

Rotary
District 6270




MARCH 2026 MAGAZINE



ROTARY: UNITING FOR GOOD

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ROTARY DISTRICT
GOVERNORS-ELECT:

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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.

Rotary District 6270 Leadership

Liz Nevitt

District 6270 Governor

Dawn Fiedler

District Governor-Elect

Harry Farchmin

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DEAR ROTARIANS

Rotary's theme for this month is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. Peace is an issue that is in the spotlight all over our world right now. There is so much conflict: between countries, between political parties and between individuals. Sometimes, this conflict even comes into our Rotary clubs. How do we live with such conflict? How can we resolve the conflict and still remain members of the same club?

As we all know, Rotary is not a political organization. As I have said during my presentations to clubs in the district, Rotary meetings and events should be a safe place, a place where we can interact with our friends without fear of "retaliation". We have many opinions about issues facing our communities and countries. It is that diversity of opinion that makes Rotary strong. We work together despite the fact that others in our clubs may have different opinions than we have. We try to keep politics out of our Rotary meetings and events, but that does not mean that it doesn't happen. When that happens, we need to strive to follow the Four Way Test. Will attacking the opinion of another Rotarian build goodwill or better friendships? That is how Rotary has stayed strong and relevant for over 100 years.

Rotary has just opened its eighth peace center, located in Pune, India. The newest peace center will offer one-year professional development certificate fellowships to study subjects such as conflict transformation, sustainable development, and social change. This peace center will be able to help up to 40 Rotary Peace Fellows each year earn a postgraduate diploma in peace and development studies. As Rotary has described it "the program is designed for midcareer professionals with experience working in peace and development fields, including within governments, non-governmental and community organizations, educational institutions, media outlets, and international agencies."

As the United States approaches elections over the next months and years, I ask that all of us remember the Four Way Test of Rotary. Before we say something that could be offensive to someone else, whether to another Rotarian or to anyone else, remember our commitment to peace. Let's look for areas of agreement, rather than creating further divisions. Let's look for ways to work together to move forward. At the end of the day, let's look for ways to be more truthful, ways to be fair to all, ways to build friendships and ways to find solutions that are beneficial to everyone. In the end, let's all be Rotarians.

In Service,

2025-26 District Governor
Rotary District 6270

Greetings from the District Governor



UNITE FOR GOOD

“Unite for Good” is Rotary International’s theme for the 2025-26 Rotary year. The theme emphasizes connecting people, welcoming new members, and leveraging partnerships for increased impact.

This issue of our magazine highlights Fran Wargolet of the Kenosha Rotary Club as she thanks our five district clubs that united with the mission of Shelterbox and earned ShelterBox Hero Club designation; and Dawn Fiedler, our 2026-27 District Governor-Elect, as she reflects upon the unity between District Governor-Elects at the Rotary International Assembly held in January 2026 in Orlando, Florida.

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.



Rotary's Vision Statement

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

Rotary Who We Are



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ROTARY CLUB SPOTLIGHT



By
Carrie
Dassow



A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE GENEROSITY



The Plymouth Rotary Club embodies Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self" through service generosity and community partnerships.

On a global level, the club participates in Rotary International's mission to eradicate polio by supporting a PolioPlus Chili Luncheon, raising funds to support vaccination efforts worldwide.



Each holiday season, a Plymouth trolley car joins the local Christmas parade helping promote Rotary membership and raising awareness of the club's work. It serves as a festive reminder that the club welcomes new members who want to make a positive difference.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



This past year, members launched a "Santa for Seniors" initiative, delivering thoughtful gifts to residents in a local nursing home. Members also volunteer by delivering Meals on Wheels each month, supporting connection with seniors. The club generously donated "Memory Caregiver Kits" to the local library to help improve the wellbeing of people living with memory loss.

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Rotary and ShelterBox:

Partners with a Purpose



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By Fran Wargolet
Kenosha Rotary Club



ShelterBox has grown from its humble beginnings helping just 10 families into an independent charity that partners closely with Rotary International. When disaster strikes worldwide, ShelterBox is often one of the first organizations to respond, rushing to deliver emergency shelter, tools, and supplies to devastated communities.

Today we celebrate our five district clubs that have gone **above and beyond** in living our motto “Service Above Self.” These clubs have stepped forward as **ShelterBox Hero Clubs**, ensuring families displaced by disaster and conflict receive the shelter, safety, and dignity they deserve. Through their commitment, these clubs are not only changing lives around the world, but also inspiring others here at home. Their generosity provides tents, tools, and essential supplies--transforming despair into hope for families in crisis.

On behalf of ShelterBox USA and Rotary, it is my honor to recognize the **Elmbrook, Mukwonago, Thiensville-Mequon, West Bend Sunrise, and Whitnall Park Rotary Clubs** as ShelterBox Hero Clubs. Their dedication places them among Rotary's champions of compassion and service. Each of these Clubs have achieved the 2025-2026 Bronze level of Hero Club recognition, reflecting their extraordinary commitment to ShelterBox's mission.

ShelterBox Hero Clubs across the U.S. are building a legacy of service and impact. Thank you for leading with heart, vision, and action. You are true Rotary Heroes.



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Official Project Partners in Disaster Relief

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“...these clubs are not only changing lives around the world, but also inspiring others here at home.” —Fran Wargolet

Rotary District Governors-Elect:

United for Good



By Dawn Fiedler
Rotary District 6270
2026-27 District Governor-Elect



Recently, I attended Rotary's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida. This is the week of training that all District Governor-Elects (DGEs) complete before their year as District Governor. It's similar to what President Elects experience at Midwest PETS, but on a larger world-wide scale. I met DGEs from around the world. We were all united in spirit, wide-eyed, full of wonder and questions, and hoping to learn from excellent training sessions and be inspired by the amazing speakers. Their names are links to the Rotary website where you can watch the videos.

[Avery Jenkins](#) - 11 years old from the Chicago area who started a non-profit to help children in foster care with their unique hair needs.

[Charles Elwood](#) - Rotarian who shared how his club used Artificial Intelligence to help determine the hidden needs of his community to provide direction on how their club could help.

[Michael McQueen](#) - Author who shared his thoughts on the psychology of stubbornness. I have a signed copy of his book!

[Ravishankar Dakoju](#) - A Rotarian who was joined by his wife on stage and announced their **\$50 million** donation to the Rotary Foundation. Yes, that's right. **\$50 million!!!** This came a few years after they donated **\$15 million!** His amazing story of growing up without a father, and his family's destitution is heart wrenching, but inspirational to hear.

In addition to these amazing speakers, there are others included, Jennifer Jones, Stephanie Urchick, John Hewko, RI President Francesco Arezzo, etc... that can be used in club meetings.

Click [HERE](#) to see the full list of speakers.



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“We were all united in spirit, wide-eyed, full of wonder and questions, and hoping to learn!” –Dawn Fiedler

CONGRATULATIONS to the 10 District 6270 clubs who earned Rotary International's 2024-25 Club Excellence Award, the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve. Club Excellence Awards recognize clubs that achieve goals such as increasing their membership, engaging members in sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, building awareness of Rotary in their community, and having an up-to-date strategic plan. [Click HERE](#) for more information.



We received an amazing donation in January 2026 from John Henderson, a founding member of the Elkhorn Rotary Club. John earned membership in the Arch Klumph Society, by giving at least **\$250,000** to The Rotary Foundation.

Here are the “Top 10” 2025-26 Rotary Year club giving totals through January 2026:

Name	-- PolioPlus --		Prior YTD Amount	Prior Year-End Amount
	Month	YTD		
Oshkosh Southwest, WI, United States	\$0.00	\$27,756.03	\$2,708.00	\$2,811.50
Elmbrook (Brookfield), WI, United States	\$500.00	\$21,738.50	\$7,975.32	\$9,978.82
Ripon, WI, United States	\$10.00	\$16,190.00	\$15,293.50	\$15,593.50
Elkhorn, WI, United States	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$20,929.63	\$42,449.63
Oconomowoc, WI, United States	\$5,000.00	\$8,600.00	\$4,753.50	\$6,753.50
Mitchell Field (Milwaukee), WI, United States	\$0.00	\$6,091.50	\$5,636.00	\$6,990.00
Geneva Lake West, WI, United States	\$0.00	\$3,419.00	\$2,715.00	\$2,815.00
Neenah, WI, United States	\$593.75	\$2,716.33	\$2,933.85	\$4,751.10
Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise, WI, United States	\$20.00	\$2,615.25	\$2,034.58	\$2,423.96
Sheboygan Early Birds, WI, United States	\$0.00	\$2,511.25	\$2,693.00	\$2,693.00

Rotary District 6270 is excited to launch **Social Media 101**, a new video series designed to help clubs and members use social media more effectively. In the first two episodes, we:

- Introduce the Social Media 101 series
- Break down Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn
- Share tips on choosing the right platform, tone, and call to action

Watch the introductory video by clicking [HERE](#).

Please contact Angelica Niemann, Public Image Chair, with questions by email at: public.image@rotary6270.org



Club Leadership Summit
Prepare to Lead. Ready to Serve.

Save the Date

Date: May 16, 2026

Prepare for an engaging day of learning and networking!

Rotary District 6270 

ROTARY MIDWEST PETS
2026 REGISTRATION



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ROTARY TRICON 2026



Join Rotarians from Districts 6220, 6250, and 6270 at our annual conference. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

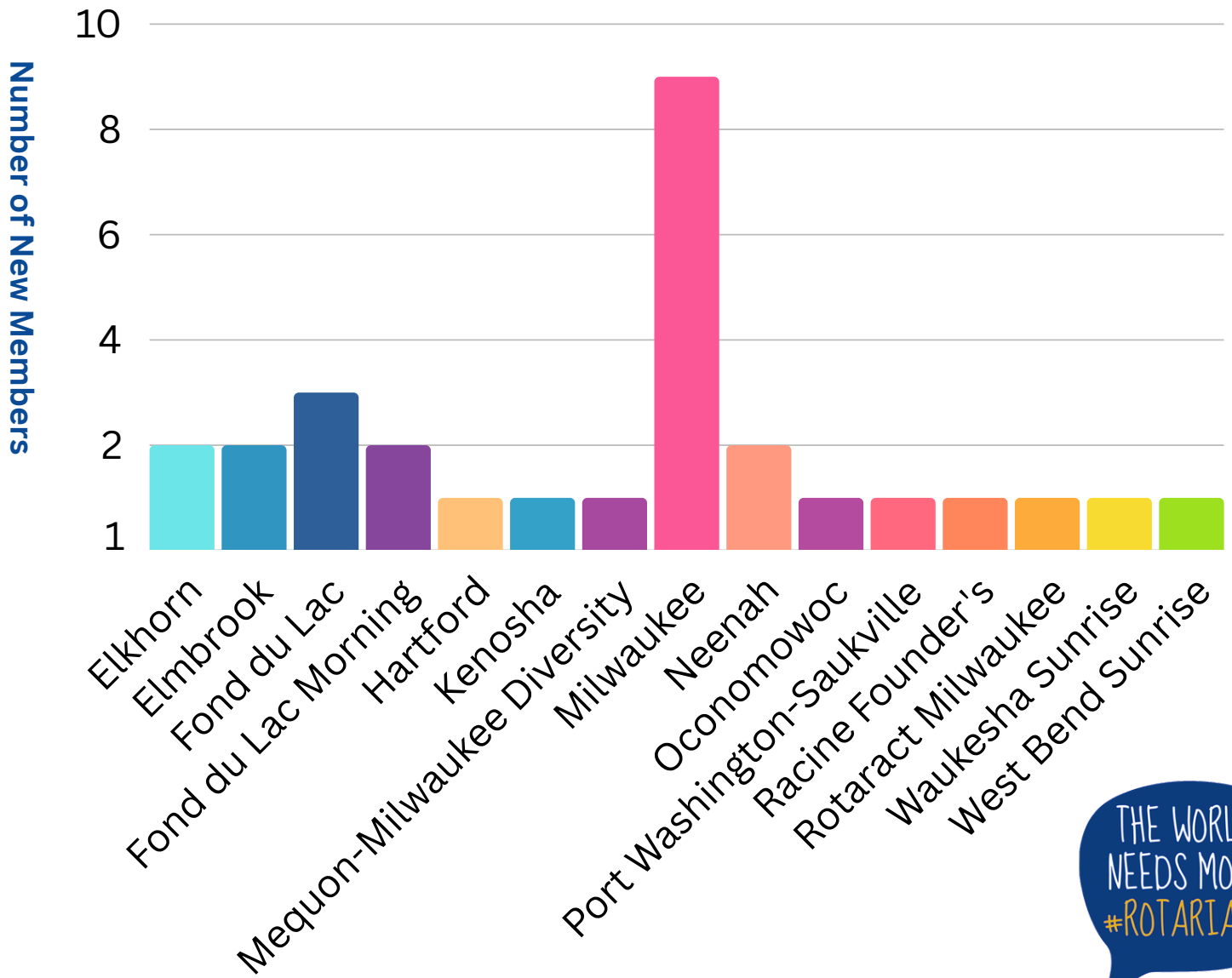


Follow "Discover Rotary" on Facebook!
Stay up-to-date with the latest resources and information about programs, offerings, and events.

January 2026

New Membership Count

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



Help celebrate Youth Leaders from around the globe with Rotary International



ROTARACT CLUB PROJECTS

Rotaract Club members exemplified the spirit of GivingTuesday in 2025.

These young leaders each **transformed compassion into action** and addressed real issues facing their communities. They're making a big impact in their communities on and beyond the most generous day of the year.



INDIA

“Rotaract Club members showcased the spirit of GivingTuesday and transformed their compassion into action. **These young leaders are making a big impact in their communities and beyond.**”



Markie Morrison
Program Manager
GivingTuesday
Spark

Dhooram's Rotaract Project supported 50 women and girls through culturally sensitive sessions and the distribution of menstrual hygiene kits, which contained sanitary napkins, cotton cloth, a towel, soap, and shampoo.



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USE ROTARY VIDEOS TO TELL OUR STORY

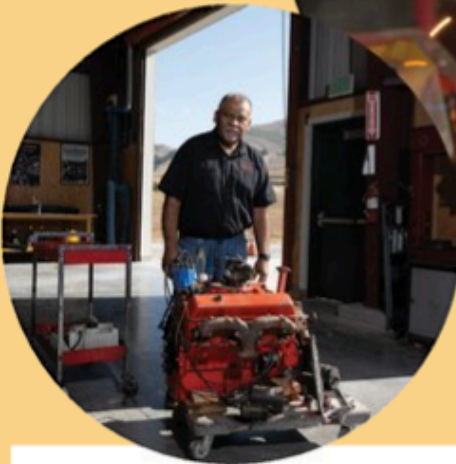
The Rotary Brand Center has dozens of videos for you to enhance your meetings, engage with your community, and help tell the Rotary story. These high-quality videos promote our campaigns and causes, showing that we're people of action and saving you the time and expense of creating them.



Visit brandcenter.rotary.org and explore our video selection today.



Are you
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to serve
through
your
vocation?

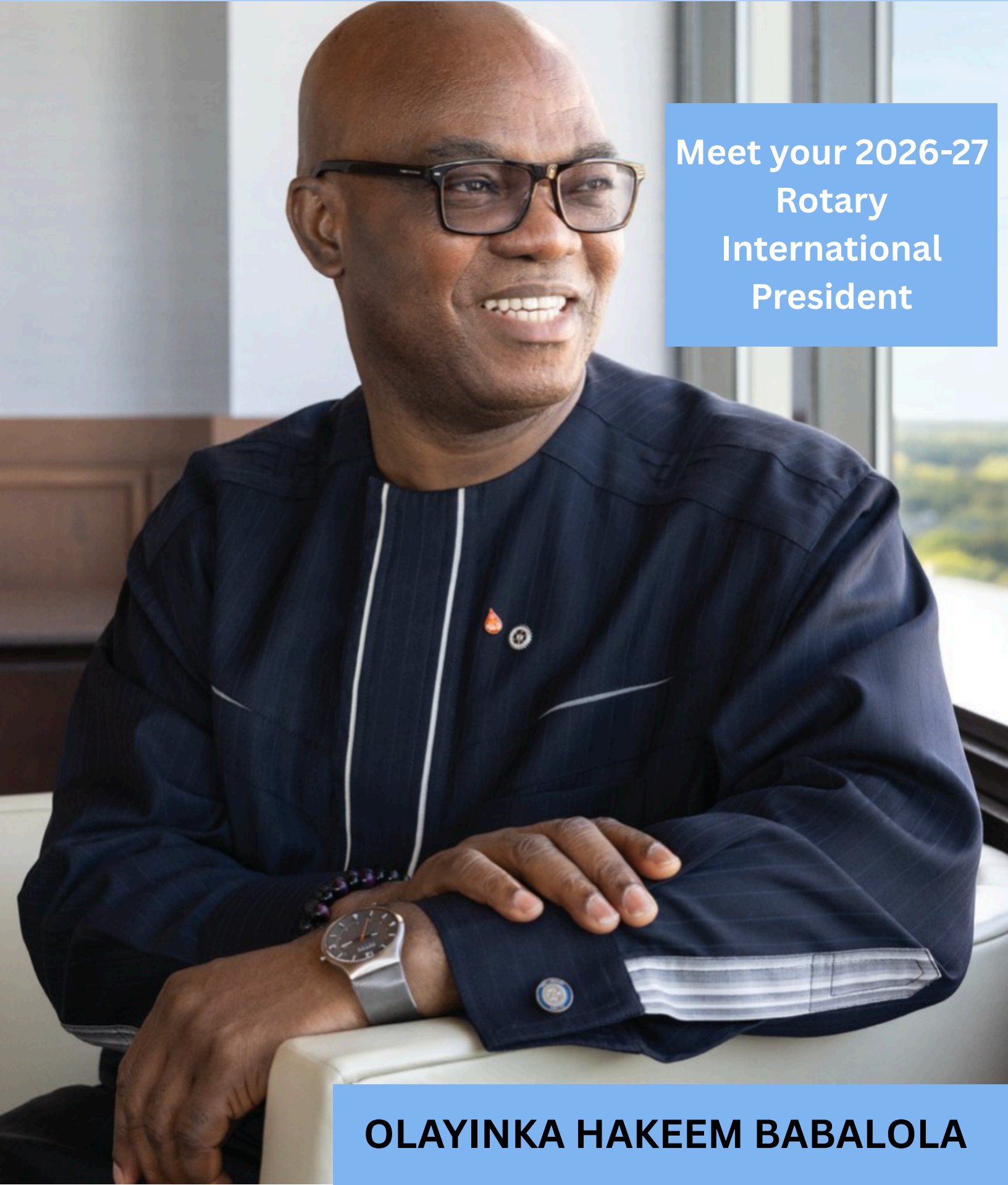


**Learn how your vocation can be
a powerful force for good.**

Rotary's updated guide, Vocational Service in Action, offers simple and effective ideas to inspire and carry out ethical service through your occupation.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



Register today at convention.rotary.org.

The Lake Country Rotary Club held its 35th annual Yule Feed Families drive and shattered its goals by raising 28% more than the 2024 mark, yielding **\$65,290** for five local food pantries.

Yule Feed Families had raised **\$1.14 million** for the Hartland, Pewaukee, Kettle Moraine, North Lake and St. Vincent de Paul (Hartland) food pantries since 1991.

The 36th annual Yule Feed Families is already being planned for November 2026.



Rotary Club Milwaukee Amigos After Hours hosted Celia Jackson, attorney, educator, social justice advocate, and community leader, on February 17, 2026.

The amazing presentation explored how Black History Month was established, the historical context behind it, and its continued relevance in fostering understanding, equity, and dialogue in our communities today.

Community members were invited to discuss, learn, and reflect through meaningful dialogue.





HOSTED BY THE HARTLAND - LAKE COUNTRY ROTARY CLUB

JUKEBOX BINGO

"FUN" DRAISER

MUSIC, COMMUNITY, AND GOOD VIBES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Doors Open: 6pm

Games Time: 7pm - 9pm

American Legion - Hartland

231 Goodwin Avenue

\$30/person*

*Includes game cards
and appetizers.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Downtown Wine Walk



Saturday, May 2nd 2026



Walk your way through Downtown Hartford
and Sample Wines & Snacks at 20 Local
Businesses
Dress for a Hoedown!



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



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The March 2026
Rotary District 6270

Member Spotlight Shines Upon:

John Henderson



John Henderson

John was a charter member of the Elkhorn Rotary Club, which started in 1969. He served as its club president twice. John and his wife Jean traveled to many countries as members of Rotary's International Travel & Hosting Fellowship. They hosted Rotary Youth Exchange students from the Netherlands, Turkey, Finland, Brazil and France. International service was definitely in John's heart.

John was a Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society, and a charter member of the D6270 PolioPlus Society.

John passed away on January 30, 2026.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at Haase Lockwood Funeral Home (located at 730 N. Wisconsin St, Elkhorn, WI 53121). Visitation will be from 1:00-3:00 PM, followed by a memorial service at 3:00 PM.



John and his loving wife Jean were married for more than 50 years.

Rotary Recipe

Crockpot Thai Yellow Curry Chicken

These baked cheese crisps are a quick, easy, and delicious 1-ingredient crunchy snack

INGREDIENTS

2 pounds boneless chicken breasts, cubed
 1/3 cup plain Greek yogurt
 2 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
 2-3 tablespoons yellow curry powder
 2 tablespoons chopped pickled ginger
 1 tablespoon lemongrass paste
 1 yellow onion, chopped
 2 cups chopped potatoes
 1 can full-fat coconut milk
 1 tablespoon fish sauce or tamari
 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
 Juice and zest of 1 lime
 4 tablespoons salted butter
 3-4 cloves garlic, chopped
 1/4 cup chopped green onion
 Steamed rice, for serving



DIRECTIONS

1. In the bowl of your crockpot, combine the chicken, yogurt, curry paste, curry powder, ginger, lemongrass paste, and season with salt. Toss to coat the chicken. Let sit 10 minutes. Add the onion, potatoes, coconut milk, and fish sauce. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or on high for 3-4 hours..
2. Crank the heat to high. Cook uncovered for 15 minutes until thickened. Stir in the cilantro, lime zest, and juice.
3. Melt the butter and garlic together. Cook until the butter is lightly browning. Remove from the heat. Mix in the green onions. Serve the chicken and sauce over bowls of rice with garlic butter spooned over the rice. Enjoy!

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