

AWARDS PACKET 2026-2027



Club Name: _____

The District Awards Program is designed to recognize the accomplishments of D5180 Rotary Clubs and their members in all that they do to serve others.

The Awards criteria is organized into four sections that align with Rotary International's Action Plan. The RI Action Plan is designed to Increase Our Impact, Expand Our Reach, Enhance Participant Engagement, Increase Our Ability to Adapt.

In addition to the District Awards, there are several district individual awards. Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) club and individual awards are also available. Please see the list of possible RI Club awards on the District 5180 website or the RI website.

Scoring and Awards Committee

The information provided in the completed District Awards packet will be tabulated and scored for each participating club according to the point values outlined in each section listed below. Following tabulation and scoring, the data will be presented to the District Awards Committee for the final determination of awards.

The Awards committee consists of the District Governor, the Assistant Governors and the District Awards Chair.

District Award Citations

Award Sections

The four awards sections are:

- Impact
- Reach
- Engagement
- Adapt

Within each of the four sections, clubs are ranked by club size category (Small, Medium, Large, see below for definitions), and awards are given to the top two point values in each section per club size group:

- **D5180 Platinum Citation** — awarded to the club with the highest point value in each section, within each club size category.
- **D5180 Gold Citation** — awarded to the club with the second-highest point value in each section, within each club size category.

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Each club is eligible to receive one award overall, across all four sections. If a club qualifies for more than one citation, it will be awarded the single highest citation for which it qualifies. The remaining section(s) will then be awarded to the next-highest-ranked club in that section/size category that has not already received a citation award. The goal behind this approach is to recognize as many clubs as possible for the great work they do in our district.

In the event of a tie between clubs at the same point value in any section/club size category, the tie will be broken by the total number of points in the entire packet. Should the tie remain, the committee will review the clubs' broader contributions to Rotary during the term and make a final determination based on the merits of that additional context.

Club Size Categories

Membership reflected by Rotary International as of July 1, 2026, determines club size for purposes of the District Awards packet, as follows:

- **Small Club:** 24 or fewer members
- **Medium Club:** 25–53 members
- **Large Club:** 54 or more members

Additional Awards

- **Clubs of the Year** – The Clubs with the highest overall point values in each club size category (Large, Medium and Small) will receive the D5180 Club of the Year.
- **“The Governor’s Bell Club”** – Awarded to the club that most reflects the year’s vision of **Engage, Energize, & Elevate** our communities through Rotary and has been of significant contributor toward the success of the term.

Rotarian of the Year and Rookie Rotarian of the Year

The District Rotarian of the Year and Rookie Rotarian of the Year will be selected from nominations received from clubs. Nomination forms can be found on the district website main menu under **“For Rotarians > District Recognition and Awards”** in the left menu. Submission deadline is **Friday, April 9, 2027.**

District Hall of Fame

Nominations for the District Hall of Fame are handled by a separate committee. You can find that application on the district website main menu under **“For Rotarians > District Recognition and Awards.”** On that page, you will also find information regarding Rotary Citation award. Inductees will be selected from the nominations received from the club and are due by **Friday, April 9, 2027.**

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Dates & Deadlines

The District Awards criteria begins July 1, 2026, but please note that there may be a few criteria which have earlier due dates, before your President year actually begins, but count towards your awards.

The deadline for completing the criteria items is **April 1, 2027**, unless otherwise noted. All packets must be completed by the club and submitted for review to the club AG. After AG review, they will deliver the packets in their area to the District Awards Chair.

Deadlines Summary:

- **July 1, 2026** - The awards timeline starts with limited exceptions.
- **April 1, 2027** - The criteria completion end date. Any items that have been scheduled or implemented by the deadline but not completed should be discussed with the Club's Area AG.
- **April 5th, 2027** - Awards packets, signed by the Club President, are due to the AG's for review.
- **April 9th, 2027** - The final awards packet will need to be reviewed and signed by the AG's and sent to the District Awards Chair, Rob Saxe at rotaryrob.17.18@gmail.com.
- **April 9th, 2027** - Rotarian and Rookie of the Year nominations forms can be submitted to your AG's or directly to the District Awards Chair, Rob Saxe, rotaryrob.17.18@gmail.com.
- **April 12th, 2027** - District Awards Committee Meeting.

Announcement of Awards

All District Awards will be announced at the EOY Picnic, May 23rd, 2027 at Rotary Grove Park in Elk Grove. 9950 Elk Grove Florin Rd, Elk Grove, CA 95624

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IMPACT Total Points Available: 375	Point Value	Completed	Due Dates (If Applicable)
Conduct at least one service project in your local community with a Rotary banner, flyer or other promotional materials publicly visible	75		
Have at least 15% of members participate in a Blood Drive or Blood Donation in the name of your Rotary club.	25		
Every club member makes a monetary contribution to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation.	25		
Every club member makes a monetary contribution to Polio Plus	25		
10 % of your club is Benefactor or Bequest Society member.	50		
Conduct a club meeting with a Rotary Foundation speaker from the District and Invite someone from the community as a guest.	75		
Participate in the District Speech Contest	50		
Have an Interact, RYE or RYLA student come speak at your club meeting	50		

IMPACT POINTS ACHIEVED: _____

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REACH Total Points Available: 400	Point Value	Completed	Due Dates (If Applicable)
Conduct a Membership Assessment and then present to your club. Share with your Assistant Governor.	50		
Have at least 15% of your members participate in a Rotary Action Group	25		
Actively participate in a Rotary Foundation Global Grant and / or District Grant. (Participation is Dollars.)	75		
Invite someone in the community to come speak on their Vocation (not another non-profit). Highlight the professional development and networking within your Rotary club.	50		
Have an article published in local print media or have TV or radio coverage of your club's service project or have it mentioned on a non-Rotarian website	50		
Post at least two "EVENTS" to the District website about a club program, project, fundraiser or event	25		
Publish and distribute (mail or email) a regularly scheduled club bulletin or newsletter	50		
Sponsor at least one RYLA Student	25		
Sponsor an RYE Student or help RYE help fund an RYE Event.	50		

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ENGAGEMENT Total Points Available: 450	Point Value	Completed	Due Dates (If Applicable)
Conduct a Club Board Planning Retreat prior to July 1, 2026	50		Prior to July 1, 2026
Have at least (3-small, 6-medium, 8-large) club members attend District Assembly on March 28, 2026	100		
Have at least (3-small, 6-medium, 8-large) club members registered to attend District Conference by September 30, 2026	75		September 30, 2026
Develop or maintain a mentor program to ensure all new club members are engaging with the club in a meaningful way within the first year of their membership	25		
Use Club or Member's Paul Harris Fellow Recognition points to recognize someone in the club for outstanding commitment to the growth and prosperity of the club	50		
Enter your club's goals in Rotary Club Central (myrotary.org) by July 23rd, 2026	50		July 23, 2026
Have at least (2-small, 5-medium, 10-large) club members attend the District Foundation Brunch.	75		Nov 1, 2026
Have at least 2 members complete the Youth District Protection Certification for the current year	25		

ENGAGEMENT POINTS ACHIEVED: _____

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ADAPT Total Points Available: 425	Point Value	Completed	Due Dates (If Applicable)
Have 2 club meetings with an online speaker (Zoom or other) from out of the region	25		
Partner with at least one other Rotary Club or local community service organization on a service project with a Rotary banner, flyer or other promotional materials publicly visible.	50		
Utilize at least one new form of communication for your club and/or to the public (social media, Meetup, website, text messaging, etc.)	50		
Charter/sponsor a new Interact or Rotaract Club	75		
Host a unique event such as a Themed Networking Event, Workshop or Talk or Family Friendly Event with the community	50		
Collaborate with a local organization for a meeting for both organizations to interact and hear about each other	75		
Create a short, engaging video about the club's contribution to the community and post on club website, social media and send to the District to publish	75		
Create / Continue an engaging Greeter to the meetings where members feel welcomed and guests are introduced to multiple club members	25		

ADAPT POINTS ACHIEVED: _____

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Our club respectfully submits this District Awards packet for consideration to the 2026-2027 District Awards Chair.

Signature – Club President

Date

Signature – Assistant Governor

Date Received by Assistant Governor

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IMPACT – Total Points Achieved _____ / 375

REACH – Total Points Achieved _____ / 400

ENGAGEMENT – Total Points Achieved _____ / 450

ADAPT – Total Points Achieved _____ / 425

TOTAL POINTS: _____ / 1,650

Certified by Awards Chair: _____

Date Certified: _____