

DISTRICT LEARNING ASSEMBLY

CLOSING SESSION

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



Rotary
District 5830



Next Steps

Between now and July 1st

- Set club goals and enter them into ClubRunner.
- Working with Club Treasurer, create your budget (Follow your club bylaws and procedures for any budget approval process)
- Meet with your team to outline expectation and set goals together.
- Take the Club Health Assessment and Member Survey
- Prepare the Club Project Grant and submit by June 1, 2026
- Review your club's constitution, bylaws and strategic plan.



Key Takeaways

Increase membership retention by enhancing the member experience.

- Make meetings worth showing up for. Mix up your formats.
- Personalize the member journey. Assign mentors.
- Give members clear, meaningful responsibilities.
- Strengthen relationships by hosting social events or small group interactions.
- Show our impact – make the why visible.
- Recognize contributions in a meaningful way.
- Listen and actually act on feedback.

Key Takeaways

Storytelling does three powerful things:

1. Strengthens connection
 2. Reinforces purpose
 3. Attract others naturally
- Your story is Rotary's most powerful invitation. What brought you to Rotary? What have you experienced? What is the impact on you and others around you?
 - People connect to people, not programs.
 - Elevator speech – do you have one?



Key Takeaways

We must increase our ability to adapt. Adapting isn't about losing tradition. It's making sure the impact and fellowship continues to thrive.

- How can you adjust your meetings to be more engaging and welcoming?
- How can you improve the first impression? Do you have a greeter program? Does anyone follow up quickly?
- Create more ways to connect – add social events, small group gatherings or informal meetups.
- Highlight impact more clearly – share stories, photos and updates.

2026-2027 District 5830 Leadership Team

District Governor (DG)

Diane Kavanaugh

COG Chair & Immediate Past District Governor

Damon Donnell

District Governor Elect (DGE)

Sil Gomez

District Governor Nominee (DGND)

Michael Newman

District Learning Director and RYLA Chair

PDG Karen Maines

Vice Governor, Global Scholarships and RLI Chair

PDG Lee Montgomery

Public Image Chair

Richie Rossouw

District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC)

Pamela Walters

Membership Chair

PDG Jeff Johnson

RI Programs , RI Convention & Major Gifts Chair

PDG Ted Huffhines

Disaster Response Chair

Ben Patterson

PolioPlus Committee Chair

PDG Shirley Griffin

2026-2027 District 5830 Leadership Team

Finance Chair

Auditor & Administration

Council on Legislation Representative

Club Visioning Chair

Four-Way Test Speech Contest

Membership –Awards & Recognitions – Fundraising

Rotaract Chairman

District Administrator/Secretary/Website Editor

International Peacebuilding Chair

PDG Mike Groom

PDG John Jetter

PDG Jack Welge

Brandie Henderson

Amy Hinton

PDG Tom DeWitt

Dr. Brian Matthews

Shirley Pinnix Evans

Tammy Haas

2026-2027 District 5830 Leadership Team Assistant Governors

Area 1	Ralph Waits (Texarkana Sunrise)
Area 2	Vacant
Area 3	Roni Arias (Pittsburg)
Area 4	Daren Horton (Marshall)
Area 5	Donna Koerner (Longview Greggton)
Area 6	Brandie Henderson (Tyler Food Bank)
Area 7	Terri Deike (Longview)
Area 8	Dub Hirst (Athens)
Area 9	Bill Martin (Quitman)

2026-2027
President-Elect
Recognition

Lone Star P.E.T.S. 2026



Thank you to the President Elects, President Nominees, Facilitators, Rangers and Assistant Governors who attend Lone Star PETS in February.



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LONE STAR PETS CERTIFICATES

The following President-Elects receive Certificates of Completion for attending Lone Star PETS:

Melanie Bruehl, *Pittsburg Rotary Club*

Tiffany Damskov, *South Tyler Rotary*

Patricia Deeds, *Cedar Creek Lake Rotary*

Jennifer Dobbins, *Tyler Rotary Club*

Holly Fuller, *Longview Greggton Rotary*

Marion Houff, *Texarkana International*

Aubrey Hull, *Rotary Club of Carthage*

Jennifer Lacefield, *Wilbur Smith Rotary*

Greg LaMay, *Tyler Food Bank Rotary*

Kevin Lilly, *Athens Rotary Club*

Susan Mazarakes Gill, *Lindale Rotary*

Todd Reed, *Clarksville Rotary Club*

Carol Robbins, *Texarkana Oaklawn*

Don Smith, *Rotary Club of Henderson*

David Stanley, *The Rotary Club of Longview*

*Thank you to President Nominees **Patrick O'Brien** from Cedar Creek Lake Rotary Club and **Shawn Hara** from Longview Rotary Club for also attending Lone Star PETS.. Assistant Governor **Dub Hirst**.*

LOCAL PETS



Thank you to the President Elects, President Nominees, Facilitators, and Assistant Governors who attend LOCAL PETS in March

LOCAL PETS CERTIFICATES

The following President-Elects receive Certificates of Completion for attending Local PETS:

Frank Bence, *Big Sandy Rotary Club*

Adrienne Browning, *Idabel Rotary Club*

Dan Brown, *Sulphur Springs Rotary Club*

Frank Conrad, *Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club*

John Dollarhide, *Mineola Rotary Club*

Hanno de Kock, *Bullard Rotary Club*

James Hubbard, *Jacksonville Rotary*

Michael Joseph, *Kilgore Rotary Club*

Marsha Matthews, *Wills Point Rotary*

Michael Nickey, *Paris United Rotary*

Elizabeth Piwonka, *E-Club Leaders in Service Rotary Club*

Nick Walker, *Texarkana Sunrise*

Nikki Wright, *Quitman Rotary Club*

Thank you to President Nominees **Dakota Hoover**, Longview Greggton Rotary, **Robert McNeese**, Big Sandy Rotary, **Stuart Price**, Paris United Rotary and **Camille Wrinkle**, Texarkana Wilbur Smith for also attending Lone Local PETS.. Assistant Governors in attendance – **Bill Martin**, **Dub Hirst**. And, Club Treasurers **James Volberding**, E-Club Leaders in Service and **Melissa Klingman**, East Henderson County Satellite Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Applications being accepted for District Governor for the 2029-2030 Rotary year. Contact DG Damon Donnell for more information.

Any Club Announcements?

Save the Dates! Upcoming Opportunities

2026 1 FOR \$1 MATCH CAMPAIGN

YOUR



DONATION

(Minimum donation is \$100)

EARNS

100

POINTS

=

200

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**PAUL
HARRIS
FELLOW**



**APRIL 15TH TO
MAY 31ST**

CONTRIBUTE NOW

- Annual Fund Share
- Disaster Response
- Polio Plus

The limit to the match is for the first \$100,000 received.

ZONE INSTITUTE – AUGUST 27-30

Attending the Rotary Zones 30-31 Institute provides an opportunity to connect with Rotary leaders across 13 states, gain actionable insights on leadership and membership growth, participate in major service projects, and network with peers. It is a premier event to "recharge your Rotary battery" by learning about local and global initiatives.



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ZONE: SUMMER LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

SUMMER LEADERSHIP *Seminar*

Who Should Attend? **All Are Welcome!**

- **District Leaders** – Governor Line, District Committee Chairs, Assistant Governors & Coordinators
- **Club Leaders** – Presidents & Elects, Board Members & Committee Chairs

Discover how to increase membership using the power of Public Image, Foundation, and Membership Toolkits. Let's build stronger, more vibrant clubs together!

Open to All Club Members

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ZONE INVOLVEMENT

Rotary
Zones 30 & 31

**SUMMER
LEADERSHIP**
Seminar

HILTON GARDEN INN
2833 CONFERENCE DRIVE
EDMOND, OK 73034-7197

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
JULY 25
8:30-4:00



YOU ARE INVITED

ROTARY DISTRICT 5830 INSTALLATION

Celebrating 2026-2027 District & Club Leadership

Keynote Speaker, Pamela Stewart

All Rotarians are invited!

Join us as we install our new District Governor and honor the incoming leaders of our clubs.

Saturday, June 27, 2026
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 p.m.

Douglas R. Mehling II Center
15200 County Rd 1145, Tyler

Closing Comments

WRAP UP

Any questions?

Yinka's Words of Wisdom

- Make friendships and collaborate with other clubs
- Don't forget to tell people how Rotary has changed you. Tell your story.
- Do better than our best!
- Leave a legacy of lasting impact.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Rotary  **4 Way Test**
of the things we think, say, or do:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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**Thank you for your time today!
Safe travels home.**