

Thomas Anthony Gump

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**Rotary Club of Edina/Morningside
Minnesota, USA**

Tom Gump says the best part of Rotary is the friends you make. He has traveled the Rotary world, becoming an honorary member in dozens of clubs.

Gump embodies the first two words of Rotary's vision statement: "Together, we." He has brought in many members and has helped form numerous new clubs, including clubs to serve veterans and seek an end to human trafficking, both of which are the first of their kind in the world. He united five clubs to form a Rotary Community Corps to serve hundreds of refugees, led his district to become the fourth globally to have all its clubs designated as 100% Paul Harris Fellow clubs, brought three districts together to have legislation passed in his state to allow Rotary license plates for motorcycles, cars and trucks, brought together multiple districts to secure the bid for Minneapolis, Minnesota, to host the 2028 Rotary International Convention, and helped formed the Artificial Intelligence Rotary Fellowship.

Gump serves as chair of the Host Organization Committee for the 2028 convention. He previously served as aide to the RI president, chaired Rotary International's Membership Growth Committee, was an International Assembly learning facilitator, and a president's representative multiple times. He chairs the MDP Alliance, a consortium of multidistrict presidents-elect learning events.

Gump is committed to The Rotary Foundation, his club's foundation, and the service projects they fund. He has worked on or led more than 20 global, district and club grants totaling more than US\$4 million. He is also committed to Rotary's fight to eradicate polio. After meeting frontline polio workers in Pakistan, he says, "It's not an if, it's when."

Gump and his wife have provided for an endowment gift through their estate that will establish the Thomas and Catherine Gump Family Peace Fund. They support The Rotary Foundation as Major Donors, Bequest Society members, multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Sustaining Members, and PolioPlus Society members.

The Gump family has hosted seven long-term Rotary Youth Exchange students. Outside Rotary, Gump is active in his church, has served as Edina Community Foundation president, and has carried the Olympic torch in two Olympic Games.

Gump received RI's Service Above Self Award and is a Gold Member of its Membership Society for New Member Sponsors. The Rotary Foundation has awarded Gump its Citation for Meritorious Service and Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

Since 2013, Gump has been the owner and managing broker of A-1 Asset Management LLC, a commercial real estate firm in Minneapolis. He is an attorney licensed in four states and holds a commercial broker's license.