

Rotary
District 6270



APRIL 2026 MAGAZINE



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



- first** Is it the **TRUTH**?
- second** Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- third** Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- fourth** Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Welcome to Rotary International District 6270

We serve 55 clubs in Southeastern Wisconsin, USA.

Our nearly 2,500 members represent
leaders from all walks of life.

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DEAR ROTARIANS

As I write this message, it is almost spring! It may not seem like spring with all the snow most of us got last weekend, but I just saw my first robin, so it must be almost spring. I marvel every year as I watch our world renew itself. Buds are on some of the trees, spring flowers are starting to pop out and add color to our lives. It is a beautiful renewal that happens every year. I hope you can all take a few minutes each day, as the “new” world welcomes us to spring.

April is Rotary’s Maternal and Child Health month. Rotary strives to make sure that, like our spring flowers, each child born in our world is able to be born healthy and to live a happy and safe life. Taking care of mothers, both before and after a child is born, is an essential part of keeping our babies happy and healthy.

Here in Wisconsin, we are lucky to have great healthcare fairly close to every community. That is not the case everywhere, even in the U.S. There are many rural communities where mothers do not get adequate pre-natal care and where babies do not always receive the care they need. Rotary is a perfect organization to make care available to women and children, around our state, our country and our world. We have shown through our efforts to eradicate polio that we have the infrastructure to put together wide-ranging healthcare initiatives. In our clubs, consider helping with projects that can help make sure that all our global citizens have adequate healthcare.

As always, Rotarians strive to make the world a better place. I know that, with all the work being done by Rotarians all over the world, our world is definitely a better place than it would be without Rotary. As you go about your days, please try to share the work of Rotary with others. Share the “warm fuzzies” you get; help others to have that same feeling!

Happy Spring!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Nevitt".

Rotary District 6270 Governor

Greetings from the District Governor



OPENING DOORS TO COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY

Rotary club-sponsored college scholarships are important because they help expand access to higher education and bridge the financial gap for ambitious students. In addition, Rotary club-sponsored college scholarships transform local potential into global impact by assisting a new generation of leaders committed to “service above self.”

This issue of our district magazine highlights Charlotte Taylor of the Nathan Hale High School Interact Club as she champions the positive impact college scholarships can have upon local communities; and special guest contributor Shirley Jeffords who shares the multi-generational impact that a Rotary club-sponsored college scholarship that she received 56 years ago has made upon her family.

In Service,

Reggie Parks

Dr. Reggie Parks
Rotary District 6270 Magazine Editor

Letter from the Editor

If you would like to submit content for consideration, please email: magazine@rotary6270.org on or before the 5th of each month.





Who We Are



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ROTARY DISTRICT ROLE SPOTLIGHT



By
Rob Bassett, Chair
District Annual Fund

A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE GENEROSITY

The Annual Fund-SHARE is the Rotary Foundation's system for converting contributions into grants that support Rotary's mission.

When contributions are made to Annual Fund-SHARE, they are invested for three years before being allocated:

- **47.5%** goes to the World Fund – supports the Foundation's highest-priority global activities (e.g., PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, Programs of Scale, global grants).
- **47.5%** goes to the District Designated Fund (DDF) – available to districts for District Grants (up to 50%), Global Grants, Rotary Peace Centers, the Endowment fund and PolioPlus.
- **5%** covers operating expenses.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Contribute to the Annual Fund-SHARE each year, available online at:
<https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

You can also donate using your IRA to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution. Please click **HERE** for more information.

Monitor and set club fundraising goals in Rotary Club Central to track and grow District Designated Fund availability.

WHY IT MATTERS

Annual Fund-SHARE contributions are the engine that drives the work of Rotarians throughout the district, both locally and globally. Designating your donation to Annual Fund-SHARE brings your money back to your district.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FOUNDATION'S
ANNUAL FUND

The
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EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

Stronger Communities

Through Rotary College Scholarships



By Charlotte Taylor
Nathan Hale High School Interact Club



One of the most significant connections I have been able to experience is the one that exists between Rotary and high school Interact clubs. I joined the Nathan Hale High School Interact Club (located in West Allis, WI) as a Freshman. I was quiet, shy, and lacked confidence. In general, the idea of joining a club was scary, but I pulled through and attended the first meeting. I had been told that this was the place to be if you wanted to help people...so I joined. Almost four years later, my understanding of Rotary, and what it means to be a Rotarian, has changed. I have witnessed that Rotary does not just “help people,” it changes lives.

In my own community, Rotary club members attend Interact meetings in order to build relationships and share the Rotary mission. The result is a connection that helps high school students come out of their shell, gain confidence, demonstrate excellence, and provide community service. But, the connection does not end there.

My local Rotary Club invests in students in another major way: by offering college scholarships. These scholarships are not “just checks,” because by offering a scholarship to an Interact member, high schooler, or another community member seeking higher education, Rotary changes a life and a community. Sometimes this means that a club is strengthening their own community, investing in someone who will become a local doctor, teacher, or electrician that the community needs. Sometimes this means that a club is ensuring a local family doesn’t have to worry so much about their child’s future. Sometimes this means that a club is contributing to the number of dreamers and do-gooders in the world...an important Rotary goal.

No matter what, a scholarship is more than “just a check.” A scholarship changes a life, and like a stone thrown into a pond, it will cause something beautiful to ripple outward. The person it invests in will create a lasting impact on those around them. Thus, by awarding scholarships, Rotary clubs put goodness out into their communities and our amazing world.



“I have witnessed that Rotary does not just “help people,” it changes lives.” —Charlotte Taylor

A College Scholarship



and a Legacy in Motion



By Special Guest Contributor
Shirley Jeffords

A Rotary college scholarship has positively affected my family for three generations.



Shirley Jeffords and her son and granddaughter enrolled in Wisconsin colleges.

In 1970, I was awarded a college scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee from the Rotary Club of Mitchell Field. In 1974, I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Education with double minors in Science and Library Science. My access to a college education allowed me to become a school teacher in Wisconsin for six years; and I then moved to Maryland, USA, where I was a school teacher for another 36 years.

My college experience resulted in my ability to have both a wonderful career and family. My husband and I raised our children to value education and hard work. I have always been thankful for the Rotary college scholarship that I received and proud of my Wisconsin experience. In fact, one of my sons decided to continue the tradition of Wisconsin education and enrolled at Marquette University (located in Milwaukee, WI) where he graduated with a Master's Degree in Nursing.

The impact of my Rotary college scholarship and Wisconsin life continues to thrive. 56 years after I completed my college education in the badger state, my granddaughter has now decided to attend college at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and pursue a career in education. The Rotary Club of Mitchell Field, who supported me 56 years ago, will now help support my granddaughter and I couldn't be happier.

The impact of a Rotary college scholarship is so much more than "just" financial. It strengthens a personal culture of success. It provides access to amazing careers. And for me, most notably, it helps motivate multiple family generations to pursue college with caring Rotarians by their side.

"I have always been thankful for the Rotary college scholarship that I received and proud of my Wisconsin experience." —Shirley Jeffords

Planning a Rotary event? Our district's **two** Rotary Inflatables are a fantastic way to draw attention, increase engagement, and add energy to community projects, fundraisers, and signature Rotary activities.



We've recently enhanced our Inflatable Reservation Systems to make the process smoother and more convenient. Updates include:

- A streamlined online reservation form
- Real-time availability tracking
- Automatic calendar invites and helpful reminders
- Easy online cancellation if plans change

These improvements make it simpler to secure your date, stay organized, and keep everyone aligned leading up to your event.

Reservations are available by clicking [**HERE**](#). Please contact Bob Canham, District Technology Committee Chair, by email at technology.chair@rotary6270.org with any questions.

Rotary District 6270 proudly presents its Orientation/Refresher Program. The first session provides an overview of Rotary International, from its founding to the present day. You will learn about Rotary’s history, guiding principles, and how our district and your club fit into its structure.

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Apr.

2026

Apr. 23, 2026 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Virtual - Zoom

WI

United States of America

Click [HERE](#) to register.



Here are the current Rotary Year’s “Top 10” club giving totals for PolioPlus through February 2026:

Name	TOTAL YTD Giving	Prior YTD Amount	YTD % Change	Prior Year- End Amount	-- Total -- All Funds Current Year
Oshkosh Southwest, WI, United States	\$27,756.03	\$2,708.00	925.0%	\$2,811.50	\$34,468.63
Elmbrook (Brookfield), WI, United States	\$22,753.50	\$8,175.32	178.3%	\$9,978.82	\$58,695.25
Ripon, WI, United States	\$16,200.00	\$15,303.50	5.9%	\$15,593.50	\$69,036.54
Elkhorn, WI, United States	\$16,035.00	\$20,929.63	-23.4%	\$42,449.63	\$40,272.50
Oconomowoc, WI, United States	\$8,600.00	\$4,753.50	80.9%	\$6,753.50	\$9,400.00
Mitchell Field (Milwaukee), WI, United States	\$6,121.50	\$5,666.00	8.0%	\$6,990.00	\$38,308.84
Geneva Lake West, WI, United States	\$3,419.00	\$2,715.00	25.9%	\$2,815.00	\$5,269.00
Neenah, WI, United States	\$2,933.33	\$3,227.60	-9.1%	\$4,751.10	\$9,881.18
Milwaukee, WI, United States	\$2,920.00	\$350.00	734.3%	\$17,700.00	\$32,371.38
Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise, WI, United States	\$2,635.25	\$2,044.58	28.9%	\$2,423.96	\$5,601.65
Sheboygan Early Birds, WI, United States	\$2,511.25	\$2,693.00	-6.7%	\$2,693.00	\$2,511.25



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Rotary District 6270 2026-27 President Elects are reminded to read and sign the annual Youth Protection Pledge (YPP) available by clicking [HERE](#).

The YPP is a commitment to meet the requirements of volunteer-youth interactions established by Rotary International and the local Rotary district. Please contact Greg Hatt and Pam Siedl, Youth Protection Officers, with any questions by email at: youth.protection@Rotary6270.org

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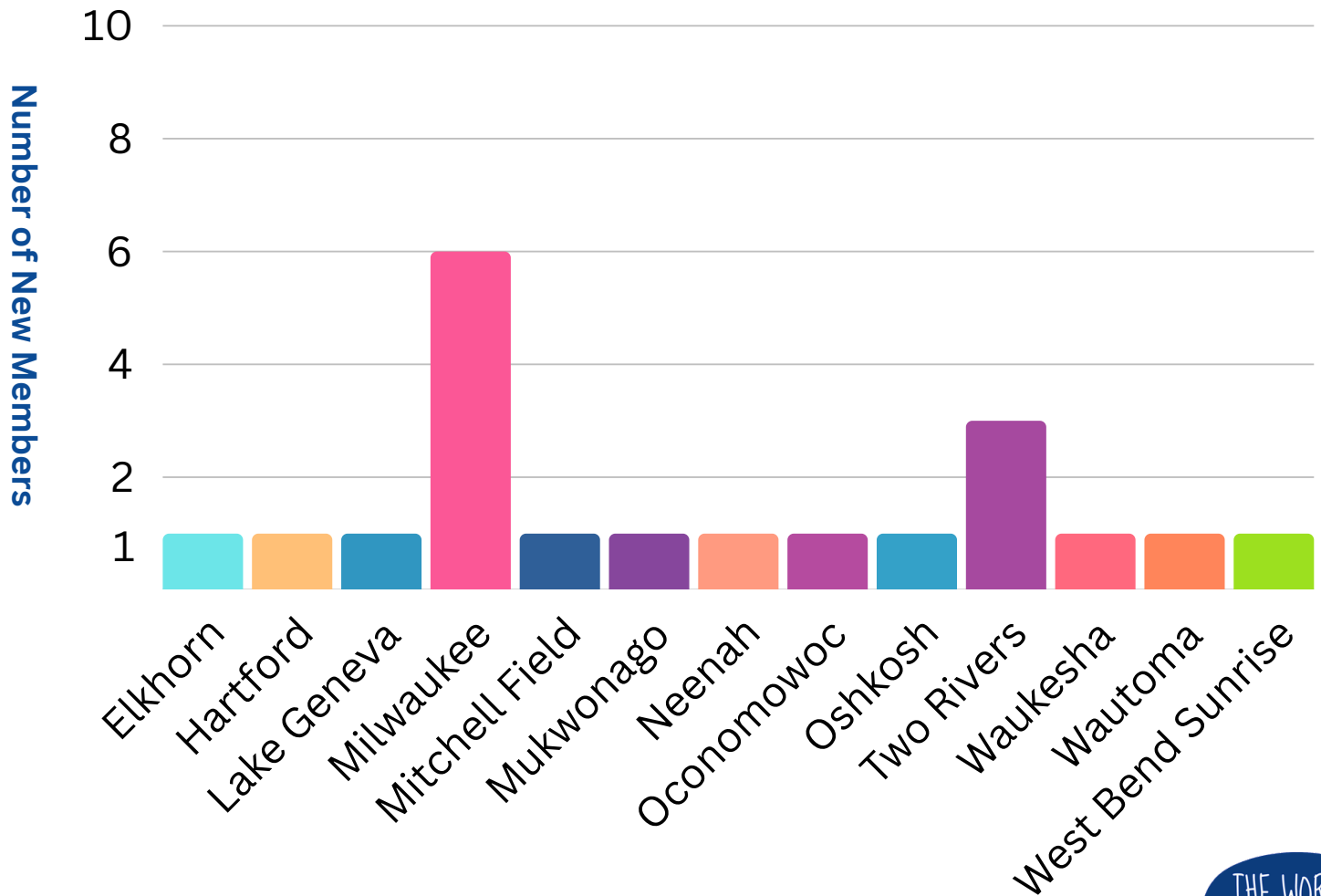
Rotary
10 Reasons
to Join A
Rotary Club

- The Opportunity to Serve
- Leadership Development
- Citizenship in the World
- Business Development
- Continuing Education
- Personal Growth
- Entertainment
- Community
- Friendship
- Fun

February 2026

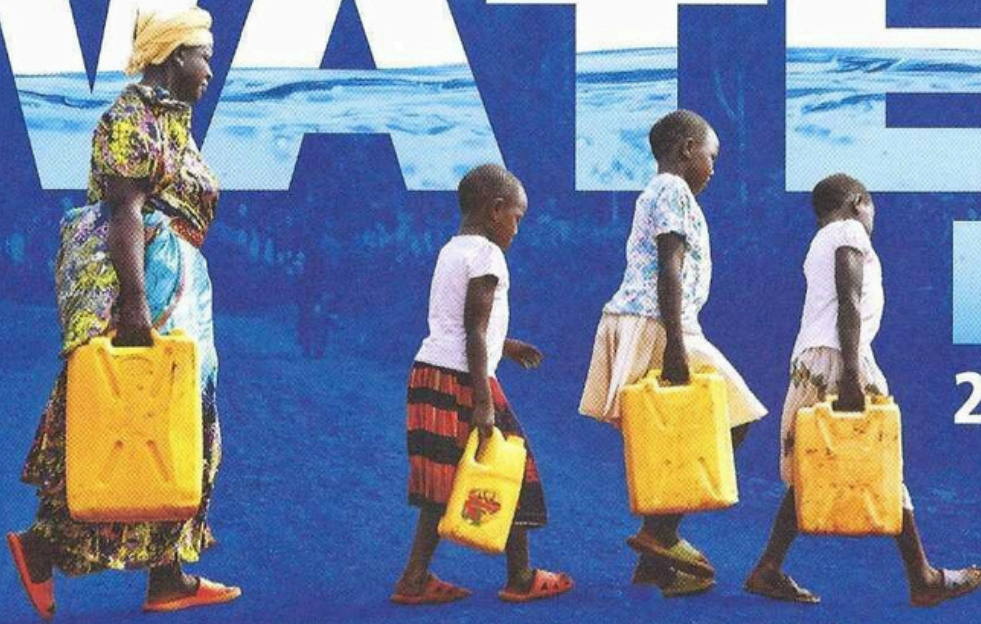
New Membership Count

The clubs listed below welcomed new members
in the month of February 2026:



WORLD WATER DAY

22 MARCH



PROVIDE CLEAN WATER WITH THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YOUR GIFT CAN PROVIDE CLEAN WATER

Water is something we all need to survive, but billions of people live without safe drinking water. A gift to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund supports member-led projects that help people access clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. Your donation will fund sustainable, life-changing efforts in the communities that need our help the most.

GIVE TODAY: rotary.org/donate

Rotary Peace Fellowship

Full funding for a master's degree or postgraduate diploma in disciplines related to peace and development

APPLY NOW



Apply by 15 May

Find more information and start an application
at rotary.org/peace-fellowships
[Facebook.com/rotarypeacecenters](https://www.facebook.com/rotarypeacecenters)





Good for the environment, good for business

A look at recent Rotary projects supported by Rotary Foundation global grants that combined care for the environment with community and economic development.



Colombia

- Rotary Club of Medellín-Nutibara, Colombia
- Rotary Club of Redondo Beach, California

► This project trained people in a rural village to grow organic produce and improved the village's water management system. Through the project, 60 species of fruits and vegetables were planted in 20 orchards using environmentally friendly methods, and repairs were made to an aqueduct to increase its flow and pressure. In addition to generating food for the villagers themselves, the project provided them with economic opportunities by training them how to process and market the surplus produce.

Pakistan

- Rotary Club of Karachi, Pakistan
- Rotary Club of Arni Fort, India

► The clubs supported the restoration of a mangrove forest ecosystem along Pakistan's coast. Mangrove saplings were planted at a site identified as suitable for their growth, and community members were trained to maintain the habitat. By increasing the mangrove cover, the project aimed to protect the coastal community from flooding and to create sources of income through expanded opportunities for fishing and ecotourism.

Puerto Rico

- Rotary Club of San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Rotary Club of St. Simons Island, Georgia

► Supported by a pair of global grants, this project helped small farmers in Puerto Rico recover from damage caused by hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017 and improved the economic stability and food security of the farm communities. Working with a local nonprofit dedicated to conservation, the project trained hundreds of farmers in regenerative agriculture techniques; provided farmers with fruit trees, organic fertilizer, and financial support; and coordinated with other groups to strengthen the entire food system. Further training led to the establishment of groups of farmers who shared their labor and knowledge to ensure the project's long-term sustainability.

Taiwan

- Rotary Club of Taipei Yuanshan, Taiwan
- Rotary Club of Garden City, Singapore

► The two clubs partnered on a project that boosted the stagnating economy in Taiwan's Pingling County. The project helped tea farmers implement organic and pesticide-free farming, thereby reducing pollution in a nearby reservoir. It then helped them market the high-quality tea they produced by launching an e-commerce platform and by initiating ecological tours that had the additional benefit of creating jobs for local guides.

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 **TAIPEI**
2026



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



Register today at convention.rotary.org.



The West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club recently partnered with the Welcome Network, a local nonprofit, to provide support for Afghan refugee families. This support resulted in refugee children playing, fishing, and kayaking at the Blue Lotus Center located in West Bend.

In February 2026, the families spent time around a campfire, learning quilting skills with a professional seamstress/quilter, and sledding, ice fishing, and snow play.

Support for these two events, fulfilling our pledge of Building Goodwill and Better Friendships, was made possible by a 2025-26 Rotary District Grant.



The Hartford Rotary Club joined Rossman Elementary School, school leaders, and community partners on Thursday, March 5, 2026, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the installation of a new Literacy Book Vending Machine at the school.



Through projects like the Literacy Book Vending Machine, the Hartford Rotary Club continues to invest in the future of the community by supporting education, literacy, and opportunities for young readers to grow and thrive.



The Whitnall Park Rotary Club supported literacy by collaborating with College Park Elementary School in the Greendale School District.



Through a district grant and additional club contributions, texts were purchased for second-grade students to support their unit on Westward Expansion.

Rotarians actively participated by reading with students, facilitating discussion, and encouraging comprehension through guided journal writing.



The Racine Founder's Rotary Club developed a long term strategic partnership with the Rotary Club of Punta Gorda, Belize. The goal of the partnership remains to provide critical resources and training that promote healthcare, hygiene, literacy, and other basic needs in underserved areas of Punta Gorda and surrounding villages.

In addition, heavy equipment donations such as a fire truck, a compressor, and much needed medical supplies have made the impact of this partnership beyond extraordinary.



Club Leadership Summit

Prepare to Lead. Ready to Serve.

**Saturday,
May 16, 2026**

**Registration Opens 8:00 AM
Program 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**MATC Mequon
5555 West Highland Rd
Mequon, WI**

Equip your club leaders with the tools, clarity, and connections needed for a successful Rotary year.

Who Should Attend

Designed for **current and incoming club leaders**, including:

- Club Secretaries
- Club Treasurers
- Membership Chairs
- Members serving on these committees
- Rotarians interested in stepping into leadership roles
- Public Image Chairs
- Rotary Foundation Chairs
- Service Project Chairs
- Club Board Members

Connect with leaders from other clubs and share ideas and best practices.

What You'll Gain

Clear understanding of roles & responsibilities
Practical tools you can use immediately
Membership growth strategies
Alignment with Rotary's Action Plan
Connections with district leaders and resources

Registration Fee:
\$15.00
Light breakfast &
refreshments
included

Bring Your Leadership Team

Clubs are encouraged to send multiple board members and committee leaders to start the Rotary year aligned and prepared.



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A TAYLOR *Swift Party*

Saturday, May 23, 2026 • 7:00 PM

Greenwald Foundation Performing Arts Center
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Club of Mukwonago



Rotary Fellowship

"Come explore Route 66 heading to Tulsa, OK for the annual **RV Rolling Rally!**"



District 6250 Rotarians Dean and Nancy McHugh of The Holmen Area Rotary Club will be leading an annual RV caravan from Chicago to Tulsa, beginning at Joliet, IL on May 29, 2026 and staying at campgrounds along the way in Secor and Springfield, IL, and St. Louis and Springfield, MO.

The nine-day adventure will include stops at iconic Route 66 towns and attractions as they make their way to join other Rotarians at the Annual RV Fellowship Rally in Tulsa, OK, from June 7 – 12, 2026 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Route 66.

A \$500 deposit holds your spot on the Rolling Rally and covers the approximate cost of campsites for the Chicago to Tulsa journey. Find more details on the rally, including campgrounds, towns visited, attractions planned, and more please visit: www.rvfrna.org

For questions and additional details, or to send registration and deposit, contact Dean McHugh by telephone at (608) 769-4803 or email at: deanmchugh26@gmail.com





World Affairs Seminar **2026**

Uniting for Peace



What happens at WAS?

World Affairs Seminar is a residential camp held at Carroll University, WI, where delegates are introduced to people, organizations, and ideas that address the challenges of building a peaceful world.

Delegates embrace a holistic and inclusive understanding of peacebuilding on global, national, and local issues focusing on equity and justice. Delegates learn to translate these ideas into action.



Who should attend WAS?

- High school students 14-18 years old in good academic standing.
- Young people who want to build a strong college portfolio and be future change agents for peace on local and global issues.



Interested in participating?

Share this flyer with parents, guidance counselors, teachers and your principal. Local organizations like Rotary or Kiwanis Clubs sponsor many students and may support your attendance.

Saturday, June 20 - Friday, June 26, 2026

For more information,
please visit or scan the QR code:
www.WorldAffairsSeminar.org/WAS2026



Hartford
Rotary
Club



HARTFORD ROTARY RIVER RIDE
2026



HARTFORD ROTARY RIVER RIDE

June 27th, 2026

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A COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE
HARTFORD BIKE & SKATE PARK

START & FINISH AT CENTENNIAL PARK
DOWNTOWN HARTFORD, WI



ELITE RIDE: 40 MILES

Explore the rolling hills of
Eastern Dodge County



CHALLENGE RIDE: 26 MILES

Ride through picturesque
countryside!



FAMILY RIDE: 3 MILES

Kid's Big Wheel Race
for ages 4-10.



OUT-OF-TOWN RIDERS WELCOME

Hotels & Attractions Nearby

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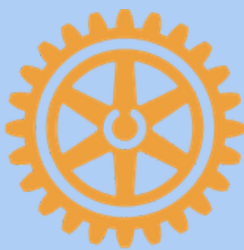
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The April 2026

Rotary District 6270

Member Spotlight Shines Upon:

PETE BOSCH

Pete Bosch is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Waukesha where he has held a number of roles including Club President for the 2019-20 Rotary year.

Pete has served our district in many ways including District Governor for the 2024-2025 Rotary year, Assistant District Governor, and as a member of the District Technology Committee.

Professionally, Pete spent most of his career as a software engineer and consultant, with earlier roles as an electrical engineer at GE and a propulsion plant engineer in the U.S. Navy. Outside of Rotary, he stays busy with laser engraving, electronics design, software development, 3D printing, and woodworking—often finding ways to use those skills to support organizations he cares about.

Pete enjoys Rotary because he is surrounded by people who want to make the world a better place.



Pete Bosch



Pete pictured in action at a Rotary event.

Rotary Recipe

Cucumber Fruit Salsa

INGREDIENTS

1 large cucumber, finely chopped
2 medium green peppers, finely chopped
2 medium tomatoes, finely chopped
1 small red onion, finely chopped
1 small navel orange, segmented and chopped
2 tablespoons of lemon juice
1 tablespoon of minced fresh cilantro
1 tablespoon of minced fresh parsley
1 garlic clove, minced
1/4 teaspoon of salt
1/4 teaspoon of hot pepper sauce
1/8 teaspoon of pepper
1 medium peach, peeled and finely chopped
1 small banana, finely chopped



DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, combine the first 12 ingredients. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to allow the flavors to blend. Just before serving, stir in the peach and banana.

We hope that you enjoyed the April 2026 issue of the Rotary District 6270 Magazine!