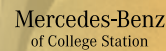




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FRANCESCO AREZZO

President, 2025-26

Rotary International

Dear Fellow Rotary Leaders,

I am thrilled to address you as you gather for your Rotary District Conference—a chance to reflect on our shared achievements, exchange innovative ideas, and prepare to build an even stronger Rotary for the future.

This Rotary year, we Unite for Good. We have big tasks ahead of us - to grow Rotary, to bring our Action Plan to life, and not only to End Polio Forever, but to build on the legacy and take on new, big challenges.

Let us dream boldly about how we can engage new generations, broaden our horizons, and bring fresh energy to our mission. And as we do this, we can also unite from within, by forming new clubs, adopting flexible meeting structures, and collaborating across districts. The opportunities are boundless.

As you engage in this District Conference, I encourage you to embrace the possibilities that lie ahead, celebrate the accomplishments that have brought us here, and Unite for Good.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Arezzo', written in a cursive style.

Francesco Arezzo

President, Rotary International 2025-26



CHARLEY GILLILAND

District Governor

Rotary District 5910

Dear Rotarians, family members, friends, and honored guests,

Welcome to the Rotary District 5910 Conference!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you as we gather in fellowship, service, and celebration of all that Rotary makes possible through the dedication of our clubs and members. This conference is an opportunity not only to recognize our accomplishments, but also to strengthen friendships, exchange ideas, and renew our shared commitment to Service Above Self.

Throughout our time together, I encourage you to enjoy the fellowship, participate fully in the programs and discussions, and celebrate the remarkable impact Rotary continues to make in our communities and around the world through Rotary International.

Thank you for your leadership, your service, and your commitment to making a difference. I am grateful for each of you and honored to serve as your District Governor.

Welcome to the conference and thank you for being part of Rotary District 5910.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Charley Gilliland

District Governor, Rotary District 5910



GREG E. PODD, C.P.A., P.F.S.

Greg is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Personal Financial Specialist (PFS) who has operated his own practice since 1979. Throughout his professional career, he has written continuing education courses, served as a keynote speaker at national conferences, taught in Arizona State University's Master of Taxation program, and presented to more than 20,000 accounting professionals worldwide. In addition to his accounting career, he owned and led both a major telecommunications metal fabrication company and an international healthcare software development firm.

A Rotarian since 1982 and member of the Evergreen Rotary Club, Greg has served Rotary International in numerous leadership roles. His international service includes terms on the Rotary International Investment and Finance Committees, leadership of multiple Zone Institutes, service as a Rotary International Training Leader, and key roles at International Assemblies and Rotary Foundation training events alongside his wife, Pam.

At the regional level, Greg served as a Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Regional Membership Coordinator, Major Gifts Advisor, President's Representative, and Group Study Exchange Leader. Among his many accomplishments, he established his district's Million Dollar Dinner, raising more than \$3.1 million for The Rotary Foundation in a single evening, and represented his district at the Rotary International Council on Legislation.

Greg's leadership continued at the highest levels of Rotary International. As a Rotary International Director and later Vice President, he chaired and served on numerous committees overseeing audits, governance, strategic planning, operations, programs, and organizational development. Following these roles, he completed six years on the Operations Review Committee and currently serves as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, holding several key leadership positions related to finance, investments, grants, technology, and strategic planning.

In recognition of his extraordinary service, Greg received Rotary International's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, as well as The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife Pam have been married for 50 years, have three children and four grandchildren, and are deeply committed to Rotary philanthropy. Together they hold numerous Rotary giving distinctions, including Multi Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, Bequest Society, and Arch C. Klumph Society memberships.

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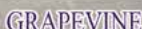
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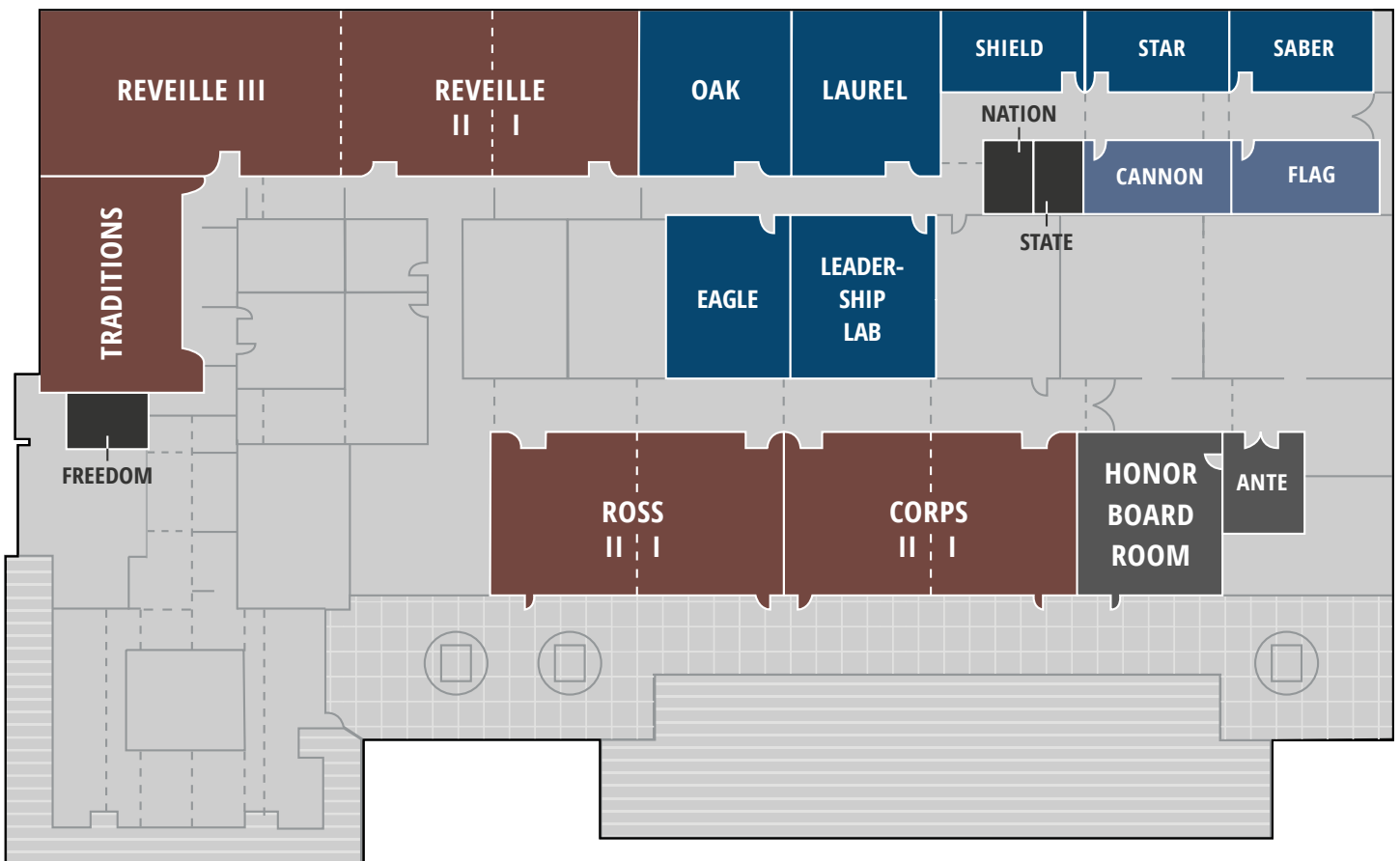
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FRIDAY, JUNE 5th

- 9 am – 5 pm** **On-Site Registration/Check-In** *Texas A&M Hotel – 1st Floor*
- 11 am – 2 pm** **College of Governors Luncheon (By Invitation Only)** *Casa Do Brasil*
- 12 – 5 pm** **Excursions – Hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Bryan & Aggieland**
- 6 – 9 pm** **Rotary Ranch Derby** *Visit College Station Event Center*
TAMU Shuttle Bus Transportation begins at 5:45 pm
Conference Registration Pickup will be available at Visit CS Event Center at 5:30 PM
Dinner, Fellowship, Games & Dancing
TAMU Shuttle Bus Transportation back to A&M Hotel begins at 7:30
- 9 - 11 pm** **Club Hospitality Receptions** *Texas A&M Hotel – 3rd Floor*
Texas City – Room 331
Aggieland/Bryan/College Station – Room 339

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th

- 7:30 am – 5 pm** **On-Site Registration** *Texas A&M Hotel – 1st Floor*
- 7 am – 8:30 am** **Breakfast** *Century Ballroom*
- 8:30 - 10 am** **Opening of Conference/First Plenary Session** *Century Ballroom*
Call to Order – Jarrod Hix, District Conference Chair
Welcome from the City of College Station – John Nichols, Mayor – City of College Station
National Anthem – Silas Moores, Bryan
Pledge of Allegiance & 4 Way Test – Aron Collins, President-Elect, Bryan
2025-26 District Governor & Host Clubs Presidents Procession
Introduction of 2025-26 Governor – Melissa Green, Club President - Bryan
Remarks by DG Charley Gilliland
Introduction of Greg Podd – 2025-26 Vice-Chair, The Rotary Foundation
Rotary Youth Exchange Parade & Presentation – Carol Mattingly, Chair
Rotary Friendship Exchange Presentation – John Delaney, Chair
Door Prizes Drawing
- 10 - 10:30 am** **Break – Beverages & Snacks** *Texas A&M Hotel – 3rd Floor Room 339*
- 10:30 - 11:15 am** **Breakout Sessions 1** *Texas A&M Hotel – 2nd Floor Meeting Rooms*
“Successes in Growing Membership” *Reveille I & II*
Micah Leigh, Past President – Spindletop (Beaumont)
“Rules” Were Made to be Broken: *Reveille III*
Maverick Meeting Formats for Modern Clubs
Lisa Priest, President – Downtown Palestine
Kent Hutchinson, Past President – Lone Star e-Club

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10:30 - 11:15 am	Breakout Sessions 1 (continued)	
	"Creative Foundation Campaigns" <i>Debbie Bridgeman, President – Spindletop (Beaumont)</i> <i>Bobby Chapman, District Chair – Foundation</i>	<i>Traditions</i>
	"Rotary Friendship Exchange" <i>John Delaney, Chair – Rotary Friendship Exchange</i>	<i>Oak</i>
	"Global Grants: Bigger Impact Than Your Club Imagines" <i>Real Provencher, Chair – Global Grants</i>	<i>Laurel</i>
	"Interact Club FUNdamentals" <i>Bunny Pratt, Chair - Interact</i>	<i>Shield</i>
11:15 am - 12 pm	Breakout Sessions 2	<i>Texas A&M Hotel – 2nd Floor Meeting Rooms</i>
	"Successes in Growing Membership" <i>Micah Leigh, Past President – Spindletop (Beaumont)</i> <i>Roschelle Springfield, President – Woodville</i>	<i>Reveille I & II</i>
	"Rules" Were Made to be Broken: Maverick Meeting Formats for Modern Clubs <i>Lisa Priest, President – Downtown Palestine</i> <i>Kent Hutchinson, Past President – Lone Star e-Club</i>	<i>Reveille III</i>
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12 - 2:15 pm	Luncheon/Second Plenary Session	<i>Century Ballroom</i>
	Welcome & Invocation – <i>Rodney McFaddin, Club President – College Station</i> Lunch Served Triple Crown Sponsor Remarks – <i>Larry Chatman, Director of Sales & Recruiting – Keating Auto Group</i> Introduction of Keynote Speaker – <i>Larry Chatman, Tomball Rotary Club</i> Keynote Address – <i>Damon West</i> <i>"The Coffee Bean: A Simple Lesson to Create Positive Change"</i> Special Presentation: Opportunities for Rotary Global Cooperation – <i>Cherry Adjchavanich, Club President - Guadalajara Internacional MX</i> Door Prizes Drawing	
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Book Drive Service Project	<i>Texas A&M Hotel – 2nd Floor</i>
5 - 6 pm	Belmont Stakes Cocktail Hour & Watch Party	<i>Century Ballroom Foyer</i>

6 - 9 pm

Governor's Triple Crown Gala

Century Ballroom

College of Governors Procession

Welcome, Introductions & Invocation –
Kent Hutchinson, Past President – Lone Star e-Club

Dinner Served

Introduction of Keynote Speaker – *Kent Hutchinson, Past President – Lone Star e-Club*

Keynote Address – *Greg Podd, 2025-26 Vice-Chair – The Rotary Foundation*
"The Power of a Simple Pin"

Celebration of Life – *Victoria Barnes, Beaumont*

District Roll of Fame Recognition – *DGE Phil Shackelford*

District Awards

Closing Remarks – *DG Charley Gilliland*

9 - 11 pm

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SUNDAY, JUNE 7th

8 – 8:30 am

Breakfast Buffet

8:30 – 10:30 am

Foundation Breakfast/Final Plenary Session

Century Ballroom

Welcome – *Jennifer Reiley, Club President – Aggieland*

Pledge & Four Way Test

Invocation – *Silas Moores – Bryan*

Rotary Song

Global Grants: *Sierra Leone – Real Provencher, Chair*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker – *Bobby Chapman, District Chair - Foundation*

Keynote Address – *Greg Podd, 2025-26 Vice-Chair – The Rotary Foundation*
"The Next 50 Years of The Rotary Foundation"

District Foundation Honors – *Bobby Chapman, District Chair - Foundation*

Recognition of Major Donors

Recognition of PHS Members

Recognition of TRF Benefactors

2025-26 Club Foundation Awards (Large & Small)

2027 District Conference Presentation – *DGE Phil Shackelford*

2028 District Conference Announcement & Vote – *DGN Dana Espinal*

International Convention Announcement – *DGN Dana Espinal*

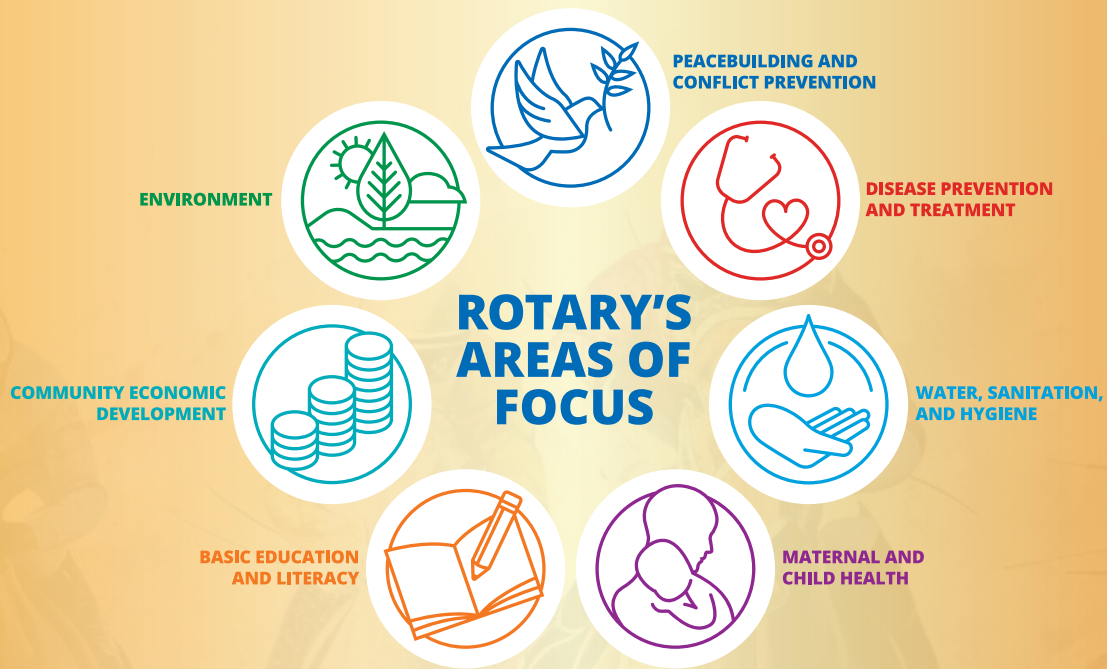
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Adjournment

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