin America. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Hewko holds a law degree from Harvard University; a master's in modern history from Oxford University, where he studied as a Marshall Scholar; and a bachelor's in government and Soviet studies from Hamilton College in New York.

As general secretary, Hewko leads a diverse staff of 800 at Rotary International's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, and six international offices. He and his partner, Marga, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. They live in Evanston.



2025-26

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

# Trustees



The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation manage the business of the Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary that funds service activities. The RI president-elect nominates the trustees, who are elected by the RI Board to four-year terms. Three new trustees take office on 1 July.



**Holger Knaack**  
Chair 2025-26  
Trustee 2022-26  
Rotary Club  
of Herzogtum  
Lauenburg-Mölln,  
Germany  
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Holger Knaack was the owner of Knaack KG, a real estate company, and Knaack Bakery Enterprises, a family business founded in 1868. He holds a degree in business administration from the Kiel University of Applied Sciences.

Knaack is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

A Rotary member since 1993, Knaack has served Rotary as president, treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, Council on Legislation representative, endowment/major gifts adviser, and learning facilitator. He held the post of multidistrict Rotary Youth Exchange chair for six years and co-chaired the Host Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg, Germany.

Knaack and his wife, Susanne, have hosted more than 40 Rotary Youth Exchange students and are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Paul Harris Society and the Bequest Society.



**Jennifer Jones**  
Chair-elect 2025-26  
Trustee 2023-27  
Rotary Club of  
Windsor-Roseland,  
Ontario  
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Jennifer Jones served as president of Rotary International in 2022-23, becoming the first woman to hold the role in Rotary's then 117-year history.

A communications executive, Jones is the founder of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor, Ontario, that helps corporations and nonprofit organizations tell their stories with conviction and credibility.

As an ambassador for Rotary, Jones has strengthened the organization's reach and impact. She regularly collaborates

with world leaders, celebrities, and well-known thinkers, and she has raised hundreds of millions of dollars to eradicate disease, elevate education, support peace, and provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene.

As president, Jones embarked on the Imagine Impact Tour, bringing top-tier media professionals and social influencers with her to showcase stories of sustainable, large-scale projects by Rotary's people of action around the world. Messaging from the tour reached more than 1.3 billion people.

Jones has served the Windsor-Essex community as chair of the University of Windsor Board of Governors and in roles in support of Maryvale Adolescent and Family Services and the Windsor-Essex Chamber of Commerce.

Jones has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and the Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award. She has also been recognized for her service with numerous honors, including the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker Award, a first for a Canadian. She holds a Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Windsor and one from Queens University.

Jones is married to Nick Krayacich, a family physician. They share a love for Rotary, travel, cycling, golf, and relaxing at their family cottage on Lake Erie.



**Greg E. Podd**  
Vice Chair 2025-26  
Trustee 2022-26  
Rotary Club of  
Evergreen, Colorado  
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Greg Podd is a retired certified public accountant and personal financial specialist who opened his own firm in 1979. During his career, he wrote four professional continuing education accounting and finance courses and was a keynote speaker at five national conferences. Podd has taught many courses as a guest professor in the master's degree in taxation program at Arizona State University and has made presentations to more than 20,000 CPAs and chartered accountants worldwide. He was also president and

owner of a firm that specialized in metal fabrication for the telecommunications industry and of an international health care software development firm.

Podd joined Rotary in 1982. He has served Rotary International as vice president and director. During his time on the Board of Directors, he chaired committees including the Audit Committee and the Board Council on Legislation Advisory Committee. He also served on the Operations Review Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Investment Committee, among others. Other roles he's held include training leader, RI president's representative, and representative to the Council on Legislation.

As a Rotary Foundation major gifts adviser, Greg organized his district's Million Dollar Dinner, which raised more than US\$3.1 million in one night. He enjoys applying his professional knowledge and skills to help Rotary's club, district, and zone leaders resolve funding questions. He says, "There is an education gap out there dealing with the finances of Rotary at all levels, and I'm glad to have served as a go-to person for questions."

Podd has received the Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. He and his spouse, Pam, are Major Donors and members of the Arch Klumph Society, Bequest Society, and Paul Harris Society.



**Ann-Britt Åsebol**  
Trustee 2024-28  
Rotary Club of  
Falun-Kopparvågen,  
Sweden  
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Ann-Britt Åsebol retired as a member of the Riksdag, Sweden's parliament, in 2022 after several terms as county councilor for Dalarna County. As a member of parliament, she served on several committees, including the Committee on the Constitution and the Committee on Education.

Before she entered politics, Åsebol worked as a teacher, a principal, and a trainer at the Teachers Training College in Falun, her alma mater. She later founded a private secondary school and served as its CEO. She holds a master's degree in Swedish and history from Uppsala University and did coursework in history

and German at Heidelberg University.

Åsebol joined Rotary in 1993 as the first female member of her club. She has served Rotary as learning facilitator, RI president's representative, and regional Rotary International membership coordinator. Åsebol also served as RI director and as vice chair or chair of several RI committees, including the Rotary Peace Centers Committee, 2021 RI Virtual Convention Committee, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Joint Young Leaders and Alumni Engagement Committee.

One of her favorite roles was regional Rotary Foundation coordinator for Zone 15, which gave her a chance to work with diverse groups. "Members want to do something in the Foundation but then don't always know how, so I look forward to talking to them about how to get involved," Åsebol says.

One of her first international projects was a home that helped children who had formerly lived in the sewer tunnels of St. Petersburg, Russia. Åsebol also led a global grant project that provides clean water for a rural hospital in Nepal. She has also led Rotary projects in the Baltic countries and Ukraine, and she helped Ukrainian refugees in Sweden.

Åsebol is an active member of her church and volunteers at World Cup skiing events in Sweden. She enjoys skiing, reading about history, gardening, and spending time with her five grandchildren.

Åsebol is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, a Major Donor, a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Paul Harris Society. She has received the Citation for Meritorious Service.



**Martha "Marty" Peak Helman**

Trustee 2022-26  
Rotary Club of  
Boothbay Harbor,  
Maine

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Marty Helman  
spent her career

as a writer for business executives and as a magazine editor at McGraw-Hill and the American Management Association. Later, she served as president of the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, a nonprofit that has helped build schools in developing nations, provided scholarships for youth, and supplied humanitarian aid to

Holocaust survivors, among other initiatives. The Walter Foundation partnered with The Rotary Foundation to fund the Rotary Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, which opened in 2025.

Helman and her late spouse, Frank, joined the Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor in 2003. She has served Rotary as chair of the Peace Major Gifts Initiative and as a member of the working group that selected the site for the Rotary Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University.

Helman is also director-elect for Zones 28 and 32.

A keen fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation, Helman initiated an effort to support the Sakuji Tanaka Rotary Peace Fellowship, which raised US\$1 million for the Rotary Peace Centers.

Helman is an Arch Klumph Society member, and she chooses to support Rotary as a member of the Paul Harris Society and PolioPlus Society. She and Frank were charter members of the Legacy Society of The Rotary Foundation.



**Frank Ching-Huei Horng**

Trustee 2024-28  
Rotary Club of  
Panchiao West,  
Taiwan

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Frank C.H. Horng  
heads the Trojan

Orthodontic Clinic, which he founded in 1988. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Taipei Medical University. He also holds a master's degree in craniofacial biology and a certificate in orthodontics from the University of Southern California.

Horng has served in leadership roles in professional associations for orthodontists in Taiwan and has served as the school dentist at Pan-Chiao Primary School for more than 30 years. Outside of dentistry, he has been active in local civic affairs as a member of the New Taipei City Election Commission since 2010.

Horng joined Rotary in 1993 as a charter member of his club. Inspired by a quote attributed to Archimedes, "Give me a fulcrum, and I shall move the world," he worked with his club to establish the Fulcrum Education Scholarship Project for New Taipei City Primary Schools.

Horng has served Rotary as a Peace

Major Gifts Initiative adviser, Water and Sanitation Major Gifts Initiative Committee member, endowment/major gifts adviser, and RI president's representative. He has also been a learning facilitator and governors-elect learning seminar team leader.

As a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, he connected craniofacial surgeons in Bali and Taiwan and led a vocational training team in Mongolia and Nepal. That project eventually became a Rotary Foundation global grant initiative to promote oral health that helped train 360 Mongolian health workers. Horng's district received a Presidential Citation during his term as governor.

Horng enjoys hiking and golf. His partner, Shu-Yann Chuang, is also a member of the Rotary Club of Panchiao West. Horng and Chuang are members of the Arch Klumph Society. He has received the Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.



**Chun-Wook Hyun**

Trustee 2023-27  
Rotary Club of  
Seoul-Hansoo,  
Korea

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Chun-Wook Hyun  
is senior partner at  
Seoul-based Kim

& Chang, one of the largest law firms in Asia, where he has worked since 1981 as a head of the labor and employment practice group. Born and raised in the island province of Jeju, Hyun received his law degree from Seoul National University and was admitted to the Korean Bar in 1978. He also earned a master's degree from Harvard Law School, was admitted to the New York Bar, and participated as a visiting lawyer at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York.

Hyun's writing has been published in numerous books and journals, including the *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*. In 2007, he was named one of the top 12 professional lawyers in his field by *The Chosun Ilbo* newspaper.

Hyun has worked as commissioner of the Seoul Labor Relations Commission, legal counsel to the Ministry of Employment and Labor of South Korea,



and adjunct professor at Korea University Law School. He currently serves as director of Save the Children Korea, the Amway Korea Foundation, and United Nations Global Compact Korea. He is also an auditor of the BMW Korea Future Foundation. He served as chair of the Korean Bar Association's Legal Aid Foundation and adviser and member of Korea's Peaceful Unification Advisory Council. Hyun received a commendation from the president of the Republic of Korea in 1997.

Hyun became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hansoo in 1991 and has been heavily focused on membership as a mentor to younger leaders. "Rotary changed my life, and I see how much it can change others' lives too," says Hyun. "Each of us can be a gift to the world and to each other."

Hyun has served Rotary in various capacities, including as training leader, RI president's representative, and Host Organization Committee member and legal adviser to the Rotary International Convention in Seoul in 2016. He also serves as director of Rotary Foundation Korea.

As district governor, Hyun helped increase membership and Rotary Foundation giving. He innovated a memorandum of understanding among district governors, governors-elect, and governors-nominee that fosters continuity of sustainable district goals and growth, a practice still in place in District 3640.

Hyun and his partner, Jung-Rhim Oh, support The Rotary Foundation as members of the Arch Klumph Society.



**R. Gordon R. McNally**

Trustee 2024-28  
Rotary Club of  
South Queensferry,  
Scotland

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R. Gordon R. McNally was

educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh and at the University of Dundee, where he earned his graduate degree in dental surgery. He operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh until 2016. McNally was chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a presbytery elder, chair of the Queensferry

parish congregational board, and commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland.

McNally joined Rotary in 1984 at age 26. He served as Rotary International president in 2023-24 and as president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has also served RI as a director and on several committees, including as chair of both the 2018 Toronto Convention Committee and the Operations Review Committee.

McNally takes special pride in the way Rotary members around the world embraced the focus on mental health and well-being that was initiated during his presidency and the fact that this focus is continuing well after his term.

McNally is a patron of the UK-based nonprofit Hope and Homes for Children and led a partnership between that organization and RIBI to support children in Rwanda who had been orphaned by the genocide there. He is a patron of Trade-Aid, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven, England, which provides sustainable humanitarian aid to individuals, families, and businesses in the developing world. He is also an ambassador for Bipolar UK, a national mental health organization. In August 2022, he was made a laureate of the Sino Phil Asia International Peace Awards Foundation.

In his free time, McNally enjoys rugby, good food and wine, and stick dressing, the traditional Scottish craft of making walking sticks.

McNally describes The Rotary Foundation as "the engine that provides the energy to do Rotary service." He and his partner, Heather, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Borderlands (Passport Group), are Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation, and members of the Bequest Society.



**Ijeoma Pearl Okoro**

Trustee 2024-28  
Rotary Club of Port  
Harcourt, Nigeria

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Ijeoma Pearl Okoro has 30 years of experience leading transformation,

market development, and management efforts in the insurance industry. She

holds a bachelor's degree in theater and a postgraduate degree in management and studied at Lagos Business School. Okoro is also a fellow of the Institute of Corporate Administration.

In memory of her father, Okoro founded the Romanus Emeanuru Foundation for Empowerment and Education Development, dedicated to empowerment of women. She volunteers for the Sir Emeka Offor Foundation. She is a member of the Knights of St. John International, a Catholic fraternal service organization. She served as president of her chapter of the Lagos Business School Alumni Association and is a patron of the Egbu Women's Association.

Okoro joined Rotary in 1999. She has served Rotary as RI learning facilitator, assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, endowment/major gifts adviser, co-chair of the 2018 Rotary Institute in Lagos, and regional vice chair of the End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign Committee. She has served on numerous RI committees, including the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee and the Rotary Foundation Programs Committee. Passionate about the preservation of Rotary history, she led the creation of the Africa Zone group of the Rotary Global History Fellowship, and a stone honors her at its Paul Harris Memorial Walkway.

Okoro says she will never forget the day the World Health Organization certified Nigeria as polio-free during her term as End Polio Now zone coordinator. "This was a defining moment for me," she says. "We introduced very diverse strategies to create awareness as well as raise funds for The Rotary Foundation." She is passionate about creating lasting change and says that "giving is not an exclusive right of the rich."

Okoro was called one of the "five Rotary women leading the fight to end polio" in 2019 and received a certificate of appreciation from The Rotary Foundation for her polio eradication efforts. She has also received Rotary's Distinguished Service Award and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

Okoro enjoys traveling, singing, dancing, and gardening. She and her husband, Kingsley, are both Rotary Foundation Major Donors, Bequest Society members, and Benefactors. They and their two children are Paul Harris Fellows.



**Bharat S. Pandya**  
Trustee 2022-26  
Rotary Club of  
Borivli, India

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Bharat Pandya is a practicing general and laparoscopic surgeon. He and

his wife, Madhavi, a gynecologist, own a private hospital in Mumbai. He is a fellow of the International College of Surgeons and has served on the board of the Jan Shikshan Sansthan vocational training institute, sponsored by the Indian government.

Pandya joined Rotary in 1989 as a charter member of his club. During his year as governor of District 3140, his district contributed over US\$2 million to The Rotary Foundation, making it the top contributor worldwide for 2006-07. He has led numerous projects, including water and sanitation projects funded by Foundation grants that installed check dams so that villagers no longer needed to walk long distances to collect water.

Pandya has been an RI director, treasurer, regional Rotary International membership coordinator, and learning facilitator and served on Rotary's Membership, Strategic Planning, Leadership Development, and Convention Promotion committees and on the India PolioPlus Committee. He served as trustee vice chair in 2023-24. He is also a charter member of his district's Paul Harris Society.

He has received the Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. He and Madhavi are Rotary Foundation Major Donors.



**Vicki Puliz**  
Trustee 2025-29  
Rotary Club of  
Sparks, Nevada

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Vicki Puliz earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master's in business administration from the University of Utah before becoming a partner in a commercial electrical contracting business in Nevada in 1984. She helped lead

and expand the business until it merged with a publicly traded entity in 2003, and then she retired.

Puliz joined Rotary in 1992 as the first woman in her club. She has served Rotary as director, learning facilitator, and Rotary public image coordinator. She has helped lead several presidents-elect and governors-elect learning seminars. "I see Rotary as a leadership organization that provides service," she says. "Leadership development is one of our key benefits to members."

Puliz is also interested in leadership development for young people. It was when she witnessed more than 100 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants supporting one young woman who was struggling that her vision of the power of Rotary expanded. She has co-chaired RYLA events in her district, facilitated them in Benin, and co-created a district youth leadership program for 12- and 13-year-olds based on RYLA concepts. She also served on the inaugural Youth Advisory Council for Rotary International in 2022, which was composed of young leaders from all Rotary programs and reported directly to the RI Board of Directors.

Rotary's peace initiatives are another passion for Puliz. She serves on the Rotary Peace Centers Committee and has participated in events at the peace centers in Bradford, England, and in Istanbul.

Puliz and her husband, Tim, who is also a Rotarian, live in Reno, Nevada. They enjoy outdoor activities in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and general aviation. Both are members of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.

They support The Rotary Foundation as Arch Klumph Society members and members of the Paul Harris Society, the Bequest Society, and the PolioPlus Society.



**Carlos Sandoval**  
Trustee 2023-27  
Rotary Club of  
San Nicolás de los  
Garza, Mexico

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Carlos Sandoval is chair of Orsan Corp., a leading

company in the energy sector and the main distributor of Exxon Mobil in Mex-

ico, with more than 270 service stations and over 3,000 employees throughout the country. He is also regional consultant of the Mexico division of BBVA, the multinational financial institution. A graduate of the National Autonomous University of Mexico's School of Architecture, Sandoval earned his MBA from the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education.

Sandoval joined Rotary in 1975. He has served RI and The Rotary Foundation as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, member of the Fund Development and Rotary Peace Centers committees, and extraordinary donations endowment/major gifts assessor. He has also served as an adviser to the Community Economic Development Major Gifts Initiative.

He has participated in and led numerous projects that reflect his Rotary philosophy that "we are here to change the lives of people for the better." One project, supported by Foundation grants, helped provide bakery equipment and professional bakery training to people who had recovered from drug addiction. In honor of his late son, Carlos, he established a directed gift to The Rotary Foundation that supports community and economic development projects focused on women entrepreneurs throughout Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Colombia. Sandoval is a proponent of giving to the Foundation and has hosted million-dollar dinner events three times.

His philanthropy work outside of Rotary includes establishing the Orsan Foundation, a nonprofit that promotes health initiatives among underprivileged groups and provides assistance in disaster situations. In addition, he sponsors three addiction rehabilitation centers in the Monterrey area and serves on the boards of the Monterrey branch of the Mexican Red Cross and the Autonomous University of Nuevo León Foundation. In his spare time, he enjoys watching car races and working out and running to stay in shape for his three daughters and 15 grandchildren.

Sandoval is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. He and his spouse, Martha, support the Foundation as Platinum Trustees Circle members of the Arch Klumph Society.



**Dennis J. Shore**  
Trustee 2023-27  
Rotary Club of  
Hawthorn, Australia  
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Dennis J. Shore is a chartered chemical engineer with bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of New South Wales. After a distinguished career as a senior executive, culminating in international business development and management for Australian Paper Manufacturers (later Amcor) in the U.S., Europe, and Asia, he established his own consulting business before retiring in 2021 to focus on Rotary.

Shore is a fellow of the Australasian Pulp and Paper Industry Technical Association and a recipient of its Distinguished Service Award. He has served in several Australian industrial advocacy groups.

He was an inaugural director and continues as a trustee for a foundation of Monash University, Australia's largest university, which awarded him with the Sir John Monash Medal for distinguished service to engineering education.

Shore, who joined Rotary in 1980, has served as endowment/major gifts adviser and is vice chair of Rotary Foundation Australia. He has served twice as Council on Legislation representative. He was a vice chair and promotions director of the Host Organization Committee for the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne in 2023.

Shore's greatest passions in Rotary are supporting education and peace initiatives, part of a new world of opportunities that opened up for him after he attended the 2003 Rotary International Convention in Brisbane as club president. "The convention was like Rotary on steroids and imbued me with enthusiasm," he says. "I realized what you can do when you have a leadership opportunity in Rotary — and that you can have a 'Rotary moment' every day."

With his club, he has supported projects ranging from scholarships and water tank installations in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, a hospital in Cambodia, and mental health initiatives in Australia to the club's signature Rotary Safe Families program. Shore, who has done a lot of grassroots work to grow Ro-

tary Foundation grants in his zone, also convened a million-dollar dinner in 2017 that raised over US\$3.5 million for the Foundation.

Shore and his wife, Lynda, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members. He is a member of the District 9800 Paul Harris Society and PolioPlus Society and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service.



**Katsuhiko "Kats" Tatsuno**

Trustee 2025-29  
Rotary Club of  
Tokyo-West, Japan  
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Katsuhiko "Kats" Tatsuno serves as the CEO of

Tatsuno Corp. He joined the company, founded by his father, after earning his law degree from the University of Tokyo in 1964. Under his leadership, Tatsuno Corp. expanded beyond its specialty in textiles into new sectors such as real estate and electrical supplies.

Tatsuno joined the Rotary Club of Tokyo-West in 1982 and has served Rotary as director, Council on Legislation representative, and RI training leader. He has been a member of the Membership Committee and the Nominating Committee for RI President, among others. He also was a member of the Japanese Rotary committee that supported recovery efforts and survivors after the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami, one of the most powerful earthquakes recorded in Japan.

Tatsuno says that when he saw how his daughter's life was transformed by her experience as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Wisconsin, he realized how special Rotary is.

He established the Tatsuno Environment Foundation, which provides scholarships to university students pursuing studies related to environmental conservation, with the goal of fostering future global leaders in that field.

Tatsuno is a lifelong golfer and student of shodō, the art of Japanese calligraphy. He supports The Rotary Foundation as a member of the Arch Klumph Society, a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor, and a Major Donor.



**Stephanie A. Urchick**  
Trustee, 2025-29  
Rotary Club  
of McMurray,  
Pennsylvania  
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Stephanie A. Urchick led Rotary as

its president in 2024-25. She has served as an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee and in other roles, including training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president's representative. In addition, Urchick has been a representative or a member-at-large at the Council on Legislation.

Urchick has also served as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee, as well as a member of various Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.

A Rotary member since 1991, Urchick has participated in a variety of service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a school, and she installed water filters in the Dominican Republic.

Urchick has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant for mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland. In its commemorative book, the Rotary Club of Kraków, Poland, noted Urchick as a key figure for helping with the rebirth of Rotary in post-Communist Poland. Urchick has also helped to pair U.S. clubs with clubs in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine for humanitarian services. In 2025 she hosted a Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul.

Urchick's professional background is in the higher education, consulting, and entertainment industries. She received her doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been recognized by The Rotary Foundation and numerous community and international organizations.

**John Hewko**  
General Secretary  
Rotary Club of Kyiv, Ukraine  
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# DISTRICT Governors

Leaders selected to represent each district are beginning their year of service to promote Rotary, strengthen clubs, and manage district business.





**SCENES FROM ASSEMBLY**

The serious and lighter sides of district governors-elect learning at the 2025 International Assembly

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Monika Lozinska**



**1010: Graham Leith**  
Laurencekirk & District,  
Scotland

**1030: Gerald Wallace**  
Blyth, England

**1040: Anne Sutcliffe**  
Adventurers, England

**1060: Jonathan Wilding**  
Lickey Hills, Birmingham,  
England

**1070: Moira Penney**  
St. Ives, England

**1080: Ian Graham**  
Norwich Blackfriars  
Breakfast, England

**1090: Neil Talgeri**  
Marlow Bridge, England

**1100: Anne Bartholomew**  
Cheltenham North, England

**1110: Richard Burnett**  
Westbourne, England

**1120: Penny Spiller**  
Kings Hill Kent, England

**1130: Adrian Faiers**  
Dulwich, Peckham and  
Crystal Palace, England

**1145: Olatunji Olaleye**  
Wallington, England

**1150: Ian Hughes**  
Llanelli, Wales

**1160: Michael Fleming**  
Ballymoney, Northern Ireland

**1175: Sam Cross**  
Dartmoor Vale, England

**1180: James Thomas**  
North Wales & Northwest  
England Passport, England

**1190: John Edwards**  
Lytham, England

**1200: Mike Kew**  
Blackmore Vale, England

**1210: Cressida Dickens**  
Kidsgrove and District,  
England

**1220: Peter Hurst**  
Belper and Duffield, England

**1240: Mark Williamson**  
Wickford, England

**1260: Jeremy Wyman**  
Chesham Valley, England

**1285: Edwin Partridge**  
Heywood 2020, England

**1320: Brenda Waugh**  
Annan & District, Scotland

**1360: Sigrídur Björk  
Gunnarsdóttir**  
Hof Gardabaer, Iceland

**1385: Tarmo Kokkola**  
Pietari Brahe, Finland

**1390: Tapio Vihersaari**  
Lahti-Wesijärvi, Finland

**1410: Matti Hakoila**  
Turku Aboa Nova, Finland

**1420: Jer Jantunen**  
Lohja-Lojo, Finland

**1430: Atte von Wright**  
Kuopio-Veljmies, Finland

**1440: Per Boe Larsen**  
Hjørring Vestre, Denmark

**1450: Michael Salmansen**  
Holstebro, Denmark

**1461: Lars Mortensen**  
Egtved, Denmark

**1462: Egidijus Žukauskas**  
Panevėžys, Lithuania

**1470: Henrik Brandt**  
Taastrup, Denmark

**1480: Peter Nøhr Andersen**  
Stege, Denmark

**1510: Augustin Thieffry**  
Angers, France

**1520: Jean-Michel Dupire**  
Cassel/Wormhout en Flandre,  
France

**1550: Peter Elbers**  
Venlo-Maas en Peel,  
Netherlands

**1560: Henri van het Erve**  
Harderwijk, Netherlands

**1570: Nanning van der Hoop**  
Houten Castellum,  
Netherlands

**1580: Lieke Prinsze**  
Amstelveen-Amstel,  
Netherlands

**1590: Veronica van der Goot**  
Lelystad Batavia, Netherlands

**1600: Hans Lodder**  
Delft-Vrijhof, Netherlands

**1610: Thomas Zwiers**  
Zevenbergen e.o., Netherlands

**1640: Philippe Grigy**  
Rouen-Bruyères, France

**1650: Claire Chapon**  
Brest-Pointe d'Armorique,  
France

**1660: Mamadou Camara**  
Paris Lumières, France

**1670: Jean-Michel  
Brenienek**  
Saint-Quentin Pastels, France

**1680: Thierry Pees-Martin**  
E-Club of Agora, France

**1690: Brigitte Burtinovic**  
Pau-Jurançon, France

**1700: Valérie Clarmont**  
Castelsarrasin-Moissac, France

**1710: Pierre Blondel**  
Bourg-en-Bresse, France

**1720: Alain Dulac**  
Bourges, France

**1730: Jean-Pierre Dirick**  
Grimaud, France

**1740: Michel Mazel**  
Ussel, France

**1750: Alain Peter**  
Joigny, France

**1760: Anne Gironde**  
Pertuis-Sud Luberon, France

**1770: Bernard Letailleur**  
Meaux, France

**1780: Brigitte Obels**  
Saint-Marcellin Porte du  
Vercors, France

**1790: Jean-Christophe  
Erbstein**  
Nancy Héré, France

**1800: Mechthild Exner-  
Herforth**  
Walsrode, Germany

**1810: Volker Klassen**  
Mittelmosel-Wittlich,  
Germany

**1820: Gisela Falk**  
Marburg, Germany

**1830: Rolf-Michael Müller**  
Nürtingen-Kirchheim/Teck,  
Germany

**1841: Rosalinda Gebser**  
Passport International  
District 1841, Germany

**1842: Ulli Kersting**  
München Flughafen, Germany

**1850: Hans-Iko Huppertz**  
Bremen-Neuenlande,  
Germany

**1860: Nicole Huber**  
Heidelberg-Mannheim  
International, Germany

**1870: Elke Bartels**  
Duisburg, Germany

**1880: Daniel Neuer**  
Dreiländereck-Oberlausitz,  
Germany

**1890: Mariam Ipektchi**  
Hamburg-Hafencity, Germany





**1900: Karin Schulze**  
Lüdenscheid-Mark, Germany

**1910: Ralf Peters**  
Klosterneuburg, Austria

**1911: Júlia Bodáné Molnár**  
Szolnok-Tisza, Hungary

**1912: Matjaž Novak**  
Koper Academia Litoralis,  
Slovenia

**1913: Tomislav Paškvalin**  
Zagreb-Centar, Croatia

**1920: Gustav Oberwallner**  
Gmunden, Austria

**1930: Bernhard Stiefel**  
Furtwangen-Triberg, Germany

**1940: Dennis Kissel**  
Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln,  
Germany

**1950: Ekkehard Schippers**  
Würzburg-Residenz,  
Germany

**1960: Jorge Lucas Coelho**  
Lisboa, Portugal

**1970: Deolinda Nunes**  
São João da Madeira, Portugal

**1980: John Manning**  
Basel-Dreiländereck,  
Switzerland

**1990: Jouni Heinonen**  
Jorat, Switzerland

**2000: Andrea Weber**  
**Allenspach**  
Dielsdorf, Switzerland

**2031: Felice Invernizzi**  
Val Ticino di Novara  
(Oleggio), Italy

**2032: Luigi Gentile**  
Asti, Italy

**2041: Riccardo Di Bari**  
Milano-Nord, Italy

**2042: Stefano Artese**  
Lecco Manzoni, Italy

**2050: Annalisa**  
**Balestreri**  
Cremona, Italy

**2060: Gianni Albertinoli**  
Asiago-Altopiano dei Sette  
Comuni, Italy

**2071: Giorgio Odello**  
Livorno, Italy

**2072: Guido Abbate**  
Bologna Carducci, Italy

**2080: Adriana Muscas**  
Oristano, Italy

**2090: Roberto Calai**  
Spoleto, Italy

**2101: Angelo Di Rienzo**  
Capua "Antica e Nova," Italy

**2102: Amedeo De Marco**  
Cosenza Nord, Italy





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<b>2120: Antonio Braia</b> Matera, Italy	<b>2325: Margaretha Eriksson</b> Sollefteå Nipan, Sweden	<b>2530: Yukitaka Izumida</b> Namie, Japan	<b>2730: Yukinori Nishimoto</b> Nobeoka Chuo, Japan
<b>2130: Etienne Verhasselt</b> Aalter, Belgium	<b>2335: Bengteric Anderson</b> Mora, Sweden	<b>2540: Akehisa Kuwayama</b> Honjo, Japan	<b>2740: Kazuhiko Ishizaka</b> Omura, Japan
<b>2140: Paul Vandelloo</b> Leuven, Belgium	<b>2355: Margit Svenson</b> Djursholm, Sweden	<b>2550: Osamu Jisoji</b> Utsunomiya North, Japan	<b>2750: Yasushi Tanaka</b> Tokyo Koganei, Japan
<b>2150: Alain Vanrillaer</b> Bruxelles-Ouest, Belgium	<b>2365: Britt-Marie Bergman</b> Jönköping, Sweden	<b>2560: Nobuhiro Muroga</b> Shirone, Japan	<b>2760: Yasuhito Suzuki</b> Gamagori, Japan
<b>2160: Alain Lesage</b> Liège, Belgium	<b>2395: Per-Olov Karlsson</b> Landskrona Citadell, Sweden	<b>2570: Takashi Sakaguchi</b> Kawagoe, Japan	<b>2770: Yutaro Kumaki</b> Toda, Japan
<b>2201: Josemanuel González Cuevas</b> Burgos Evolucion, Spain	<b>2405: Janis Teteris</b> Riga Hansa, Latvia	<b>2580: Masao Nakagawa</b> Tokyo Asakusa, Japan	<b>2780: Takashi Matsusita</b> Isehara, Japan
<b>2202: Josep Maria Buqueras Bach</b> Tarragona, Spain	<b>2420: Fuat Yalçin</b> Istanbul-Karaköy, Turkey	<b>2590: Shoichi Otsuka</b> Kawasaki North, Japan	<b>2790: Seiji Tokita</b> Ichihara Chuo, Japan
<b>2203: Maria del Carmen Andreu López</b> Guardamar del Segura, Spain	<b>2430: Lütü Can Çığırhan</b> Ankara-Tandogan, Turkey	<b>2600: Mafumi Kobayashi</b> Matsumoto South, Japan	<b>2800: Eiichi Komatsu</b> Sagae, Japan
<b>2223: Svetlana Zhukova</b> Khabarovsk, Russia	<b>2440: Adnan Sozeri</b> Bursa Bademli, Turkey	<b>2610: Eiichi Koyama</b> Komatsu East, Japan	<b>2820: Ryukai Seto</b> Mitsukaido, Japan
<b>2231: Grzegorz Gregorczyk</b> Warszawa City, Poland	<b>2451: Hossam Farahat</b> Cairo Heights, Egypt	<b>2620: Masayuki Inaba</b> Ito West, Japan	<b>2830: Keiji Yoneya</b> Aomori Morning, Japan
<b>2232: Olha Paliychuk</b> Cherkasy, Ukraine	<b>2452: Peter Ashdjian</b> Larnaca-Kition, Cyprus	<b>2630: Hidemi Tamano</b> Kuwana-North, Japan	<b>2840: Takashi Takenaka</b> Takasaki North, Japan
<b>2240: Jan Bílek</b> Jičín-Nymburk, Czech Republic	<b>2475: Stefanos Anastasopoulos</b> Athina-Lycavitos, Greece	<b>2640: Haruyoshi Kitano</b> Izumi South, Japan	<b>2981: J. Leone</b> Kumbakonam East, India
<b>2241: Andrei Botez</b> Bucharest Cismigiu, Romania	<b>2482: Plamen Tsvetkov</b> Rousse-Danube, Bulgaria	<b>2650: Manabu Kozaki</b> Kyoto-North, Japan	<b>2982: Palanisamy Sivasundaram</b> Komarapalayam, India
<b>2250: Eli Lexander</b> Askøy, Norway	<b>2483: Velisa Stamatovic</b> Budva, Montenegro	<b>2660: Takeshi Yoshikawa</b> Osaka-North, Japan	<b>3000: Karthik J</b> Perambalur, India
<b>2260: Sean Armana</b> Jeløy, Norway	<b>2485: Arben Dushi</b> Durrës, Albania	<b>2670: Hidemasa Oda</b> Kochi South, Japan	<b>3011: Ravinder Gugnani</b> Rohtak, India
<b>2275: Frede Jakhelln</b> Lade, Norway	<b>2490: Mohammed Wattad</b> Haifa Stella Maris, Israel	<b>2680: Mamoru Jo</b> Himeji, Japan	<b>3012: Amita Mohindru</b> Delhi City, India
<b>2290: Astrid Danielsen</b> Stavern, Norway	<b>2500: Masayuki Sado</b> Kushiro-North, Japan	<b>2690: Motoaki Sakaguchi</b> Yonago South, Japan	<b>3020: Yeluri Chakravarthy</b> Kakinada, India
<b>2305: Morten Mo</b> Hamar, Norway	<b>2510: Kiyoharu Tamai</b> Hakodate-Kameda, Japan	<b>2700: Yoshihiko Hamano</b> Fukuoka-Southeast, Japan	<b>3030: Dnyaneshwar Shewale</b> Nasik North, India
		<b>2710: Shinjiro Dohi</b> Higashi Hiroshima 21, Japan	





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Indore Meghdoot, India

**3053: Nisha Shekhawat**  
Ajmer, India

**3055: Nigamkumar Chaudhari**  
Visnagar, India

**3056: Pragya Mehta**  
Kota, India

**3060: Amardeep Bunet**  
Bharuch, India

**3070: Rohit Oberoi**  
Kapurthala, India

**3080: Ravi Prakash**  
Roorkee Midtown, India

**3090: Bhupesh Mehta**  
Sirsa Senior, India

**3100: Nitin Agarwal**  
Moradabad Civil Lines, India

**3110: Rajen Vidyarthi**  
Bareilly, India

**3120: Ashutosh Agarwal**  
Varanasi Elite, India

**3131: Santosh Marathe**  
Poona West, India

**3132: Sudhir Lature**  
Latur Mid-town, India

**3141: Manish Motwani**  
Mulund Hill View, India

**3142: Harsh Makol**  
Navi Mumbai-Palm Beach, India

**3150: Venkata Somavarapu**  
Jubilee Hills, India

**3160: Ravindra M.K.**  
Chitradurga-Fort, India

**3170: Arun Bhandare**  
Ichalkaranji Executive, India

**3181: Ramakrishna Kannan**  
Mysore Mid-Town, India

**3182: Palaksha Keshavaiah**  
Hassan, India

**3191: Sridhar B R**  
Bangalore South, India

**3192: Elizabeth Cherian**  
Bangalore, India

**3203: B. Dhanasekar**  
Tirupur Pride, India

**3204: Bijosh Manuel**  
Kabani Valley-Mananthavady, India

**3205: G N Ramesh**  
Cochin Metropolis, India

**3206: Chella Raghavendran**  
Coimbatore Spectrum, India

**3211: Tina Kunnumkal**  
Aroor Satellite City, India

**3212: J Dhinesh Babu**  
East Coast Ramnad, India

**3220: Delvin Pereira**  
Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

**3231: Vadivelu Suresh**  
Vellore Mid-Town, India

**3233: Devendran Beema**  
Annanagar Aadithya, India

**3234: Vinod Saraogi**  
Madras Central, India

**3240: Kameswar Elangbam**  
Shillong, India

**3250: Namrata**  
Chanakya, India

**3261: Amit Jayaswal**  
Dhamtari, India

**3262: Manoj Tripathy**  
Shri Jagannath Dham, India

**3271: Shakeel Khan**  
Samaro, Pakistan

**3291: Ramendu Homchaudhuri**  
Calcutta Sun City, India

**3292: Binod Koirala**  
Pokhra Fishtail, Nepal

**3300: Edward Khoo**  
Kuala Lumpur-City Centre, Malaysia

**3310: Shahul Hameed**  
Singapore

**3330: Takrit Budrungsroge**  
Phuket South, Thailand

**3340: Wiwat Srisomphong**  
Chantaburi, Thailand

**3350: Tawatchai Chatvittayanon Jr.**  
Bangkok Nawamin, Thailand

**3360: Jaruwat Techawut**  
Chiang Mai, Thailand

**3410: Sanny Suharli**  
Jakarta Thamrin, Indonesia

**3420: Dyah Anggraeni**  
Semarang Kunthi, Indonesia

**3450: Cassy Cheng**  
E-Club of District 3450, Hong Kong

**3461: Yang-Ming Tsai**  
Taichung Harbor East, Taiwan

**3462: Anna Lee**  
Taichung Huimin, Taiwan

**3470: He-Da Chuang**  
Hsin Ying East, Taiwan

**3481: Ling-Hsiang Huang**  
Taipei Centennial Star, Taiwan

**3482: Wen-Han Chang**  
Taipei Tatung, Taiwan

**3490: Huan-Chang Chang**  
Panchiao, Taiwan

**3501: Cheng-Hui Liu**  
Zhu Bei, Taiwan

**3502: Yu-Pin Chang**  
Pa-Te Yang Te, Taiwan

**3510: Shiow-Huey Guu Chiou**  
Ping-Tung Bai-Ho, Taiwan

**3521: Chen-Pang Lin**  
Taipei North, Taiwan

**3522: Cheng-Pang Lin**  
Taipei Shihlin, Taiwan

**3523: Jenny Chang**  
Taipei Shehwa, Taiwan

**3590: Deok-Yu Oh**  
Geoje Big Dragon, Korea

**3600: Jong-Gun Hong**  
Seongnam, Korea

**3610: Choul-Jae Kim**  
Yeosu Geobukseon, Korea

**3620: Myeng-Hwan Cha**  
Cheonan-Samgeori, Korea

**3630: Myeong Sik Gong**  
Uljin, Korea

**3640: Woo Soon Lim**  
Namhanseong, Korea

**3650: Jong Moon Kim**  
Seoul-Muak, Korea

**3661: In Jae Hwang**  
Busan-Namcheon, Korea

**3662: Moon Bong Yang**  
Jeju-Nohyung, Korea

**3670: Sung Hee Kim**  
Jeonju West, Korea

**3680: Yong-Geun Kim**  
Baegjae, Korea

**3690: Jong-Chul Kim**  
Euijeongbu, Korea

**3700: Kwang-Yup Choo**  
Daegu-Taebaek, Korea

**3710: Ok-Jung Kim**  
Gwangju-West, Korea

**3721: Ae-Ja Kim**  
Ulsan-Haekook, Korea

**3722: Cheon-Sik Kim**  
Gimhae Gyeongwoon, Korea

**3730: Sung-Hee Hong**  
Hoengseong, Korea

**3740: Joongyeop Park**  
Cheongju West, Korea

**3750: Moon-Ok Kang**  
Suwon-Cheongsong, Korea

**3770: Jose Alexander Santos**  
Bulacan, Philippines

**3780: Veronica Yu**  
Cubao, Quezon City,  
Philippines

**3790: Danilo Philip Torres**  
Baguio North, Philippines

**3800: Gina Sanchez**  
San Juan, Philippines

**3810: Mary Mei Rodrigo**  
Pasay Metro Sunrise,  
Philippines

**3820: Jeremie Lo**  
Naga, Philippines

**3830: Reginald Alberto Nolido**  
Makati, Philippines

**3850: Victor Federico Acepcion**  
Roxas, Philippines

**3860: Angel Fernandez Jr.**  
Mandaue, Philippines

**3870: Marlowe Selecios**  
Metro Valencia, Philippines

**4060: Olga Acosta Sena**  
Santo Domingo Colonial,  
Dominican Republic

**4100: Gabriel Rodriguez Zamorano**  
Los Mochis, Mexico

**4110: Martin Aranda Grijalva**  
Ciudad Juárez, Mexico

**4130: Alma García Betancourt**  
Matamoros Profesional,  
Mexico

**4140: Jose Garcia Vidrio**  
Tlaquepaque Industrial,  
Mexico

**4170: Jorge Omar Moreno Alatraste**  
Izcalli, Mexico

**4185: Elias Abad Ventura**  
Boca del Río-Costa de Oro,  
Mexico

**4195: Gerardo Corres Tenorio**  
Oaxaca, Mexico

**4240: Eugenia Echeverría Gutiérrez**  
Belén, Costa Rica

**4250: Diana Marie Brown Muñoz**  
Guatemala Oeste,  
Guatemala

**4271: Ximena Caicedo Gutierrez**  
Cúcuta-Ciudad de Arboles,  
Colombia

**4281: Jorge Ossa Botero**  
Armenia Palma de Cera,  
Colombia

**4320: Wilson Villalobos Perez**  
Calama, Chile

**4340: Francisco Moreno Adad**  
Ochagavia Oriente, Chile

**4355: Marco Cid Toledo**  
Santa Maria de Los Angeles,  
Chile

**4370: Pedro Hernandez Scannone**  
La Victoria, Venezuela

**4380: Jesús Antonio Blanco Ramírez**  
Valera, Venezuela

**4391: Yara Maria Lima e Cruz**  
Feira de Santana-Portal  
do Sertão, Brazil

**4400: Kléber Vaca Garzón**  
Santa Ana de Los Ríos de  
Cuenca, Ecuador

**4420: Luiz Pirola**  
Santo André-Norte, Brazil

**4440: Ivonei Resmini**  
Rondonópolis-Leste, Brazil

**4455: Gloria Lamas Oviedo**  
El Rimac, Peru

**4465: Carmen Irribarren Chávez**  
E-Club of Fusión Latina  
Distrito 4465, Peru

**4470: Carlos Henrique Rodrigues Pedrosa**  
Campo Grande-São  
Francisco, Brazil

**4480: Marco Maset**  
Monte Aprazível, Brazil

**4490: Carlos Murilo Santa Cruz Ferreira**  
Fortaleza-Alagadiço, Brazil

**4500: André Luiz Castelo Branco**  
Caruaru-Sul, Brazil

**4510: Marco Antonio Araújo**  
Bauru-Aeroporto, Brazil

**4521: José Roberto Toledo**  
Santos Dumont, Brazil

**4530: Dina Machado**  
São Luis de Montes Belos,  
Brazil

**4540: Rafael Ferreira**  
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**4560: Sebastião Wagner Valim**  
Varginha, Brazil

**4563: Diva Fonseca**  
São Paulo-Aclimação, Brazil

**4571: Claudinei Magalhães**  
Piquê, Brazil

**4590: Antonio Soares**  
Jundiá, Brazil

**4621: Sueli Rodrigues**  
Avaré-Jurumirim, Brazil

**4630: Celso Yoshiaki Miyamoto**  
Borrazópolis, Brazil

**4640: Wilson José Schiavinato Júnior**  
Toledo-Integração, Brazil

**4652: Luiz Búrgio Simões Mattos**  
Itapema, Brazil

**4660: João Estula**  
Santa Maria-Sul, Brazil

**4670: Silvio José Fonseca Ourique**  
Gravatá, Brazil

**4680: Maria Beatriz Moraes**  
Rio Pardo-Tranqueira Invicta,  
Brazil

**4690: Carmen Rosa Cueto de Barbery**  
Santa Cruz de la Sierra,  
Bolivia

**4700: Valmor Kaufmann**  
Teutônia, Brazil

**4710: Irma Paiva**  
Bandeirantes, Brazil

**4720: José Leonardo Campos Pinheiro**  
Parauapebas, Brazil

**4730: Marcelo Passos**  
Curitiba-Parque Barigui,  
Brazil

**4740: Elton Daltoe**  
São Miguel do Oeste, Brazil

**4751: Maria Luzia Borges Amaral Ramos**  
Itaperuna, Brazil

**4760: Oabi Gebrim Júnior**  
Patos de Minas, Brazil

**4770: Fábio Velasco de Azevedo Fayad**  
Goiânia, Brazil





**4780: Carmem Calvette Brancher**  
Jaguarão, Brazil

**4845: Natalia Caligaris**  
Costanera de Formosa,  
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**4851: Leonardo Gonzalo Mangoldt**  
Cosquín, Argentina

**4895: Susana Espósito**  
La Veleta de Caballito,  
Argentina

**4905: Elvio Schafer**  
José C. Paz, Argentina

**4921: Santiago Jesús Suescun**  
Rauch, Argentina

**4945: Leonel Delgado Rossi**  
Paysandú, Uruguay

**4975: Graciela Amelia Fernández Pereyra**  
Paso del Molino, Uruguay

**5000: Nancy Cabral**  
Hilo, Hawaii

**5010: Marty Metiva**  
Susitna, Alaska

**5020: Tony Camoroda**  
Lakewood, Washington

**5030: Jeffrey Borek**  
Seattle, Washington

**5040: Jan Gisborne**  
Powell River, British Columbia

**5050: Isabelle Hayer**  
Surrey, British Columbia

**5060: Tracy-Ann McCall**  
Kamloops West, British  
Columbia

**5080: David Keyes**  
Sandpoint, Idaho

**5100: Susanne Holmberg**  
Three Creeks Vancouver,  
Washington

**5110: Christine Waugh**  
Eugene Southtowne, Oregon

**5130: Kristine Redko**  
Sonoma Mountain Twilight,  
California

**5150: Mitone Griffiths**  
Half Moon Bay, California

**5160: Joy Alaidarous**  
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California

**5170: Herb Ritter**  
Pleasanton North, California

**5180: Megan Ellinghouse**  
Greater Sacramento Passport  
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**5190: Larry Harvey**  
Sparks, Nevada

**5220: Jay Hislop**  
Stockton, California

**5230: Brinet Greenlee**  
Salinas Valley, California

**5240: Michael Dutra**  
Westlake Village, California

**5280: Alex Parajon**  
Glendale Sunrise, California

**5300: Gilda Moshir**  
San Marino, California

**5320: Craig Livingston**  
Brea, California

**5330: Nyron McLean**  
Riverside Sunrise, California

**5340: Luis Carranza**  
Rancho Santa Fe, California

**5360: Manon Mitchell**  
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**5370: Ramesh Ferris**  
Whitehorse-Rendezvous,  
Yukon

**5390: Lucy Smith**  
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**5400: Kathy Buck**  
Emmett, Idaho

**5420: Suzanne Leonelli**  
Saint George Sunrise, Utah

**5440: Karen Morgan**  
Fort Collins (Foothills),  
Colorado

**5450: Cindy Rold**  
Littleton, Colorado

**5470: Maile Foster**  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

**5495: James Schmidt**  
Mesa West, Arizona

**5500: Bruce Monro**  
Tubac, Arizona

**5520: Thomas Simon**  
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**5550: Wayne Jacobsen**  
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**5580: Elaine Hansen**  
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**5630: Sarah Cathcart**  
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**5650: Robert Rapp**  
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**5680: Deb Minkler**  
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**5710: Chuck Udell**  
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**5730: Sandra Witt**  
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**5750: Mukesh Patel**  
Midwest City, Oklahoma

**5770: Michael Ridgeway**  
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**5790: Jon Bullock**  
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**5810: Mary Bedosky**  
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**5830: Damon Donnell**  
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**5840: Edward Craig Hardy**  
San Antonio North Central,  
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**5870: Todd Smith**  
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**5890: Thomas Kelchner**  
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**5910: Charles Gilliland**  
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**5930: Elaine Hernandez**  
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**5950: Mark Shockey**  
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5950), Minnesota

**5960: Glenn Bowers**  
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**5970: Ward Budweg**  
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**6000: Norlan Hinke**  
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**6040: Jodi Sundaram**  
Liberty, Missouri

**6060: Ralph Zuke**  
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**6080: Andrea Brady**  
Springfield Sunrise, Missouri

**6110: John Rains**  
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**6150: Michelle Oglesby**  
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**6170: Jennifer Van Houtte**  
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**6190: Lawrence Calhoun**  
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**6200: Chris Duhon**  
Abbeville, Louisiana

**6220: Charles Reynolds**  
Waupaca, Wisconsin

**6250: Michael Kloss**  
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**6270: Elizabeth Nevitt**  
Ripon, Wisconsin

**6290: Mark Andresky**  
Charlevoix, Michigan

**6310: Paul Wiese**  
Bay City, Michigan

**6330: Jeffrey Ferweda**  
Genesee Valley, Michigan

**6360: Jacqueline Huie**  
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor,  
Michigan

**6380: Wendy Jones**  
Anchor Bay (New Baltimore-  
New Haven), Michigan

**6400: Linda Morrow**  
Windsor-Roseland, Ontario

**6420: Melissa McCormick**  
Rockton-Roscoe, Illinois

**6440: Marlene Frisbie**  
Woodstock, Illinois

**6450: Bonnie Sanchez-  
Carlson**  
Chicago-Near South, Illinois

**6460: William Knake**  
Havana, Illinois

**6490: John Calderon**  
Champaign, Illinois

**6510: Amy Allen**  
Flora, Illinois

**6540: Brent Sheppard**  
Granger Sunrise, Indiana

**6560: Ryan Henry**  
Indianapolis-East, Indiana

**6580: Kari Akin**  
Evansville, Indiana

**6600: Pamela Brumbaugh**  
Sandusky, Ohio

**6630: Robert Oborn**  
Stow-Munroe Falls, Ohio

**6650: Kimberly Weiss**  
Minerva, Ohio

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Oxford, Ohio

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Columbus, Ohio

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Henderson, Kentucky

**6740: Greg Palmer**  
Florence, Kentucky







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Pulaski, Tennessee

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Cleveland, Tennessee

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Clarksdale, Mississippi

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Natchez, Mississippi

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Edgewater (Biloxi-Gulfport),  
Mississippi

**6860: Brett Cain**  
Florence, Alabama

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Lee County Sunrise, Alabama

**6890: Linda Devine**  
Tampa, Florida

**6900: Steven Ivory**  
Peachtree City, Georgia

**6910: Jessica Fleetwood**  
West End Cartersville  
Etowah, Georgia

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Brunswick, Georgia

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Titusville, Florida

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Lynn Haven, Florida

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Trinity, Florida

**6960: Gerard Sola**  
Bonita Beach Sunset, Florida

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Northwest Jacksonville,  
Florida

**6980: Richard Harris**  
Orlando, Florida

**6990: Pete Pecci**  
Weston, Florida

**7000: Luz Ortíz Figueroa**  
Manati, Puerto Rico

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Sudbury Sunrisers, Ontario

**7020: William Aiken**  
New Kingston, Jamaica

**7030: Soraya Warner-  
Gustave**  
St. Lucia

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West Ottawa, Ontario

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Whitby Sunrise, Ontario

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Lockport, New York

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Victor-Farmington, New York

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Cairo, New York

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Scarsdale, New York

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Greenport, New York

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Mercer, Pennsylvania

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Ambridge, Pennsylvania

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Carlisle, Pennsylvania

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Collegeville, Pennsylvania

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Harrisonburg, Virginia

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Town Center Virginia Beach,  
Virginia

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Dupont Circle Washington,  
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North East, Maryland

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Empowering Our Girls, North  
Carolina

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Greenville Breakfast, South  
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Charleston, South Carolina

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**9126: Funkeakpo Batife**  
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**9127: Joy Okoye-Okoro**  
Abuja Maitama, Nigeria

**9141: Anthony Woghiren**  
Port Harcourt Airfield, Nigeria

**9142: Kelechi Anyanwu**  
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**9150: Claude Cherubala**  
Kinshasa Matonge,  
Democratic Republic of Congo

**9210: Marshal Chilenga**  
Lilongwe, Malawi

**9212: Wairimu Njage**  
Lavington, Nairobi, Kenya

**9213: Geoffrey Kitakule**  
Kampala South, Uganda

**9214: Christine Kyeyune**  
Muyenga Tank-Hill, Uganda

**9220: Bernard Leong-Son**  
Port Louis, Mauritius

**9350: Pamella Rawbone**  
Bellville, South Africa

**9370: Steven Shone**  
Bloemfontein/Raadzaal,  
South Africa

**9400: Maria Angélica  
Salomão**  
Maputo, Mozambique

**9423: Veronica Lawrance**  
Mill Point, Australia

**9510: Rajeev Kamineni**  
Adelaide, Australia

**9560: Gregory Marlow**  
E-Club of Outback Australia

**9620: Mark Williams**  
Brisbane, Australia

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Evans Head, Australia

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Granville, Australia

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Blackheath, Australia

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**9940: Carol Green**  
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Queenstown, New Zealand ■



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## Make the most of the 2025-26 Rotary year. Here's how.

Illustration by Andrew Rae

- ☐ Sponsor a new club member
- ☐ Book your ticket to Taipei for the 2026 Rotary International Convention
- ☐ Volunteer at your club's next river cleanup, school program, or holiday food drive (find more project ideas at [spc.rotary.org](https://spc.rotary.org))
- ☐ Expand your family by welcoming a Rotary Youth Exchange student
- ☐ Dive with the International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers, have a beer with the BREW Fellowship, or race with the Rotary Fellowship for Runners (visit [rotary.org/fellowships](https://rotary.org/fellowships) for more groups to join)
- ☐ Hang with your club buds outside of a formal Rotary meeting
- ☐ Get expert advice on your next service project from a Rotary Action Group ([rotary.org/actiongroups](https://rotary.org/actiongroups))
- ☐ Broaden your Rotary friendship circle and get inspired at your district conference
- ☐ Make a donation to The Rotary Foundation (did you know that for as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio?)
- ☐ Partner with another club on a joint project
- ☐ Get your project covered on TV or in the newspaper, or post about Rotary on social media (visit [brandcenter.rotary.org](https://brandcenter.rotary.org) for templates and sample messaging)
- ☐ Visit the Chicago area and tour RI headquarters (schedule your tour at [visitors@rotary.org](mailto:visitors@rotary.org))

Visit Rotary Club Central to set some bucket list goals for your club:  
[rotary.org/clubcentral](https://rotary.org/clubcentral)

# Our causes

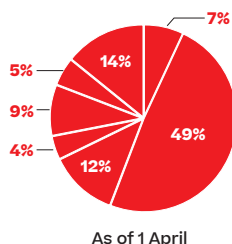
Rotary's areas of focus build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world



Through Rotary's areas of focus — our causes — members forge solutions and achieve long-term change. That's especially important in these times of political and economic volatility. We remain committed to ending polio forever. We continue to create an environment conducive to peace. We're working with our partners to engage in sustainable projects that tackle poverty and inequality in our own communities and around the world.

As of 1 April, The Rotary Foundation had awarded nearly \$57 million in global grants in 2024-25. Our areas of focus continue to guide us toward critical humanitarian issues and needs to address. On the following pages, discover how the Foundation is supporting your work in these critical areas.

**\$57 MILLION IN  
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2024-25



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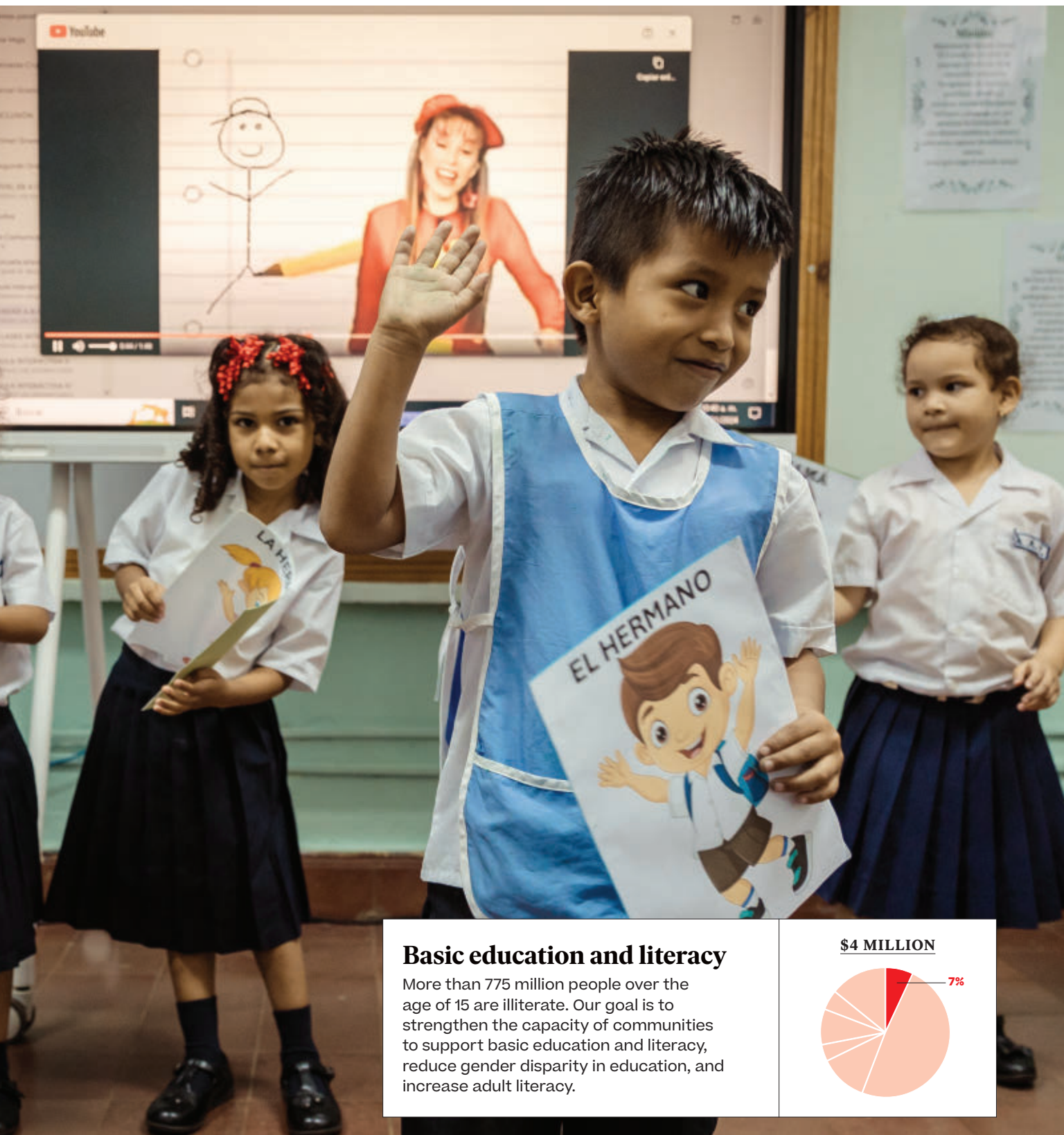


A global grant-supported project is improving the quality of primary education in Panama.

✉ TARINA RODRIGUEZ

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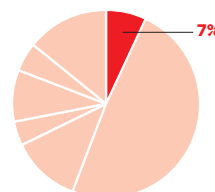




## Basic education and literacy

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

**\$4 MILLION**



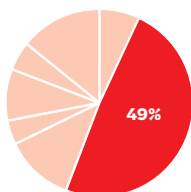




## Disease prevention and treatment

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

**\$28 MILLION**

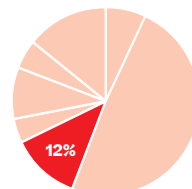




## Community economic development

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

\$7 MILLION



An initiative of the Rotary Club of Fort Worth, Texas, supports businesses with owners from minority groups.

RAUL RODRIGUEZ

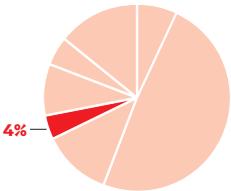
Polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent since our eradication program began in 1985.

SIDDHARTH BEHL

Peacebuilding and conflict prevention

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

\$2 MILLION



Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,800 fellows who now work in over 140 countries.

FAID ELGIZIRY



A Foundation-supported program in Nigeria is working to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality and increase the number of families who get health care in clinical settings.

MARYAM TURAKI

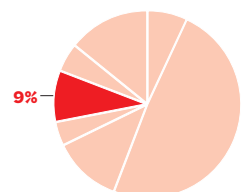




## Maternal and child health

Nearly 6 million children under the age of 5 die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.

**\$5 MILLION**

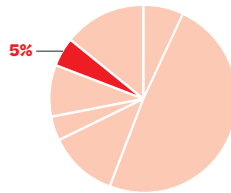




## Environment

We take action to find innovative solutions and develop sustainable service projects to strengthen our local ecosystems and our planet.

\$3 MILLION



Members of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee spearheaded an initiative to transform industrial land along a river into an arboretum.

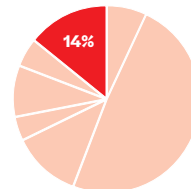
📷 JEFF MARINI



## Water, sanitation, and hygiene

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

**\$8 MILLION**

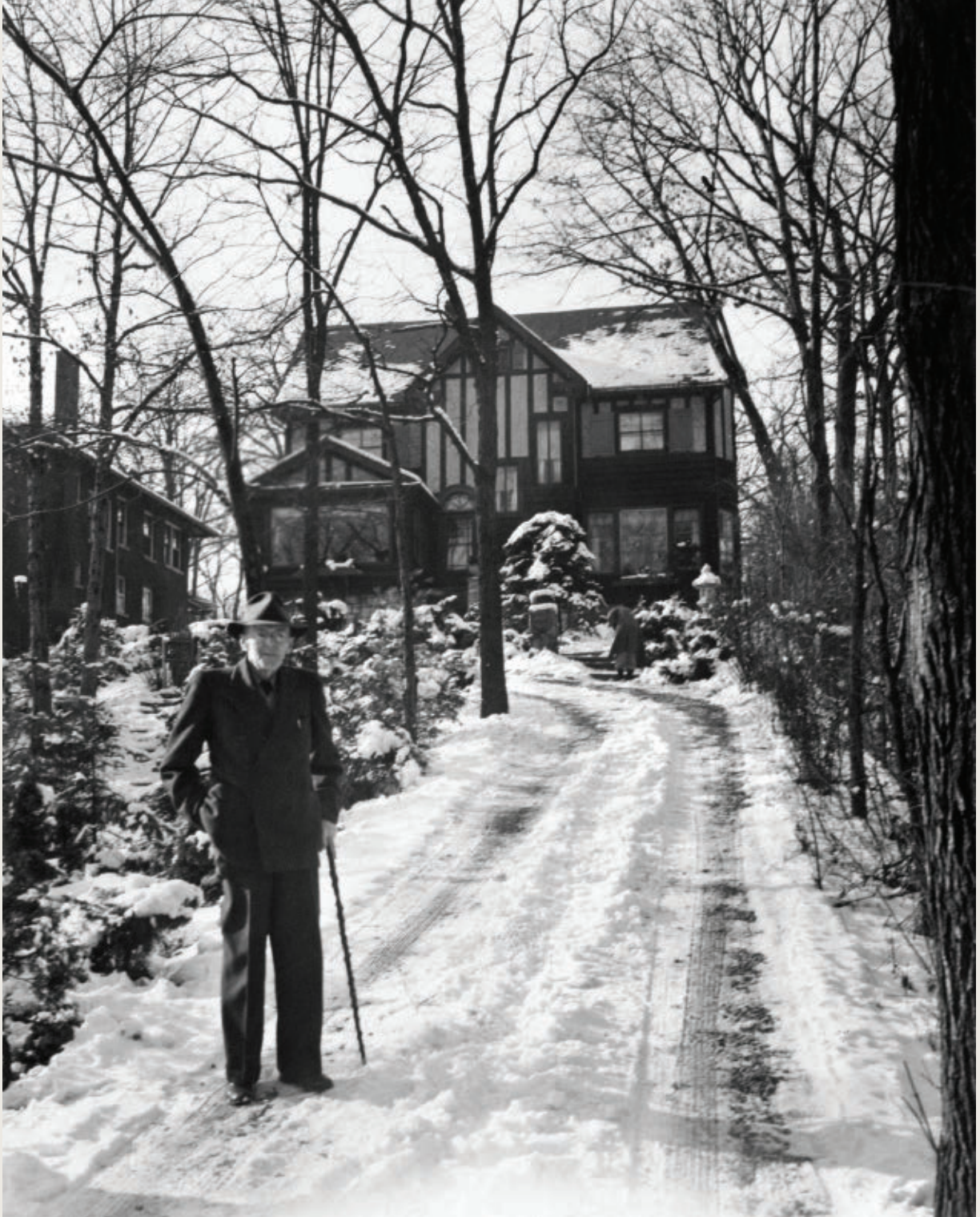


Students in Uganda use new toilet facilities provided through a Foundation-supported program.

📷 ANDREW ESIEBO



# Life at Comely Bank



Paul Harris stands in front of Comely Bank, the home he and his wife, Jean, shared for 35 years.

## At their Chicago home, Rotary's founder and his wife drank tea, listened to birdsong, planted trees, and welcomed visitors from around the world

by PAUL HARRIS

One winter day I was walking on Longwood Drive in a suburban district in Chicago. The drive skirts a hill spoken of as “the Ridge,” which extends for several miles in a southwesterly direction, an unusual feature in Chicago as most of the city lies on flat ground. The houses on the west side of the drive are built on the crest of the hill which parallels it.

On that particular day, the hill was covered with snow and many youngsters were coasting without regard to the property rights involved. No property owner, however, seemed disposed to question the rights of the youngsters to make common ground of their hillside lawns.

The picture seemed so true to the New England life I had known and loved that the thought came to me if ever I was to have a home of my own, it would be on the top of the hill on Longwood Drive. The time came sooner than expected. It was on one of the countryside hikes of the Chicago Prairie Club that I met a bonnie Scottish lassie who, dismayed by a rip in my jacket, offered to repair it for me. That was how she got in trouble for it wasn't long after that when I persuaded Jean Thomson to become Mrs. Paul Harris.

I married my bonnie Jean in 1910, and two years later, acquired a home on the hill. We named our home “Comely Bank,” after the street in Edinburgh where Jean spent the days of her childhood and youth, and never, during the thirty-odd years of our ownership, has any boy ever been refused free use of our lawn when coasting times come.

How could I refuse them! Like my mischievous boyhood friends, they are rapscallions one and all! During this Second World War many of them have been fighting for us on foreign soil, on the seas and in the skies, far, far from home. God bless and protect the rapscallions of our beloved land!

The great city comes nearer and nearer to us as its population increases and, as the years roll on, we can almost feel its breath. We are still on the outskirts, however, and ten minutes in our motor car suffices to take us into the Illinois farming country where wheat and corn fields, pastures and woodlands give us a feeling of having made good our escape.

Diagonally across the drive from our home, there was, in the early years of our married life, an ideal bird refuge of which we were very proud. The entire block was covered with a growth of wild crab apple trees so dense and so studded with long, sharp thorns that it afforded the birds ample protection from cats and dogs. As a refuge, it was especially popular with the robins that remained there during the mating and nest-building period. Thousands of them made their appearance and took up temporary quarters each spring. The air would be full of song.

Just why these discriminating creatures considered this Heaven-made protection undesirable



As neighbor Silvester Schiele watches, Harris fills his bird feeder.

for permanent residence, I have never been able to determine. No robin, to my knowledge, ever thought of building a permanent nest in the crab apple trees on Longwood Drive. They were all prospective papas and mamas and I imagine that the prospective papas like to give the prospective mamas the once over, and then, having made their selection, hie away with the ladies of their choice to find homes far from the madding crowd of robins.

One morning, after the birds had left on their home finding expedition, tractors dragged the trees out by their roots; not one remained as the



day drew to a close. When the robins returned and witnessed the depredation committed during their absence, they were distracted. The tumult of whirling wings and their cries were deafening. One could imagine that in bird language, they were crying, “robbers! robbers! These rapacious humans have not only pillaged our houses but they have actually taken our houses along with them; did you ever hear of such things!”

Within ninety days from that time, an apartment building, affording homes for five hundred human beings, had been erected where once a bird sanctuary had been. The structure was beautiful and the property well landscaped, but where had our privacy and our feeling of being “country folks” gone? Well, we had to make the best of it and we did. We found compensation in the thought that nearly five hundred human beings had made their escape from the noise and confusion of the city and that the twinkling lights from scores of windows would throw out a certain friendliness of their own.

My wife and I have tried to make the best possible use of Comely Bank. We have entertained scores of Rotarians from all parts of the world, sometimes seating at our table guests from as many as eight different countries at one time. In honor of our guests, we have planted many trees in our friendship garden, and, in many instances, guests

so honored have passed to the Great Beyond, but the trees still stand as memorials to our friendship.

So here we are at the end of our journey, and Jean and I are sitting at our fireside drinking a cup of tea. One who marries a Scottish lady must acquire the habit of sitting at the fireside and drinking black tea, and indeed it is a delightful break in the cares and duties of the day. If the tea is good and the fire burns merrily, one enjoys recreation and rest. It’s a good way to end the day.

At our fireside scores of friends from all corners of the globe have delighted us by their presence. They have come as the result of my planting a sapling in 1905. The first Rotary club was that sapling. It has grown into a mighty tree in whose shade it is delightful to dwell.

Tonight my thoughts most naturally drift. No one knows how long such thoughts might have continued had not Jean’s voice broken in. “Why, I declare! I believe you have been asleep, Paul; wake up and drink another cup of tea; the fire is burning low and we must soon be in bed.” So goeth life at Comely Bank. ■

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*Adapted from My Road to Rotary: The Story of a Boy, a Vermont Community, and Rotary by Paul P. Harris, published posthumously in 1948. Access the original text at [on.rotary.org/MRTR](https://on.rotary.org/MRTR).*



Inside out: Paul and Jean enjoy a quiet moment at Comely Bank; Jean admires the friendship garden.

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On your next trip  
to Chicago, visit:

□ Paul Harris home  
[paulharrishome.org](https://paulharrishome.org)

□ RI headquarters  
[rotary.org/visit](https://rotary.org/visit)





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## HANDBOOK

## Parliamentary palaver

The Council on Legislation is the 'heart of Rotary's democratic process'

**Every three years**, Rotary's members gather for the organization's version of a congress or a parliament: the Council on Legislation. Members debate and vote on proposed position statements and changes to Rotary's governing documents, things that affect the organization and its 1.2 million members.

In April, about 480 Rotary members from around the world, each representing a single Rotary district, gathered in Chicago and considered nearly 80 proposals during the 2025 Council on Legislation.

"This Council represents the heart of Rotary's democratic process and the best of our international spirit," said 2024-25 RI President Stephanie Urchick at the opening session. "The gathering is one of Rotary's most powerful expressions of multiculturalism. Here, voices from every corner of the globe come together — not to compete, but to collaborate."

Here are some highlights from this year's Council. Find a full list of results at [on.rotary.org/2025-council-results](https://on.rotary.org/2025-council-results).

### Highlights from Council history

**Pre-1934:** Changes to constitutional documents and resolutions are considered by members at the Rotary International Convention.

**1934:** About 100 people attend the first Council on Legislation. The Council was a deliberative body and made recommendations to the convention, which remained the legislative body.



**1945:** Due to U.S. restrictions on the size of conventions and similar meetings during World War II, the Council on Legislation is canceled for the only time in Rotary's history.

**1950:** Council recommends that Service Above Self become one of Rotary's mottoes.





### Dues increase:

After 45 minutes of debate, the Council approved an annual increase in the dues that every member pays to Rotary International of US\$3.50 in 2026-27 and US\$3.75 in each of the following two years. Supporters said the increase is needed to meet rising costs and continue providing essential resources and services to clubs. They said that the dues increase is below the global rate of inflation, adding that RI has and will continue to cut costs and manage revenues responsibly. Opponents worried the dues increases will hurt membership and wanted more transparency from RI about cost cutting.

### Financial transparency:

Representatives voted to require that the five-year financial forecast presented at the beginning of each Council include updates on specific process improvements and cost-reduction measures taken by RI.

In a similar measure, the Council approved commissioning a regular professional analysis of processes and cost structures in RI's administration.

### Chartering a club:

Representatives decided to decrease the number of members needed to charter a new Rotary club from 20 to 15. Supporters said it would remove barriers to starting new clubs and help Rotary grow and expand its reach.

### Rotaract age limits:

The Council defeated a pair of measures to set an age limit for Rotaractors. Opponents cited the low number of current Rotaractors over the age of 40 in arguing that limits were unnecessary and said such restrictions could force members out of Rotary.

### Honorary members:

Representatives rejected an idea to limit the number of honorary members a club can have to 5 percent of its active membership. Opponents noted that many clubs use honorary membership to stay in contact with former members, including longtime Rotarians with valuable expertise.

### District conferences:

After extensive debate, the Council voted to make holding a district conference optional.

### Governance:

Representatives approved a measure allowing the Board to test additional new governance models in districts beyond those approved three years ago. A governance pilot is currently being tested in districts in Rotary GB&I, Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific, with modest success in membership growth.

Representatives also agreed to allow the Board to consider factors such as culture and language, not just the number of Rotarians, in deciding zone boundaries.



Delegates gathered in Chicago in April for the 2025 Council on Legislation.

**1972:** Council on Legislation becomes Rotary's legislative body.

**1974:** Council begins to meet triennially.



**1980:** Council adopts a Board-sponsored resolution to "eliminate polio through immunization."

**1989:** Council votes to allow women to join Rotary.

**2001:** Representatives vote to hold all Councils in Chicago rather than rotating cities.



**2007:** Council reaffirms that the eradication of polio is "a goal of the highest order of Rotary International."

**2016:** Council gives clubs the flexibility to set their own meeting format, meeting frequency, and attendance requirements.





TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

## Take a closer look

**When you joined Rotary**, chances are it was because you wanted to make a lasting difference. Arch Klumph felt the same way.

When he proposed The Rotary Foundation in 1917, he envisioned more than just a fund. He saw an enduring vehicle for Rotary members to serve their communities and create lasting change. More than a century later, that vision thrives, thanks to your dedication and to the Foundation's unique structure, which empowers members to identify and solve global problems at every level.

Today, I am not asking you for a donation. Instead, I invite you to look at The Rotary Foundation with fresh eyes. Imagine a charity governed by its own members. A global mission carried out by those very members. A foundation that reflects the shared values of its members — ensuring clean water and literacy for all, eradicating the scourge of polio, building local economies through entrepreneurship, and making the world more peaceful through conflict resolution training.

Doesn't this sound like an interesting charity? The Rotary Foundation is trusted around the world because we have earned that trust. After our successful Programs of Scale initiative in Zambia, the Gates Foundation and World Vision invited us to lead again — resulting in the \$30 million Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge across four African nations.

We are efficient, strategic, and guided by dedicated professional staff and passionate volunteers. Our Foundation consistently receives top marks from Charity Navigator. And the Gates Foundation matches our \$50 million annual commitment to polio eradication 2-to-1, depositing \$100 million into our account each year. That is trust, delivered.

Even in conflict zones, we are there. In Gaza, a single confirmed polio case triggered a humanitarian pause in the war, allowing health workers to vaccinate children and quell an outbreak. Rotary helped fund that urgent response. Once again, we proved to be a reliable partner in a crisis.

We can be proud that we made a difference. Now we look ahead to our ambitious \$500 million fundraising goal for 2025-26. We can reach it together, as we boldly support a Foundation that is doing bold things.

Rotary is not going anywhere, because Rotary is everywhere! That is our strength. That is our unique opportunity. Be part of the legacy of The Rotary Foundation. It is one that Arch Klumph would be proud of. It is a legacy that has changed the world and will continue to do so, as long as we are all part of it.

**HOLGER KNAACK**

*Foundation trustee chair*

## SERVICE ABOVE SELF

### THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**First** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**Second** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**Third** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**Fourth** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

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

### ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians:

As a Rotarian, I will

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

# ROTARY'S ACTION PLAN IN MOTION

## CLEAN WATER IN DARIÉN, PANAMA

### Boosting interest and impact with bigger, bolder projects

Alexei Oduber has been part of many successful Rotary projects since joining the Panamá Nordeste Rotary Club in 1998. A recent water sanitation project has shown him that there are still new ways to take action with Rotary.

The ambitious project focused on improving lives in Panama's Darién province, a remote region whose inhabitants relied on untreated river water for bathing and drinking, putting lives in danger. With the support of a Rotary International global grant; a partner club in Roswell, Georgia, USA; and Solea Water, a nongovernmental organization; Alexei's club aimed to strengthen Darién communities by providing access to clean water.

Rotary's Action Plan lays out Rotary's priorities for increasing impact, expanding reach, enhancing engagement, and increasing our ability to adapt. The plan has helped Alexei reflect on the water project's initial wins and key takeaways.

### Breaking barriers to expand Rotary's reach

Since the region lacked utility access, Alexei's club had to get creative to meet community needs. Solea Water already had connections in the region, which helped Rotary identify innovative solutions. Building solar panels, for example, created the electricity needed to operate water treatment machinery. Empowering local leaders, who received training to oversee and maintain the solar-powered facility, helped build trust between Rotarians and locals.

By expanding its reach into the Darién region, the Panama Nordeste Rotary Club has made a profound impact on the community.

"We've heard so much gratitude that kids go to school because they don't have stomach issues anymore," Alexei shared. And adults no longer have to go to the




river to get water, giving them more time and energy to work and support their families.

Darién residents have grown to see Rotary and Solea Water as true partners and have raised other sanitation needs, including latrines and additional maintenance training. Alexei and his fellow club members hope to continue partnering with organizations like Solea Water to support communities in the region.

### Engaging Rotary's next generation

Alexei envisions taking on more large-scale projects. "While we were initially concerned about the level of commitment of a global grant and a project this size, what we've found is that it's really excited and engaged members."

"Bigger, bolder projects like these not only address critical needs," Alexei says, "but also inspire a new wave of Rotarians dedicated to making a difference." 

# Apply yourself

**As part of the family of Rotary,** members are invited to lend their professional expertise on committees that support Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. Each year, those committees focus on putting Rotary's strategic priorities into action, challenging clubs to increase their impact, expand their reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase Rotary's ability to adapt.

***Would you like to contribute to Rotary's success?***

RI and the Foundation are searching for qualified Rotarians and Rotaractors to serve on a committee in the 2026-27 Rotary year. These positions offer an opportunity for you to apply your leadership skills, share your vocational experience, and help ensure diverse perspectives within each committee.

Rotarians and Rotaractors with expertise in the areas de-

tailed in the chart are encouraged to apply. The number of openings is limited. If you're not selected this year, you are welcome to apply again next year.

All committees correspond through email and on virtual platforms, typically with one mandatory in-person meeting a year. Rotaractors are encouraged to apply to any area based on their background, skills, and experience. Dual members of Rotary and Rotaract are especially welcome to apply.

To be considered for committee membership or to recommend a Rotarian or Rotaractor for an appointment, visit **[on.rotary.org/application2025](https://on.rotary.org/application2025)**. Applicants must be registered on My Rotary at **[my.rotary.org](https://my.rotary.org)** and should make sure their My Rotary profile includes current contact information. Applications are due **15 August**.





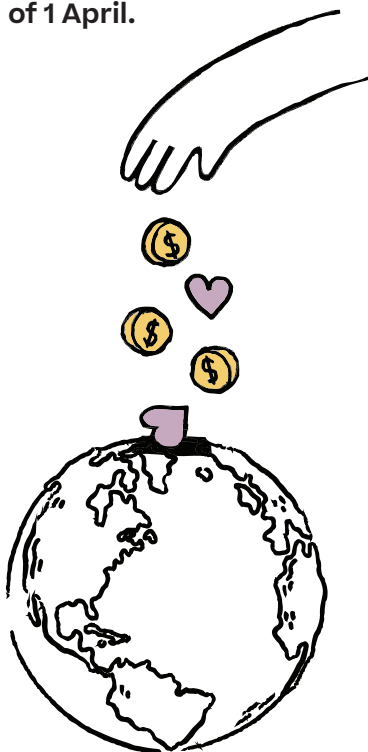
AREA OF EXPERTISE	FUNCTION	PREREQUISITES	OPENINGS
<b>AUDIT</b>	Advises leadership on audited financial reports, internal and external audits, and internal control systems	Independence, appropriate business experience, and demonstrated financial literacy in accounting, auditing, banking, insurance, investment, risk management, executive management, or audit governance	<b>One position</b> with a four-year term
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Advises leadership on Rotary's overall public image, branding, communications, content strategy, and approach	Professional background and experience in internal and external communications, marketing, public image, brand, public relations, media, and content strategy	<b>Three positions</b> with three-year terms
<b>FINANCE</b>	Advises the RI Board on Rotary's finances, including budgets and sustainability measures	Professional background in a finance-related field, with nonprofit experience preferred. Candidates should have experience in financial matters at the club and district levels.	<b>Two positions</b> with three-year terms
<b>FUND DEVELOPMENT</b>	Advises The Rotary Foundation Trustees on all aspects of fundraising	Significant experience in nonprofit fundraising. Committee members actively fundraise and support the Foundation.	<b>Two positions</b> with three-year terms
<b>INVESTMENT</b>	Oversees the management of Rotary's investments and the implementation of investment policies by the office of investment. Makes investment policy recommendations to the respective boards of governance.	Institutional investment experience or equivalent	<b>One position</b> with a four-year term
<b>LEARNING</b>	Advises leadership on creating effective learning opportunities for Rotary leaders and members	Adult learning expertise within or outside Rotary. Experience in the professional learning field (including e-learning) or with planning and implementing learning events at the member, club, district, zone, and international levels.	<b>Three positions</b> with three-year terms
<b>OPERATIONS REVIEW</b>	Advises leadership on the effectiveness of operations, administrative procedures, and standards of conduct. Serves as the advisory compensation committee to the Executive Committee of the RI Board.	Experience in management, leadership development, or financial management, and thorough knowledge of Rotary's operations. Appointments are limited to past RI directors and past Foundation trustees.	<b>One position</b> with a six-year term
<b>STRATEGIC PLANNING</b>	Advises leadership on matters regarding the strategic plan	Significant experience in long-term planning, financial management, and RI and Foundation program activities	<b>Two positions</b> with four-year terms
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	Advises leadership on enhancing technology practices, products, and strategy to improve the member and participant experience	Expertise in technology development, security and data privacy, product management, and user/participant experience. Non-Rotarian technology experts may be appointed.	<b>Two to three positions</b> with three-year terms

## YEAR IN REVIEW

# Purpose in progress

In a world where the pace of change seems faster than ever, Rotary remains dedicated to building connections and doing good. As Rotary members develop and increase their capacity for service, the organization's impact grows too. Below are some highlights from General Secretary John Hewko's report to the 2025 Rotary International Convention, which looks back on the past Rotary year.

All figures are as of 1 April.



The Rotary Foundation raised more than **\$423 million** in 2024-25, including at least **\$27 million** to support efforts to eradicate polio across the globe.

- When a polio outbreak was reported in Gaza in August 2024, Rotary committed **\$500,000** toward vaccination efforts carried out by its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. In collaboration with governments and partner organizations, Rotary helped nearly **560,000** children get vaccinated.
- In 2024-25, The Rotary Foundation awarded more than **\$27 million** in district grants, more than **\$56 million** in global grants, and a **\$2 million** Programs of Scale grant. By transforming donors' gifts into life-changing service projects and scholarships, Rotary increases its impact and makes a positive difference worldwide.
- Over **\$1.9 billion** has been raised in support of Rotary's initiative to increase its endowment to **\$2.025 billion** by 2025. These net assets and future commitments provide financial security and resources for Rotary members, supporting the organization's ability to do good today and for generations to come.

- The new Service Project Center ([spc.rotary.org](https://spc.rotary.org)), which launched in August, now includes over **60,000** club projects and proposals. Members use this platform to explore projects around the world, find inspiration and potential partners, record and manage their projects, and track their achievements.

- In February, more than **900** people, including Rotary members and peace experts, attended the Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul. Participants learned about peace in a polarized world, the use of technology and media in peacebuilding, environmental issues affecting peacebuilding, and how to create sustainable peace.



Through efforts to support existing clubs and develop new ones that prioritize the membership experience, Rotary welcomed more than **165,000** new Rotary and Rotaract members and chartered at least **425** Rotary clubs and **545** Rotaract clubs in 2024-25.

- **Four** celebrities who support Rotary's work to create lasting change — Kat Graham, Sibongile Mlambo, Gaby Moreno, and Archie Panjabi — became the first Rotary ambassadors. Through events, advocacy efforts, and more, ambassadors engage with members and supporters to amplify Rotary's vision and impact. ■

Read the entire report at [rotary.org/conventionreport](https://rotary.org/conventionreport).



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## 2026 CONVENTION

# See you in Taiwan

**It's Taipei time!** Work is well underway to bring you a world-class event with the prestigious speakers and special surprises that make attending the Rotary International Convention a must-do for every member — at least once. You might find that you keep returning like so many convention regulars.

Rotary leaders met Taiwan's president to secure personal support for the convention. Your Rotary friends are planning exceptional experiences throughout the mountainous island and in the capital city known for vibrant night markets and ancient temples among skyscrapers.

Members describe the positive convention vibe: You see all smiling faces and stop to greet someone, reading each other's name badges to find out home countries. "And that's where the conversation starts," says Ben Heinlein, of the Rotary Club of Cranberry Township Sunrise, Pennsylvania. Those connections kindle untold numbers of project partnerships and lifelong friendships.

RI leaders have a convention challenge for you to support Rotary's growth: Simply attend! You'll help bring more attention to Rotary throughout Asia, which can draw new members. For tourism, Taiwan has

more diverse options on one island than many larger destinations, with its heritage on display in architecture and the National Palace Museum's artifacts. Enjoy nearby mountain trails and a food culture where even the simplest meal is an occasion to enjoy time with friends, over beef noodle soup, craft cocktails, or an oyster omelet.

At the RI leaders' visit, President Lai Ching-te discussed Taiwan's support of a peaceful world, a bond shared with Rotary. The convention exemplifies Rotary's vision for peace, and the RI global family gathering in Taipei 13-17 June is your chance to feel the full force of Rotary's strength. ■

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