

Rotary District 5790

Club President

2026-27

As we prepare for the 2026/27 Rotary year, our focus is clear: **CREATE LASTING IMPACT**. Rotary's greatest impact does not begin with projects or programs; it begins with us. **"When we change ourselves, we change our clubs and districts. When we change our (clubs and) districts, we change the communities we serve. And when we change our communities, we create lasting impact across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."** This year is about igniting that impact through intentional leadership, meaningful engagement, and service that truly matters.

Principal Responsibilities

The Club President is principally charged with the responsibility to:

- lead the club,
- **create engaging club meetings**,
- foster club culture,
- grow membership,
- develop impactful community service,
- encourage members to support The Rotary Foundation through contributions to the:
 - Annual Fund–SHARE
 - Polio Plus Fund.

How to prepare

The six months of planning before you take office is crucial to achieving the objectives you set out for your club. As president-elect, you work with the district governor, your assistant governor and incoming club leadership team to set annual goals that support your club's strategic plan. During this time, you should:

1. Know your **WHY!!!**
 - a. Why did you join rotary?
 - b. Why have you continued to be involved?
 - c. Why did you agree to move into club leadership?
2. Know your **WHAT!!!**
 - a. What is your vision and what do you want your IMPACT to be?
3. Register for My Rotary account at [Join My Rotary](#) for Rotary Club Central access) - confirm email address and phone number
4. Take online courses for club president in the Rotary Learning Center.
 - a. [My Rotary - Learning Center](#) Click on Club President Essentials 1 & 2
5. Between Pre-P.E.T.S. and P.E.T.S., assess your club's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and risks in order to set goals
6. Set attainable and challenging goals in [Rotary Club Central \(RCC\)](#) – your AG can assist with this. There will be time during PETS to consider and input these goals.
 - a. Annual Fund – SHARE giving
 - b. Polio Plus giving
 - c. Membership growth
 - d. Service impact goal
 - e. Fundraising goal
7. Appoint committee chairs and update in [My Rotary -> Add club officers](#)

8. Develop an action plan for your annual goals, which support long-term achievements through a workable plan.
 - a. Seek out advice from your committee chairs, club leaders, past presidents, AG, etc.
9. Attend the Club Leader Training (District Assembly) April 18, 2026 Boys & Girls Club 1100 Thousand Oaks Blvd, Georgetown, TX 78628
10. Create a budget and prepare to manage club finances – Spring 2026
11. **Grant Qualification:** ([Public](#)) [2026-27 Club Rotary Grant Qualification \(to date\)](#)
Grant Management Training Seminar (President + 1 member)

Training Dates:

January 17, 2026 – Virtual via Zoom (GMTS Renewal & GMTS Full)
 February 21, 2026 – Virtual via Zoom (GMTS Renewal & GMTS Full)
 March 1, 2026 – Lone Star PETS (GMTS Full Session Only)
 April 18, 2026 – Club Leader Training (GMTS Renewal Only)
 May 2, 2026 – Virtual via Zoom (GMTS Renewal & GMTS Full)

Full Rotary Grant Qualification Requirements:

- Submit Memorandum of Understanding
- Submit DAP Grant / Environmental Grant LOI – Deadline April 18
- Submit IRS Form 990
- Enter Annual Fund & PolioPlus goals in Rotary Club Central – Deadline May 31
- Ensure all Rotary International & District 5870 July 1 dues are paid
- No overdue grant reports

What you do

July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

1. Preside over engaging club and board meetings
2. Lead by example: Donate to the Annual Fund – SHARE before August 31, 2026
 - a. Consider giving monthly through [Rotary Direct](#) (make sure to login)
3. Conduct club board meetings and assemblies/business meetings per club bylaws
4. Plan and implement IMPACTFUL service projects.
5. Promote your club by showcasing your club and Rotary in your community.
 - a. [Learning Center - Public Image](#)
6. Encourage club leaders to attend training (foundation, membership, public image by zoom, in the Learning Center and in-person)
 - a. [Learning Center - Course Catalogs](#)
 - b. [Link to district calendar](#)
7. Develop a safe environment for youth participants
 - a. [Link to youth protection training](#)

July 1, 2026 to December 31st 2026

8. Work with your district governor
 - a. Facilitate the scheduling of the official DG visit prior to 10/31/2026
 - i. Host DG meeting with the board (this is not a board meeting) preferably immediately prior to the DG visit meeting
 - b. Attend the DG visit meeting
9. Work with your assistant governor
 - a. Your AG has previously been a club president and stood in your shoes. Use them as a resource/tool to help your club run smoother and create more impact.
 - i. Contact her/him if you have leadership questions, budget issues, club drama, goals questions, etc.

- b. I have asked your AG to visit your club at least every other month. **When in attendance, please allow him/her to have 5-10 minutes of meeting time to go over current district priorities.**
- 10. Pay your club's RI dues and fees, and the district dues no later than October 31.
- 11. If necessary, update the goals set at P.E.T.S. in [Rotary Club Central \(RCC\)](#)
 - a. Your AG would love to help you with this.
- 12. Ensure continuity in leadership
 - a. Choose a club president at least 18 months before they take office (by December 31st). From the time they're selected until the following July, they're the President-Nominee. On July 1, one year before taking office, their title becomes President-Elect, and a new President Nominee should be selected prior to December 31st.
- 13. Remove any members from the club roster that have resigned from the club.

January 1, 2027 to June 30, 2027

- 14. Encourage the PE and PN to attend both Pre-PETS and PETS to prepare for their years leading the club.
- 15. Ensure your Club's By-Laws are up to date and in accordance with the [Rotary Manual of Procedure](#) and the [Rotary International Code of Policies](#)
- 16. Ensure that your club's membership roster at My Rotary is continuously up-to-date and synchronize that roster with Club Runner
- 17. Encourage club leaders and committee chairs to attend the Club Leadership training held in April
- 18. Complete an annual financial review
- 19. Register for the annual Conference of Clubs "A District 5870 Family Reunion" in beautiful Kerrville, TX.

Resources & reference

- 1. [Lead Your Club: President - Club President's Manual](#)
- 2. [Be a Vibrant Club: Your Club Leadership Plan](#)
- 3. [Membership Growth and Retention Support](#)
- 4. [The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide](#)
- 5. [Standard Rotary Club Constitution](#)
- 6. [Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws](#)

Tools

- 1. [Pay or view your club invoice](#) (Rotary International dues and fees)
- 2. [Update your club membership data](#)
- 3. [Add club officers](#)
- 4. Set and track goals in [Rotary Club Central](#)

Leadership Training Events

1	Lone Star PETS February 26-March 1, 2026 DFW Airport Hyatt Regency	3.	RMDTI – AG Training July 31-August 2, 2026 Courtyard Marriott, Pflugerville 16100 Impact Way, Pflugerville
2.	Club Leadership Training (Formerly District Assembly) April 18, 2026, 9:00 am Boys and Girls Club of Georgetown		

Major Events

1.	District Officer Installation Backyard BBQ June 27, 2026 Pfluger Park 501 City Park Rd, Pflugerville	3.	Conference of Rotary Clubs April 30-May 2, 2027 YO Ranch Hotel 2033 Sidney Baker St, Kerrville
2.	Rotary Foundation Gala February 6, 2027 Sheraton Hotel, Georgetown 1101 Woodlawn Ave, Georgetown	4.	Epic Day of Service May, 2027

[Click here for a full list of events](#)