

MARCH 2020



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Personal, Professional
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District Conference is designed for families!

This family-friendly event has it all: Inspiring speakers, kid-friendly activities, eco-focused done-in-a-day project, tram and walking tours of the Arboretum, outdoor picnic, awards program and MORE!



Saturday, May 16

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location:

MN Landscape Arboretum
3675 Arboretum Drive
Chaska, MN 55318

Cost:

Individual \$30 / Family \$40
(specify family member
names and children's ages)

Extend the District Conference at Happy Hour!

Time: 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: ENKI Brewing, 1495 Stieger Lake Ln, Victoria, MN 55386

Cost: \$20 per person, includes two drink tickets

REGISTER [HERE](#)! A full refund is available if registration is cancelled online by attendee, via District 5950 website, on or before May 6, 2020.

RI's 2020-21 theme: Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary International President-elect Holger Knaack (Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany) is encouraging Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve. He revealed the 2020-21 presidential theme, **Rotary Opens Opportunities**, to incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California.



Celebrate our Rotaractors!



World Rotaract Week is March 9-15. Partner with a local Rotaract club to host a service project or offer a professional development opportunity for Rotaractors in your community. Remember that Rotaractors can join a Rotary club while they are still active members of Rotaract clubs.

Add Environmental Sustainability to your club committees

by Steve Solbrack (EcoClub), Environmental Sustainability Chair 2020-21

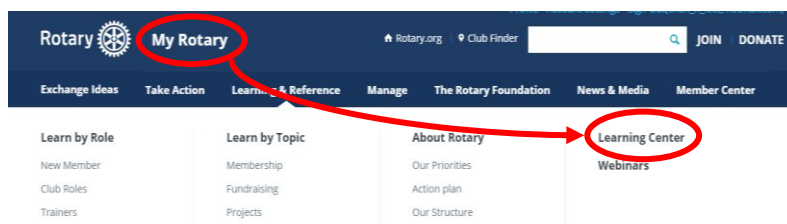
This is an exciting time for Rotarians that care about Environmental Sustainability. Last month this newsletter announced that RI may add a new environmental Area of Focus. Now District 5950 is creating an Environmental Sustainability Committee. The overall objectives are:

1. Champion environmental sustainability to Rotarians in District 5950.
2. Engage, motivate and empower Rotarians to incorporate environmental sustainability into their daily lives and in their club and district activities, events and projects.
3. Encourage Rotarians to minimize their personal environmental footprints.
4. Provide advice and information on environmental sustainability to the District Governor, D5950 clubs and their members.

This is a great time for your club to form a Rotary Club Environmental Sustainability Committee. Club objectives would match those of the district committee. Here is a suggested [job description](#) for your club's Environmental Sustainability Chair. Questions? Contact Steve@Solbrack.com.

Learning Center adds Mentoring Basics course

[Mentoring Basics](#) is now available in [Rotary.org's Learning Center](#). In this new 30-minute interactive course, you'll learn the role, responsibilities, and benefits of being a mentor to an adult professional. Research shows that clubs with mentor programs better retain members.



Grant Management Seminar registration opens

by Steve Johnson (Monticello), Grant Management Seminar Administrator

District 5950 is striving to have all clubs Grant Management Seminar (GMS) certified for the 2020-21 Rotary year.

Each club must have at least one member trained at a GMS to be certified to receive matching Rotary Foundation funds for their local and international projects. Each club may train multiple members all at no cost to the club.

Complete sessions last four hours and include refreshments and a meal. One Refresher sessions will have refreshments. A second Refresher session will be conducted ONLINE via Zoom. Both are available for members who were trained for either Rotary year 2018-19 or 2019-20. This seminar lasts two hours.

Register [online](#), not through the district office. You will immediately receive an email confirmation. Each session is limited to twenty participants. Register early to ensure a space in your preferred session.

GMS Schedule 2020

Date	Day	Type	Location + Addresses Listed Below	Time	Notes
3/21/2020	Saturday	Complete	St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Edina	8:00-12:30	Registration limit 20
3/26/2020	Thursday	Refresher	St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Edina	4:30-7:00	Registration limit 20
4/4/2020	Saturday	Complete	New Ulm Country Club - New Ulm	8:00-12:30	Registration limit 20
4/25/2020	Saturday	Complete	Courtyard by Marriott - St. Cloud	8:00-12:30	Registration limit 25
5/2/2019	Saturday	Refresher	Online - Via Zoom	8:00-10:30	Registration limit 20
5/9/2019	Saturday	Complete	St. Peter's Lutheran Church - Edina	8:00-12:30	Registration limit 20

Find these dates on the [Rotary5950.org Calendar](#). Click on your preferred date and follow registration prompts. Zoom session instructions will be forwarded upon registration and prior to the refresher session. Direct questions to Steve Johnson, Grant Management Seminar Administrator, at steve.johnson@ix.netcom.com or 612-987-6688.



ROTARY BUSINESS NETWORK is a free District 5950 Rotary Business Network (RBN) open to all Rotarians. The group meets once a quarter.

March 16

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Westend Conference Center

1600 Utica Avenue South, Suite 100

St. Louis Park, MN 55416 (*behind D.Brians*)

Jeff Meacham – Presenter

Additional information and **RSVP** at www.rotarybn.com

Gates Foundation extends match for polio eradication

by Rotary.org

Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced that they would extend their long-term fundraising partnership, which generates up to \$150 million annually for polio eradication. Under the agreement, Rotary commits to raising \$50 million a year over the next three years, and each dollar will be matched with an additional two dollars by the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement will yield up to \$450 million for polio eradication activities.

Be a Brewtarian on March 26!



Our next gathering is at the **Urban Growler** on March 26. *Join us!*

www.urbangrowlerbrewing.com