

SEPTEMBER 2019



Membership Value
INSPIRATION



JOY

Fun & Fellowship



FULFILLMENT

Service



PRIDE

Personal, Professional
& Career Development

Rotary 101



At the Rotary 101, you will meet other Rotarians and learn more about Rotary. You will also participate in several interactive activities to discover how Rotary can be valuable to you and how our Rotary District 5950 can deliver this value and you get the most out of the Rotary experience.

4 Convenient Locations To Serve You Best!

Thursday, September 12th
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Art works Eagan
3795 Pilot Knob Rd
Eagan, MN 55122

Wednesday, October 2nd
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
New Ulm Country Club
2-35 Golf Dr
New Ulm, MN 56073

Saturday September 21st
8:00 am - 10:30 am
Chaska Community Center
1661 Park Ridge Dr
Chaska, MN 55318

Saturday, October 5th
8:00 am - 10:30 am
Stearns Co. History Museum
235 33rd Ave S
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Free for all Rotary members!

REGISTER NOW @
Rotary5950.org



Serving
- Central MN
- Western MN
- Minneapolis MN



Presidents, this new **Rotary 101** format is designed especially for your members with four years or less in Rotary. It's also valuable for longer-term members who want to re-energize their membership.

Go to the [District's home web page](#). Locations and dates are one click away using buttons on the top of the page. Register now!

How do you fill a room with smiling Rotarians? *(Rotary.org)*

Cathy Bisailon (Silverdale, WA) prompted her club to act after telling them about the difficulties that people with disabilities can face when trying to find jobs. The club organized a [mock interview service project](#) that not only gave participants interview experience but also provided them with business cards. At least one person secured an interview for an open position in a Rotarian's business.



Nigeria reaches crucial polio milestone

It's been three years since health officials last reported a case of polio caused by the wild poliovirus in Nigeria. The milestone, reached on August 21, means that it's possible for the entire World Health Organization (WHO) African region to be certified wild poliovirus-free next year.

World Polio Day is October 24. How will your club celebrate it and use the annual event to raise funds for PolioPlus? Check out ideas at <https://www.rotary.org/en/how-rotary-clubs-are-celebrating-world-polio-day>.

Aloha Rotary

Say *hello* to Honolulu, home to the 2020 Rotary International Convention. And the best way to see this island paradise? Hang with local Rotarians and Rotaractors. Check out this detailed look at [what you'll see and do in Hawaii](#) for the convention. Plan to bring the whole family!

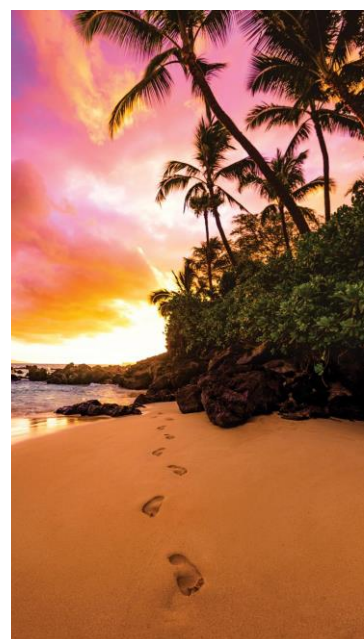
Start by watching this introductory video.

Then check out these links: [How to register for the convention](#)

[Registration & hotel forms](#)

[Planning your visit](#)

[Convention events & tickets](#)



TOM GUMP'S TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND THE 2020 HONOLULU ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

DG-E Tom Gump, Zone 29 Promotion Chair, would like *you* to join him and 25,000 Rotary family members from 170 countries at Rotary's 111th annual international convention. Register to be in beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii from June 6-10, 2020. *Why* you ask?

1. To go to a luau and immerse yourself in Hawaiian culture with hula dancers with flaming batons, great seafood and lovely, friendly people!
2. To catch up with Rotary friends from around the world -- and make new ones! Meet up in the House of Friendship. Meet project partners from other areas of the world. Bring your club flags and/or pins to exchange/share.
3. To see different colored beaches. Nothing else needs to be said.
4. To hear speakers who inspire, motivate, provide new perspectives, teach skills, and send you home with new ideas.
5. To visit Pearl Harbor and learn about Hawaii's role in the war.
6. To recharge your Rotary batteries. Return to your clubs even more prepared to *Connect the World!*
7. To go snorkeling with the dolphins and sea turtles.
8. To see, meet and hear from our current RI President and other Rotary dignitaries, and learn recent Council on Legislation progress.
9. To take a catamaran cruise or an open-door helicopter ride!
10. To attend fabulous events planned by the wonderful Honolulu Host Organizing Committee and the Rotary Zones. These will be memories that last a lifetime.

Charter approved for MN Veterans Club!



Our district is launching The Rotary Club of Minnesota Veterans. This will be the **first Rotary Club for veterans serving veterans in the world!**

Encourage your club's members to invite their friends and family to become founding members of this new club. Experience this unique opportunity to connect with other veterans and business leaders while serving our local communities together and helping those in need.

Meetings are currently scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at St. Peter's Lutheran in Edina ([5421 France Avenue S.](#)) from 7-8 p.m. (Rotary is non-religious and non-political organization; we are simply using the church facility because of the generosity of Pastor Mark Shockey, a 30-year Rotarian.)

The first meeting is Thursday, September 12. It will include a discussion of our guiding principles – Camaraderie, Service and Peace – along with sharing ideas for projects and events to participate in. District Governor Russ Michaletz will deliver a Rotary 101 presentation at our September 26 meeting. Encourage prospective members to get meeting information from District Governor-Elect Tom Gump at tagump@gmail.com.

AG Summit: JOY, FULFILLMENT & PRIDE



District 5950 Assistant Governors (AGs) and a few district leaders demonstrate the JOY they feel working on behalf of our clubs and members. District Governor Nominee Marianna Khauv (Monticello) hosted the group. After lighthearted socializing, AGs got to work focusing on how to help club presidents and all D5950 Rotarians find the Joy, Fulfillment and Pride in their membership. Your AG will be reaching out to you. Please make use of the professional- and Rotary-based resource he/she can be for your club.

If you need to reach out immediately, or wish to invite your AG to a meeting as a guest or speaker, contact information is on the [District organizational chart](#). Scroll down the page to find all ten AGs.

Top Membership Club Award could be yours!

This is your chance to meet and EXCEED your membership goal! District 5950 Membership chair Lloyd Campbell (Glenwood) introduces a membership competition with several elements, any of which YOUR CLUB COULD WIN!

- Top Membership Club
- Top Sponsorship
- New Club Sponsorship
- Best Retention
- Rate Highest Net increase in New Members
- Highest Increase in % of New Members

To begin your quest for one of these awards, make sure that the District 5950 ClubRunner database lists you as president AND the name of your 2019-20 membership chairman. In addition, keep your club's roster accurate with new and departing members so that the net numbers are current every month. **These are key qualifiers for the awards criteria.**



Earn recognition for your club's membership contribution to the growth of Rotary! To qualify, each club must keep membership information current in ClubRunner. This includes listing the Club President, Membership Chair and accurate monthly membership numbers. **Clubs have until October 31 to update their information.**

Award Categories

Top Membership Club
This is the club that had the greatest impact on participant growth in the District. Selection will be based on # increase, % increase, retentions, and New Club Sponsorship. (Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Community Corp, Satellite, New Club) The winning club will host an engraved Traveling Trophy.

Top Sponsor
A sponsor is the person (other than a District Officer) who recruits participants and takes steps to ensure that the new member is engaged in Rotary. Credit is given as long as the new member remains in good standing through the end of the Rotary year. The winner will receive credit for their next level of membership.

New Club Sponsorship
All clubs that successfully sponsor a new club (a satellite club will receive a plaque. Satellite club must have at least 8 members on record with 5 clubs have at least 20 chartered members. (Int, Rotaract and Rotary Community Corp numbers not counted toward membership but will be taken under consideration for TOP MEMBERSHIP CLUB)

Best Retention Rate
Highest Net increase in New Members
Highest Increase in % of New Members



Members' value-added ideas!

Thank you for sharing your personal/club's innovative ways to increase member value.

["Quiet Force in a Loud Industry"](#) is a recent article in the *StarTribune*. It features Minneapolis City of Lakes Rotary Club Vice President **Carol Russell** who offers insight into how Rotary helps her grow her business. In particular, Carol says, *"Rotary has literally been a life changer for me and for our firm. Over the many years, it's been a constant in a continual world of change. Having the opportunity to develop strong friendships and business relationships has fostered growth, perspective and purpose not only for me but throughout our entire team. Whether it is within our club or our greater RI network, these are people who make a difference every day and inspire me to do the same."*

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I sat among 45 strangers, all summoned for jury duty. The odds of being one of the final 12 were very slim; however, every round of dismissal kept me "alive". Suddenly I found myself on an actual jury, facing an accused defendant, hearing rape and strangulation charges that made my stomach clench.

My gut said, "He's GUILTY."

The Constitution says, "Innocent until proven guilty."

Rotary's *Four-Way Test* asks, "Is it the TRUTH?"

Five days later, a jury of wide-ranging opinions attempted to reach consensus. All four elements of the Four-Way Test played into the deliberations. I felt secure that relying on them ensured my best input in this important process.

**Cheri Ashfeld**  
(Rogers)