

**CREATE  
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**DISTRICT  
TEAM  
LEARNING  
SEMINAR**

**Committee Chair**



**Saturday, February 21, 2026  
ESU #3  
Omaha, NE**

**Convener:  
Gretchen Bren  
District Governor Elect**

- 9:00 Kickoff
- 10:00 Breakout – Committee Chairs:  
Roles & Strategic Alignment
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:15: Team Building: One District Leadership Team
- 12:45 Breakout: Supporting Your Clubs
- 1:45: Working with your District Team
- 2:30: Know Your Resources
- 3:00: Closing Teamwork in Action

# DISTRICT TEAM LEARNING SEMINAR

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## Student Workbook – Committee Chair

Use this workbook to capture key ideas, plan actions, and complete the activities during each session.

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# OPENING GENERAL SESSION — TEAMWORK

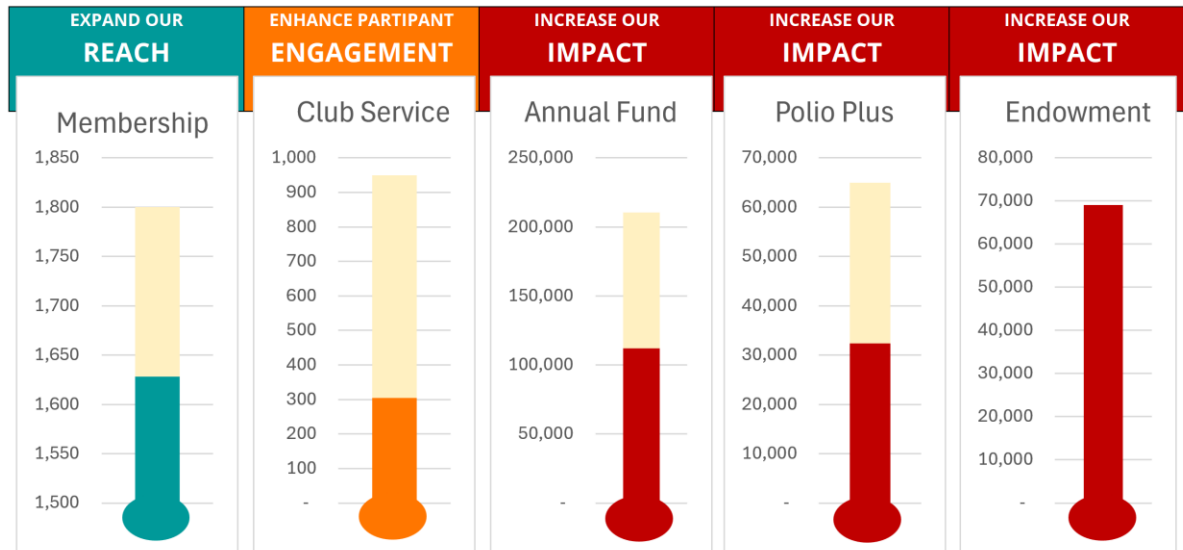
## Key Messages

- Introduce the district leaders.
- Emphasize participants’ primary responsibilities.
- Discuss Rotary’s [Action Plan](<https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/action-plan>) and how district activities align with it.
- Share the presidential messaging and discuss how the district team can use it to motivate clubs.
- Highlight the goals for the district.

## Goals for 2026-27

	EXPAND OUR REACH	ENHANCE PARTIPANT ENGAGEMENT	INCREASE OUR IMPACT	INCREASE OUR IMPACT	INCREASE OUR IMPACT	INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT
Area	Membership	Club Service Activities	TRF Annual Fund	Polio Plus Fund	TRF Endowment/ Benefactors	Develop Rolling Strategic Plan
Actual July 1 2025	1604**	905	191,181 \$115.87 per capita	\$73,072	52,430	Plan in place
2025-26 Goal	1800 *Club Goals: 1893	950 *Club Goals: 950	\$117 per capita * Club Goal: 172,870	\$65,000 * Club Goal:58,650	\$28,000 * Club Goal: 9 benefactors	Assess goals and update
2026-27 Goal	1825	1045	\$121 per capita	\$67,000	\$33,000	Assess goals and update
2027-28 Goal	1850	1150	\$128 per capita	\$69,000	\$38,000	Assess goals and update

31-Jan-26



Goal Amount	1,800	950	210,600	65,000	28,000
Current	1,628	305	112,004	32,394	69,100
Still to go	172	645	98,596	32,606	-

# The ROTARY ACTION PLAN



**TOGETHER** WE SEE A WORLD  
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION  
TO **CREATE** LASTING  
**CHANGE** ACROSS THE GLOBE  
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

As we stand on the cusp of eliminating polio, we find ourselves poised for our next challenge. **The time is right to move toward realizing a new vision that brings more people together, increases our impact, and creates lasting change around the world.** To achieve the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, we have set four priorities that will direct our work over the coming years.

## INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Focus our programs and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

## EXPAND OUR REACH

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new channels into Rotary
- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal
- Build awareness of our impact and brand

## ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Develop a participant-centered approach to deliver value
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide leadership development and skills training

## INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Review governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making

# SESSION 1B — BEING A DISTRICT CHAIR

## Learning objectives

- Define role and responsibilities as district committee chairs
- Determine how you'll work with their committee

## Reflection & discussion

1. What do you think will be your biggest challenge next year?

2. How will you work with the governor and assistant governor to support clubs in achieving their goals?

3. How can you identify and develop future leaders?

4. What are your tips for chairing a committee?

5. If you don't have a committee, how will you manage your workload?

6. How does your role support the goals in Rotary's Action Plan?

7. Write down one idea you'll use from the session.

## Define your role

Please see the handout in your folder. This is an excerpt from the District Manual of Policies and Procedures. How close does it match to what you thought you were supposed to do in this role? What needs to be changed?

## Notes

## Define your Roadmap

Review the District Committee Generic Roadmap. How can you customize this within your committee?

Discuss in small groups within this breakout what your roadmap looks like.

# DISTRICT COMMITTEE ROADMAP

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Everyone needs to have a direction! By saying yes to being a District Committee Chair, you will be helping guide the District and Clubs. But what exactly does that mean? Review your committee description from the District Manual of Policy and Procedures and then set your direction using the roadmap listed below. What you set and achieve during the year will be used for friendly competition at the District Conference for the best committee of the year.

## CATEGORY 1: TEAM MAKE-UP

1. Have a District Committee made up of at least \_\_\_ members
2. Develop a succession plan
3. Have at least \_\_\_ committee meetings per year

## CATEGORY 2: TRAINING

1. Review your committee description in the Manual of Policy and Procedure and ask questions if there are any questions.
2. Complete the learning Center training for your area
3. Complete additional work as set in the Pre-DTLS training program ([link](#))
4. Attend District Team Learning Seminar in February.

## CATEGORY 3: COMMUNICATION

1. Write an article per quarter/month/year for the newsletter regarding your committee
2. Review and update the information on your committee on the District Website

## CATEGORY 4: DEVELOPMENT

1. Set at least 3 goals for your committee to achieve this year. The goals should be measurable and submitted to the District Governor by August 1.
2. Set goals for the upcoming two years beyond this year to keep your committee pointed in the right direction.

## CATEGORY 5: OTHER

1. What else can your committee do for the District and in support of the clubs?

*For additional ideas, see the Regional Rotary Roadmap available on this page: <https://zones25b-29.org/>*



# SESSION 2B — SUPPORTING CLUBS

## Learning objectives

- Coach struggling and new clubs to help them become more engaging
- Use two ideas for helping clubs determine what type of club experience they'll provide for their members

## Reflection & discussion

1. How do assistant governors and committees support clubs differently?

2. What are the qualities of a successful and vibrant club?

3. What are some signs that a club is inclusive and welcoming?

4. How would you support clubs that are struggling?

5. How can you help clubs become more aware of flexible options?

6. Ask participants to write down one idea they'll use from the session.

## Small Group Activity

What menu of services can you and your committee offer clubs (e.g. club program, workshop, consult).

Your notes / plan:



## SESSION 3 — WORKING WITH YOUR DISTRICT TEAM

### Learning objectives

- Create a plan for communicating with other district leaders
- Determine how to collaborate with one another on projects and goals

### Reflection & discussion

1. How does your district team currently share information?

2. What parts of your communication plan work well?

3. What improvements could you make to your communication plan?

4. How will you update the governor on your committee's progress? (or Club's status if AG)

5. What kind of information should district leaders share with one another?

6. Ask participants to write down one idea they'll use from the session.

## Worksheets – Small Group Scenarios

In small groups, work through one or more of these scenarios as to how District Committee Chairs and AGs can help clubs in these situations.

1. A club experiencing steady membership decline
2. A club doing great service projects but with almost no visibility in the community
3. A newer or struggling club that isn't very vibrant or inclusive yet
4. A club with a strong signature project but low Foundation engagement

Your notes / plan:

# SESSION 4 — KNOWING YOUR RESOURCES

## Learning objectives

- Identify three resources that can help to support clubs
- Promote Rotary’s online tools to clubs

## Reflection & discussion

1. Why should clubs enter their goals in Rotary Club Central?

2. How can district committees support clubs in achieving their goals?

3. What are the benefits of posting completed projects on Rotary Showcase?

4. Ask participants to write down one idea they’ll use from the session.

## Worksheets

### Learn how to navigate online tools

Ask participants to figure out how to:

- Share a club project on Rotary Showcase
- Download Rotary logos from the Brand Center
- View the membership leads assigned to their districts
- Identify three courses in the Learning Center to promote to clubs
- Review Rotary Club Central

Ask each group to explain why clubs should use the tool it explored.

Your notes / plan:

### Identify people and resources that will help you support clubs

Assign a different scenario to each group:

1. A club president has asked for ideas to boost membership. What resources can the club use to develop its membership strategy?
  2. A club is interested in doing a community project but doesn't know where to start. Who, and what resources, could help a club plan a service project?
  3. A club's global grant application was denied. What resources would you recommend to help the club get its grant approved?
  4. One of your clubs has not updated its club logo yet. What resources would you recommend to the club's members to help them update their logo?
- Ask each group to summarize its findings for the larger group.

Your notes / plan:

# CLOSING GENERAL SESSION — TEAMWORK IN ACTION

In small groups, share highlights from the sessions you attended and how you plan to apply them in your role. Then capture your personal commitments below:

## My key takeaways

## My commitments for the next 90 days

# MY 30-60-90 DAY ACTION PLAN

## 30 Days

Goals:	Key Activities:	Measures of Success:

## 60 Days

Goals:	Key Activities:	Measures of Success:

## 90 Days

Goals:	Key Activities:	Measures of Success:

# RESOURCES

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Not sure how to do something? We have a whole page on the District Website that has step by step details on how do various things. It's a great starting point if you don't know where to start :

<https://rotarydistrict5650.org/SitePage/how-to-guides-to-district-ri-websites>

## Topics

[Managing Rotary Logon Information](#)

[Which Website Used To Enter Data](#)

[Using the District Website: Logging in](#)

[Using the District Website: Managing Member Data - Overview](#)

[Using the District Website: Managing Member Data - Details](#)

[Using the District Website: Managing Officer and Club Data](#)

[Using the District Website: ClubRunner Help Guide](#)

[ClubRunner Smart Phone App](#)

[ClubRunner - District compared to Club](#)

[ClubRunner for Club - Setting Access Levels](#)

[Compare & Synchronize Members](#)

[Email Through and To the District](#)

[Webinar Followup - Using the District Website](#)

[Viewing Club Reports on Rotary Club Central](#)

[How To Enter District Grant Project Online](#)

[Rotary International eBulletins - Subscribing](#)

## ONLINE TOOLS WORKSHEET

It all starts with having a login to My.Rotary.Org – see [Managing Rotary Logon Information](#) if you can't do that yet.

Tool	What you can do
<a href="#">My Rotary</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find resources related to your role</li> <li>• See your club snapshot and reports</li> <li>• Participate in the online community and discussion groups</li> <li>• Perform administrative tasks:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pay club invoice</li> <li>○ Generate Foundation and membership reports</li> <li>○ Get club forms</li> <li>○ Manage membership leads</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<a href="#">Rotary Club Central</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter club goals and achievements in membership, public image, service, Foundation giving, and young leaders</li> <li>• Review and adjust goals</li> <li>• View trends and reports</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Brand Center</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn how to use the Rotary brand</li> <li>• Customize event materials</li> <li>• Download Rotary logos, images, and videos</li> <li>• Create a club logo and stationery</li> <li>• Find templates for business cards, campaign ads, newsletters, and flyers</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Service Project Central</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share photos and videos from successful projects</li> <li>• Research projects and partners</li> <li>• Report how projects contribute to Rotary's global impact</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Learning Center</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find courses by role or by topic</li> <li>• Find club officer courses and resources</li> <li>• Take courses at your own pace, on topics that interest you</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Club Runner</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website and tool for managing your local club data</li> <li>• Enter Club Members name and address information</li> <li>• Terminate or Transfer members</li> <li>• Update information on when your club meets and where</li> <li>• See document "Online Guidelines for Clubs and Members for more details"</li> </ul>

## CLUB EXPERIENCE AND MEMBERSHIP GROWTH SUPPORT

When we've had issues that need help at Rotary International, we've turned to our Club and District Support (CDS) officers. Rotary has recently reorganized the system and have split the responsibilities into two new roles that will work together as one team to help clubs thrive, members feel connected and grow Rotary!





You can always find our contacts at <https://my.rotary.org/en/contact/representatives> - just search for District 5650!

### Club Experience Officers

These are our relationship builders, coaches, problem-solvers and policy advisors who help Rotary and Rotaract Clubs and leaders create a healthier culture, grow, and deliver meaningful experiences for members.

### Membership Growth Officer and Supervisor:

This is our strategic partner and coach who helps Rotary and Rotaract Clubs grow, diversify and sustain membership – using data, relationship-building, outreach strategies, and volunteer collaboration.

			
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### Culture and Values Team:

Here is one other person that we may be in contact with, and that is the Culture & Values team, which is headed by Cassie Howder.

### For Finance Questions:

Contact your District's Financial Representative to discuss invoice details. Contact your District's Financial Representative to discuss invoice details. To update your club membership or officers, please contact [Data@Rotary.org](mailto:Data@Rotary.org).

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# NOTABLE PEOPLE FOR 2026-2027 YEAR

## RI President for 2026-27 : Olayinka Hakeem “Yinka” Babalola



Olayinka Hakeem Babalola received a university degree in engineering in 1988. He worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions in Shell PLC and carrying out projects on four continents. He is the founder of two companies: Riviera Technical Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance advisory group.

Babalola’s professional affiliations include the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria, and the Association of Change Management Professionals. He is a member of Jericho Businessmen Club, an organization in his birth city of Ibadan that provides input to governments on economic and social policy.

A Rotaractor for 10 years, Babalola has been a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi since 1994 and served as a district governor from 2011-12. He served on the RI Board of Directors (2018-20) and was vice president in 2019-20. He has served on committees including the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23, vice chair 2017-20) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

Babalola and his wife, Preba, live in the city of Port Harcourt. He supports The Rotary Foundation with a named endowment and as an Arch Klumph Society member. He volunteers as a trustee for ShelterBox UK. He has received the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

## Information about the Rotary Presidential Message



The annual presidential message offers us a powerful tool to share compelling Rotary stories in a consistent way. By using a message that aligns with our Action Plan, we can also inspire others to take action with us.

Our 2026-27 message, Create Lasting Impact, encourages all of us, as people of action, to work together to make a meaningful difference in our communities and around the world. It builds on the ways in which members have strengthened their connections to each other and to their communities to Unite for Good, the 2025-26 message. Now, Create Lasting Impact will harness those connections and inspire our members, participants, and the public to take collective actions that lead to a sustainable difference —

globally, locally, and personally.

<https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-us/our-brand/brand-elements/voice-and-messaging/2026-27-ri-presidential-message>

## RI Director Elect – Thomas A. “Tom” Gump



Tom Gump is a proud member of the Edina Morningside Rotary Club in Minnesota, USA. Tom is passionate about growing Rotary membership and chairs Rotary International’s *Membership Growth Committee*. Last year, he served as *Aide to the Rotary International President*.

Tom is our paired zones Director-elect and will serve as our director in 2026-28. He is serving on the *Zone Realignment Committee for the Americas* and co-chairing the *Host Organization Committee for the 2028 Rotary International Convention - Minneapolis*.

His wife, Catherine, serves as Secretary of the Edina Noon Club. Their son Andrew is President of the Twins Port Rotaract Club in Duluth, Minnesota. The Gumps have hosted seven long-term Youth Exchange Students.

Tom’s all-time favorite part about Rotary is the friends he makes!

**RIDE Tom Gump will be a speaker and facilitator at this year’s PELS Event!**

## RI District 5650 Governor 2026-27– Gretchen Bren

Gretchen Bren’s life has been profoundly impacted by her Rotary journey. Through her experiences she has seen how much power each of us has through Rotary to impact our world.

She joined The Rotary Club of Omaha (aka Omaha Downtown) in 2007 and served as Executive Director there for 10 years. In 2019, she joined Omaha Night Rotary Club and is a past club president (2020-2022). At the District level, she has been the End Polio Now chair and an Assistant Governor.

Gretchen has been a past District Trainer and is a facilitator for the Rotary Leadership Institute and for RI Club Visioning. Outside the District, Gretchen is the secretary for the Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship.



Gretchen is a Paul Harris Fellow+8, a Level 1 Bequest Society member and Major Donor Level 2 and is spearheading the Polio Plus Society in the District. Her spouse—Gary Bren—is a former District Governor for District 5650 (2016-17) and is also a facilitator for Rotary Leadership Institute and Visioning.

Gretchen received the Citation for Meritorious Service from the Rotary Foundation and the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World. In 2019, Gretchen was honored with the District 5650 Cadwallader Award – the District’s highest honor for someone who has made monumental contribution in one or more areas of service with Rotary.

Outside of Rotary, Gretchen has worked in the computer industry doing training, programing and web design. She is a Microsoft Certified Application Specialist Master Instructor and Microsoft Certified Professional. Since 2016, she has been at Turner Technology as the Director of Special Projects. Gretchen has been married to Gary since 1989, and is the proud mom of two cats, Artemis and Shadow. In her free time, she loves to read, drink fine wines and travel, and recently started stand up paddleboarding.

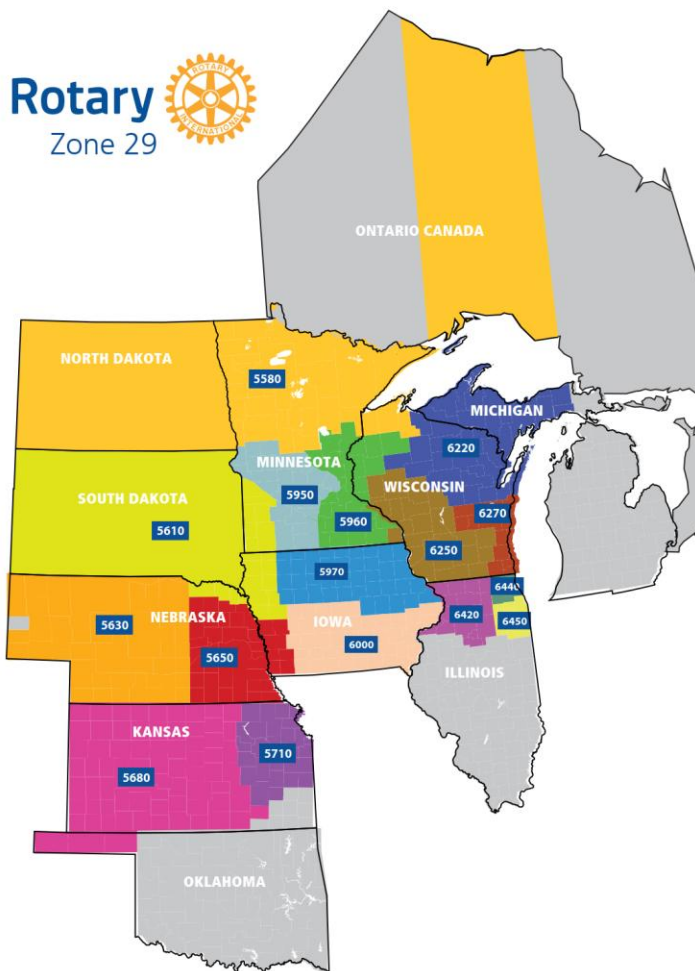
## DGE & DGN: Curt Peters and Bill Harvey

Curt Peters will serve next year as the District Governor Elect and will serve as District Governor during the Rotary Years 2027-2028.

And announcing **Bill Harvey**, if confirmed, will serve next year as the District Governor Nominee and would be District Governor during the Rotary Years 2028-29

## Zone 29 Regional Coordinators –

Zone Coordinators are here to support us as resources above the District. Here are the names of the people in the roles. You can find out more about Zone resources at <https://zones25b-29.org>



Rotary Foundation Coordinator:

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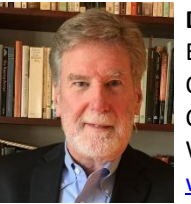
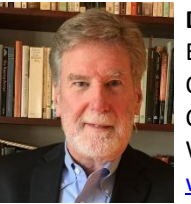



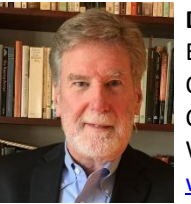










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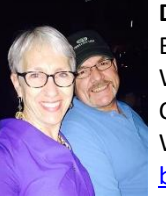


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# ROTARY DISTRICT 5650 2026-2027 – DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND AGS

This directory information is provided for appropriate Rotary business and is not to be further distributed or used for inappropriate solicitation.  
 (Report generated February 13, 2026 – see the District Website for the latest information.)

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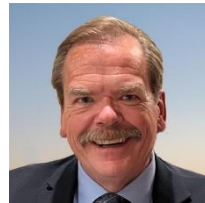
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## **EVENT CALENDAR**

President Elect Learning Seminar – March 21, 2026

Club Officer Training (online) – March 28, 2026

Rotary Leadership Institute – May 7, 2026 – Lincoln NE

EPIC Day of Service – May 2026, date TBD

Grant Management Webinars – start April 2 through April 30 – see online calendar

District Annual Business Meeting – May 7, 2026

International Convention in Taipei – 2026 June 13-17. Next locations tentatively are

- Dubai, UAE, 2027: 22-26 May
- Minneapolis, MN USA, 2028: 27-31 May
- Barcelona Spain: 2029: 2-6 June
- Chicago, IL USA: 2030: 25-29 May

New Fiscal Year Begins: July 1 2026

Deadline for Global Grant Submissions: September 1, 2026

District Conference: Ashland NE – October 23-24, 2026

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) – September or October – TBD

Rotary Leadership Institute – November 2026, date TBD

## **REPEATING EVENTS**

Monthly Membership Webinars – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

Public Image Virtual Connection – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

President Meeting Online – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays. \*\* New format will be started in July

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as of 2/18/2026

Clubs	Enhance Participation Engagement			Expand our Reach			Increase our Impact			Increase our Impact			Adapt			Increase our Impact			AG for the club
	Service Participation			Club Membership			Annual Fund Contributions			PolioPlus Fund Contribution			Strategic Plan			Benefactors			
	25-26	26-27	27-28	25-26	26-27	27-28	25-26	26-27	27-28	25-26	26-27	27-28	25-26	26-27	27-28	25-26	26-27	27-28	
Ashland	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	0	y	y	Scott Keep	
Aurora	y			y			y			y								Stephen Postier	
Beatrice	y			y			y			y			y					Janelle Snodgrass	
Bellevue Papillion	y			y			y			y			y		0			Emily Martin	
Blair	y			y			y			y					0			Scott Keep	
Columbus Morning	y			y			y			y			y					Curt Peters	
Council Bluffs Noon	y			y			y			y								Dwayne Brown	
Council Bluffs Centennial	y			y			y			y								Dwayne Brown	
Crete	y			y			y			y			y					Bill Harvey	
David City				y			y			y								Curt Peters	
Fairbury	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y				Janelle Snodgrass	
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Fremont				y			y			y								Scott Keep	
Geneva																		Stephen Postier	
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Hebron				y			y			y								Janelle Snodgrass	
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Lincoln East	y			y			y			y			y					Bill Harvey	
Lincoln Giving Spirits Evening				y			y			y			y					Warren Witted III	
Lincoln South	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Warren Witted III	
Nebraska City	y			y			y			y								Andrew Mwape	
Norfolk	y			y			y			y								Judy Ackland	
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