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**District 7690 – March 20, 2026**



Rotary 

We are People  
of Action

# DISCOVER ROTARY

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Rotary Club of  
Yadkin Valley



What we do Best!



Rotarians help others locally, regionally and globally

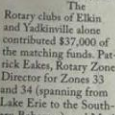


### Two Yadkin Valley Rotary Clubs join forces to support Hurricane recovery

Local Rotary District raises over \$231,000 to aid Western NC communities

Staff Report

The Rotary clubs of Yadkin Valley (Elkin) and Yadkin County (Yadkinville), part of Rotary District 7690, have teamed up with 47 other clubs across North Carolina's Piedmont region to assist Western NC communities devastated by Hurricane Helene. In response to the catastrophic storm, Rotary District 7690 reached out to affected mountain communities to identify their most pressing needs. Their answer was clear: financial assistance. Many residents face overwhelming rebuilding costs for private roads, bridges, and driveways—expenses not covered by insurance. In October, the district convened an emergency executive committee meeting and approved



Rotary clubs of Elkin and Yadkinville alone contributed \$37,000 of the matching funds. Patrick Eakes, Rotary Zone Director for Zones 33 and 34 (spanning from Lake Erie to the Southern Bahamas), and Mark Brandon, District Governor Elect for Central NC, visited the Yadkin County Rotary Club in Yadkinville Tuesday, Jan. 7, to commend the efforts of both clubs.

See ROTARY, 2A

NEWS EDITORIAL: 4A  
OBITUARIES: 5A  
WEATHER: 6A





# **OBJECTIVES**

- Who we are
- What we do
- Benefits of being a Rotarian



# WHO WE ARE



- 1.3 Million neighbors, friends, leaders, & problem solvers
  - 46,000 Clubs in 220 Countries
- “Service Above Self”**

# OUR HISTORY



Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey and Paul Harris

The first Rotary Club was organized in 1905 by Chicago Attorney Paul Harris. The first members rotated meetings at each other's offices.

## Paul Harris



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

**“We work together to  
improve our communities  
while growing as individuals  
and having fun.”**



# Rotary



## THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, DO

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



**Doing Good in the World**



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



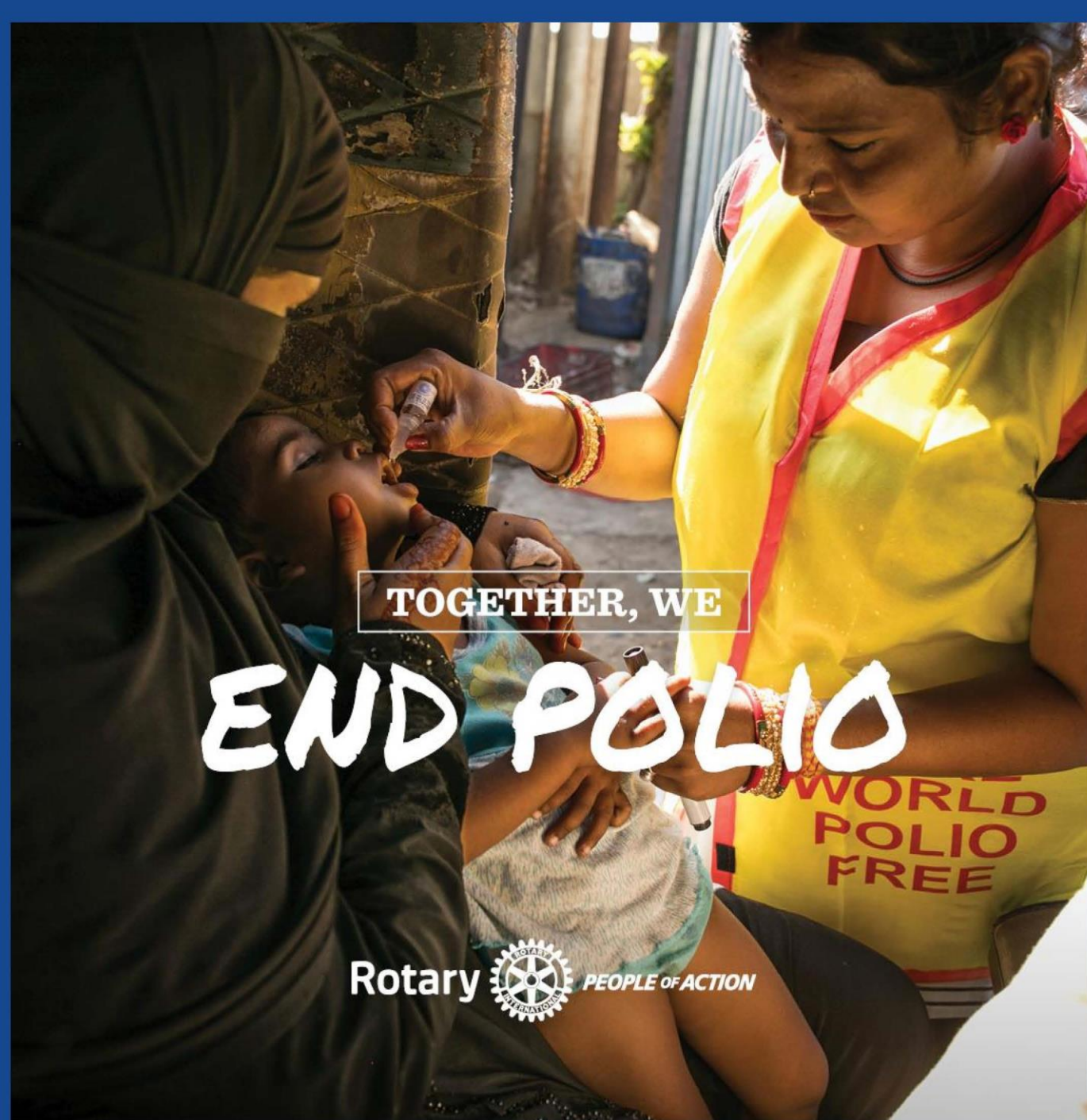
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

**“Rotary gives you the  
tools to make a  
difference.”**

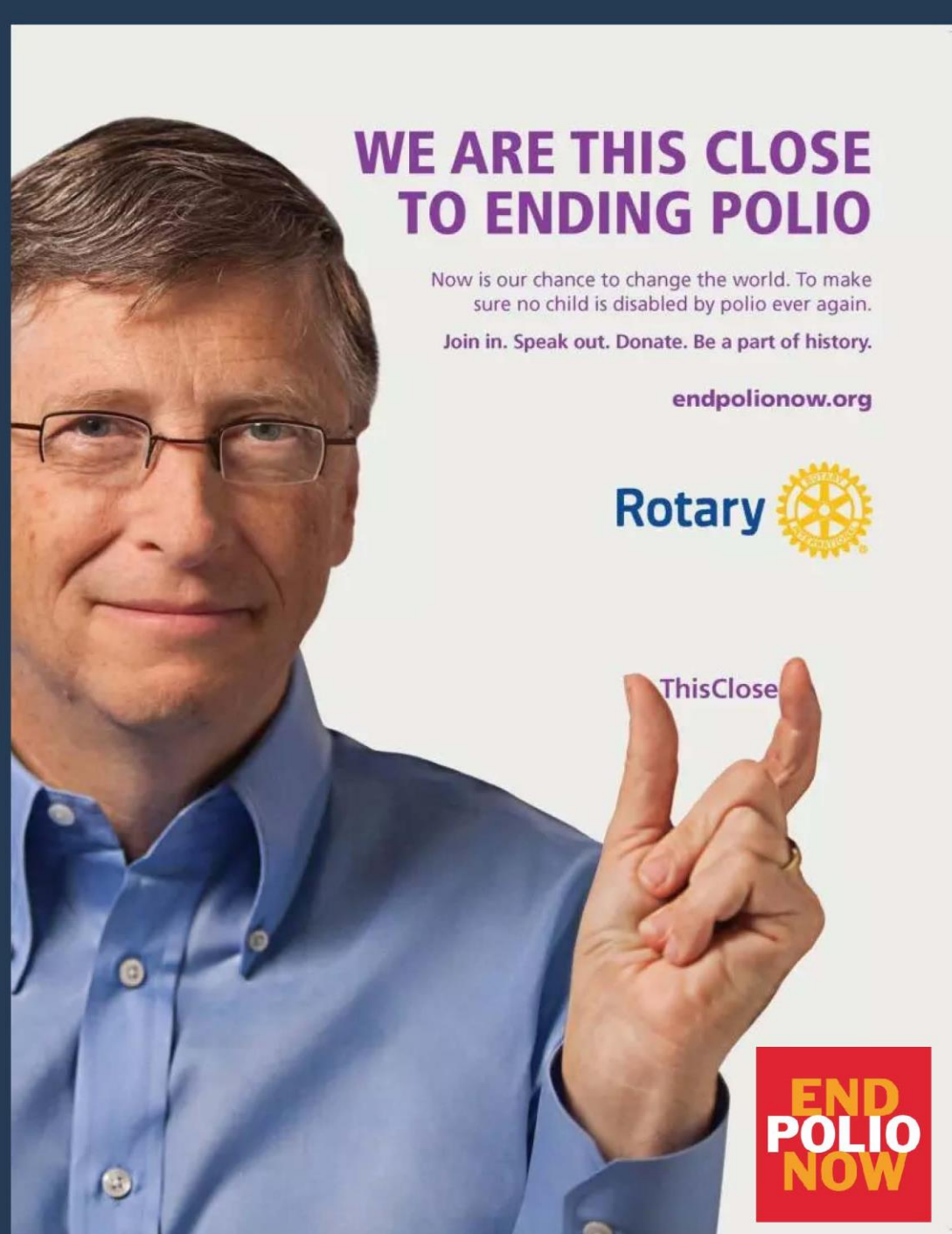




TOGETHER, WE

END POLIO

Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION



# WE ARE THIS CLOSE TO ENDING POLIO

Now is our chance to change the world. To make sure no child is disabled by polio ever again.

Join in. Speak out. Donate. Be a part of history.

[endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org)

Rotary 

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**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

# DISTRICT 7690



- Over 2400 Members
- 45 Traditional Clubs
- 12 Companion Clubs
- 2 Rotaract Clubs



25-26 District Governor  
Mark Brandon



# Yadkin Valley Rotary Club



25-26 Club President  
Brittany Russell

- Founded February 23, 1994
- Service is our Core Value
- Local & Global Service Projects
- Networking & Fellowship

# Yadkin Valley Rotary Signature Projects

- New Year's Day Lunch
- Food Drive
- Pickle Ball Tournament
- Pumpkin Festival





# Meeting Your Needs

**NETWORK**  
**FELLOWSHIP**  
**SERVE**  
**GROW**

# MY WHY ...



Rotary is an amazing platform to solve community and global problems.

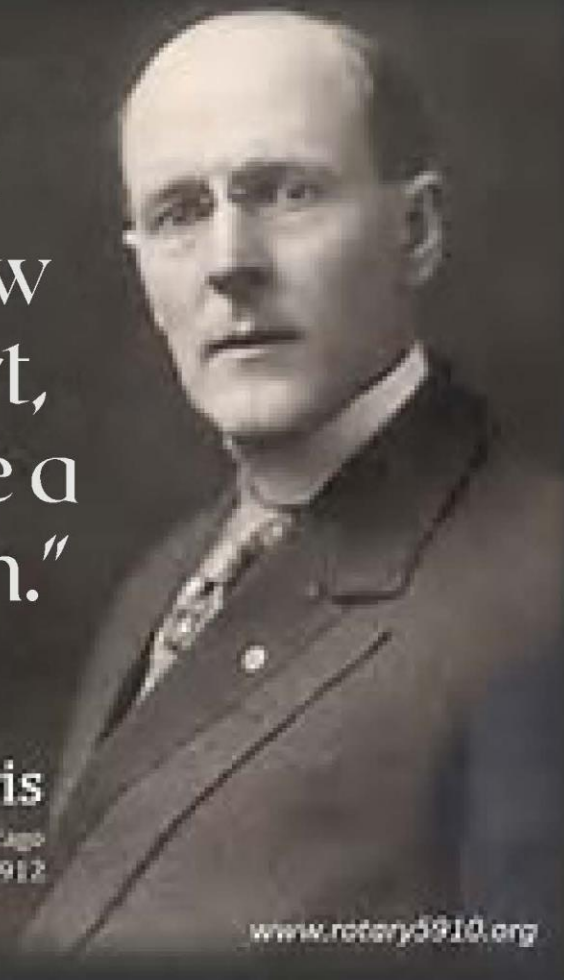


"If you have the  
love of your fellow  
men in your heart,  
my friend, you are a  
potential Rotarian."

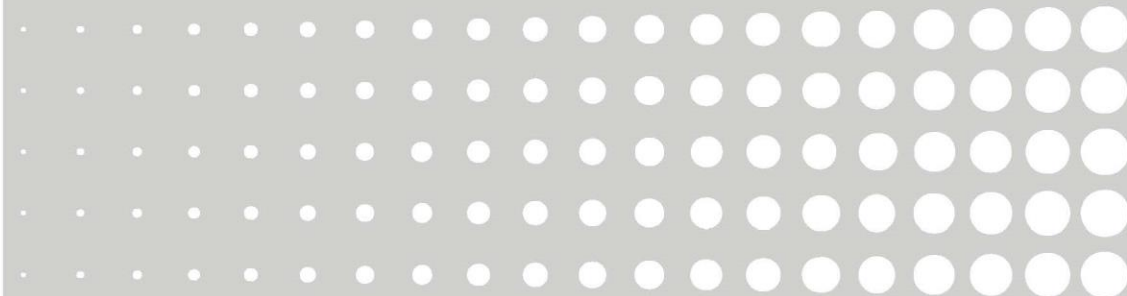
~ Paul P. Harris

Rotary Club of Chicago  
November 1912

[www.rotary3910.org](http://www.rotary3910.org)



# Next Steps & Questions





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# WELCOME AND PLEDGE

DGND Mark Hensley





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# LEADERSHIP TEAM AND AGs

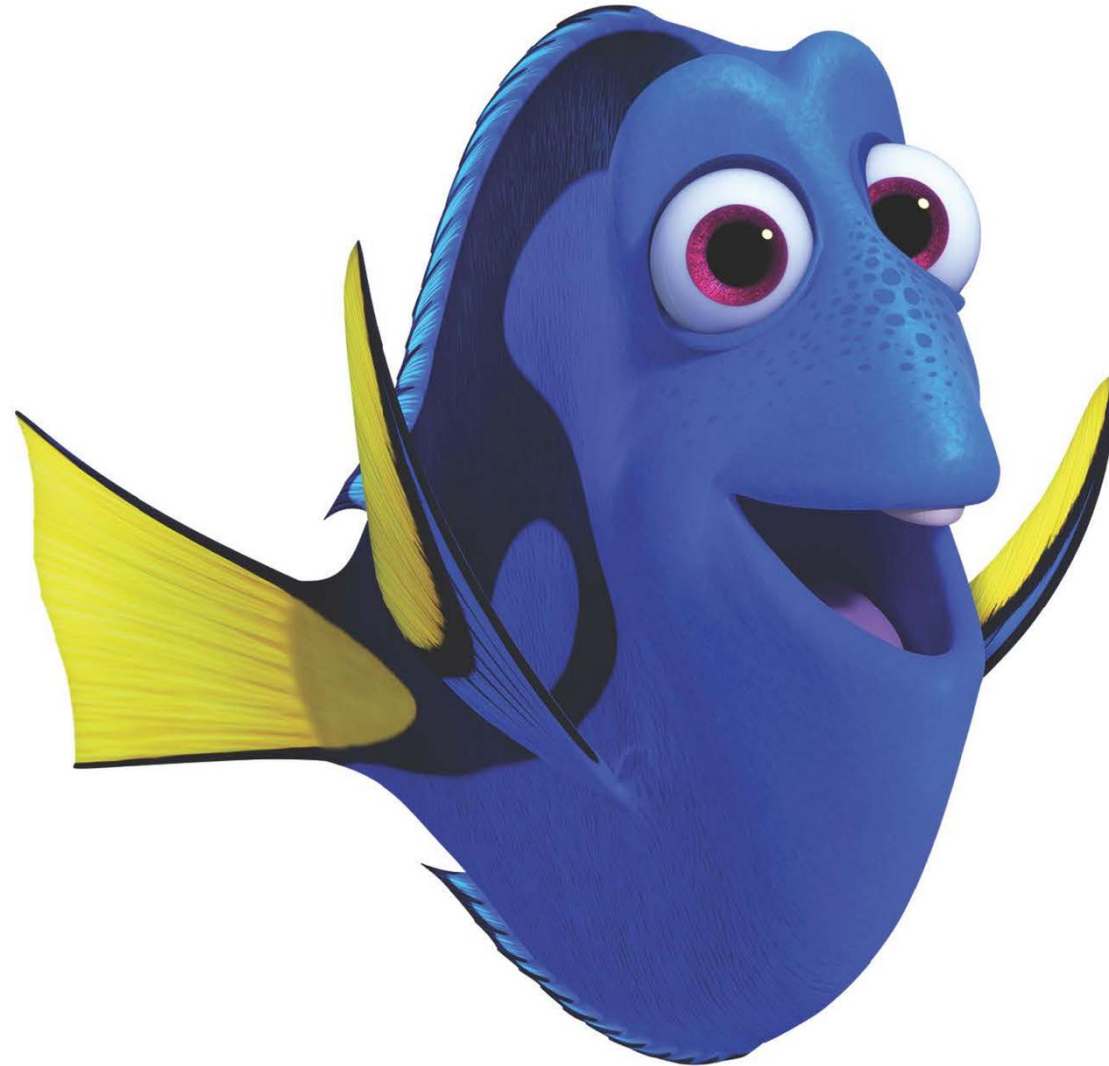
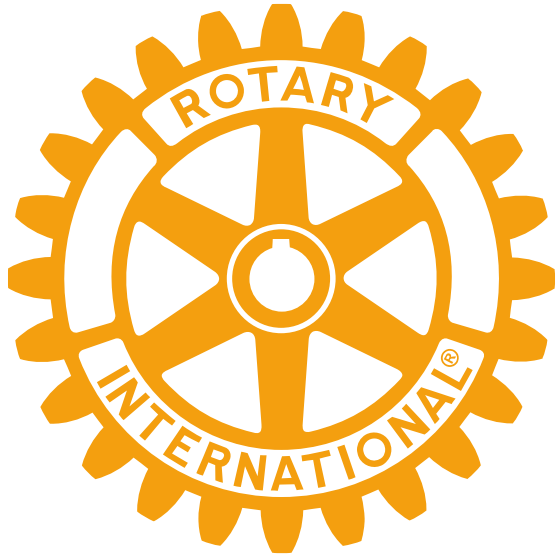
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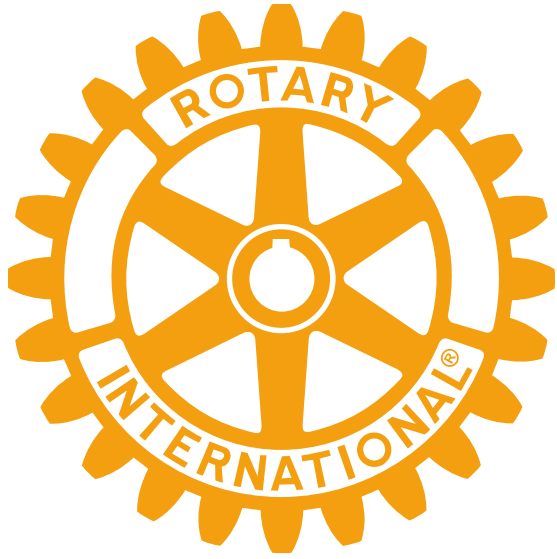
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# PRESIDENT BASICS

DGE Karen Pollard



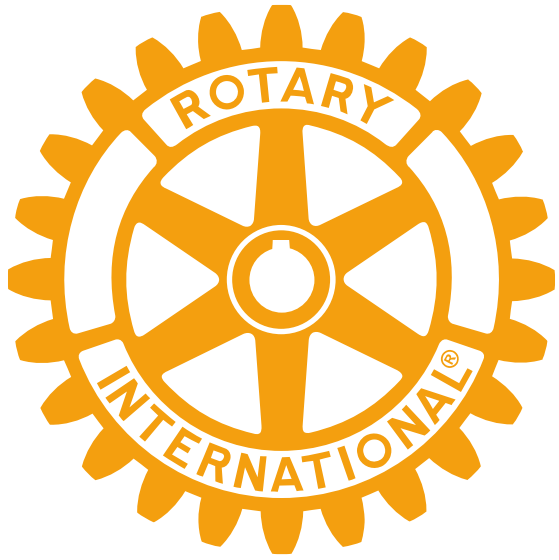
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# ***CREATE LASTING IMPACT***



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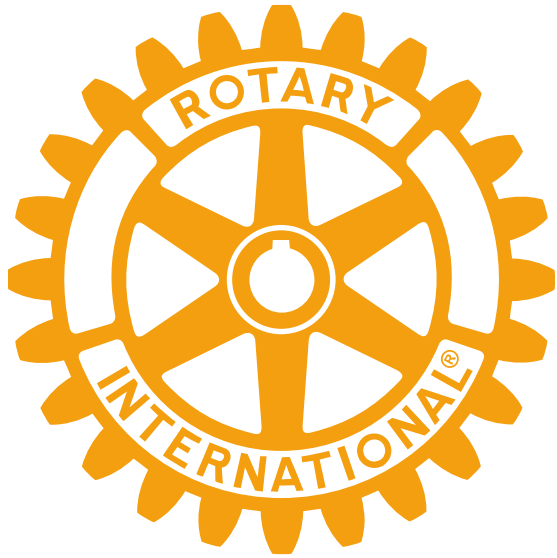


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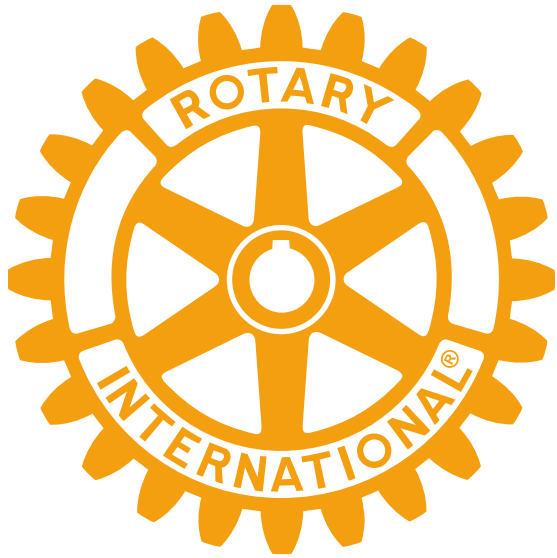
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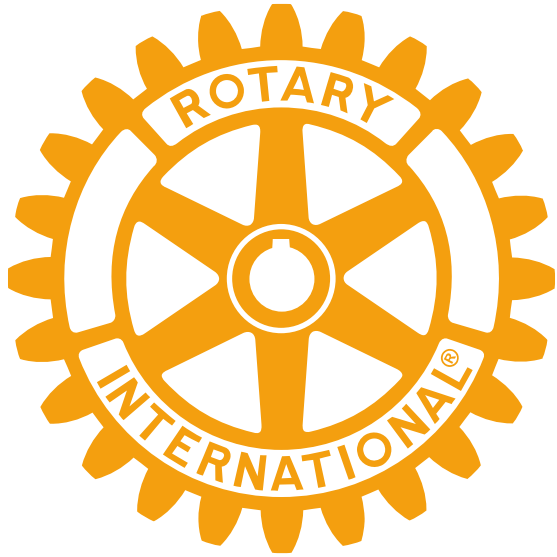
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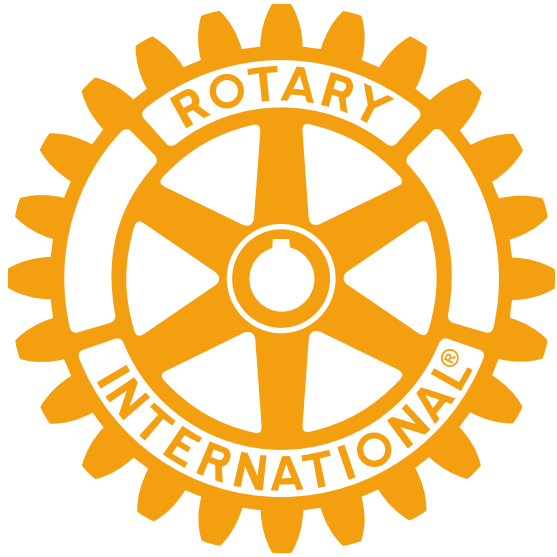
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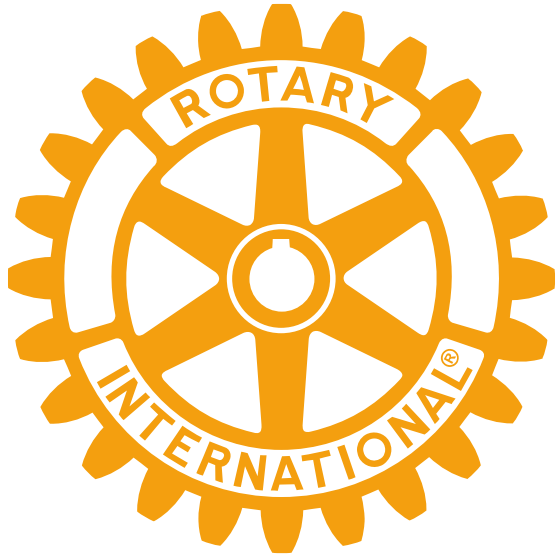
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| <br><b>PolioPlus Fund</b><br><a href="#">Learn more</a>    | <br><b>Disaster Response Fund</b><br><a href="#">Learn more</a> |
| <br><b>World Fund</b><br><a href="#">Learn more</a>       |  |




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**Select your currency**

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Monthly | v

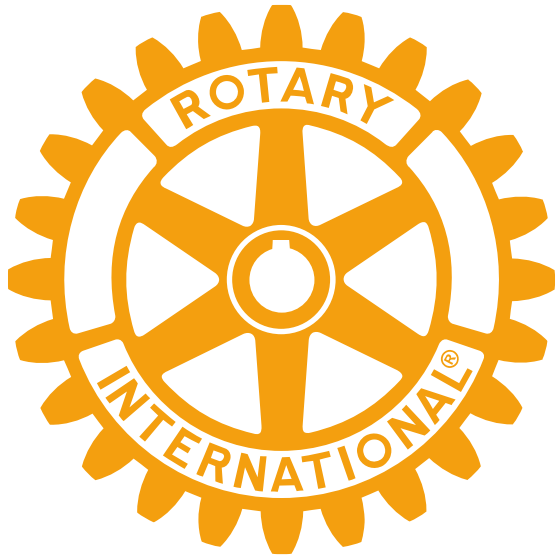
 Your monthly donations will start the first week of April.

**Select an amount**

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**Enter other amount**

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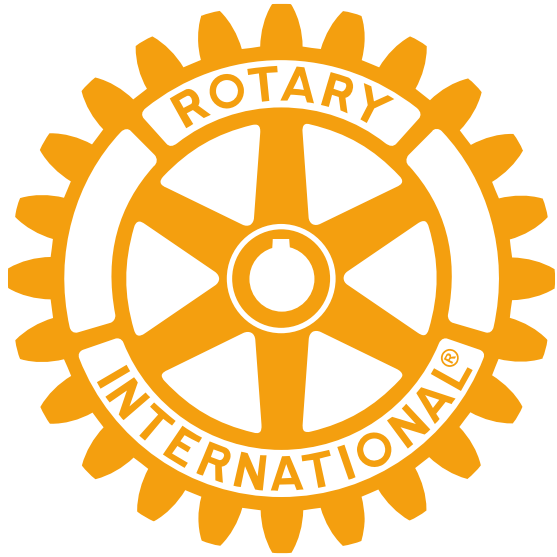
Yes, I want to add USD 0.18 to my donation to help cover processing fees and do more good in the world.

REVIEW MY ENROLLMENT

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Your data is safe.



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**Together, Every Bit Matters**





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# MEMBERSHIP

DMC Katie Walker



### Rotary District7690 Membership

Use these links to help GROW Rotary through  
Communicating the Good Stuff, Creating New  
Opportunities, and enhancing the Club Experience!

-  25-26 Club Membership Plan Template
-  Membership Action Plan (MAP) Zone Webinars
-  Discover Rotary Request Form
-  Membership Resources – Google Drive with RI & District Handouts
-  Rotary Membership Toolbox: Resources for Growth Zone 33-34
-  VIDEO: Accessing the MSC from DacDb
-  Membership Success Center Goal Setting Instructions
-  North American Club Creation
-  New Member Orientation Book Samples
-  Rotary Anytown Video
-  District Membership Team Contact Form



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# Break

## Know Your Giving Levels (To the tune of “Row, Row, Row, Your Boat”)

### 1. EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year):

*Give, give, any sum*

*Every single year*

*Anything, anything, anything, anything*

*That's what EREY means!*

### 2. Sustaining Member:

*Hundred dollars pledged*

*Every single year*

*Sustaining, sustaining, sustaining, sustaining*

*You're Sustaining now!*

### 3. Paul Harris Fellow:

*One grand total gift*

*Paul Harris Fellow*

*Add it up, add it up, add it up, add it up*

*You're a Fellow now!*

### 4. Paul Harris Society:

*Thousand every year*

*Not a grand total*

*Annual, annual, annual, annual*

*That's Society!*

### 5. Benefactor:

*Gift of thousand bucks*

*To the Endowment*

*Endowment, Endowment, Endowment, Endowment*

*Benefactor now!*

### 6. Bequest Society:

*Ten thousand dollars*

*In your estate plan*

*Plan a gift, plan a gift, plan a gift, plan a gift*

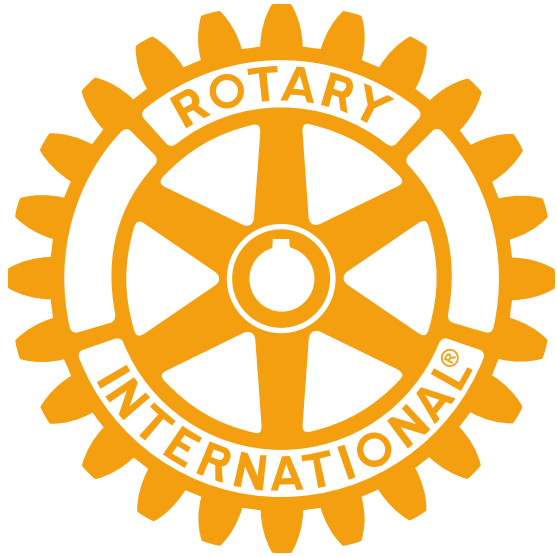
*Join Bequest today!*



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# FOUNDATION

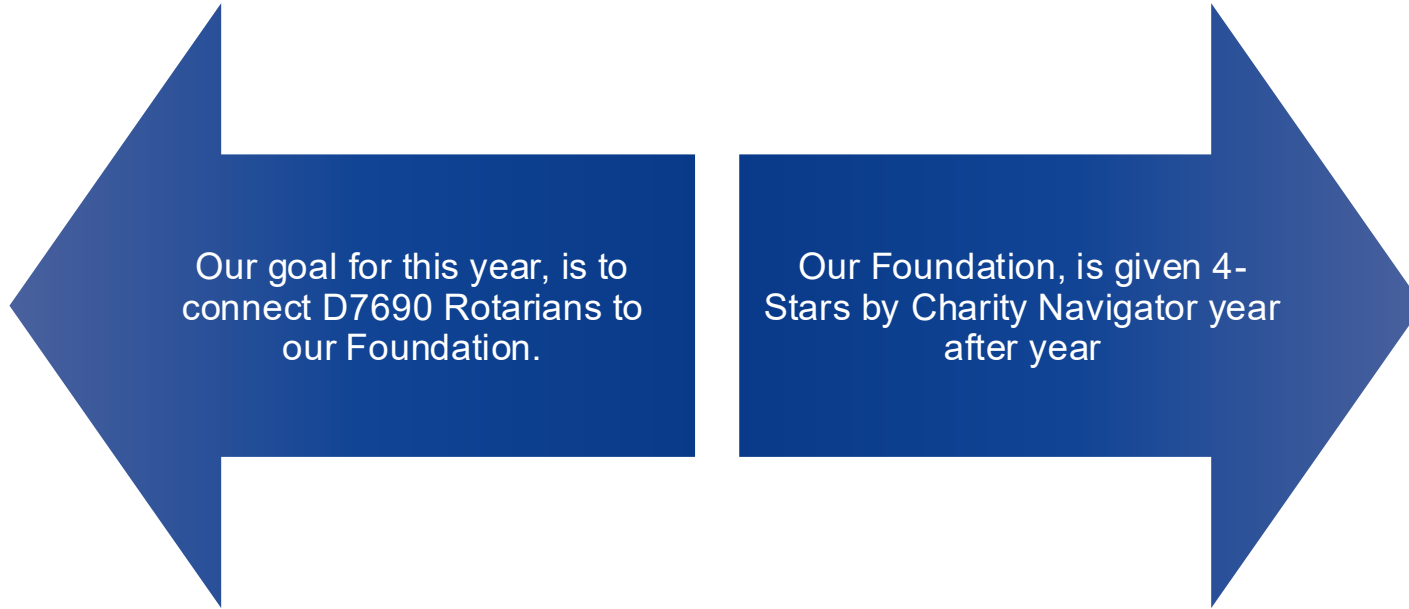
## DRFC Jim Fradenburg



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## 2026-2027 District Foundation Team

- Jim Fradenburg DRFC
- PDG Van Lankford PHS Chair
- PDG Mike Conrad Annual Fund
- Open Major Donors
- PDG Tommy Rosser Polio Plus
- PDG Debbie Doby Global Grants
- Pam Ray District Grants
- Mary Joan Pugh District Grants
- Russell Guy peace & Global
- Julie Talbert District Grants
- James Gouty D-7690 Strong Campaign



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## Foundation Focus

- Grow connection between Foundation & all Rotarians
- Sweet Dreams Initiative
- DGE Karen \$5 Challenge
- Increase Global Grant Participation



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## Our Rotary Foundation

- Schedule foundation programs:
  - TRF
  - Legact Campagin
  - Global Grants
  - Polio
- Enter goals into RCC
- Promote global grants
- Participate in foundation training & events



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## Foundation Resources

- Your foundation committee
- My Rotary Grant Center
- DacDB Learning Modules
- D-7690 Website



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### District 7690 Foundation



Ending Polio | Rotary International



Grants Management Training Registration



Learn more about our Rotary Foundation & End Polio Now



Paul Harris Society | Rotary International



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## DAA Points: Mandatory and Big Wins

- **Mandatory - 10 Points:** President Elect or Foundation committee member attends Grants Management Training in 2027 (*Note: District Officers do not count*).
- **Mandatory - 5 Points:** Enter Rotary Foundation goals in Rotary Club Central by May 15, 2026.
- **Mandatory - 5 Points:** Appoint the Rotary Foundation Chair to present plans and goals at the DG official club visit.
- **Mandatory - 10 Points:** Club Foundation Chair or Representative attends 2026 Foundation Banquet.



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## DAA Points: Mandatory and Big Wins

- **20 points** - At least one club member donates at least \$10,000 to the 7690 Strong: A Lasting Legacy Campaign during the 2026-2027 Rotary year.
- **20 Points** - Club is lead partner in a new global grant that has been approved by the district global grants committee.
- **20 Points** - Club-led global grant receives final approval from Rotary International.
- **15 Points** - Club becomes a new Triple Crown Club or restores/retains the status by April 1, 2027.
- **15 Points** - Club becomes a new 100% Polio Plus Promise Club or restores/retains status by April 1, 2027.



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## District 7690 Strong

- Building a lasting legacy
- Public launch at our foundation banquet
- Gifts of \$10,000 or more over three years
- Insurance and estate vehicles: No wrong way to give!



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# DISTRICT ACTION COMMITTEE

DAC-Elect Kelsey Brown



## Rotary District 7690 Action



Rotary 7690 | District Project Library



Rotary 7690 | Sweet Dreams Initiative



Rotary 7690 | Family of Rotary Day Events



Rotary 7690 | Micro Projects



Rotary 7690 | Service And Focus



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# PUBLIC IMAGE

## DPIC-Elect Grant Welch



@ShowDistrict7690



Brand Center: Find new videos and other promotional resources. ⋮

Learning Center: Learn more about your new role and building Rotary's public image. ⋮

Monthly EPIC Award: Public Image Strategy Tasks ⋮

Brand News: Rotary's quarterly newsletter about public image and branding. ⋮



Rotary Learning Center: Apps on Apple App Store ⋮



Rotary Learning Center - Apps on Google Play ⋮

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# YOUTH SERVICES

DYSC Courtney Cabe



## District 7690 Youth Services



Youth Protection Policy



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The Jim Armstrong Four Way Test Speech Contest



Rotary Youth Exchange



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# YOUTH PROTECTION

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# DISTRICT CONFERENCE PREVIEW

2027 District Conference Chair and DGND Mark Hensley

# ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 2027 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

*Where History Was Made  
Where Rotary Makes History*



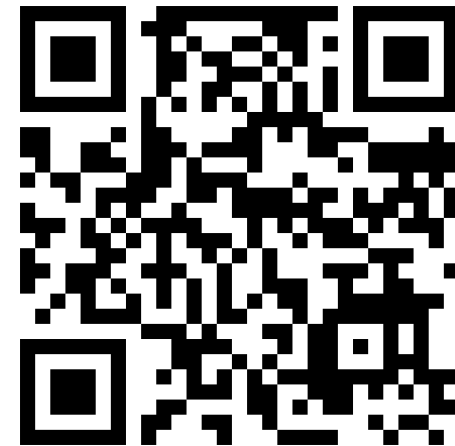
*April 22 – 25, 2027*

*Williamsburg, VA*

*at the Williamsburg Lodge*

***\*\*Tickets and Dinner at Busch Gardens  
Included in the Conference  
Registration\*\****

**[www.Celebrate7690.com](http://www.Celebrate7690.com)**





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# AG MEET-UP



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# WRAP-UP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DGN Anant Venkataraman