

Thomas A. Gump *Aide to Rotary International President 2024-2025*

Tom Gump is a member of Rotary International's Membership Growth Committee (2022-25) and Rotary Coordinator.

He passionate about growing Rotary Membership through forming new and creative Rotary, Rotaract and satellite clubs. He founded, co-founded, helped form and/or inspired dozens of new and creative clubs around the world. Tom also formed a *Rotary Community Corps for Refugees*, which serves hundreds of refugees in Minnesota, USA.

Tom is also one of only 1,000 Rotarians in the world to be named to The Membership Society for New Member Sponsors for bringing in more than 50 active members into his club, which puts him at the Gold Level of the Society. He was the winner of 2021 "Zones 28 and 32 Individual Membership Innovation Award," for promoting new cause-based clubs throughout the world.

Tom now inspires others around the world to form new and innovative Rotary clubs. He speaks regularly on the topic of membership at Rotary club, district, multi-district, zone and international events. He has spoken at the 2022 Rotary International Assembly and is scheduled to speak at the 2023 Rotary International Assembly. For the past few years, he has led and been a panelist on breakout session panels at Rotary International Conventions. He also led a panel at 2022 Presidential Rotary Preconvention Conference: Serve to Bring Peace. He is on the Presidents-elect Training Seminars Alliance's list of "Popular Speakers" and serves on the organization's Advisory Committee. He has also served as a President's Representative.

Tom's tips for attracting and retaining members and some of the clubs he has formed have been featured as part of cover stories in the North American *Rotary* magazine and he and his work has appeared in other Rotary regional magazines. Tom has also written articles for Rotary's blog *Rotary Voices*.

Tom has also served an *International Assembly Training Leader* and the General Chair of the 2022 Rotary Zones 25B and 29 Institute.

He has served in various promotion roles for Rotary including as Zone Promotion Coordinator for the Toronto and Honolulu Conventions and for Rotary's Rose Bowl Parade Float.

As District 5950 Governor, Tom led his district to become only the third district in the world to ever have all of its clubs designated as 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs; and, in so doing, his district became one of the top overall giving districts in the world. Tom and Catherine are both Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of both its Paul Harris and Bequest Societies. He also loves working on local and international grants. He was the International Grant Sponsor on a 1.3 million euro grant in Italy that involved every district in the country. He led his District in raising over \$642,000 for the End Polio Now campaign during his year as District Governor.