

Rotary
District 6270



JULY 2026 MAGAZINE



Rotary  **THE FOUR-WAY TEST**
Of the things we think, say or do:

- 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

Well, with 11 more days to go, my year as the District Governor is almost over! I cannot thank you all enough for putting your faith in me and allowing me to serve you and our district this past year. It has truly been an honor!

People have been asking me lately what has stood out most from my year as district governor. There are so many things that stand out to me and here are some of the highlights:

- ✓ Establishing an annual leadership development seminar in the fall
- ✓ Meeting all of the amazing Rotarians in our clubs
- ✓ Hearing about all the great projects being done in our district
- ✓ Working with the phenomenal club presidents
- ✓ Getting to know the other leaders in our district on a new level
- ✓ Helping to get Rotarians more excited about Rotary
- ✓ Becoming more comfortable speaking in front of large groups
- ✓ Meeting district governors from all over the world at the International Institute
- ✓ Helping to present one of the best TriCon events ever
- ✓ Helping more people attend TriCon for the first time
- ✓ Helping clubs sponsor more students in World Affairs Seminar

Greetings from the District Governor

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I wish everyone could serve as the district governor; you would all see what a fantastic group of people we are. Sure, serving as district governor can be a lot of work at times. But, on balance, the great days far outnumber the not-so-great ones.

Dawn Fiedler is about to begin her year as your district governor. If you have not met her yet, make sure you meet her. Find out when she will be visiting your club and make sure to put that on your calendar. Dawn is an absolutely amazing leader and human being! If you know her, you already know that. She has been an inspiration to me, as she is to many, many people. Our district is so lucky to have Dawn taking the reins for the upcoming Rotary year!

Thank you, again, for allowing me to lead our district this year. I encourage all of you to consider increasing your involvement with your Rotary Clubs and our Rotary District. I promise that you will reap many rewards from the time you spend doing the work of Rotary!

I hope to see all of you at some upcoming Rotary event!



In Service,

Liz Newitt

2025-26 Rotary District 6270 Governor



DEAR FRIENDS

When I accepted the nomination to serve as your District Governor, I began by listening and learning. I then focused on understanding the facts and how to move forward with purpose. My year as District Governor-Elect arrived quickly and felt like a freight train—exciting, humbling, and intense.

My work has already allowed me to visit many clubs as a speaker, giving me the chance to hear what matters most to you. I look forward to meeting many more of you and expanding my Rotary family across the district.

As I visit clubs around the district, I will come ready to listen—not to present slides. I want to sit with you, hear your story, and learn your “why”. What inspires your commitment to Rotary. I hope to discuss:

- Why you joined Rotary
- What keeps you engaged in your club
- Your local and global service priorities
- How the district can better support your impact

As we grow our clubs, we also grow our ability to lift up our communities, strengthen our fellowship, and extend hope across the world. Together, let us lead with generosity, serve with purpose, and inspire others to join us in making a lasting difference.

In Service,

Dawn Fiedler

2026-27 Rotary District 6270 Governor

Greetings from the District Governor



Swift Summer Service

Impactful service does not always require months of blueprinting or a massive budget; often, the most meaningful Rotary projects are the simplest ones executed with heart.

This issue of our magazine highlights: Dr. Gretchen Jameson of the Milwaukee Rotary Club as she shares the life changing power of blood drives which can be designed as relatively easy “turnkey” events; and Andy Donalds of the Rotary Club of Mitchell Field as he shares how book drives can be offered at very little cost yet provide a lifetime of meaningful results to everyone involved.

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 SPOTLIGHT



ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB



NEXT GENERATION OF ROTARY LEADERS

THE ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB IS A SERVICE ORGANIZATION SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF MITCHELL FIELD. THE CLUB ADVISOR AND STUDENTS ORGANIZE FOOD DRIVES, COLLECT COATS AND BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, AND A HOST OF OTHER ACTIVITIES.

THE CLUB HAS MORE THAN 100 ACTIVE STUDENT MEMBERS, ALL OF WHOM LEAD WITH INTEGRITY. IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF ROTARY, THE CLUB IS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF YOUTH COMMITTED TO SERVICE TO THEIR SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, AND BEYOND.

Saving Lives



Through Blood Drives



By Gretchen Jameson, Ed.D.
Milwaukee Rotary Club



Be a HERO! Give blood to save lives.

Rotarians understand that service is not measured only by the size of the act, but by the lives it touches.

That truth is at the heart of blood donation. When you discover that one moment of service can become someone else's many moments, more birthdays, more treatments, and more time with family, you act.

This summer, Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin invites Rotary members and friends to help meet the ongoing need for blood. Summer is a challenging season for blood collection as vacations, school breaks and changing routines make it harder to keep appointments filled, even as patients continue to need blood for surgeries, cancer care, trauma treatment and other serious medical needs.

You can help by making a blood donation appointment at [versiti.org](https://www.versiti.org). Better yet? Gather friends for a donor center event or host a blood drive at your Rotary club, business, house of worship, or in your neighborhood.

Versiti will make the blood drive experience as turnkey as possible. We provide the staffing, medical supervision, equipment, and promotional materials. Rotarians simply open the doors, invite their networks, and live out what they already believe about service and community. This is one of those moments where a single project can truly have a very real, very immediate, and positive impact on lives.

Book Drives:

Simple Yet Powerful



By Andy Donalds
Rotary Club of Mitchell Field

Service can be as simple as putting a good book into the hands of a new reader.



Elementary and high school students attend a book fair.

Book drives are easy to overlook, but their impact can be significant. A book that has already been enjoyed by one family can help another child discover a favorite story, build reading skills, or develop a love of learning. Thankfully for our environment, those books stay out of landfills and continue serving a purpose.

What makes book drives special is their simplicity. With a few volunteers, a few collection boxes, and lots of love; meaningful results can be achieved at very little cost. In a single book drive project, Rotarians can support youth and adult literacy, strengthen the next generation of leaders, reduce waste, and build connections within the community.

Summer is a particularly good time for a Rotary book drive. Often called the "summer slide," children can lose an average of two-to-three months of reading proficiency over the summer if they don't have access to books. Providing books before and during school breaks helps children maintain, or even advance, their reading levels, helping to ensure they return to school prepared to earn success.

Sometimes, small acts of kindness can create a ripple effect. A new or gently used book donation may seem like a very small gift, but it has the potential to educate and inspire the person who receives it for a lifetime—no matter the age.



Andy Donalds is an Engineering Manager with Steel Craft and a Den Leader for Cub Scout Pack 321 in Oak Creek.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6270 GOVERNOR VISITS

Incoming District Governor Dawn Fiedler has released her 2026-27 club visit schedule. In order to give her time to meet and speak with your members, please do not schedule another speaker on that day. Dawn will be seeking input from all club members to guide discussion during your visit. Please contact Dana Kohlmeyer, District 6270 Administrative Assistant, with any questions by email at: dana.kohlmeyer@rotary6270.org.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6270 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The District 6270 Membership Committee is excited to support clubs in attracting new members and creating meaningful experiences that keep current members connected.

Our committee has a variety of tools and resources available to help your club grow and thrive. We would be delighted to visit your club—either in person or via Zoom—to share information about the many benefits Rotary offers its members.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6270 POLIOPLUS UPDATE

The results are in for the May 2026 Year-To-Date PolioPlus giving total. We have collectively raised **more than \$157,595**. Sincere thanks for all of the work that our clubs and communities have dedicated toward PolioPlus.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6270 AGENT OF PEACE AWARD



ROTARY DISTRICT 6270

Agent of Peace Award

Honoring eastern Wisconsin volunteers whose work builds peace, justice, and goodwill.

Two awards presented each year:

- One community member
- One member of Rotary

NOMINATIONS OPEN JUNE 15 – AUGUST 31, 2026

Recipients announced September 21 — International Day of Peace
Honorees celebrated at the District Foundation Dinner, November 2026

NOMINATE NOW

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Rotary District 6270



Click [HERE](#) for more information.



ROTARY DISTRICT 6270 PUBLIC IMAGE COMMITTEE

The District 6270 Public Image Team launched a social media education series focused on strengthening brand awareness. The series provides clubs with actionable marketing tools, content ideas, and Rotary branding guidance. [Click HERE to view the series.](#)

By building a library of accessible resources, clubs are better equipped to market events, celebrate service projects, attract prospective members, and maintain a consistent Rotary brand.

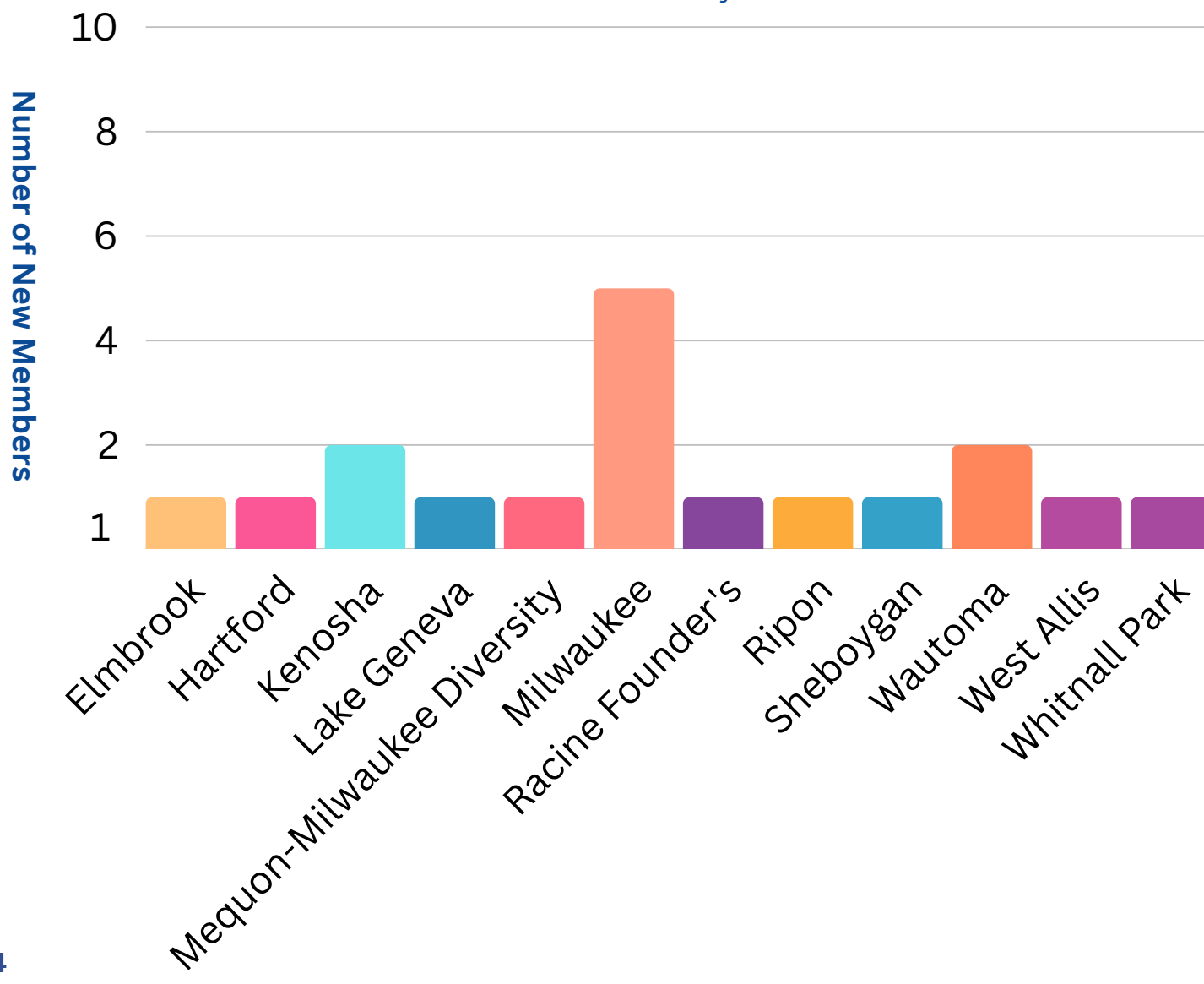


Click the image above to see
why I joined Rotary!

MAY 2026

New Membership Count

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





**ROTARY CONVENTION HEADS TO
BARCELONA IN 2027**



THANK YOU





Children used water colors to paint pictures about the books they read.

The Fond du Lac Morning Rotary Club, Fond du Lac Noon Rotary Club, and the Fond du Lac Evening Satellite Rotary Club supported **more than 400** first grade students from the Fond du Lac School District at Marian University on April 28, 2026. Students came to celebrate reading and literacy as part of the READ-4-LIFE program, which emphasizes the importance of literacy.

Rotarians and other volunteers used fun stories, games, crafts, and plays to reinforce the importance of reading.



The **Hartford Rotary Club** provided financial support in the amount of **\$5,000** each to two of its community partners: Friends, Inc.; and the Washington County Humane Society.

The club is incredibly grateful for the two organizations and the meaningful work that they do to support individuals, families, and animals in the community.





Players gather at the Scholarship Golf & Pickleball Classic on June 1, 2026.

The Rotary Club of Milwaukee came together on June 1, 2026, for the Scholarship Golf & Pickleball Classic, an annual event that raises funds for the club's scholarship program.

152 golfers and 27 pickleballers participated and joined together for a reception honoring the club's retiring Executive Director Mary McCormick.

Rotarians and friends contributed more than **\$60,000** for the endowed Mary Lewis McCormick Scholarship.



The Rotary Club of Mitchell Field held its annual Food Trucks & Jazz event on June 7, 2026, at Vretenar Memorial Park located in St. Francis, WI.

People from near and far came to enjoy a beautiful day full of jazz music and great food. All of the proceeds are given to local, national, and international organizations that provide humanitarian support to communities in need.





Lac du Flambeau Ojibwe spear fisher Greg Biskakone Johnson, Ho-Chunk Nation attorney Samantha Skenandore, and Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer recently spoke at TriCon in April 2026.



The presentation was part of a larger, ongoing effort to build bridges between non-tribal and tribal communities in Wisconsin.

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OF 85**

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The Mequon-Milwaukee Diversity Passport Rotary Club hosted community members at its Global Fusion event on June 13, 2026.

Participants enjoyed an afternoon of amazing entertainment, global food, beverages, and a silent auction.

All of the proceeds benefit the club's college scholarship program for local high school students.



The Racine Founder's Rotary Club celebrated 50 years of "Service Above Self" from member Tim Crawford.

Tim joined Rotary on June 1, 1975, and has been a faithful member.

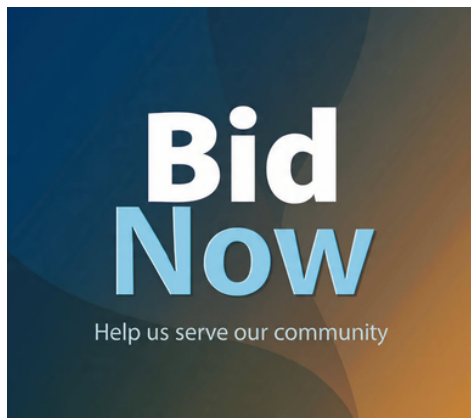
**Wautoma Rotary
Annual Online Auction**



The Wautoma Rotary Club held its annual online auction May 1-28, 2026.

The club is grateful for the amazing results that were achieved this year:

- *110 items were auctioned;
- *751 bids were placed;
- *8,589 auction page views; and
- \$7,511** was raised for community projects.



Find your cause and **get involved.**

The Waukesha Sunrise Rotary Club recently launched the 2026 Flags for Heroes season with the installation of hundreds of American flags at the corner of Tower Road and Highway 164 in Pewaukee, just north of I-94.

Each flag represents a personal tribute to someone who has made a meaningful impact — including veterans, active-duty military personnel, and other everyday heroes.



The Oconomowoc Rotary Club teamed up with Scout Troop 12 in May 2026 for a highway cleanup project.

Multiple generations of service-minded leaders joined forces to beautify the Oconomowoc area.



Hartford
Rotary
Club



HARTFORD ROTARY RIVER RIDE
2026



HARTFORD ROTARY RIVER RIDE
2026

BIG WHEEL RIDE

Fun for Kids - Part of the River Ride



FREE for Kids Ages 4-10

🕒 June 27th, 2026

11 AM - 1 PM

📍 Centennial Park,

Hartford WI

Experience the Joy of World-Class Entertainment!

Rotary Music Festival

**26th Annual
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Show**

**Thursday, July 2, 2026
7:30 p.m. ★ Cedarburg, WI**

Performances by

- ★ **Blue Stars** ★
- ★ **Madison Scouts** ★
- ★ **Cavaliers** ★

Pre-Show appearance by
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Rotary
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(Thursday)

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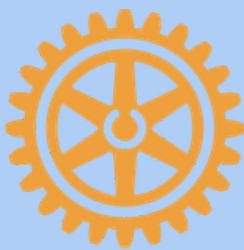


**Kids
from
WISCONSIN**



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT

- Blader Law
- Coldwell Banker TREG
- Keller Williams Fox Cities
- Kubasta Law
- Martz Insurance
- The Nest
- Thrivent
- Wautoma Library
- Waushara Chamber of Commerce
- McComb Bruchs PAC



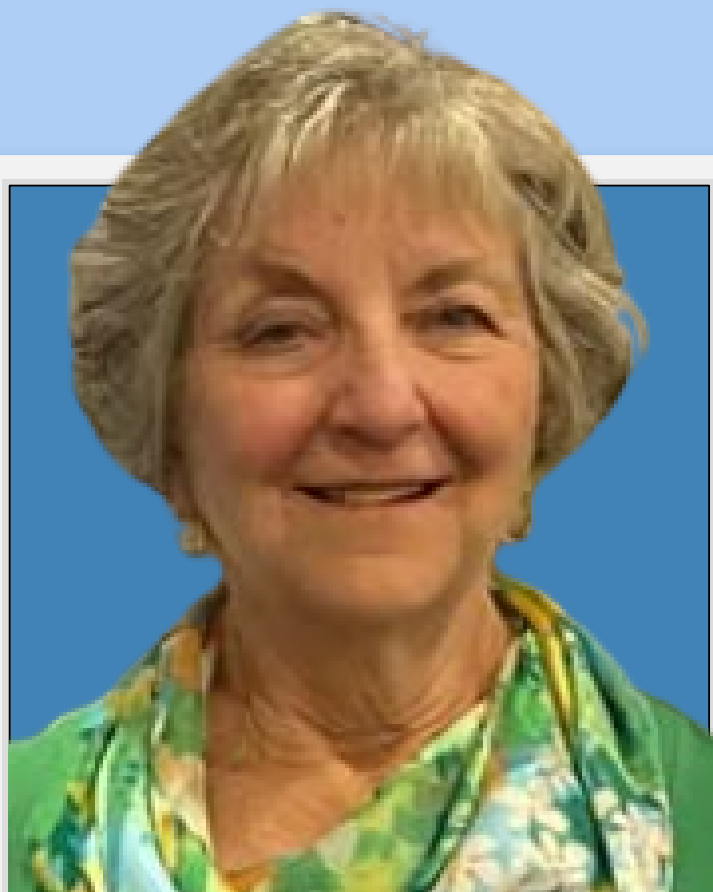
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The June 2026

Rotary District 6270

Member Spotlight Shines Upon:

GERRY PLEHN



Gerry Plehn

Gerry joined the Sheboygan Early Bird Rotary Club in 1994 while working at a bank in an effort to represent the bank in the Sheboygan community.

Gerry is perhaps most fond of her Rotary legacy as one of the original people inspired to host “Making Spirits Bright,” a popular holiday light show made possible through the hard work of 1,700 volunteers who work year-round to make the elaborate light show happen.

Gerry and her husband enjoy spending time with their three adult children; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren—all of whom were raised to love and trust God. Other areas of enjoyment include gardening, reading, and getting to know the people within the beautiful Sheboygan community along the shores of Lake Michigan.



Gerry is pictured with her family at her 60th wedding anniversary in 2026!

Rotary Recipe

Salmon Poke Bowl

INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup medium grain rice
- 8 oz salmon (sushi grade)
- 2 green onions spring onions
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- ⅛ teaspoon Hawaiian or Himalayan salt
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds
- ½ avocado or more, to taste
- ⅓ English cucumber
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame seeds



DIRECTIONS

1. Rinse the rice well then set the rice to cook according to packet instructions. Set aside once cooked.
2. Meanwhile, trim any skin and brown flesh from the salmon and cut into a relatively small dice. Thinly slice the green onion.
3. Place the salmon in a small bowl and add the sliced green onion, soy sauce, sesame oil, salt and sesame seeds. Gently mix together so combined, without breaking up the salmon. Chill until needed.
4. Peel and dice the avocado and dice the cucumber.
5. Put together the 2 poke bowls by putting half of the rice in each bowl, then topping with half of the salmon mixture with avocado and cucumber to the side. Hold back any excess marinade, or drizzle over if you prefer.
6. Sprinkle sesame seeds over the top and serve.

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