

## District Governor Official Visit Memo

District Governor Angie Cox

July 8 – November 15

Dear Club President-elect and nominees,

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.

Once each year, the District Governor makes an official visit to every Rotary club in the district. My official visits will include:

- A presentation to your club, and
- A separate meeting with your club leadership (board and committee chairs).

Please note: this leadership meeting is **not a regular board meeting**. It is a **"meeting with the board"** and is an opportunity for open dialogue, shared learning, and connection between club and district leadership.

### Official Visit Schedule & Attendance

Your attendance at **both meetings** is **essential**, as this may be the only opportunity during the year for me to meet with you and your full leadership team together. Please take this into consideration when scheduling your club visit.

If you become unavailable to attend **both** meetings, please submit a request to reschedule. Your **Assistant Governor** will work directly with you on the coordination and scheduling of your visit. [Official Visit Schedule](#)

### Purpose of the District Governor Visit

The purpose of my visit is to:

- Motivate and inspire Rotarians to participate in impactful service and fundraising activities.
- Listen to club leadership to better understand club activities, challenges, and opportunities
- Recognize individual Rotarian contributions and outstanding club projects
- Learn how **District 5790** can best support and assist your club
- Allow an opportunity to communicate directly with district Rotarians

## The Club Meeting

- My goal is to arrive 15 minutes prior to the club meeting (or the leadership meeting if it is scheduled before the club meeting).
- Your **Assistant Governor** will plan to attend and will handle my introduction.
- My presentation requires a full 25 minutes; please **do not schedule another speaker** that day.
- If you plan to present Paul Harris Fellowships, conduct new member inductions, or address other club business, please allow time to do so before my presentation.
- Please notify me at least one week prior to my visit if you have special requests, such as inductions or award presentations you would like me to conduct.

## The Meeting with the Board

The meeting between the District Governor and your club's leadership is vital to understanding how the district can best serve your club.

- I prefer to meet with your **board of directors and committee chairs immediately before the club meeting**, with the exception of breakfast clubs.
- Please plan for this meeting to last **one full hour**. Club members are welcome to attend if they wish.
- During this meeting, I will ask your leadership to share a brief summary of your plans and objectives for the year. When possible, I encourage committee chairs to speak to their respective areas.
- This time is intended to be an **open and collaborative discussion** where leaders feel comfortable asking questions, sharing concerns, and offering feedback on how the district can better support your club.
- I will also share updates related to district training, events, and initiatives.

The exchange of personal gifts is not customary in our district and is discouraged. If your club still wishes to recognize my visit, please consider directing those funds toward:

- A club service project, or
- **PolioPlus**, in honor of the District Governor's visit.

I look forward to visiting your club and spending meaningful time with your members and leadership team. Thank you for your commitment to Rotary and for the work you do to serve your community.

Warm regards,

### Angie Cox

District Governor 2026-27

Rotary District 5790