



2019 Rotary Zones 25B and 29 Institute
September 24-29, 2019
Sheraton Overland Park at the Convention Center
6100 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS

District Governors-Nominee Spouse/Partner Training
September 25-27, 2019

DISTRICT GOVERNORS-NOMINEE SPOUSE/PARTNER TRAINING

Facilitators: PDG Chris Knapp, Zone 29, District 6000
Sandra Liu, Zone 25B, District 5890

Tuesday, September 24, 2019		
1:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Registration	Lobby Pillar
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	DGE & DGN With Spouse/Partner Reception Cocktails (cash bar)	Lower Escalator Lobby
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	DGN With Spouse/Partner Fellowship Dinner	Hawthorne 1
8:30 PM – 10:30 PM	DGN Hospitality Suite	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor

Wednesday, September 25, 2019		
8:00 AM – 8:00 PM	Registration	Lobby Pillar
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Session DGE & DGN With Spouse/Partner Greeting: RI Director Larry Dimmitt	Cottonwood 1
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Break & Transition to Training Room	Leatherwood Pre-function Area
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Welcome and Ice Breaker (What is Your Story?)	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Break in Meeting Room	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	What does your journey look like? (An overview of the DGN/DGE/DG Years)	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Rotary Basics – Part 1; The Why of Rotary	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor

	Wednesday, September 25, 2019 (Continued)	
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Transition to Lunch	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
12:00 PM – 11:30 PM	DGE & DGN With Spouse/Partner Lunch Speaker: RI Director Stephanie Urchick	Cottonwood 1
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Rotary Basics – Part 2: Rotary Basics	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Break in Meeting Room	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
3:15 PM – 4:00 PM	Rotary Basics – Part 3: Structure	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
4:00 PM – 4:15 PM	Wrap Up for the Day	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	All Rotarian Reception (cash bar)	Cottonwood Pre-function Area
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	DGE & DGN with Spouse/Partner Friendship Dinner Speaker: TRF Trustee Jennifer Jones	Cottonwood 1
8:30 PM – 10:00 PM	DGN Hospitality	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor

Thursday, September 26, 2019		
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Opening Session: The Future is Ours Speaker: RI Director Larry Dimmitt	Cottonwood 2 & 3
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Transition to Training Room	
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	So You're About to be a Minor Celebrity TRF Trustee Jennifer Jones	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	Role of the Spouse/Partner	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor

Thursday, September 26, 2019

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Break in Meeting Room	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Timeline for the DGN/DGE/DG Years	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Transition to Lunch	
11:45 AM – 1:30 PM	Luncheon Speaker: PRVP Greg Podd	Cottonwood 2 & 3
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Rotary Basics Part 4: The Spouse/Partner Elevator Speech	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	District Governor Finances Overview	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break in Meeting Room	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
3:30 PM – 4:15 PM	District Conference: Your Role? Discussion	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Move to DGN Training Room for Joint Session	Leatherwood 2
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	District Conference (Continued) Recap/Wrap Up Day 2 DGNs with Spouse/Partners	Leatherwood 2
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Major Donor Reception	Leatherwood 3
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Paul Harris Society Reception (cash bar)	Leatherwood 2
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	All Rotarian Reception (cash bar)	Cottonwood Pre-function Area
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Governor Class Reunion Dinner All Institute Participant Dinner	Cottonwood Ballroom

Friday, September 27, 2019

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Review of Thursday Sessions Unanswered Questions Wrap Up and Evaluations	Hospitality Suite 15 th Floor
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Break	
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	*District Specific Caucus	See below
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Transition to All Club Luncheon	

* District Caucus Rooms:

Hawthorne 2	Leatherwood 1	Leatherwood 2	Redbud
5790	5580	6220	5610
5810	5650	6250	5630
5840	5950	6270	5680
5870	5960	6420	5710
5890	5970	6440	
5910	6000	6450	
5930			

ROTARY PAIRED ZONES 25 AND 29

Rotary
Zone 29 

● 5580, 5610, 5630, 5650, 5670, 5690, 5710,
5950, 5960, 5970, 6000, 6220, 6250, 6270,
6420, 6440, 6450

Rotary
Zone 25 

B 5790, 5810, 5840,
5870, 5890, 5910,
5930

A 4060, 4100, 4110, 4130,
4140, 4170, 4185, 4195,
4240, 4250, 4271, 4281,
4370, 4380





PDG Chris Knapp **District 6000**

Born in New York, Chris and his family moved to Iowa City in 1959. He graduated from Iowa State and received his Executive MBA in 2002 from the University of Iowa. Chris and Vernetta retired in 2013 after spending a combined 77 years working for U.S. Bank. Chris retired as a Trust Officer and Vernetta as Senior Personal Banker. Chris and Vernetta have two sons, Thomas (39), is a traveling pharmacy technologist and Andrew (37), is a self-employed

instrumental teacher and owner/teacher of a Kung Fu school. They both live in Iowa City.

Chris and Vernetta are both members of the Rotary Club of Iowa City AM. Chris is a third generation Rotarian and is a charter member of the club established January 1989. Vernetta joined the club in 2013, and is now club secretary. They have been active in Rotary Youth Exchange for over 25 years as host parents (seven times). Chris is 2022-2021 President-Elect of SCRYE (South Central Rotary Youth Exchange). He will also be the 2020-2021 chair of NCPETS (North Central PETS). They have both been leaders in their church. Chris has been a township trustee for over 20 years.

Their involvement in Rotary extends beyond local club committee assignments to the D-6000 Youth Exchange Committee, D-6000 RYLA and Iowa RYLA. Both Chris and Vernetta are members of The Paul Harris Society, The Bequest Society and are Major Donors.

Together they have traveled to Rotary International Conventions in Buenos Aires, Salt Lake City, Chicago, New Orleans, Sao Paulo, Seoul and Hamburg. This coming year they are looking forward to attending the International Convention in Honolulu. They also attended the 2013 Peace Conference in Honolulu.



Sandra Liu **District 5890**

Sandra is first generation European American that was born in Uruguay. She arrived in the United States at 3 months old. She grew up in New York City until she was 12 when she came to Texas. Sandra speaks several languages due to her southern European heritage but reads and writes only English and Spanish. Sandra attended Lehman College with an associate degree in dance.

Sandra moved to Houston in 1986 and met her husband Eric in the same year in college. They were married 1988. Sandra decided to pursue a career in healthcare management. She has worked in various aspects of medical, dental, podiatric specialties, improving their practices and teaching staff and doctors about Practice Management.

Though not an official Rotarian until 2017, she was always one in her heart as she served alongside Eric. Sandra has volunteered and worked at the district level on various committees and service projects since 2004. She was co-chair of the first district 5890 spouses committee at district conference 2013. She was the Co-Founder and Charter member of Rotary Community Corp of D5890 2014. Charter President of the Rotary Club of Houston Energy Corridor 2016-2017. She is serving as Assistant Governor. She was honored with the Service Above Self Award for Spouses from Rotary International in 2013. She is a Major Donor I, Bequest Society III, and a Polio Plus Society.

Sandra and Eric have one son, Blake, who is a senior in Texas A&M University. Blake is also a Paul Harris Fellow.