

## The Virtual Rotary Institute 2020

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### September 8-11, 2020

District Governors-Elect  
District Governors-Nominee

### September 9-11, 2020

District Governors  
District Foundation Chairs  
District Membership Chairs  
District Public Image Chairs  
District Trainers  
Leadership Development  
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### September 11, 2020

Past District Governors

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Zones 25B & 29 Institute

### Convener

Suzi Howe  
Rotary International Director 2020-2022

### General Chair

PDG Sharron Miles

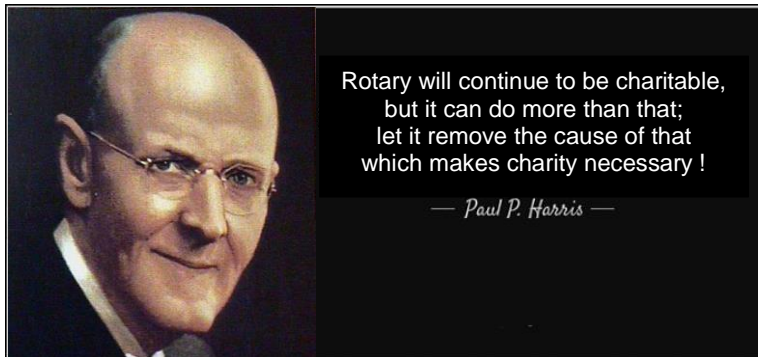
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Dear fellow Rotarians:

Welcome to the Rotary Zones 25b and 29 Institute.

Over the next several days, you will have the opportunity to celebrate our successes, expand your network across borders and cultures, and share your ideas for the years ahead. Please enjoy the event and participate to fullest because then you will be best able to really make a difference.

As Rotarians, our commitment to service is what drives us, and we want to be a part of something larger than ourselves. This Institute is where we take our passion for community service to the next level, finding inspiration in each other's accomplishments to bring our service to greater heights.

I hope you take the knowledge gained at this Institute back to your clubs and districts to help them succeed throughout the coming year. Together, we will achieve great things as *Rotary Opens Opportunities*.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holger Knaack".

Holger Knaack  
President, Rotary International 2020-21

## Holger Knaack

RI President 2020-2021

Holger Knaack holds a degree in business administration from the University of Applied Sciences Kiel. Since 1995, Holger has been CEO of the real estate company Knaack KG. Previously, he was a partner and General Manager of Knaack Bakery Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business. Holger is Chairman and founder of the Karl-Adam-Stiftung (Karl Adam Foundation). For six years, he also served as Chairman of Rotary Youth Exchange Germany.



A Rotarian since 1991, Holger is a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln. He was RI Director and RI Treasurer as well as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board. In addition, Holger has served as Council on Legislation Representative, Zone Coordinator, GETS Trainer and RI Training Leader. He has been a member and Chair of numerous RI committees. He was Moderator of the 2019 Rotary International Assembly, Endowment/Major Gift Adviser and Co-Chair of the 2019 Hamburg Convention HOC.

Holger is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation, a member of the Paul-Harris Society and the Bequest Society. Married to Susanne for 43 years, the couple has hosted more than 40 Rotary Youth Exchange students. In his leisure time, Holger enjoys sailing and playing golf.



## **Shekhar Mehta**

### **RI President 2021-2022**

Shekhar Mehta is only the 4th Indian in 115 years to be nominated as the President of Rotary International for the year 2021-22. Shekhar Mehta was born in 1959 in Kolkata India. A keen academician, he graduated from St.Xavier's College, and has the unique combination of Masters in Commerce, a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant and Company Secretary.

He heads the Skyline Group engaged in Real Estate Development in different parts of India, including the largest group housing in the state of Rajasthan.

He is member of many professional, cultural and charitable organizations. He is a serving trustee of Shelter Box (UK) and Operation Eyesight India, a Canada based organization.



Shekhar Mehta joined Rotary in 1985 and has been Chairman of Strategic Planning Committee of Rotary International, Rotary India Literacy Mission, Rotary Foundation India, Rotary India Centennial Celebrations, and Rotary India Humanity Foundation. He served as District Governor in 1999-2000 and was elevated to the Board of Directors of Rotary International for 2011-2013. While serving as Rotary International Director, he helped Rotary add 2 countries to its fold – Bhutan & Maldives.

Shekhar Mehta is a motivational speaker. He has spoken at hundreds of events nationally and internationally. His motivation skills are par excellence which has helped raise millions of dollars for The Rotary Foundation. Shekhar.Mehta is recipient of the highest awards of Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation: “The Service Above Self Award”, “The Meritorious Service Award”, and “The Distinguished Service Award”. He will serve as the world leader of 1.2 million Rotarians in 200 countries and geographical areas in the year 2021-2022.

Texas is very close his heart as the annual convention of Rotary International in the year 2022 when he would be serving as Rotary International President is scheduled to be held at Houston.

Shekhar Mehta is married to Rashi Mehta. She is a social worker and is a stage artist having performed in socially relevant plays across India.

His guiding mantra in life is “Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on this earth”.

A virtual Welcome from Actual Houston!

I am excited about the upcoming Rotary Zone Institute, coming to us from all parts of Region 36! We are truly adapting with the times, something new every year. Our team leader for this event is Institute General Chair Sharron Miles from Hewitt, Texas, working with Assistant General Chair Tom Gump from Edina, Minnesota and a team of talented and hard-working Rotarians from around Region 36.

The upcoming days will provide outstanding educational opportunities for Leaders at every level and in every area of Rotary. We'll also continue the Rotary tradition of taking time for socializing and fun!

The Institute includes training for our District Governors-Elect and Governors-Nominee, as well as for our District Foundation, Membership and Public Image Chairs, District Trainers, and the Leadership Development Program for our blossoming leaders. We'll also have a Past District Governor Forum providing our PDGs the opportunity to exchange ideas with Rotary Senior Leaders. Since we're virtual, many more of our Regional Rotarians can join us for FREE!

We will have informative and inspiring speakers including RI President Elect Shekhar Mehta, RI Trustee Sankoo Yun, internationally recognized physician-scientist Dr. Peter Hotez, Past RI Director and current Vice Chair of the End Polio Now: Countdown to history challenge Committee Jorge Aufrance, Dr. Isis E. Mejias, founder of Global WaSH, Dr. Todd "Bowtie" Jenkins a trainer, consultant, life coach, and motivational speaker, LaShonda Brown Delivuk, a corporate film producer and serial entrepreneur. See the web site for more information on this fabulous lineup of speakers!

I'm looking forward to joining y'all for exciting days of educational, interesting, inspiring and fun activities!



Suzi Howe  
Rotary International Director 2020-22  
Regions 32 & 36, Zones 25A, B and 29

## Suzi Howe

RI Director 2020-2022

Suzi Howe dedicated her career to education after graduating from the University of Kansas. She owned and operated South Shore Montessori, a private school, until her retirement in 2019. It was during the construction of that school that she first learned about Rotary, as her broker, architect, and others involved were all Rotarians. Within six months of joining Rotary in 1992, she was already serving on her club's board.

Passionate about sharing her training and educational skills, she has volunteered as training leader and as a member of the Rotary Leadership Training and Development Committee. She has also served RI as regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, host committee advisor for the 2022 Rotary International Convention, and vice chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Challenge Committee. In 2005, Howe won the Dome City Award on behalf of all Houston-area Rotarians for her work running logistics for the 650 Rotarian volunteers at the Houston Astrodome who helped 250,000 Hurricane Katrina evacuees from New Orleans over a three-week period.

Howe is also a talented fundraiser, having organized three separate Million Dollar Dinners, the last one alone raising \$3.8 million for The Rotary Foundation. "If you make eye contact with me, I will be asking you to make a contribution," she says.

Howe is a recipient of the Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Bill, are Arch Klumph Society and Bequest Society members.



Welcome Rotarians,

Our planning team, made up of exceptional leaders from our two Zones, has devoted over a year to make your Rotary Institute experience memorable. We are making history with our event because we are now going virtual! Our volunteers have embraced it and we are excited about the opportunities planned for you.

DGEs & DGNs, as you gain valuable knowledge to lead your district, please do not forget to thank your instructors. They are working hard to make you the best prepared Governors possible.

District Leaders, may I encourage to not only soak up all the training but learn from other Districts. We have some exemplary Districts in our two Zones.

DGs, you are almost 1/3 thru your year. Please remember to recognize your District Team as much as possible. They are the ones making you look good.

And, PDGs, as you renew friendships and make new ones, remind yourself of why you became a Rotarian by attending the plenary sessions and your PDG Forum. The committee has worked hard to bring you excellent speakers and panel discussions.

We as a committee have worked diligently to bring you a memorable experience. We will have an evaluation poll at the end of each session. Your feedback is important to us so please take time to complete it. Each year we strive to make next year's Institute better than the last.

We hope we have given you great value for the time you have spent with us.



Sharron Miles

Rotary Zones 25B & 29

## **Sharron Miles**

### **Institute General Chair**

Sharron completed her formal education with a Doctorate from Baylor University in Education Administration. She was a speech therapist, Special Education Director, Elementary Principal, Central Office Administrator, and Superintendent. She is currently an educational Consultant working with low performing schools in Texas as a catalyst to improve the academic performance of students.

While serving as an educator she also was actively involved in her community as an officer and director with the United Way, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Cleburne Chamber of Commerce, Zonta International, and the First Baptist Church. Her community honored her for her service by naming her the Woman of the Year in 2002, 2005 Athena Award, and the 2008 Red Cross Community Spirit Award.



In 1999, she joined the Cleburne Rotary Club made up of members with the likeness of the historic cowboys –the hard working range riders who saddle up with integrity. She has held numerous Rotary positions including President, and currently serving as the Foundation Chair and Scholarship Chair. She currently serves District 5790 as the Foundation Chairman, and COL Representative for District 5790 2017-2020. She served on the District 21b Multi District Training Institute as a board member, Chair, and currently as an adviser. She is on the Lone Star PETS Board currently serving as Curriculum Chair and Secretary. Sharron also served on the Zone 21b-27 team at the zone meetings for eight years. She was named 2009 Rotarian of Year for District 5790. She received the Rotary International “Service Above Self” Award in 2015 and the Rotary International Distinguished Service Award in 2017. All members of the family are Paul Harris Fellows with Sharron being Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Society Member, Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, and Bequest Society Members, She traveled to Leon, Mexico, with others from District 5790, to deliver wheelchairs, and to Chinena, Nicaragua, to work with the “Children of the Dump”, and led a project to start a vision clinic in Haiti during her year as Governor.

She has been married fifty years to Dan who is a retired commercial lending officer, and a Paul Harris Fellow. They have two grown children, Adam, and Amy, and three grandchildren; Colby, Garrett and Macy.



# The Virtual Rotary Institute 2020



## Institute Program

### September 8, 2020 Tuesday

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM		PHS Reception (by Invitation only)	Art Zeitler & Pat Merryweather-Arges
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### September 9, 2020 Wednesday

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM		Membership	Dian Edwards & Debbie High
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM		Plenary Session # 1 "Cultivating the Seeds of Rotary"	Ruby Powers
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM		House of Friendship	Chuck Udell
7:00 PM – 7:45 PM		Plenary Session # 2 "The Power of WASH Education"	Dr. Isis Mejias
9:00 PM – 10:00 PM	DG	Hospitality Suite	Scott Rainey
9:00 PM – 10:00 PM	DGE	Hospitality Suite	Michelle Bohreer

**September 10, 2020  
Thursday**

7:30 AM – 6:30 PM		House of Friendship	Chuck Udell
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM		Plenary Session # 3 “Opening Session”	RID Suzi Howe
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM		Membership	Dian Edwards & Debbie High
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM		Leadership Development	John Schultz Stephanie Macchia
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM		Plenary Session # 4 “Preventing the Next Pandemic: Vaccine Diplomacy in a Time of Antiscience”	Dr. Peter Hotez
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM		Public Image	Eric Liu & Kyle Haugen
6:00 PM – 6:45 PM	Rotaractors	Meet & Greet	Dan Morales David Dominguez
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM		Major Donor Bequest Society Celebration (by Invitation only)	Terry Ziegler
8:00 PM – 8:45 PM		Plenary Session # 5 “Foundation Update”	TRF Trustee Sangkoo Yun
9:00 PM – 10:00 PM	DGN	Hospitality Suite	Mindi Snyder

**Thank you for virtually attending!**

*The Rotary Institute 2020 Team*

**September 11, 2020  
Friday**

7:30 AM – 6:30 PM		House of Friendship	Chuck Udell
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM		Leadership Development	John Schultz Stephanie Macchia
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM		Plenary Session # 6 “Moving from Diversity to Inclusive Opportunities”	Dr. “Bowtie” Todd Jenkins
12:30 PM – 12:45 PM	Break		
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM		Membership Awards Premiering Project Phoenix 223	Dian Edwards Debbie High
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM		Foundation Update Polio Update	Art Zeitler Pat Merryweather-Arges
3:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Break		
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM		Public Image Speaker Awards “Public Image from a Rotaractor’s Point of View”	Eric Liu Jeremy Charles Ignacio González Steven Smutny
7:30 PM – 8:20 PM		Plenary Session # 7 “Rotary Opens Opportunities”	RIPE Shekhar Mehta
8:20 PM – 8:30 PM		RI Convention 2021 Taipei	Bill Slicker Michelle Bell



**September 12, 2020  
Saturday**

7:30 AM – 1:00 PM		House of Friendship	Chuck Udell
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Rotaractors	Plenary Session # 8 “Rotaract’s Perspective on Being a Service Organization”	David Dominguez Dan Morales
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break		
10:45 AM – 11:20 AM		“Wear Rotary”	LaShonda Delivuk
11:20 AM – 11:30 AM		2021 Institute Video & Promotion	Tom Gump
11:30 AM – 11:40 AM		RI Convention 2022 Houston, Texas	Rhonda Kennedy
11:45 AM – 2:00 PM	Break for Lunch		
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM		HANWASH Project	PRIP Barry Rassin
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM		DGE Presentation	Lisa Herring RID Suzi Howe



**Thank you for virtually attending!**

*The Rotary Institute 2020 Team*

**September 13, 2020  
Sunday**

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM		Plenary Session # 9 “Celebration of Life” “Inspirational Service” Focus on Firefighters & First Responders	Rhonda Herrington  Mark Shockey & Tim Murphy
8:00 AM – 8:20 AM		Polio Update	Chuck Mason & Tim Murphy
8:20 AM – 8:50 AM		“Polio, One Woman's Journey”	Ann Lee Hussey
8:50 AM – 9:20 AM	Open Forum Recommendation to RI Board		Dian Edwards Dean Ryerson
9:20 AM – 9:55 AM		Five Year Forecast	RID Jorge Aufranc
10:00 AM – 10:10 AM		Closing Remarks	RIPE Shekhar Mehta
10:10 AM – 10:45 AM		Closing Session	Sharron Miles RID Suzi Howe

**“Let there be Peace on Earth”**

*Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator  
We are Family.  
Let us walk all together  
In perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
With peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.*

## Evaluation

On behalf of the Rotary Institute 2020 Committee,  
we would like to thank you for your virtual attendance at this event.

The evaluation of the Rotary Institute 2020 events  
will be done electronically at the closing of each session.

We thank you in advance for your participation,  
as your feedback is very important in the planning of future events.

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### District Governors 2020 – 2021

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5580 Bob McLean  
5610 Dan Little  
5630 Bob Taylor  
5650 Roxy Orr  
5680 Dana Brewer  
5710 Faron Barr  
5790 Roger Paschal  
5810 John Moser  
5840 Xavier Toson  
5870 Rick Stacy  
5890 Scott Rainey  
5910 Becky Mason  
5930 Eddie Bartnesky, Jr.  
5950 Thomas Gump  
5960 Ed Marek  
5970 Lowell Stoolman  
6000 Steve Dakin  
6220 Scott Knaffla  
6250 Bill Pritchard  
6270 Craig Burnett  
6420 Tom Brooks  
6440 Lyle Staab  
6450 Chuck Corrigan

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### District Governors 2021 – 2022

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5580 Keith Brokke  
5610 Doug Lind  
5630 Robert Mayber  
5650 Carol Horner

5680 Fred Heismeyer  
5710 Vern Henricks  
5790 Kayla Christianson  
5810 Max Duplant  
5840 Kristy Vandenberg  
5870 Beverly Luedke  
5890 Michelle Bohreer  
5910 Jerry Springfield  
5930 Amando Chapa  
5950 Marianna Khauv  
5960 Kenny Klooster  
5970 Jeff Hassman  
6000 Alka Khanolkar  
6220 Sridhar Balakuntalam  
6250 Karen Hebert  
6270 Lisa Churas Werner  
6420 David Bills  
6440 Kevin Stevens  
6450 Jane Hopkins

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**District Governors 2022 – 2023**

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5580 Kay Biga  
5610 John Schneider  
5630 Deb McCaslin  
5650 Barbara Bartle  
5680 Ivanhoe Love, Jr.  
5710 Stephanie Meyer  
5790 Dan Steele  
5810 Howard Templin  
5840 Dwayne Hopkins  
5870 Shannon Coleman  
5890 Mindi Snyder  
5910 Demetress Harrell  
5930 Kent Grier  
5950 Lloyd Campbell  
5960 Dayle Quigley  
5970 Don Meyer  
6000 Steve Wiencke  
6220 David Anderson  
6250 Ben Bauer  
6270 Mike Phillips  
6420 Laura Kann  
6440 William S. Kmiecik, Jr.  
6450 Adekunle Onayemi

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## Rotary Institute 2020 Speakers in Alphabetical Order

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### **Jorge Aufranc** **RI Director 2016-2018**

Jorge is a chemical engineer professional, currently Director of Corporation Instatec SA, company dedicated to the design and building of networking telecom systems. Formerly, he served as managing director of a chemical crop protection joint venture with Dupont in Central America.

Rotarian since 1993, Jorge has served as RI Director, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, RI Training Leader, Major Gift Advisor, Council of Legislation member, RI President's Representative. As a member of the Board of Trustee of The Rotary Foundation he is serving as a Chair of the RI/USAID Steering Committee, Vice Chair of the End Polio Now: Countdown to history challenge Committee, Trustee Liaison of the Operation Review Committee and Vice Chair of TRF Programs Committee.



He participated in a National Immunization Day in Moradabad, India and has been keynote speaker at the Lisbon Convention and two times at the International Assembly. He was Convener of RI Institutes in Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Colombia, Monterrey and Panama. Founder and President of the Central American official Rotary Regional Magazine and the Central American Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute, WASH Rotary Action Group Director and member of the Cadre.

In 1988 as Club President he succeeded in reaching 100% Paul Harris participation. He is Benefactor, Major Donor and Bequest Society Member. He was named two times Rotarian of the Year and he is recipient of The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. Jorge and his wife Débora have three children, five grandchildren and reside in Guatemala.

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## Jeremy Charles

Jeremy joined the Rotary family as a member of the Rotaract Club of Crosslands (in Sydney) in 2006 and is now a member of the Rotary club of Sydney Darling Harbour.

He is the founder of Rotaract Australia (Rotaract multidistrict organisation), launched Australia's annual Rotaract conference in 2010, has served as chair of the Asia Pacific Rotaract community and was instrumental in the first and only Rotaract Council, a non-binding Rotaract version of CoL, convened by PRIP Ray Klingensmith at the 2011 Convention in New Orleans.



As District Rotaract Representative, he grew the District's membership by 500%. Jeremy believes through effective district and regional leadership, Rotary and Rotaract clubs can attract significantly higher numbers of people in the community, to work together to make lasting changes in their communities and the world.

Through his 15 years in the Rotary family, Jeremy has given polio vaccinations at Immunization Days in India, helped build health and education infrastructure in islands in the Pacific Ocean, has spoken at Rotaract conferences on 6 continents and has attended 9 International Conventions.

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## LaShonda Delivuk

LaShonda Delivuk is a Corporate Film Producer and serial entrepreneur from Dinwiddie, VA who has successfully launched five organizations since the age of 18. Her first brand, Transformation Theatre Company, raised over \$25k for charity with three theatrical productions during her freshman and sophomore year of college. In 2017, she received the "Millennials on the Move" award from Lynchburg Business Magazine and in 2018, LaShonda was recognized nationally by Honeybook, Rising Tide Society, Peerspace & Gusto as one of the 20 on the Rise Image Makers for her African American stock photo company Eye for Ebony. LaShonda has also been nominated for the prestigious ATHENA award and Best Civic Leader by Lynchburg Living Magazine.



Currently, LaShonda serves as an Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zone 33 and the Area 5 Foundation Advocate for District 7570. She has sponsored numerous members to her club and served as a General Session speaker at the 2018 Rotary International Assembly in San Diego. LaShonda is a Rotary Leadership Institute graduate, Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Lynchburg-Morning, a Paul Harris Fellow +5 and a Paul Harris Society member since the age of 27. In 2018, LaShonda was awarded the Douglas A. Newton Excellence in Communications & the 110% Award for her

Public Image efforts during the 2017-2018 Rotary year. Her thoughts on membership were also featured in the August 2018 issue of The Rotarian magazine. She is happily married to Josh, her business partner & husband of seven years and currently resides in Forest, VA.

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## David Dominguez

My name is David Dominguez. I was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. My affiliation with Rotary had began in 2015 after I was “forced” to go to RYLA. I had the time of my life and little did I know it would be the catalyst of change that I needed. In 2016, I graduated from Arlington Heights High School after I had ran Cross Country and Track, the hope was to run in college and when the offers were coming in my academics and prior high school experiences weren't enough to keep eyes on me. The summer going into my first year of college I found myself yet again at RYLA but this time as a Counselor. I was touched by the experiences and wanted to learn more about what I could do for Rotary.



In my first semester at TCC Trinity River Campus I had founded my first Rotaract Club and served in several other leadership capacities, such as Student Government President. I was eventually offered the Terry Scholarship, which is awarded to scholars that have achieved academic excellence, shown commitment to their community, and displayed exemplary leadership. I am now studying at The University of Texas at San Antonio, majoring in Political Science, minoring in Communications, and will be graduating in Spring 2021.

I now serve on the District 5790 RYLA Committee, and will be establishing a community based Rotaract Club in San Antonio that will be opening soon.

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## Ignacio González

Ignacio González Méndez is a Chilean Law graduate of the University of Talca and alumni of the United States Department of State.

Member of the Rotaract Club Oriente de Talca, He is current member of the Supporting the Environment Fundraising Planning Group of the Fund Development Committee of Rotary International. He was member of the Rotaract Committee as well as the Elevate Rotaract Task Force of Rotary International. He is an honorary member of many different Rotary Clubs.



He has held various leadership positions at District, Multi-district and International levels, such as District Rotaract Representative, MDIO Vice-president and member of the Rotaract & Interact Committee of Rotary International.

He is an international speaker, trainer and facilitator at various events such as the Rotaract Pre-Convention, Rotary Convention and Rotary Institutes.

In addition to his many attributes, he is multiple Paul Harris Fellow

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## Peter J. Hotez

Peter J. Hotez, M.D., Ph.D. is Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine where he is also the Director of the Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and Texas Children's Hospital Endowed Chair of Tropical Pediatrics. He is also University Professor at Baylor University, Fellow in Disease and Poverty at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, Senior Fellow at the Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs at Texas A&M University, Faculty Fellow with the Hagler Institute for Advanced Studies at Texas A&M University, and Health Policy Scholar in the Baylor Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy.



Dr. Hotez is an internationally-recognized physician-scientist in neglected tropical diseases and vaccine development. As head of the Texas Children's CVD, he leads a team and product development partnership for developing new vaccines for hookworm infection, schistosomiasis, leishmaniasis, Chagas disease, and SARS/MERS/SARS-2 coronavirus, diseases affecting hundreds of millions of children and adults worldwide, while championing access to vaccines globally and in the United States. In 2006 at the Clinton Global Initiative he co-founded the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases to provide access to essential medicines for hundreds of millions of people.

He obtained his undergraduate degree in molecular biophysics from Yale University in 1980 (*phi beta kappa*), followed by a Ph.D. degree in biochemistry from Rockefeller University in 1986, and an M.D. from Weil Cornell Medical College in 1987. Dr. Hotez has authored more than 500 original papers and is the author of four single-author books, including *Forgotten People, Forgotten Diseases* (ASM Press); *Blue Marble Health: An Innovative Plan to Fight Diseases of the Poor amid Wealth* (Johns Hopkins University Press); *Vaccines Did Not Cause Rachel's Autism* (Johns Hopkins University Press); and a forthcoming 2020 book on vaccine diplomacy in an age of war, political collapse, climate change and anti-science (Johns Hopkins University Press).

Dr. Hotez served previously as President of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and he is founding Editor-in-Chief of *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine (Public Health Section) and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (Public Policy Section). In 2011, he was awarded the Abraham Horwitz Award for Excellence in Leadership in Inter-American Health by the Pan American Health Organization of the WHO. In 2014-16, he served in the Obama Administration as US Envoy, focusing on vaccine diplomacy initiatives between the US Government and countries in the Middle East and North Africa. In 2018, he was appointed by the US State Department to serve on the Board of Governors for the US Israel Binational Science Foundation, and is frequently called upon frequently to testify before US Congress. He has served on infectious disease task forces for two consecutive Texas Governors. For these efforts in 2017 he was named by FORTUNE Magazine as one of the 34 most influential people in health care, while in 2018 he received the Sustained Leadership Award from Research!America. In 2019 he received the Ronald McDonald House Charities Award for Medical Excellence.

Most recently as both a vaccine scientist and autism parent, he has led national efforts to defend vaccines and to serve as an ardent champion of vaccines going up against a growing national “antivax” threat. In 2019, he received the Award for Leadership in Advocacy for Vaccines from the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Dr. Hotez appears frequently on television (including BBC, CNN, Fox News, and MSNBC), radio, and in newspaper interviews (including the New York Times, USA Today, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal).

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## **Ann Lee Hussey**

Ann Lee Hussey of South Berwick, Maine has made the eradication of polio and the alleviation of suffering by polio survivors her life's work. Over the past several years she has actively participated in 30 volunteer NID (National Immunization Days) teams organizing and leading the last 26 teams herself, choosing to take those NIDs to places that do not often see westerners – Chad, Mali, Bangladesh, Niger, Nigeria, Madagascar, Pakistan as well as less “touristy” destinations in Egypt and India – where the need is greatest and where the publicity and goodwill surrounding the trip are as critical as the immunizations themselves to help communicate the need for eradication.



She has shared her story and passion hundreds of times at numerous Zone Institutes, District Conferences, PETS and Foundation events, and at the International Assembly in 2017, 2018, and 2019 carrying the message of polio eradication around the Rotary world and beyond, raising money and creating new converts to the fight. She is determined that no child will needlessly have to suffer what she herself, a polio survivor, has been through. Her concern for polio survivors includes working to ensure mobility and dignity for those who survived the disease but did not have access to the kinds of surgeries and treatments that she was able to receive. And has led RI grants to this end.

Ann Lee has put a face on the subject of polio eradication, winning hearts and minds and raising hundreds of thousands of dollars in the process. A polio survivor herself, the story Ann Lee tells is personal, and so is her journey in the fight to eradicate polio.

But for all the immunizations Ann Lee has herself made possible through NIDs, she considers fundraising, public awareness and inspiring others her most critical accomplishments.

Ann Lee's work has earned her the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the Rotary Service Above Self Award and she was honored as a White House Champion of Change for her humanitarianism and contributions to public service, aimed at improving people's lives and making a better future around the globe. She was featured in the magazine Real Simple in June 2012. She was featured in a video in Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Annual Letter for February 2017. In March 2017, Rotary and The World Bank recognized her as a Woman of Action celebrating International Day of Women. Locally in her home state of Maine, she was honored at the Maine State Senate chamber for her remarkable achievements and included in Maine Magazine as one of the 50 Mainers of 2017 who have changed our world, improved our lives, and broadened our horizons.

Ann Lee is a member of the Rotary Club of Portland Sunrise in Maine and served District 7780 in many capacities including as Governor in 2010-2011 and currently as District PolioPlus Chair, once again. Ann Lee is Executive Director of the Polio Survivors Rotary Action Group, She ended her term as Chair of the RAGs Council and serves as the Immediate Past-Chair of The Fellowship of Rotarian Past District Governors. Outside Rotary, she serves as a trustee of York Hospital in York, Maine.

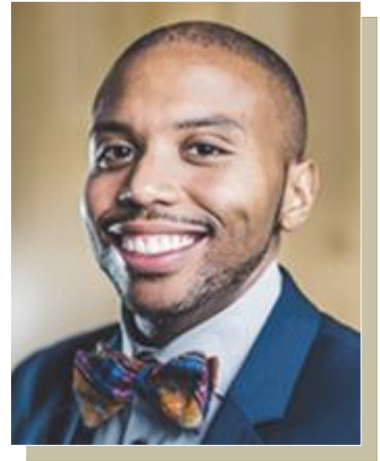
She served as an Advisor to Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee and as a member of the Global Polio Eradication Transition Management Group from 2015-2018. She has also served as Presidents' Representative at several district conferences and represented Rotary at an Easter Seals Annual Convention. Previously she served as a member of the RI Rotarian Action Groups Committee, on the Reach Out to Africa Initiative, and as Zone 32 Coordinator for Health and Hunger.

Ann Lee is a Veterinary Technician who with her Rotarian husband, Michael Nazemetz, DVM recently retired from their practice, Village Veterinary Clinic in Rollinsford, NH. They reside in South Berwick, Maine USA with their devoted yellow Labrador, Parker and their cat Elliott. Ann Lee and her husband are members of the Paul Harris Society. They are Rotary Foundation Major Donors and Bequest Society members.

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## Todd Jenkins

Dr. "Bowtie" Todd Jenkins currently serves as the Senior Diversity, Inclusion, and Innovation Leader in Corporate America at a Fortune 400 company and as a Global Inclusion Trainer, Strategist, and Consultant with Bowtie Leadership, Inc. As a consultant, he has worked with several companies such as Walmart, Google, Facebook, American Airlines, Deloitte, etc., oil and gas companies, small and large non-profits, and entrepreneurs. He graduated with honors from the University of South Carolina with two degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Sociology, obtained a Master of Science from Illinois State University, and Doctorate from the University of Arkansas.



His research area focused on minority professionals; retention and perception of their supervisor within the workplace. Currently, he is enrolled at Harvard University, completing post-doctorate studies as Harvard Fellow.

Dr. Jenkins is a proud Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow from the Rotary Club of Fayetteville, Arkansas; he has served as the former Rotaract Advisor, Interact Sponsor, RYLA presenter, Youth Services Chair, two terms on Club Board of Directors, and graduated from his District and Zone Leadership Academy. Dr. Jenkins is currently one of the youngest Youth Exchange District Chairs in Rotary International. He has had the honor to speak at various Rotary districts, zones, and international conventions. Dr. Jenkins continues to serve on various boards locally and internationally in education, business, and inclusion initiatives.

Today he is known as Dr. "Bowtie Todd" who has given inspirational talks and education to audiences of all sizes and backgrounds throughout North America, Asia, South America, and Europe. Dr. Todd Jenkins is a proud husband, author, servant leader, and conversationalist who believes in his philosophy "bowtie" it all together, serve and simply be a gift unto the world!

Feel free to connect with Dr. Jenkins on social media outlets Instagram/Facebook @dr.bowtietodd, [www.bowtieleadership.com](http://www.bowtieleadership.com), or email [bowtietodd@bowtieleadership.com](mailto:bowtietodd@bowtieleadership.com) !



## Isis E. Mejias

Dr. Isis E. Mejias is a passionate Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) advocate. She discovered this passion as a Rotary Global Grant Scholar.



She has been a WASH advocate since 2010, with her work in Kenya, with Rotary and Engineers Without Borders, where she led a project to build a gravity-fed water distribution system, while working in her Chemical Engineering degree. After falling in love with the humanitarian world, she came back to Houston and started her Environmental Engineering degree to improve water treatment systems. The success and visibility of the project in Kenya resulted in an invitation to lead the project planning and management of a WASH program, for 10 primary schools in Uganda. Dr. Mejias worked with over 500 stakeholders to implement a WASH education program to complement the WASH intervention. The education program focused on increasing awareness of the impacts that improved WASH has on reducing water borne diseases.

Besides her field work in WASH, during her Environmental Engineering PhD she developed innovative nanotechnology and biotechnology processes for the removal of heavy metals and pathogens from water. Dr. Mejias pioneered a metal biosorbent technology with complex microbial communities as an alternative to traditional heavy metal treatment technologies. She also worked in developing membranes for pathogen control.

She now focuses on providing translational WASH research that results in practical solutions to bridge the WASH service delivery gap, where science can translate into immediate changes in the communities we serve. Though her work within Rotary, Global WaSH, and the Venezuelan Science Incubator, she is working to deliver models for sustained growth of communities throughout the world with WASH projects that last.

Besides her work in WASH, last year she initiated and managed a program to help reduce hunger among the Venezuelan Refugee population in Colombia. This program resulted in a donation of more than 40 tons of Rise Against Hunger meals and locally produced food in Cúcuta and Pamplona feeding more than 221,000 Venezuelan refugees last year.

Dr. Mejias has been a keynote speaker in various events worldwide, such as the Rotary International Convention in Toronto Canada in 2018. She is now the coordinator of the Environmental Engineering/WASH Research Network at the Venezuelan Science Incubator (IVC), a WASRAG Ambassador, the President of the Rotary e-Club of Houston and the Founder of Global WASH. She has a long-term career objective: to create worldwide incentives for water reuse and create awareness of the impact of improved WASH on creating healthier and happier lives.

## Ruby L. Powers

Ruby Powers is the founder of Powers Law Group, P.C. located in Houston, Texas, a two-attorney firm focusing on immigration law including waivers of inadmissibility, asylum, deportation, family- and employment-based immigration. She is Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.



She attended the University of Texas and the University of North Carolina School of Law. Powers lived and studied in Mexico, Spain, Belgium, Turkey, and UAE and speaks Spanish and French. She served as the AILA Texas Chapter Advocacy Chair/Co-Chair 2014-2017, the AILA Law Practice Management Committee Chair 2015-2017, HBA Law Practice Management Section Chair 2018-2019, and on various ABA Law Practice Division and Texas Bar LPM committees. She is a Rotary Club of Houston Skyline co-founder and past Vice-President, former Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Belgium (1999-2000), member of RYLA, former president of the University of Texas Rotaract Club, former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Barcelona, Spain (2004-2005), and current Rotarian and founding member of the Rotary E-Club of Houston. She has been featured in the Rotarian magazine twice.

She is a graduate of Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses, Leadership Houston and American Leadership Forum. Ruby was nominated by the Mayor of Houston to be a commissioner for the Police Officers' Civil Service Commission beginning in 2018. Her expertise has led her to be part of the Houston Bar Association's Houston Lawyer editorial board.

She is a frequent national and international speaker, author, and media resource on the topics of immigration law and policy and law practice management. In terms of law practice management, in 2011-2012, she ran her law firm from Dubai and Turkey for 14 months. In 2019, her book "*Build and Manage Your Successful Law Practice (Without Losing Your Mind)*" was published.

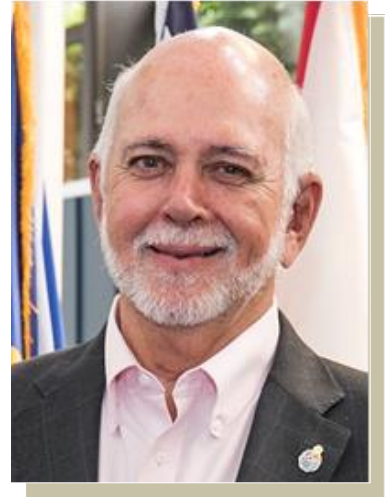
Her expertise and advocacy efforts have been featured in the Washington Post, CNN, NPR, the New York Times, BBC World News, and beyond. Powers' experience in legislative work in Washington, D.C. and the Texas State Capitol prompted her to pursue public office and run for State Representative in 2019.

As of 2020, Powers continues to advocate for her community by empowering those around her and continuously working to better the lives of others, as an immigration attorney, author and small business owner. She lives in Houston with her husband and two children. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, gardening, and playing board games with her family.

## **Barry Rassin** **RI President 2018-2019**

Barry Rassin served as World President of Rotary International in 2018-2019. His responsibilities involved leading and motivating the 36,000 Rotary Clubs in the 200+ countries throughout the world. In addition, he served as Chairman of the Board for Rotary International.

Mr. Rassin was named the first Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in The Bahamas. He retired as President of Doctors Hospital Health System in Nassau, Bahamas, after a stellar 38-year career, where he remains as a Director. The organization grew significantly from 11 employees to 600 and was the first JCAHO (International) accredited hospital in the region.



Barry has been a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau since 1980, serving as President in 1987-88. He continued his Rotary service as Governor for District 7020 (9 clubs in The Bahamas and 84 in the Caribbean), Member of the Rotary International Board of Directors, Trustee and Vice-Chair of The Rotary Foundation, as well as Chairman of Shaping Rotary's Future. He has served on many initiatives in The Bahamas and is currently Chairman of Volunteer Bahamas, a national program to create a culture of volunteerism in the country.

Barry Rassin has served both Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation in many capacities such as Chairman of the Rotary International Finance Committee, and as Rotary International Training Leader and Seminar Trainer for Training Leaders.

Mr. Rassin is the founder of HANWASH - Haiti National Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy, a collaborative program to bring potable water and satisfactory sanitation to all the citizens of Haiti. This international volunteer team works to bring together large implementing and donor organizations, along with the Haitian regulatory agencies, to accomplish this multi-decade, US \$2.3 billion initiative. Mr. Rassin remains a member of the HANWASH Steering Committee and will assume the role of Chair of the pending US based 501(c)3 HANWASH Charitable Foundation.

Barry's spouse Esther has always been a strong supporter of Barry's humanitarian efforts and is a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau. Esther is a retired banker and a strong advocate for family values. She is a recipient of the Sir Durward Knowles Humanitarian Award.

In 2010, Barry coordinated the Rotary disaster relief efforts in Haiti following the devastating earthquake. Rotary raised \$6.5 million and Barry personally supervised the completion of the 105 relief/development projects throughout Haiti. He is now on the Bahamas Rotary Disaster Relief Committee working on Hurricane Dorian relief and Covid19 relief.

Mr. Rassin has been recognized for his humanitarian service by many organizations both within and out of The Bahamas. He received the Service Above Self Award from Rotary International and was presented with the National Award of Health Hero by the Bahamas

Ministry of Health and PAHO. He was honored with the Healthcare Development Leadership Award from Healthcare Development Magazine and is listed in the second volume of Legends in The Bahamas. He was acknowledged by the Order of Malta with the Grand Cross Pro Merito and granted The Bahamas Icon Award for Commerce. In 2018 he was identified by The Government as an Officer of the Order of Distinction of The Bahamas.

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## **Sangkoo Yun** **Rotary Foundation Trustee 2018-2022**

A Trustee of The Rotary Foundation 2018-22, Sangkoo is the Chair of Executive Committee and Programs Committee, and was a member of Fund Development Committee, Stewardship Committee of the Rotary Foundation. He is the Moderator for 2021 International Assembly and was the Moderator for 2019 E/MGA Training. He has chaired 2016 Seoul Convention Host Organizing Committee. He has served as a Director of Rotary International 2013-15 and worked on various committees.



Sangkoo was the Centennial District Governor of D-3650 North Seoul, Korea. He has co-chaired Keep Mongolia Green Project from 2004 to 2011 which planted wind break forests in Gobi Desert to combat desertification. His interest lies with the Foundation and preservation of natural and historical heritages.

He is a charter member of SaeHanyang Rotary Club in 1986. With his wife Eunsun, he is a member of the Arch Klumph Society, a Paul Harris Fellow Society, and a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation.

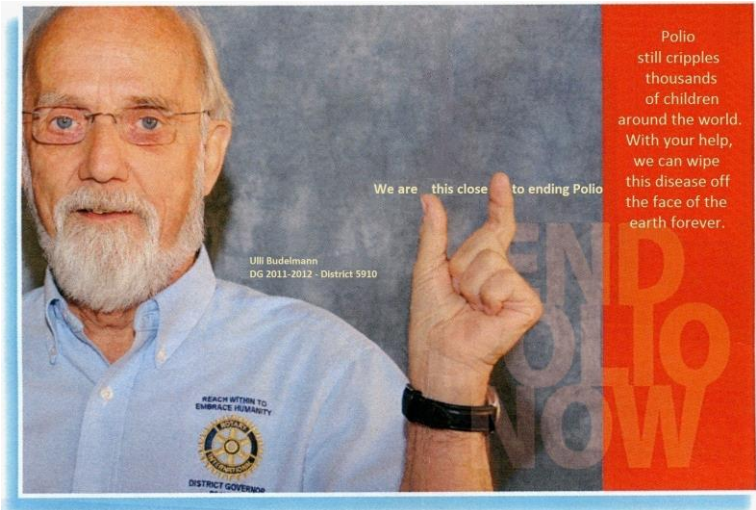
Since 1985, he is the president of Dongsuh Corporation which engineers and markets architectural materials. He is a director of The President Yun Posun Memorial Foundation, The National Trust of Korea and chairs Seoul Spring Festival of Chamber Music.

He has earned B Arch and M Arch from Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. He is a recipient of the Honorary Doctor Degree from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Veteran of the Republic of Korean Army, he is an elder at the Andong Presbyterian Church. SangKoo and Eunsun they have a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.





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## RI and Rotary Foundation Staff Members

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### **JAMES R. DAMATO, JR.**

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Jim was born and raised in the Chicago area and is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, with a degree in Administration of Justice and History. He joined the Club and District Support department in August 1999.

Jim enjoys Chicago's cultural offerings, including Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and reading history, historical fiction and novels of global intrigue. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago Lakeview, having served as the club's 2011-2012 and 2016-17 president.



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### **NICK TAYLOR**

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Nick Taylor has worked with Rotary International for the past two years as a member of the Club and District Support team representing Rotarians in Zones 26, 27, and 25b. He and his team members provide personalized service, training, and regional guidance on Rotary's Resources and Services, Administrative Procedures, Board Policy and Rotary Constitutional Documents, leadership development, and Navigating [www.MyRotary.org](http://www.MyRotary.org) and Conducting Business Online.



Nick completed his undergraduate degree in secondary education at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He worked as a high school Spanish teacher in the Chicago Public School system for a few years before returning to school to complete his master's degree in international public service at DePaul University. Outside of Rotary, Nick enjoys traveling, exploring the outdoors, and spending time with his wife and two young sons.

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**JOHN M. HANNES**

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John Hannes is a Senior Officer with Club and District Support, Americas, representing Rotarians in 39 Districts throughout the United States. He and his team members provide personalized service, training, and regional guidance on Rotary’s Resources and Services, Administrative Procedures, Board Policy and Rotary Constitutional Documents, and Navigating [www.MyRotary.org](http://www.MyRotary.org) and Conducting Business Online.

John graduated from Dominican University (River Forest, IL) with a BA in Theatre Arts and lives in Evanston, IL. He has been on staff with Rotary since November 2010, is a Paul Harris Fellow +4, and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago Lakeview, Illinois, USA where has held a variety of positions including Club President (2013-14). You can also catch John as the host of the *Convention Minute* updates found on [convention.rotary.org](http://convention.rotary.org) and Rotary’s social media channels.

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**ANDREZ PEREZ**

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Andrez Perez is an Associate Officer with Club and District Support, Americas, representing Rotarians in 39 Districts throughout the United States. Andrez began his career with Rotary in the Rotary Support Center in July 2018. His interest in helping Rotarians grew while communicating with the passionate Rotarians that he spoke with on the phone. After realizing that he’d prefer creating more meaningful relationships with the Rotarians he was speaking with, he decided that joining the Club and District Support team is what he wanted to do.

While at the Savannah College of Art and Design. Andrez got his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film and Television and a minor in Cinema Studies which granted him skills that he occasionally still uses on his own free time. When he’s not busy working on creating his own small films, he usually tries to express himself in various other types of media or trying to recreate interesting meals that he has stumbled upon online.

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**EMILY TUCKER**

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Emily Tucker is the Regional Membership Officer for the Central United States, part of Ontario, Canada, and Texas (Zones 25B and 29). In this role, Emily works with Rotary leaders at the zone, district, and club level to develop and implement membership engagement and attraction strategies, inspire and foster energizing and inclusive club experiences, and promote and utilize our membership resources, reports, and tools. Prior to this role, Emily was an Officer on the Club and District Support team in Evanston for Zones 25-33 for 3 years.



Emily is a Wisconsin native and earned her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She spent seven years working in New York City as an Education and Outreach professional for nonprofit arts organizations, creating and implementing theater programs in underserved communities. She even toured internationally as a professional puppeteer, bringing arts and education to children across the globe! Emily joined Rotary in 2015 to make an even greater impact. In her role as RMO, she works remotely from Madison, WI, and is passionate about humanitarian efforts, the environment, and likes to bike and cook in her spare time. She is grateful to support Rotarians in the important work they do throughout the world each day!

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**TABITHA SPARKS**

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Tabitha Sparks is the Annual Giving Officer for Zone 25B. In her role, Tabitha develops fundraising strategies to support the Annual Fund by providing counsel and resources to regional and club fundraising volunteers. She helps Rotarians in the Texas area motivate and inspire other Rotarians to support their club and The Rotary Foundation. She works with leaders in clubs and districts to raise awareness about the Annual Fund, The Rotary Foundation and the good we can do by supporting these causes, attract new donors and engage current donors. She joined the Rotary staff team in December 2019.



Tabitha lives in Milwaukee, WI and has a B.A. in Political Science from Marquette University. She has 10 years of fundraising and nonprofit management experience from organizations like the YMCA, United Way and most recently as a Major Gifts Officer with Stand Together in Arlington, VA. She has worked closely with volunteer fundraisers and donors across the US and is honored to be serving Rotarians in the Texas region.

**EDINA MEHOVIC**

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Edina Mehovic is the Annual Giving Officer for Zones 28W & 29 with The Rotary Foundation based in Evanston, Illinois. She is honored to serve as an advocate for donors and partner for leaders in 23 districts in the Midwest, Western Canada, and Alaska to raise charitable contributions for The Rotary Foundation.



In her role, she collaborates with zone, district, and club leaders to support the implementation of fundraising strategies, ensuring continued growth of the Annual Fund.

Edina joined Rotary in 2014 as a member of the Rotary Support Center team. Her experience within the Rotary Support Center has helped build her knowledge of all things Rotary. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Technical Management from DeVry University and is currently pursuing her MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management.

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**SHELLEY L. HILL, CFRE**

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After an extensive career in sales and marketing in the for-profit sector, her passion for service and improving communities led Shelley to the nonprofit sector where she has excelled in nonprofit development and leadership positions for over 12 years. Shelley joined Rotary in February of 2018 as a major gifts officer with the Rotary Foundation supporting Rotarians in the state of Texas to achieve their philanthropic goals through a relationship with The Rotary Foundation.



A native Texan currently living in Keller, Shelley is a graduate of Texas Woman's University and is a Certified Fundraising Executive.

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**RACHEL GREENHOE, CRFE**

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Rachel Greenhoe is a Major Gifts Officer for The Rotary Foundation. She joined the Foundation in February 2010 and has been in her current role since 2014. She is responsible for major gift cultivation and stewardship in Wisconsin, Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.



Rachel is an alumni of The Rotary Foundation as a Group Study Exchange team member in 2008 from District 6440 to District 1770 in France. She has been an active Rotarian for 11 years and is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Park Ridge, IL. Rachel served as Club President of the Rotary Club of Chicago Lakeview in 2012-13 and as a RYLA counselor in 2013.

Before joining the staff of Rotary International she worked for six years in the non-profit sector with arts organizations in the areas of fundraising and public relations. Rachel has her Masters of Arts in Arts Administration from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs of Indiana University and is proud to hold the accreditation of Certified Fund Raising Executive since 2014.

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**ERIC THOMPSON**

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Eric Thompson joined the Rotary Foundation philanthropy team in September 2018 as the new major gifts officer for Zones 26/27. A native Coloradan and Westerner, he is very happy to be serving Big West Rotarians achieve their charitable dreams. Eric is based at the Rotary Foundation in Evanston, but he travels regularly to districts and clubs in Zones 26/27. For Eric, Rotarians' leadership in the drive to eradicate polio is one of the most inspiring stories in modern philanthropy, particularly since he had seen first-hand the impact of polio on members of his family.



Eric comes to RI with twenty years of comprehensive fundraising experience, primarily in higher education. In all his previous roles he partnered with alumni, volunteers, and senior leadership in developing vibrant relationships with individual philanthropists, corporations and foundations, and other organizational partners in completing multi-million and billion-dollar comprehensive capital campaigns. These campaigns were with Illinois Institute of Technology, Purdue University/Calumet, Ragdale Foundation, and the University of Colorado Foundation.

Eric has also conceptualized, designed and led many subject matter presentations for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), Engineering Development Forum (EDF), the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), and the Center for Nonprofit Success. He also served as a subject matter expert/question formulator on the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) testing committee, and held the CFRE certification 2006-2013. Eric holds degrees from the University of Illinois/Chicago in marketing, entrepreneurship, and human resource management (MBA); The School of the Art Institute of Chicago (MFA); and the University of Colorado/Boulder (BFA).

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## Rotary Institute 2020 - Committees

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### Administration Committee – Maxie Houser

Treasurer	Bobbe Barnes
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Institute Office	Jo Ann Browne
Daily Bulletin	Aleda Reyes & Marlon Martinez
Zone Directory	Nancy Ross
Promotion Brochure	Tom Gump
Gifts	Maxie Houser
Decorations	Lisa Herring
Institute Photographer	Hugh Summers & Ulli Budelmann
Professional Photographers	Maria Cortez, Charlie Ewing & Kurt Bloomfield
Promotional Video	Tom Gump, Chris Laverio & Bill Dendy
Website	Mark Shockey & Bobbe Barnes

### District Host Committee – Bill Palko & Lloyd Campbell

Airport Greeters	Akshay Tavkar & Sanjay Sharma
Aiport Transportation	Jeff Tallas
Local Rotarian / Rotaractor Registration	Tommie & Charlie Buchime
All Club Lunche on	Rhonda Kerby & Gary Gillen
All Class Reunion	John Hathaway & Andrea Krauss
Entertainment	Lisa Herring, Gary Gillen & Bill Palko
Sponsorships	Bill Palko, Suzi Howe & Rhonda Kerby
Public Image Coordinator	Steven Smutny
Audiovisual	Sami Khaleeq
Local Activities	George & Beverly Yeiter
Flags	Nick Giannone

### Service Committee – Gary Gillen & Paul Perez

Food	Ronnie Hallenberger
Logistics / Signage	Gary Gillen
Hotel Liaison	Gary Gillen
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bill Palko
House of Friendship	Chuck Udell & Bill Palko
Hospitality Suites	Michelle Bohreer, Scott Rainey & Mindi Snyder
External Visual Projection	Gary Gillen

### Program Committee – Brenda Walker & Vickie Randel

Young Professional	Dan Morales & Devankar Mukhi
Timeline & Script Coordinator	Vickie Randel & Brenda Walker

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Institute Program / Print Materials

Inspirational Service  
Celebration of Life  
Foundation Awards  
Zone Tones  
Event App-U Summit

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Ulli Budelmann, Mark Hargrove  
& Bill Haglund  
Tim Murphy  
Rhonda Herrington  
Art Zeitler & Pat Merryweather-Arges  
Rhonda Herrington  
Ean Sullivan

Education Committee – Dian Edwards & Dean Ryerson

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DGN Spouse / Partner  
District Foundation  
Membership  
Public Image  
Trainers  
PDG Forum  
Leadership Development  
Young Professionals

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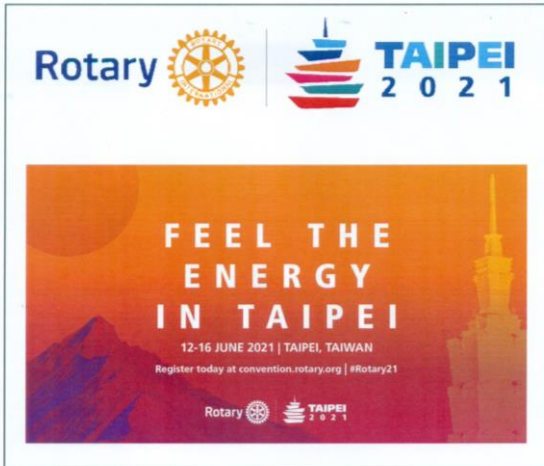


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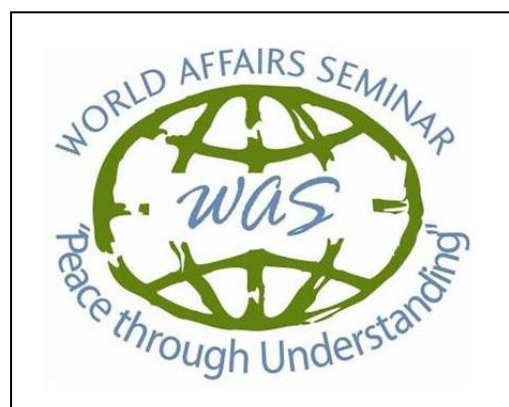


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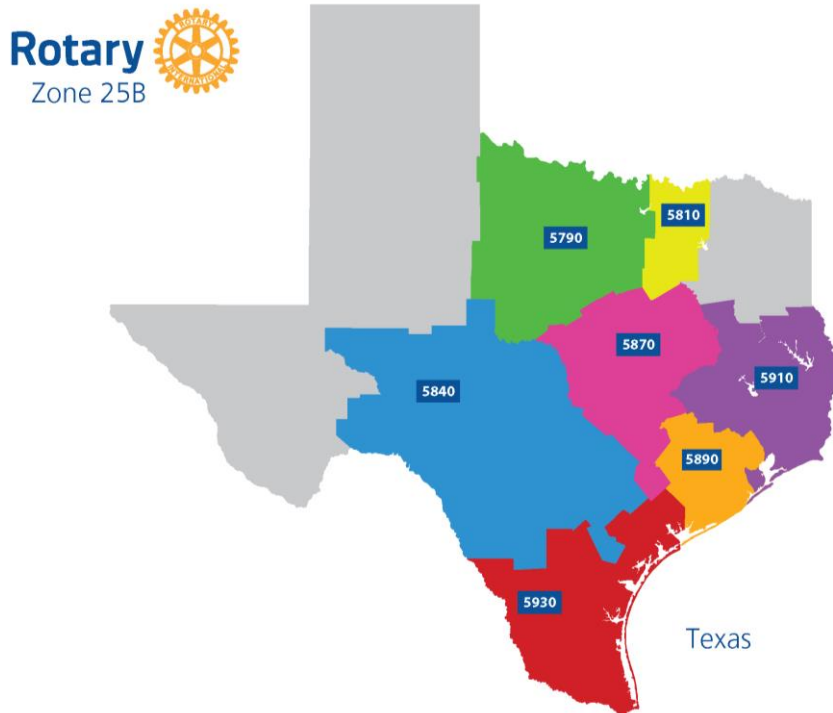
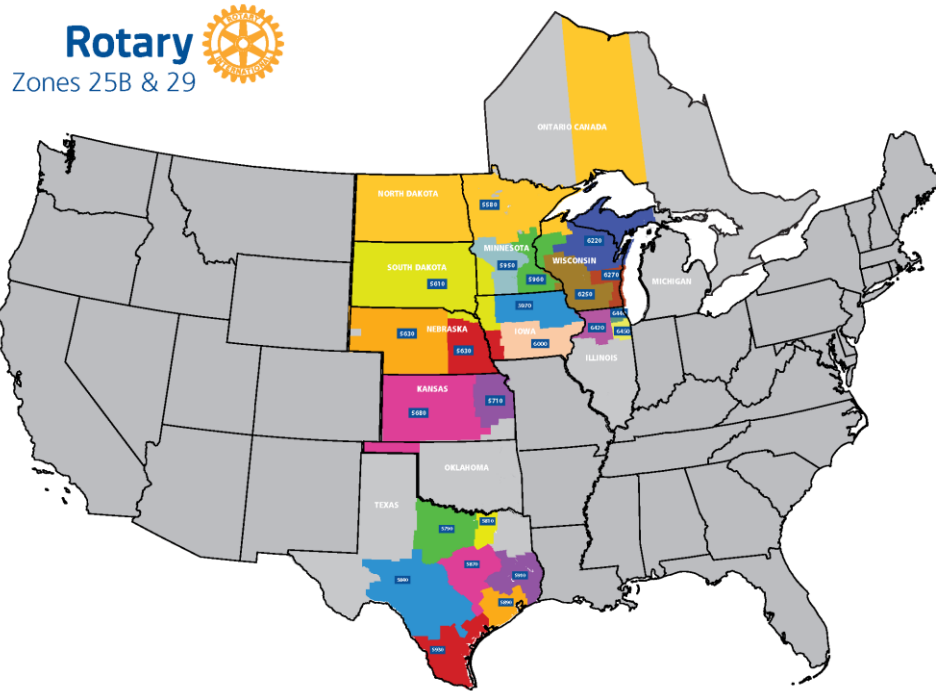
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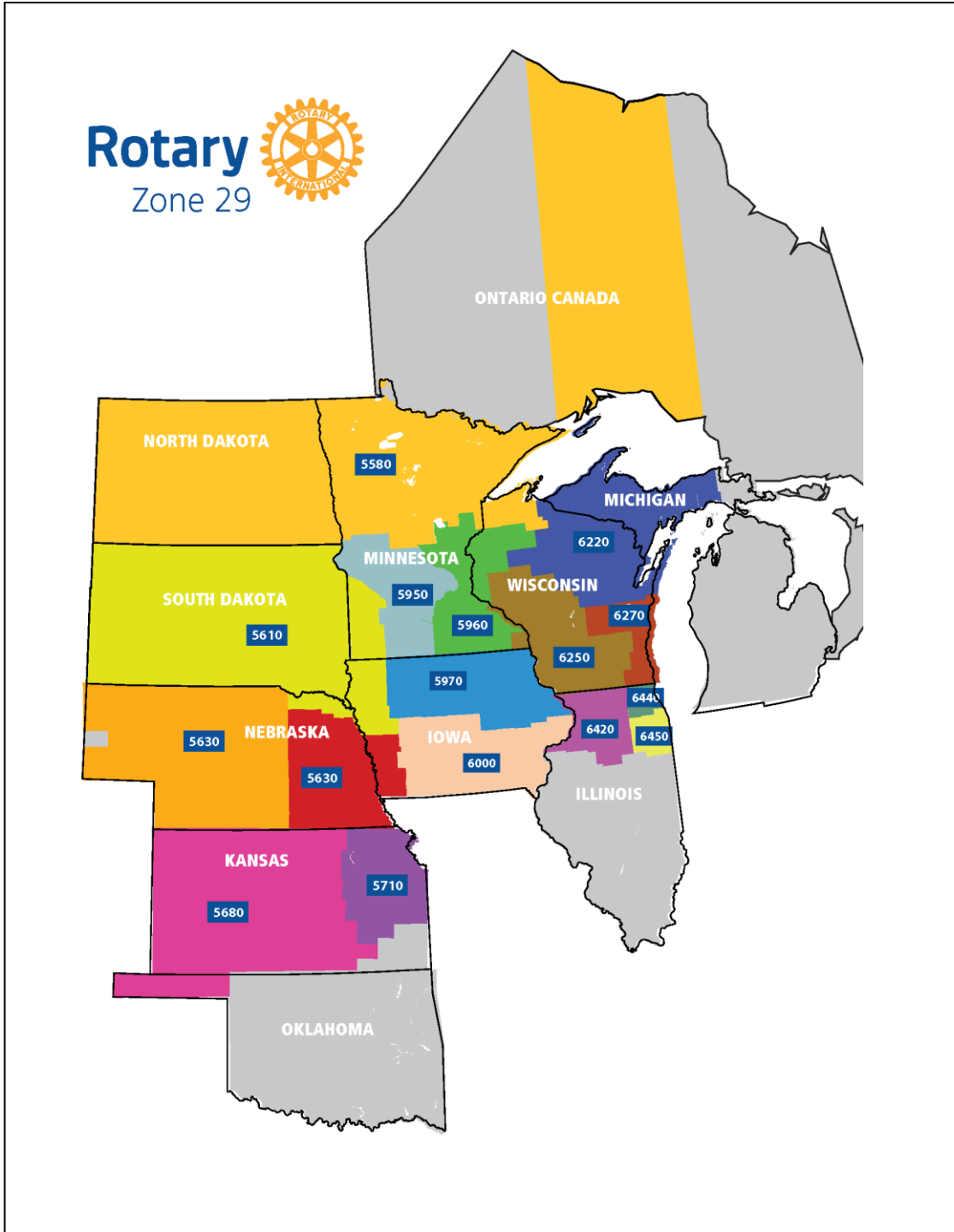
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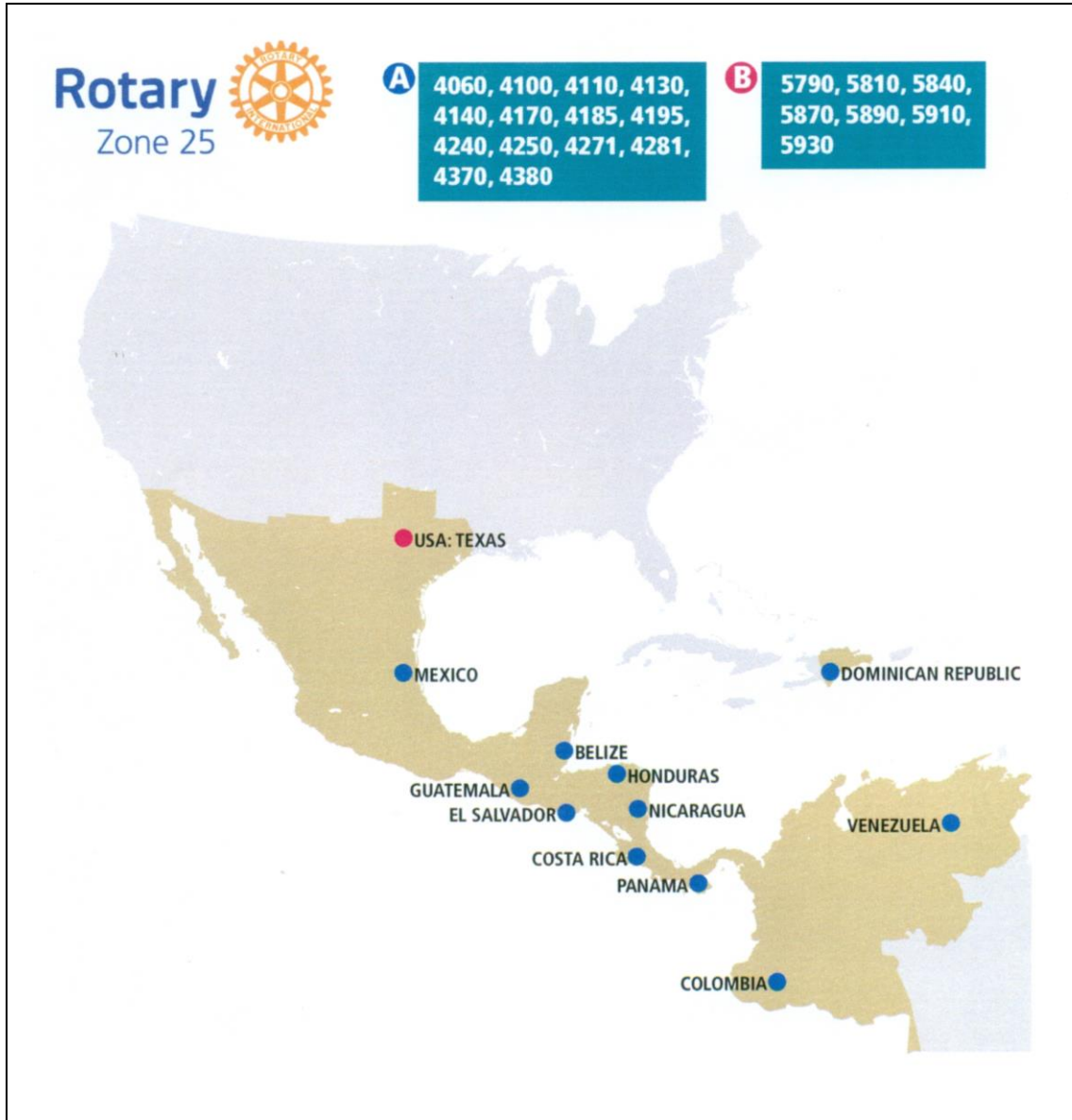
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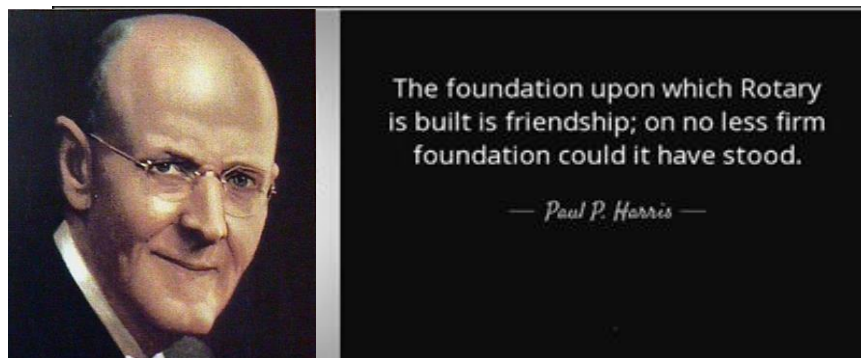


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## September 7-10, 2021

District Governors-Elect  
District Governors-Nominee

## September 8-10, 2021

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District Foundation Chairs  
District Membership Chairs  
District Public Image Chairs  
District Trainers  
Leadership Development

## September 10, 2021

Past District Governors

## September 9-12, 2021

Zones 25B & 29 Institute

## Convener

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DG Tom Gump