

**JOY**

Fun &amp; Fellowship

**FULFILLMENT**

Service

**PRIDE**Personal, Professional  
& Career Development**See RI's Core Values in action in D5950**

*Rotary's core values represent the guiding principles of the organization's culture, including what guides members' priorities and actions within the organization. Values are an increasingly important component in strategic planning because they drive the intent and direction of the organization's leadership. Read these value summaries and appreciate the example some of our District 5950 leaders show in each area.*

**Russ Michaletz**

Rotary District 5950 Governor 2019-2020

**Service**

We believe that our service activities and programs bring about greater world understanding and peace. Service is a major element of our mission. Through the plans and actions of individual clubs, we create a culture of service throughout our organization that provides unparalleled satisfaction for those who serve.

**In District 5950: Judy Johnson (Maple Grove)**

*I first learned about Days for Girls at the 2014 RI convention in Sydney, Australia. Since then, District 5950 and 5960 club members have sewn almost 5,000 washable feminine hygiene kits and distributed them to girls and women in 22 emerging countries. These kits empower females to go to school, earn money to care for their families and have a much better life.*

**Judy Johnson****Fellowship**

We believe that individual efforts focus on individual needs, but combined efforts serve humanity. The power of combined efforts knows no limitation, multiplies resources, and broadens our lives and perspectives. Fellowship leads to tolerance and transcends racial, national, and other boundaries.

**In District 5950: Jim Hancock (Minneapolis University)**

*These are Brewtarians, Rotarians from throughout District 5950 who gather each month with friends, family and colleagues at a different taproom. Representing many different clubs, Brewtarians are dedicated to their **One Way Test: "Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?"** They meet on the fourth Thursday of each month from 5:30-7 p.m. For further details contact Jim Hancock at [hankrj@gmail.com](mailto:hankrj@gmail.com).*

## Diversity

We believe Rotary unifies all people internationally behind the ideal of service. We encourage diversity of vocations within our membership and in our activities and service work. A club that reflects its business and professional community is a club with a key to its future.

### In District 5950: PDG Bob Halagan (Buffalo)

*Rotary is a unique platform that allows each Rotarian to connect her/his hopes for impacting the world with the power, the people and resources of Rotary International. For me, that has been the opportunity to connect with people from around the world to bring hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of projects to impoverished and forgotten women in Guatemala.*

**Bob Halagan, PDG 2017-18**



## Integrity

We are committed to and expect accountability from our leaders and fellow members, both in the results of our efforts and in the processes we use to accomplish our goals. We adhere to high ethical and professional standards in our work and personal relationships. We are fair and respectful in our interactions, and we conscientiously steward the resources entrusted to us.

### In District 5950: Carol MacDonald (Burnsville Breakfast), PDG Irene Kelly (Eden Prairie AM)



*Attributes of integrity are accountability and responsibility. We volunteers have many roles; when we make a commitment, it's important to follow through. In my corporate and non-profit roles, accepting responsibility and completing commitments are integral to my success – and to managing trust and respect in business and with our family & friends.*

**Carol MacDonald, District TRF Chair  
and District Finance Consultant**

### Rotary's **Four-Way Test**

*is the cornerstone of how I espouse to live my life. The "test" supports the core values, integrity being one of them. In my role in leadership, I have been extremely attentive to stewarding our resources, especially financially. "Is it fair and beneficial to all concerned, and will it build goodwill" is always a consideration as we allocate dollars in D5950.*



**Irene Kelly, DG 2018-2019**

## Leadership

We are a global fellowship of individuals who are leaders in their fields of endeavor. We believe in the importance of leadership development and in leadership as a quality of our members. As Rotarians, we are leaders in implementing our core values.

### In District 5950: District Governor-Elect Tom Gump (Edina Morningside)



*I believe the best way to live RI's core values is to see them in action in others – and the best place to see a large number of People of Action living out our Rotary core values is at a Rotary International Convention or a Zone Institute. I receive so much joy out of Rotary that I want to share it with Rotarians and friends at these events. That's why I embraced my role as Promotions Coordinator for the 2018 and 2019 RI Conventions, I have met many Rotarians by working in our new Zone Pair partner, Zone 25B, and have made many new friends.*

**Tom Gump, DG-Elect**

## Opportunities to brighten your 2020!



**MID-TERM ASSEMBLY**  
**Saturday, January 18**  
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Minnetonka Community Center**  
 14600 Minnetonka Blvd  
 Minnetonka, MN 55345 ([map](#))

Mid-Term Assembly is a **CELEBRATION**  
 of clubs' progress and **MOTIVATION**  
 to complete this year's goals.

Come learn about:

- ◊ PETS for 2020-21 Presidents
- ◊ Projects on Display
- ◊ Club Fundraising Ideas

**WATCH FOR REGISTRATION ON [ROTARY5950.ORG](https://rotary5950.org)!**

**Calling all 2020-21 club presidents!** NCPETS (North Central Presidents Elect Training Seminar) is for YOU – incoming 2020-21 club presidents and PE-nominees. It's an exhilarating weekend of learning and planning with fellow leaders, March 12-14 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN.



District 5950 Past District Governor Tim Murphy (Edina) is PETS Executive Chair, planning training for incoming leaders from five districts: **5950**, **5960** (MN, WI), **5970** (IA), **6000** (IA) and **5610** (SD, IA, MN, and NE).

Curriculum will address incoming presidents' most pressing concerns: growing membership, practicing public speaking, dealing with members' fear of change while ensuring that change will not cause loss in club membership, and learning where Rotary is headed. See much more about keynote speakers, the agenda, registration and hotel accommodations at <https://www.ncpets.org>.

ZONES 25A/B-29 PARTY AT THE BISHOP MUSEUM  
 IN HONOLULU, HAWAII, USA!



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Aloha Rotary International District 5950! Check out one of the best ways to immerse yourself in the Aloha Spirit while at Rotary International's 2020 Aloha Convention in Honolulu, June 6–10, 2020. Attend the Zones 25A, 25B and 29 Zone Party on June 7! The evening event will be at the Bishop Museum in, Honolulu – less than five miles from the Convention Center. Tickets are \$125.00 per person which includes access to some of the Bishop Museum's exhibits.



## Our interest-based clubs gain media coverage

### *Save the Planet and Rotary: Start an Eco-Club*

The Twin Cities Rotary EcoClub continues to gain traction and media coverage. *If you're concerned both by the warming planet and the greying of Rotary, consider starting an Eco Club.* That's the message in the April 2019 [ESRAG newsletter](#) (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group). The article featured Steve Solbrack, a charter member of the club and an ESRAG Director, who spoke about the evolution of the EcoClub at the Rotary Zone 25B and 29 Institute in Kansas City.

While Membership Chair for District 5950, Solbrack sought a way to engage young adults and women – two groups woefully underrepresented in Rotary. He drew on RI Past President Ian Riseley's worldwide tree planting initiative and his own passion for environmental sustainability, coming up with the idea of the EcoClub. It meets twice a month in the evening, develop environmental knowledge and service projects, and foster leadership development for young adults.

The club chartered in February 2019. Over half of members are women, almost half are under age 40, and one-third are under age 30. Social media has drawn at least 11 members to the club. The EcoClub's [Facebook page](#) has 285 followers and Meetup group has 320. Meetings frequently take place at the sites of environmental organizations. The club organizes many service projects which draw people from the wider community. Annual dues are \$240. Contact Steve for more information at [Steve@Solbrack.com](mailto:Steve@Solbrack.com).



### *First Rotary Club for Veterans leads to honor for DG-E Gump*

A new group of District 5950 Rotarians formed the world's first Rotary Club for Veterans. Their Charter Night received local media [video](#) coverage.

Call it “camaraderie at the core (corps)”. Veterans who have served their country are drawn to organizations that focus on camaraderie, service projects, and peace efforts.

Upcoming service projects include:

- actively caring for one another and our extended families
- serving in our communities, especially youth, civic organizations, schools and the elderly
- honoring other veterans and their families, especially during times of grief
- serving those in areas/regions where we have served (possible projects in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, or Somalia)

The club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at [St. Peter's Lutheran in Edina](#). Meetings run from 7-8 p.m. Visit their [website](#).





## Supporting TRF: Vision, Faith and Courage

Does Rotary's simple mission, *Service Above Self*, get lost in the hustle of day-to-day and week-to-week endeavors? If you will carve out *just four minutes to be inspired*...watch this Rotary Foundation (TRF) [video](#) that conveys the breadth of its (*our!*) work. A Rotarian in the video summarizes the great message, "Rotary is the **Vision to See**, the **Faith to Believe**, and the **Courage to Act**."

We can and do make a difference through our charitable gifts to TRF. [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) makes it easy to donate by logging in to My Rotary on the home page.