

District 7690 Reference Manual 2026-2027

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PETS district breakout Friday, March 20, 2026:

Discover Rotary	AGE Dale Badgett
Welcome and pledge	DGND Mark Hensley
Introduce leadership team and AGs	DG Mark Brandon
President basics	DGE Karen Pollard
Membership to include MAP	DMC Katie Walker
Break	
Foundation	DRFC Jim Fradenburg
District Action Committee	DAC Elect Kelsey Brown
Public Image	DPIC Elect Grant Welch
Youth Services	DYSC Courtney Cabe
District Conference Preview	DGND Mark Hensley
AG/PE Meet Up	
Wrap up and Announcements	DGN Anant Venkataraman

PETS district breakout Saturday, March 21, 2026:

Effective Communication Exercises (Yes, And, and RLI Communications Part III)
 Q&A - What questions do you have and what clarifications do you need?

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DISTRICT 7690 ROTARY ACRONYMS

AG – Assistant/Area Governor

CAT - Club Assistance Team

CART – Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust

DAA – District Achievement Awards

DAC - District Action Coordinator

DACdb – District and Club Database

DC – District Conference

DDF – District Designated Funds

DG – District Governor

DGE – District Governor Elect

DGN – District Governor Nominee

DGND – District Governor Nominee Designate

DLF – District Learning Facilitator

DLP – District Leadership Plan

DLT – District Leadership Team

DLA – District Learning Assembly

DMC - District Membership Chair

DPIC - District Public Image Chair

DRFC - District Rotary Foundation Chair

DYSC - District Youth Services Chair

EREY – Every Rotarian, Every Year

GM – Grants Management

IPDG – Immediate Past District Governor

IPO – Incoming Presidents Orientation

IPP – Immediate Past President

MAP – Membership Action Plan

P – President

PDG – Past District Governor

PE – President Elect

PETS – President Elect Training Seminar

PHF – Paul Harris Fellow

PHS – Paul Harris Society

PN – President Nominee

PND – President Nominee Designate

PP – Past President

RAG - Rotary Action Group

RCC – Rotary Club Central

RI – Rotary International

RID – Rotary International Director

RIDE – Rotary International Director Elect

RIP – Rotary International President

RIPE – Rotary International President Elect

RIPN – Rotary International President Nominee

RLI – Rotary Leadership Institute

RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

TRF – The Rotary Foundation

YX – Youth Exchange

YIRS – Yours in Rotary Service

DISTRICT LEARNING & EVENT DATES 2026-2027

2026	Event or Action Item	Location (If applicable)
March 19 - 21	Carolinas' PETS	Sheraton @ Four Seasons Greensboro
March 31	Submit RYLA student participation forms	Online to RYLA7690.org
April 11	Duke-UNC Peace Spring Conference	FedEx Global Education Center (8am-4pm)
April 23-26	DG Mark's District Conference	The Crystal Coast, Atlantic Beach
April 30	26-27 District Grants MOU Due (DDF)	E-Signatures (PE and PN)
April 30	26-27 Youth Services MOU due	E-signature
May 15	Final 25-26 DDF Grant Reports Due	Online (DACdb Grants Module)
May 15	Enter 26-27 Membership & Foundation goals	Rotary Club Central
May 16	District Learning Assembly (formerly DTA)	Randolph Community College (8:30- 2:30)
May 31	New 26-27 DDF Grant Apps Due	Online
May 31	Submit all club and member contributions	Online to The Rotary Foundation
June 13-17	Rotary International Convention	Taipei, Taiwan
June 17-20	RYLA	Guilford College
June 25	District Officer Installation Dinner (Karen)	Greensboro Country Club
July TBD	Submit your club's dues	Online to RI and District
July 31	Enter service goals	Online in Rotary Club Central
August 20	Membership Summit	Pinewood County Club Asheboro
September 19	Fall seminar	Randolph Community College (RCC)
October TBD	Ray Taylor Memorial District Golf Tournament	Grandover Golf Club
October 24	World Polio Day	Observed by Clubs Individually
October 27	Incoming Presidents Orientation	8am Zoom
October 28	Incoming Presidents Orientation	Noon-In person lunch-TBD
October 29	Incoming Presidents Orientation	4pm Zoom
November 12	Paul Harris Society Reception	Koury Convention Center
November 12	District Foundation Banquet	Koury Convention Center
December 31	Submit new officers	Online to RI
December 31	Submit member and club foundation funds	Online to The Rotary Foundation
2027	Event or Action Item	Location (If Applicable)
February 6	Grants Management Learning	RCC (8:30am - 12:30pm)
February 27	Four-Way Test District Speech Contest	TBD (9:00-2:00)
March 11-13	Carolinas' PETS	Sheraton Four Seasons Greensboro
April 22-25	DG Karen's District Conference	Williamsburg, VA
April 30	27-28 District Grants MOU Due (DDF)	E-Signature
April 30	27-28 Youth Services MOU due	E-signature
May 15	Final 26-27 DDF Grant Reports Due	Online (DACdb Grants Module)
May 1	District Learning Assembly (DTA)	TBD (8:30 - 2:30)
May 31	New 27-28 DDF Grant Apps Due	Online
June 5-9	Rotary International Convention	Dubai, UAE
June TBD	RYLA	Guilford College
June 24	District Officer Installation Dinner (Anant)	TBD



Karen Pollard

Rotary 7690 District Governor 2026-2027

Karen was raised in Centreville, VA. She attended her first year of college at Virginia Tech, but transferred to California for the remainder of her education. She double majored in psychology and Deaf studies at California State University Northridge and then earned her Master's degree and Doctorate in Clinical Community Psychology from University of La Verne in Los Angeles county. Karen returned to the East coast for her post-doctoral fellowship in neuropsychology at University of Virginia. She began her career in clinical neuropsychology where she worked to diagnose and create treatment plans for clients struggling with cognitive issues, like Alzheimer's disease and other dementias or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Karen is passionate about helping as many people as possible understand the unique ways that their brains work so that they can be more efficient and less stressed. She owns Brain Power Advisors and Brain Power Solutions where she helps business leaders and others learn to leverage their brain power to benefit them in life.

Karen joined Rotary in 2018 soon after starting her first business. She very quickly found her home in Rotary and has enjoyed interacting with Rotarians across the district through public speaking and make-up meetings. In her short time, she has served her club in roles such as membership chair, fundraising chair, Vice President and President. She has also served at the district level as trainer, conference chair, assistant governor, and on the membership committee. Karen is an RLI graduate and facilitator and was part of a zone 33 team that helped update the curriculum and transition to online RLI classes. Karen is a Paul Harris Fellow and Paul Harris Society Member. She has also signed the Polio Plus Promise. She has spearheaded an approved global grant to bring clean water to a village in rural Jamaica and hopes one day to expand that project so that all Jamaicans have reliable access to clean water.

Karen recently married her husband, Kevin, and their blended family includes four daughters. She currently lives in Summerfield. She is also an adventurer; she was part of a group that raised funds to start a cervical cancer screening clinic in a remote region of Tanzania and while there, she and her team climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, playing piano, and playing poker.



Anant Venkataraman

Rotary 7690 District Governor 2027-2028

Anant was born in Allentown, Pennsylvania. After moving a couple of times during his initial years, his family finally relocated to Morgantown, West Virginia. After high school, he attended the University of Pennsylvania and graduated from The Wharton School of Business. With a successful and rewarding career in the nonprofit world behind him, he shifted gears and began a life in the insurance world, getting his insurance license and start with the local Geico office in Morgantown. He started at the bottom as a dialer then moved his way up the ranks as a sales agent, top sales agent, then Office Manager. He eventually became Business Manager for both the offices in Morgantown and Charleston, West Virginia. In 2018, he was driven by his boss and mentor to open his own office and in May of 2019, he started Geico Winston-Salem which quickly became the fastest growing insurance agency in the state.

Not only did Anant find success in insurance but he also found success in his personal life as he married the girl of his dreams, Richa Talwar, in 2020 and have been happily married ever since. They recently welcomed their daughter Alara Rian into the world in November of 2025 and also have one four-legged feline child, Oliver Wendell. The four currently reside in Burlington, NC.

Anant was urged by his former boss, Jim Robinson, to join Rotary while in Morgantown as a corporate member in 2018. While there, he quickly fell in love with the service and fellowship side while building a solid business network. In 2019 when he moved to Winston-Salem to start his own insurance agency, his first priority was to find a local Rotary club to transfer to and for networking purposes. His first visit was to the Rotary Club of Western Forsyth and his search was over. In his short time, he has served his club in roles such as Treasurer, Vice President and President. He has also served on the district level as a member of the Foundation and Finance committees, on the Membership Committee as Attraction Chair and MAP Ambassador, and additionally served as Area 4 Assistant Governor. Anant is also an RLI graduate, Paul Harris Society Member, Benefactor, Bequest Society Member, and most recently became a Major Donor. He is very proud to be a member of the Polio Plus Promise club. In his free time Anant enjoys any and all sports, travelling, and spending time with his family and friends.



Mark Hensley
Rotary 7690 District Governor 2028-2029

Mark was born in Marion, NC. He attended & graduated from North Carolina State University and the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business.

Mark spent 38 years as a banker before retiring as an Executive Vice President/Chief Banking Officer. Mark's banking career took him to 7 different cities in the Carolinas with the final move being to Asheboro, NC in 2001. After only two months of retirement, Mark returned to the workforce as the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization, the Randolph Senior Adults Association. Mark served the Senior Adult community for 7 years and retired again on June 30, 2025.

Mark married Beth in 1987, and they are the parents of one daughter, Gracie. Beth retired after a career in the pharmaceutical industry. Gracie is a Pediatric Cardiac ICU Nurse at Duke Hospital who also has an MBA in Healthcare Management from High Point University. As of May 2026, Gracie will start her Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice at the University of South Carolina with an anticipated completion date of May 2029.

Mark has served or is currently serving on many boards and committees since moving to Asheboro. He was a founding school board member of the Uwharrie Charter Academy; the statewide board of Habitat for Humanity; Chairman of the board for Hospice of Randolph County; Treasurer of the board of the United Way of Randolph County; Grants Chair for the Community Foundation of Randolph County; Treasurer of RhinoLeap Theatre Productions; the Chamber of Commerce; and the Randolph Hospital Foundation.

Mark joined the Rotary Club of Asheboro in 2018 and is a Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society Member and a Bequest Society Member. He has served as Club President; District Action Coordinator; District Club Assistance Team Lead; and Grant Administrator for District 7690's Good Night Grant program. Mark was selected as the DGND of 7690 in September of 2025.

Mark is a huge football fan – especially the Wolfpack and Carolina Panthers; loves all forms of music; and enjoys the pursuit of high-end bourbon.

District Executive Committee



District Governor 2026-2027
Karen Pollard
Crescent Rotary Club



District Governor 2027-2028
Anant Venkataraman
Western Forsyth Rotary Club



District Governor 2028-2029
Mark Hensley
Asheboro Rotary Club



Immediate Past District Governor Mark Brandon
Yadkin County Rotary Club



District Action Chair
Kelsey Brown
Troy Rotary Club



Public Image Chair
Grant Welch
Sanford Rotary Club



Rotary Foundation Chair
Jim Fradenburg
Kernersville Rotary Club



Membership Chair
Katie Walker
Pittsboro Rotary Club



Youth Services Chair
Courtney Cabe
Pittsboro

District Organization Chart

District Leadership Team

District Governor	Karen Pollard	Crescent	818-585-2469
District Governor Elect	Anant Venkataraman	Western Forsyth	304-685-2902
District Governor Nominee	Mark Hensley	Asheboro	336-963-0430
District Governor Nominee Designate	TBD 2026		
Immediate Past District Governor	Mark Brandon	Yadkin County	336-407-0643
One Past Immediate Past District Governor	Ron Pierce	Guilford	336-686-8090
Vice Governor *	Jon Spillman	Downtown Greensboro	336-707-2749

Assistant Governors See page 12...

District Administrator	Steve Dolat	Crescent	860-367-6913
Membership Chair	Katie Walker	Pittsboro	910-391-5531
Foundation Chair	Jim Fradenburg	Kernersville	336-403-3784
Public Image Chair *	Grant Welch	Sanford	919-706-6419
Youth Services Chair *	Courtney Cabe	Pittsboro	919-272-8573
District Action Chair *	Kelsey Brown	Troy	910-220-0182
District Treasurer	James Gouty	Asheboro	336-953-0008

* Non-Voting Member of the Executive Committee

Finance Committee

District Treasurer (Chair)	James Gouty	Asheboro	336-953-0008
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Committee Members

District Governor	Karen Pollard	Crescent	818-585-2469
District Governor Elect	Anant Venkataraman	Western Forsyth	304-685-2902
Immediate Past District Governor	Mark Brandon	Yadkin County	336-407-0643
One Past Immediate Past District Governor	Ron Pierce	Guilford	336-686-8090
Past President	Charlie Rowe	Clemmons	336-414-0682
Past President	Alec Pratto	Crescent	336-209-7853
Audit & Stewardship *	Randall Hayes	Crescent	336-286-6470
	Mark Kolada	Summit	336-708-2503

* Independent (reports to Executive Committee)

Membership Committee

District Membership Chair	Katie Walker	Pittsboro	910-391-5531
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Subcommittee Chairs

Engagement	Van Lankford	Mount Airy	336-407-1579
Attraction	Scott Allen	Asheboro	336-215-8156
New Club Creation	Grant Welch	Sanford	919-706-6419
Public Image	Shanon Suggs Welch	Sanford	919-770-4932
Rotaract	Lloyd Navarro	Sandhills	910-690-2180
Discover Rotary Liason	Anant Venkataraman	Western Forsyth	304-685-2902
CAT Lead	Dale Badgett	Surry Sunrise	336-326-8889
Membership Summit Chair	Grant Welch	Sanford	919-706-6419

District Organization Chart

Foundation Committee			
District Foundation Chair	Jim Fradenburg	Kernersville	336-403-3784
Subcommittee Chairs			
Fundraising	Krystal Tyndall	Surry Sunrise	910-369-3226
Annual Fund	Mike Conrad	DTN Greensboro	336-404-0951
Major Donor/Endowment			
Paul Harris Society	Van Lankford	Mount Airy	336-407-1579
Polio Plus	Tommy Rosser	Sanford	919-356-4614
Foundation Banquet	Cookie Billings	Downtown Greensboro	336-870-4957
Grants			
Global Grants	Debbie Doby	Carthage	352-665-8282
District Grants	Mary Joan Pugh	Asheboro	336-963-2715
	Julie Talbert	Eden	336-613-1742
Peace Fellows/Centers/Builder Clubs	Scott Wagoner	High Point	336-989-1971
Youth Services Committee			
Youth Services Chair	Courtney Cabe	Pittsboro	919-272-8573
Subcommittee Chairs			
Youth Exchange/Friendship Exchange	Ed Woodall	Alamance	336-213-2978
Interact	Courtney Cabe	Pittsboro	919-272-8573
4 Way Speech Contest	Kathy Homiller	Asheboro	336-626-7658
RYLA Chair	Lynn Michael	Reynolda	336-464-6415
Child Protection	J-Omega Walker	Crescent	919-879-6358
Youth Peace Initiative	Scott Wagoner	High Point	336-407-1579
Public Image Committee			
Public Image Chair	Grant Welch	Sanford	919-706-6419
District Photographer	Phil Morris	Furnitureland	336-848-7525
	Kelsey Brown	Troy	910-220-0182
Website	Keir Davis	Summit	336-601-3237
District Newsletter	Steve Dolat	Crescent	860-367-6913
Learning Committee			
District Learning Chair 2025-2027	Deanne Brown	Troy	910-220-1384
PETS	Anant Venkataraman	Western Forsyth	304-685-2902
Rotary Leadership Institute	Scott Wagoner	High Point	336-407-1579
Event and District Support Committee			
District Conference Chair	Mark Hensley	Asheboro	336-963-0430
District Golf Tournament	Jon Spillman	Downtown GSO	336-707-2749
	DuPont Kirven	Crescent	336-339-1425
	Jeff Boyles	Surry Sunrise	336-755-4091
International Convention	Anant Venkataraman	Western Forsyth	304-685-2902
Rotary Means Business	Amy Jacobson	Gate City Sunset	978-290-1566
Governor's Chiefs of Staff	Katie Walker	Pittsboro	910-391-5531
	Cathy Harpster	Southern Pines	910-690-1101
CART Chair	John Revell	Asheboro	336-465-1733

District Assistant Governors

AREA 1  DALE BADGETT AG - YEAR 1 Surry Sunrise Mount Airy King Surry Sunrise Yadkin County Yadkin Valley	AREA 2  FRED THOMPSON AG - YEAR 2 Reidsville Eden Madison-Mayodan Reidsville Stoneville	AREA 3  RUSSELL GUY AG - YEAR 3 Alamance Alamance Burlington Graham
AREA 4  CRAIG DEPUY AG - YEAR 1 Clemmons Clemmons Reynolda Western Forsyth Maple Chase (SAT)	AREA 5  KEIR DAVIS AG - YEAR 1 Summit Downtown Greensboro Triad IMPACT East Greensboro Greensboro Guilford	AREA 6  KEN ESPOSITO AG - YEAR 2 High Point Furnitureland High Point HP IMPACT Jamestown

AREA 7

JASON TUGGLE
AG - YEAR 1
Thomasville

Global Trekkers
 Lexington
 Mocksville
 Thomasville

AREA 8

DAWN MORTON
AG - YEAR 3
Asheboro

Asheboro
 Midstate
 Randolph
 Liberty
 Troy

AREA 9

FRAN GRANDINETTI
AG - YEAR 2
Pinehurst

Carthage
 Northern Moore (SAT)
 Pinehurst
 Sandhills
 Southern Pines

AREA 10

PATRICK WALSH
AG - YEAR 3
Pittsboro

Pittsboro
 Sanford
 Siler City

AREA 11

SANDRA ROSEBOROUGH
AG - YEAR 2
Southern Guilford

Crescent
 Gate City
 Gate City Sunset (SAT)
 Southern Guilford
 Summit
 Skills and Service (SAT)

AREA 12

LISA PARRISH
AG - YEAR 3
WINSTON-SALEM

Kernersville
 Kernersville Evening (SAT)
 Stratford (WS)
 Winston-Salem

2025-2026 List Of Club Presidents



Alamance
Jon Wilson
336-567-7429



Asheboro
Lisa Hayworth
336-687-6909



Burlington
Dave Eggleton
603-491-3977



Carthage
Donna Rizzi
910-783-7301



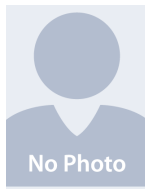
Clemmons
Wendy Taylor
336-749-6424



Crescent
Francis "Ed" Widman
336-509-1936



Downtown Greensboro
Matthew "Matt" Blake
336-580-5355



East Greensboro
Karen Jackson
336-508-0919



Eden
Vondra Higgs
336-932-9878



Furnitureland
Mark Ayer
336-687-6813



Gate City
David Lillard
336-312-2167



Global Trekkers
Kathy Trost
910-261-4425



Graham
Joan "Carol" Walker
336-380-6813



Greensboro
Gary Stasco
336-646-3161



Greensboro Airport
Eric Weaver
336-402-8182



Guilford
Amanda Somers
336-362-9265



High Point
Scott Wagoner
336-989-1971



Jamestown
Angela Morrow
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2025-2026 List Of Club Presidents



Kernersville

William "Monte" Long
336-992-5664



King

Brian Spencer
336-782-8078



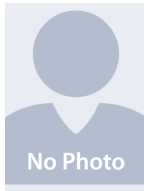
Lexington

Walter Hoffman
336-225-8868



Liberty

Nick Mooney
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Madison-Mayodan

Georgianna Penn
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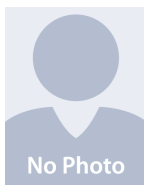
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Mocksville

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Mount Airy

Kevin Joyce
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Pinehurst

Peter Fore
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Pittsboro

Eric Williams
919-906-9104



Randolph

Matthew "Matt" Higgs
336-465-3688



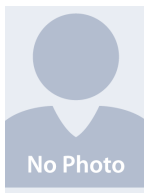
Reidsville

Leanna Lawson
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Reynolda

Sean Talbott
717-329-2972



Sandhills

Brent Stark
720-281-3949



Sanford

Linda Berryman
919-770-0244



Siler City

Alfred "Al" Devine
631-871-9294



Southern Gilford

Lonnie Cathey
336-327-6004



Southern Pines

Alva "Chip" Cromartie
336-601-0464

2025-2026 List Of Club Presidents



Stoneville
Mitzi Evans
336-432-6779



Stratford
Sheldon Moser
336-972-8299



Summit
Mark Kolada
336-708-2503



Surry Sunrise
Debbie Watson
336-325-5338



Thomasville
Cory Tobin
336-905-0203



Troy
Melanie McLeod
910-992-2451



Western Forsyth
Robert "Bob" McGurty
417-569-7810



Winston-Salem
Katie Hall Nicolas
336-749-0720



Yadkin County
Robin Nance
336-244-3055



Yadkin Valley
Desiree Mastin
336-466-1054



Rotary International President

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola

Rotary Club of Trans Amadi Rivers State, Nigeria

President 2026-2027

Olayinka Hakeem Babalola received a university degree in engineering in 1988. He worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions at Shell PLC. He is the founder of two companies: Riviera Technical Services Ltd., an oil and gas infrastructure delivery company, and Lead and Change Consulting, an executive coaching and organizational performance advisory group.

Babalola's professional affiliations include the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Institute of Safety Professionals of Nigeria, and the Association of Change Management Professionals. He is a member of Jericho Businessmen Club, an organization in his birth city of Ibadan that provides input to governments on economic and social policy.

A Rotaractor for 10 years, Babalola has been a member of the Rotary club of Trans Amadi since 1994 and served as district governor in 2011-12. He served on the RI Board of Directors (2018-20) and was vice president in 2019-20. He has served on committees including the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (2017-23, vice chair 2017-20) and the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee (2013-present, adviser 2016-present).

Babalola and his wife, Preba, live in the city of Port Harcourt. He supports The Rotary Foundation with a named endowment and as an Arch Klumph Society member. He volunteers as a trustee for ShelterBox UK. He has received the Africa Centennial Heroes Award, the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, the RI Service Above Self Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

The ROTARY ACTION PLAN



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

As we work together to build a stronger world, **Rotary's Action Plan** — our strategic plan — is leading our organization to form more meaningful connections and make a more sustainable difference through service. Using the plan's four priorities as a guide, we're fulfilling the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation: creating healthy clubs, providing engaging experiences for all, and uniting people to take action with us to create lasting change.

INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Focus our programs and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

EXPAND OUR REACH

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new ways for participants to experience Rotary
- Increase club flexibility and appeal
- Build understanding of our impact and brand

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Improve understanding and support for individual participants
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide learning opportunities for leadership development and skill building

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Foster more diverse perspectives in decision making

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Rotary District 7690 — 3-Year Strategic Plan Framework (2026–2029)

Vision:

Rotary District 7690 will be recognized as a growing, connected, and innovative district where clubs thrive, members find joy in service, and communities see Rotary as a trusted partner for lasting impact.

Rotary International Priority	District 7690 Strategic Focus
Increase Our Impact	• Grow support for The Rotary Foundation & PolioPlus • Prioritize measurable, high-impact projects • Encourage global & district grants • Share impact stories broadly
Expand Our Reach	• Achieve consistent membership growth • Launch innovative club models • Use public image to drive awareness & growth • Build partnerships with community organizations
Enhance Participant Engagement	• Strengthen youth programs: Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, Exchange • Encourage club member leadership involvement • Promote collaboration across clubs • Support meaningful member experiences
Increase Our Ability to Adapt	• Modernize communication & leadership tools • Encourage innovative club models & flexibility • Gather annual feedback & adjust priorities • Foster collaboration & best practice sharing

Rotary District 7690 Presidential Priorities

Together, Every Bit Matters

Rotary's impact is built through intentional, consistent action by individual members and clubs over time. No effort is too small when it is purposeful and aligned with our mission.

- Encourage every member to contribute in meaningful ways, based on their interests and capacity.
- Focus on follow-through and sustainability rather than one-time efforts.
- Measure success by lasting impact, not just activity.

Collaborate for Greater Impact

Our motto "Service Above Self" extends beyond the boundaries of a single club. When we work together, we can accomplish more.

- Partner with neighboring clubs on service projects.
- Collaborate on membership efforts to strengthen Rotary together.
- Share resources, ideas, and leadership opportunities.

Sweet Dreams Initiative

Together, we begin the journey to ensure no child in our 15 counties sleeps on the floor.

- Current reality: An estimated 17,000 children without beds across our district.
- Every club can take part—through hands-on building, fundraising, or partnerships with local organizations.

17,000 to none and Rotary has won!

Call to Action

- **Identify** at least one intentional action your club will commit to this year.
- **Seek** at least one opportunity to collaborate beyond your club.
- **Transform** lives through Sweet Dreams.
- **Lead** with consistency – Small actions, done well, create lasting impact.

Together, District 7690 will take steps to create lasting impact!

Vision 26-27: District Achievement Awards

Rotary's Vision: *"Together we see a world where people unite and take action to make lasting change.... across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves."*

Clubs may qualify to be recognized for notable achievement, based on the number of total points attained during the 2026-27 Rotary year. **Clubs must achieve ALL mandatory items in each category to qualify for Platinum or Gold medalist. Clubs must complete AT LEAST 5 mandatory goals to qualify for Silver and Bronze medalist.** The achievement categories are as follows:

Platinum Medal:	900	Silver Medal:	450
Gold Medal:	725	Bronze Medal	275

Club Excellence Award (formally the Rotary Presidential Citation) 2026-2027: Rotary can automatically verify many of your club's achievements by keeping your club and member information up-to-date in Rotary Club Central. To be eligible for the Club Excellence Award, clubs need to begin the year as active clubs that are in good standing and remain so throughout the year. Go to www.Rotary.org - My Rotary - Club Central to see the Club Excellence Award guidelines for specific details on how to qualify for recognition.

Membership: Note. All requirements for membership points based on 4/1/2026-3/31/2027

- **Mandatory - 10 Points:** Club Membership Chair or Representative attends 2026 Membership Summit. (Note. District Officers do not count).
- **Mandatory - 5 Points:** Appoint an active club membership committee of 3-5 members and enter the chair in Rotary Club Central **by May 15, 2026.**
- **Mandatory - 2 Points:** Enter 2026-27 Membership goals in Membership Success Center **by May 15, 2026.**
- **Mandatory - 5 Points:** Membership chair or representative presents membership goals and plan at DG visit board meeting.
- **Mandatory - 20 Points:** Club holds **Discover Rotary** program to introduce new prospects to Rotary.
- **5 Points:** Club holds additional **Discover Rotary** programs (**maximum of 15 points**)
- **20 Points:** Sustain or Begin an alternate meeting time or companion club by April 1, 2027.
- **20 Points:** Club representative meets at least quarterly with a representative of the district Club Assistance Team utilizing the club membership action plan.
- **20 Points:** Club representative accesses membership success center at least monthly and shares membership progress with club membership and AG.
- **15 Points:** Conduct 3 events per quarter, one that focuses on business networking, one that focuses on fellowship, and one service project (5 points per quarter where completed).
- **10 Points:** Conduct orientation for all new members within 3 months of member joining.
- **5 Points:** Engage all new members on a specific committee, subcommittee, club project or leadership role within 3 months of induction.
- **10 Points:** Assign at least one mentor, aside from sponsoring member, to all new members to follow up with them through their onboarding and orientation.
- **20 Points:** Use the Membership Success Center Survey to conduct a membership satisfaction survey **prior to May 1, 2026**, share results with members, AG, and District Membership Chair.
- **5 Points:** Conduct a mid-year membership satisfaction survey, share results with members, AG, and District Membership Chair.
- **5 Points:** Implement a change based on membership success center survey results (5 points for each change up to a **maximum of 10 points**).
- **5 Points:** Assign at least two members to follow up with each prospective member following visits to the club.
- **5 Points:** Member who has never attended Membership Summit attends 2026 Membership Summit (maximum 5 points). *Note. If all members of your club have previously attended, you may claim these points for the attendance of a returning member.*
- **2 Points:** Additional club member attends 2026 Membership Summit (2 Points for each additional member in attendance).
- **5 Points:** Share with the club the Membership Action Plan developed at Membership Summit 2026 BEFORE October 31, 2026.
- **2 Points:** Complete member exit survey and send to club assistance team (2 points per survey sent) Bonus 2 points per survey if it is sent to club assistance team more than 2 weeks before member is terminated).
- **2 Points:** Create a program from your club about an idea or with a speaker from the speaker resource center.
- **2 Points:** List a successful program on the district speaker resource center.

Foundation:

- **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.
- **5 Points:** Member who has never attended Foundation Banquet attends 2026 Foundation Banquet. (maximum 5 points). *Note. If all members of your club have previously attended, you may claim these points for a returning member attending.*
- **2 Points:** Additional club member attends 2026 Foundation Banquet (2 Points for each additional member in attendance, **maximum 20 points**).
- **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.
- **10 Points:** Club ensures that all Paul Harris Society members have given their annual contribution for the 2026-2027 year by April 1, 2027.
- **10 Points:** Club adds a new Paul Harris Society member(s) and sends initial contribution by April 1, 2027. (10 points per new member).
- **10 Points:** Club contributes financially to a global grant.
- **10 Points:** Club joins with another club for a foundation-related event (e.g. fundraiser or World's greatest meal).
- **5 Points:** Club achieves 100% Sustaining status for 2026-27 with contributions submitted by April 1, 2027.
- **5 Points:** Club nominates a Rotary Peace Fellow candidate in 2027.
- **5 Points:** At least one club member who has never attended, attends Grants Management Training in 2027. *Note. If all members of your club have previously attended, you may claim these points if any member attends again.*
- **2 Points:** Arrange for a Rotary Foundation Club program by November 30, 2026.
- **2 Points:** Club participates in "World's Greatest Meal" to raise funds for END POLIO NOW.
- **2 Points:** Arrange for a club program on Polio Plus by April 1, 2027.

Leadership:

- **Mandatory -- 10 Points:** Club President 2026-27 (current PE) **attends Carolinas' PETS 2026** (attendance at any PETS is acceptable or other arrangement set up with DGE).
- **Mandatory -- 5 Points:** Enter 2027-28 President, 2027-28 Treasurer and 2027-28 Secretary in DACdb by 12/31/26.
- **20 Points:** Club President 2027-2028 (Current PN) **attends PETS 2026.**
- **20 Points:** Club budgets for and sends at least one member to the Emerging Leaders program at District Conference, 2027 in Williamsburg, VA.
- **10 Points** – Enter 2028-29 President in DACdb by 12/31/26.
- **20 Points** – Enter 2029-2030 President in DACdb by 12/31/26.
- **10 Points:** No committee consists of only 1 person.
- **10 Points:** Club sends one new member (less than 2 years in Rotary) to RLI Part I by April 1, 2027 (10 points per attendee for a **maximum of 30 points**). *Note. If all members of your club have attended RLI Part I, you may claim the maximum points.*
- **10 Points:** Adopt a Strategic Plan for the club or monitor/update existing club Strategic Plan.
- **5 Points:** At least one club leader, not including the Club President and President-Elect attend **District Learning Assembly, May 16, 2026.** (5 points per attendee for a **maximum of 20 points**).
- **5 Points:** President-Elect shares their club vision for 2026-2027 club year with club **PRIOR to July 1, 2026.**
- **5 Points:** At least one club member attends the District Leadership Interest Session (held virtually in **May 2026** or October 2026 (5 points per attendee for a **maximum of 10 points**) (*Note. District Officers do not count*).
- **5 Points:** Hold at least 2 club assemblies during the year.
- **2 Points:** Club President Elect or Club President Nominee visits at least two other clubs' meetings between July 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026.
- **2 Points:** Hold at least quarterly club board meetings and update club members on actions.
- **1 Point:** Club President or Representative attends monthly area meetings held by Assistant Governor (1 point for each meeting attended for a **maximum of 10 points**).

Fellowship and Conferences:

- **Mandatory - 20 Points:** Verify District Database information on all club members (contact info and club position) **by 5/31/2026.**
- **20 Points:** At least 10% of club members register and pay to attend the 2027 District Conference by March 31, 2027.
- **10 Points:** At least one club member registers and attends the District Officer Installation on **June 25, 2026.** (*Note. District Officers do not count.*)
- **5 Points:** At least one club member who has never attended registers and pays to attend the 2027 District Conference (5 points per member for a **maximum 20 points**). *Note. If every member of your club has previously attended a district conference, you may claim points for returning members attending.*
- **5 Points:** Club sponsors at least one team to play in or sponsors a hole at the District Golf Tournament.
- **5 Points:** Appoint a Club Conference Chair to present plans to promote District Conference and the International Convention at the DG official club visit and report Club Conference Chair in DACdb **by 5/15/2026.**
- **5 Points:** A member of your club attends (in-person or online) the Duke/UNC Peace Conference in Spring 2027.
- **2 Points:** Sponsor a House of Friendship table for the 2027 District Conference.
- **5 Points:** Provide a \$250 monetary sponsorship for the 2027 District Conference (5 points for every \$250 in sponsorship up to a maximum of **20 points**).

Club Action:

- **Mandatory – 5 Points:** Report Club Service Chair in DACdb **by May 15, 2026.**
- **Mandatory - 5 Points:** Set annual service goals in Rotary Club Central no later than July 31, 2026.
- **20 Points:** Hold a Family of Rotary event benefitting your community (no charge for community attendees or involves all area clubs) OR Volunteer at another club's Family of Rotary Community Event (5 points per volunteer; **maximum of 20 points**).
- **20 Points:** Apply for and complete a "Sweet Dreams Initiative" grant
- **10 Points:** Utilize 100% of District Designated Funds (DDF) for district grant projects.
- **10 Points:** Review and send updates regarding club service projects to be listed on the service project webpage to District Action Coordinator by January 1, 2027.
- **10 Points:** Conduct a minimum of 4 microprojects during club meetings throughout the Rotary year
- **10 Points:** Club joins with another Club(s) to complete a service project.
- **5 Points:** Appoint the Club Service Chair to present plans and goals at the DG official club visit.
- **2 Points:** Arrange for a Club Program on CART by April 1, 2027.
- **2 Points:** Conduct a club service project with the active participation of multiple members' families (2 Points per project up to a **maximum of 10 points**).
- **2 Points:** Invite prospective members to participate in a club service project.
- **2 Points:** Share a club project with District Administrator to be included in the monthly District Newsletter.

Public Image:

- **Mandatory – 5 Points:** Report Club Public Image Chair in DACdb **by May 15, 2026.**
- **20 Points:** Earn Zone Public Image Citation.
- **20 Points:** Publicize every regular Rotary meeting and special event you hold on social media BEFORE the meeting or event. Include language to invite guests to attend.
- **5 Points:** Publish a newsletter at least monthly (include AG and DG in standard distribution list).
- **5 Points:** Create or maintain a club website with current meeting time, location, and club activities.
- **5 Points:** Create or maintain a Club Facebook page with current meeting time, location, and club activities. Post at least weekly to the page.
- **5 Points:** Club public image chair or representative presents plans and goals at the DG official club visit.
- **5 Points:** Club member presents about a Rotary club project at a non-Rotary event/organization and publicizes the presentation on social media and within their club.
- **2 Points:** Make a social media post that uses templates from the Rotary Brand Center found on MyRotary.org (2 points for each one up to a maximum of 10 points).
- **2 Points:** Ensure your club's logo is brand compliant by using the Rotary Brand Center found on MyRotary.org.
- **2 Points:** Club shares facebook post celebrating another club's success.

Youth Service:

- **Mandatory (5 Points):** Report Club Youth Service Chair in DACdb **by May 15, 2026.**
- **Mandatory (10 Points):** Youth Service Chair completes Youth Protection Online course through the Rotary Learning Center **BEFORE July 1, 2026.**
- **Mandatory (5 Points):** Sign the Youth MOU no later than **April 30, 2026.**
- **2 Points:** Additional member(s) of youth service committee complete Youth Protection Online Course through the Rotary Learning Center (2 points per member for a **maximum of 10 points**).
- **20 Points:** Recruit family to host an Inbound Exchange student.
- **20 Points:** Sponsor an Outbound Youth Exchange Student candidate who applies by deadline.
- **10 Points:** Start or maintain sponsorship of an Interact club.
- **10 Points:** Submit a candidate for consideration as a Rotary Global Scholar.
- **10 Points:** Sponsor a Four-Way-Test speaker at the annual district competition in February 2027.
- **10 Points:** Sponsor a Rotaract or Interact Club (10 points per club sponsored).
- **10 Points:** Sponsor a student for RYLA in summer of 2027.
- **5 Points:** Sponsor club collaborates with Interact club on a service project.
- **5 Points:** Appoint the Youth Service Chair to report plans and goals at the DG official club visit.

Not Otherwise Captured:

- **1 to 20 Points:** Email the DG anything that your club is doing that you believe warrants recognition points, but is not otherwise captured in the above. Include how many points you feel it is worth and why. (**Maximum 20 points**).

Bonus Point opportunities will be announced throughout the year!

RI Club Excellence Award

The Club Excellence awards, formerly the Rotary Citation awards, recognize clubs that achieve specific goals throughout the year, such as increasing their membership, engaging members in sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, building awareness of Rotary in your community, and having an up-to-date strategic plan. When clubs achieve these goals, they contribute to Rotary's overall health and culture for generations to come.

Rotary and Rotaract Club Excellence Awards

Rotary and Rotaract clubs can find their [goals](#) in [Rotary Club Central](#). To achieve the Club Excellence Award, review all the available goals, select at least half of them, achieve those goals, and report your achievement in Rotary Club Central.

All achievements need to be reported in Rotary Club Central by 30 June.

Interact Club Excellence Award

Interact clubs that achieve and report achievement of the [Interact goals](#) by 15 August will earn a Club Excellence award.

To receive an award, the sponsor Rotary club's president completes the [online nomination form](#) by 15 August to access and complete the downloadable certificate template before presenting it to the Interact club. For Interact clubs with more than one sponsor club, only one nomination should be submitted for any given Interact club.

Only clubs with an active charter with Rotary International are eligible for the award. Rotarians can check the Listing of Club-Sponsored Organizations in [Rotary Club Central](#) to confirm that an Interact club is active.

Resources and reference

- [Club Excellence Goals and Instructions for Rotary and Rotaract Clubs](#) (PDF)
- [Club Excellence Goals and Instructions for Interact Clubs](#) (PDF)
- [Club Excellence Award Frequently Asked Questions](#) (PDF)
- [How to create a My Rotary account](#) (PDF)
- [How to Update Interact Club Information](#) (PDF)

Rotary support

Questions? Write to rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org

CLUB PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR ROTARY YEAR 2026-2027

Success leading your Rotary club is determined long before you are sworn in as President. The most difficult part of the process is the six months before installation. Begin the planning process now and you will be better prepared to implement the activities and assignments during that period without being overwhelmed. This is a general outline you can tailor to the practices of your Club and your own goals and objectives.

January 2026 (6 months): Vocational Service Month

- Meet with your Area Governor, President, Foundation and Membership Chairs to review the mid-year progress towards the club's goals and objectives.
- Check club's progress on achieving the 2025-2026 Best Practices/ District Achievement Award.
- Review with your President the club's current budget.
- Work on your draft calendar and Club Goals for your year.
- Make sure you know how to access and use the District Database and RI's Rotary Club Central (myrotary.org) Use your AG as a resource to navigate these.
- Register for PETS, March 19-21 at the Sheraton/Koury Convention Center. (Must attend PETS and should bring President Nominee as well) Notify DGE Karen Pollard and team if you are unable to attend Carolina's PETS & then attend an out-of-district PETS session. Registration closes February 7, 2026.
- Register to attend Grants Management Learning Seminar on February 7, 2026, at Randolph Community College.
- Complete the Online Grants Management Learning Module sent via email. One club member MUST complete this and send attestation to Deanne Brown and Cathy Harpster BEFORE February 7, 2026 to be eligible to receive District Designated Funds for district grants.

February 2026 (5 months): Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

- Attend Grants Management Learning Seminar on Feb. 7, 2026
- If you have not already, Register for March 19-21 PETS. (See details above.)
- If not completed already, register to attend District Conference #26, April 23-26, Crystal Coast in Atlantic Beach, NC
- Attend Jim Armstrong Memorial 4-Way Test District Speech Contest to be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026.

March 2026 (4 months): Water and Sanitation Month

- Attend PETS on March 19-21.
- If not completed already, register to attend District Conference#26.
- Register to attend the District Learning Assembly (formerly DTA) event on May 16, Randolph Community College, Asheboro.
- Meet with your new board to finalize committee assignments, budget, projects, and calendar.
- Submit RYLA Student Participation Form by March 31.

April 2026 (3 months): Maternal and Child Health Month

- If not completed already, register to attend the District Learning Assembly on May 16.
- Submit 2026-27 DDF MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) by April 30. (2 electronic signatures required: PE/PN preferred)
- Submit 2026-27 Youth Services MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) by April 30. (1 electronic signature required)
- If it is not completed already, register and attend District Conference#26 at Atlantic Beach.
- Finalize committee assignments, budget, goals, and calendar with your new Board of Directors.
- Determine your District Grant and/or Global Grant projects for 2026-2027 and ensure applications are in process.

May 2026 (2 months): Youth Service Month

- Ensure final reports for previous year's District Grants (2025-2026) have been submitted to the District Grant Chair by May 15.
- Ensure Club Goals for Membership and Foundation are entered in Rotary Club Central by May 15 for DAA.
- Attend District Learning Assembly (formerly DTA) in May.
- Ensure application(s) for District Grant project(s) are submitted to District Grant Chair NO LATER than the deadline date of May 31.
- Promote attendance & register to attend the District Officer Installation Banquet on June 25, 2026 at Greensboro Country Club.
- Ensure all club and member contributions to the Rotary Foundation for the 2025-2026 Rotary year have been submitted by May 31, 2025.
- Hold a Club Assembly before taking office on July 1. Review Club Goals with your membership and ensure Club Committee Chairs present plans and objectives to the members. Confirm your club's official visit from the Governor and share with club members to reserve the date.
- Schedule your quarterly club assemblies and club fellowship events for the 2026-27 year.

June 2026 (1 month): Rotary Fellowships Month

- Attend Rotary International Convention June 13-17, 2026, in Taipei, Taiwan.
- Remember RYLA is June 17-20. Registration required.
- Attend District Officer Installation. Encourage club members to attend as well. (See details above.)
- Ensure contributions for the year for each member have been submitted to the RI Foundation. (Should have been submitted for all by May unless a new member has been added in June).
- Hold a Club Officer Installation event to install club officers.

July 2026: CONGRATULATIONS!! READ DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

- Congratulations, you are now President!
- Inform club members of the club's official visit date from the Governor. Start prepping!
- Submit dues to RI and to District 7690.
- Ensure that the Club Membership chair or Membership Committee member plus one more club member are registered to attend the District 7690 Membership Summit 2026 on Thursday, August 20 at Pinewood Country Club, Asheboro..
- Ensure club officers and committee chair positions are to Phil Morris for entry into District Database by July 15 and member information is current – this is a critical necessity to promote timely communication to club chairs and officers from RI and the district.
- Ensure Club Goals for Membership and Foundation are entered in Rotary Club Central by July 15.
- Ensure Service Goals are entered in Rotary Club Central by July 31.

August 2026: Membership and Extension Month

- Depending on DG visit schedule, prepare for the club's official visit from the Governor.
- Ensure that the Club Membership chair or Membership Committee member plus one more club member attends the District 7690 Membership Summit 2026. (See details above.)
- Encourage club golfers to enter the District Golf Tournament (Ray Taylor Memorial) in October.
- Encourage Club Committee leaders and members to register and attend the Fall Learning Seminar, September.

September 2026: Basic Education and Literacy Month

- Depending on DG visit schedule, prepare for the club's official visit from the Governor.
- Review your "Club Membership Growth Plan" for 2026-2027 that was developed at the Membership Summit 2026 and adjust strategies to continue member engagement, retention and attraction efforts. Communicate plans with your Board. Also share plan and any modifications with your District Membership Chair, Assistant Governor, District Governor and Club Assistance Team.
- Ensure that club leaders and members attend the Fall Learning Seminar-September..
- Encourage club golfers to register to play in the District Golf Tournament (see details above.)
- If pursuing recognition, check in with Committee Chairs on DAA progress.
- Encourage your PE and PN to register to attend Incoming President's Orientation meeting with DGE Anant Venkataram. Three options: 10/27 – 8am zoom; 10/28 – Noon, in-person, TBD; or 10/29 – 4pm zoom.

October 2026: Economic and Community Development Month

- Depending on DG visit schedule, prepare for the club's official visit from the Governor.
- Ensure team and/or players attend the District Golf Tournament on October XX.
- Follow up with the Club Nominating Committee to ensure candidates are considered for next year's officer slate.
- Promote registration for the District Foundation Banquet on November 12, Koury Convention Center
- Ensure club has a Foundation program planned for at least one meeting in November,
- Participate in World's Greatest Meal event to raise funds for Polio Plus the week of October 24th
- Celebrate World Polio Day on October 24
- Encourage the President-Elect to take advantage of the early registration discount and to register for the Carolinas' PETS to be held March 4-6, 2027 at the Sheraton, Greensboro. (PE Must attend PETS and is encouraged to bring President Nominee as well) Notify DGE and team if PE is unable to attend and arrange for him/her to attend an out-of-district PETS session.
- PEs attend one of the IPO sessions: 10/27, 10/28, or 10/29. (see details above)

November 2026: Rotary Foundation Month

- Depending on DG visit schedule, prepare for the club's official visit from the Governor.
- Encourage club members and spouses to attend the annual Rotary Foundation Banquet.
- Encourage club members who are Paul Harris Society members to attend the Paul Harris Society Reception immediately before The Foundation Banquet on November 12 at Koury Convention Center.
- Review the club's foundation report with the club Foundation Chair. Ensure contributions are being submitted to The Rotary Foundation in a timely manner.
- Hold a club meeting on a Foundation topic.
- Consider early registration and promote the International Convention to be held May 22-26 in Dubai, UAE
- Promote achieving and maintaining the Triple Crown Club status.
- Promote club members' attendance at the DC#27 on April 22-25 in Williamsburg, VA.

December 2026: Disease and Prevention Month

- Hold elections for officers and board members, with the results reported to RI by December 31, through Rotary Club Central.
- Submit all member and club Foundation funds collected from July to December to The Rotary Foundation by December 31.
- Promote club members' attendance at the DC#27 on April 22-25 in Williamsburg, VA.
- If pursuing recognitions, check in with Committee Chairs on DAA progress.
- Ensure Club Youth Services Committee Chair is promoting RYLA applications and the Rotary Four Way Speech Contest to the area High Schools.

January 2027: Vocational Service Month

- Review mid-year progress towards the club's goals and objectives.
- Continue to monitor the club's progress on achieving the District Achievement Award and Club Excellence Award.
- Promote attendance at the District Conference at Williamsburg, VA on April 22-25, 2027.
- Submit dues to RI and to District 7690.
- Review your "Club Membership Growth Plan" for 2026-2027 that was developed at the Membership Summit 2026 and adjust strategies to continue member engagement.
- Confirm that President-Elect and President-Nominee are registered to attend PETS in March
- Promote attending The International Convention, May 22-26 in Dubai, UAE.
- Submit student's registration form for the District Jim Armstrong Four-Way Test Speech Contest by February 11th

February 2027: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

- Register and attend Grants Management Learning (formerly GM Training). **For your club to qualify and participate in District Grants / Global Grants, Rotary International requires that at least 1 member of your club completes Grants Management training. District 7690 clubs may fulfill this RI requirement by completing the online checklist sent by email.**
- Support student's entry in Jim Armstrong Memorial 4-Way Test District Speech Contest to be held on Saturday, February 27, 2027.
- Meet with your board to check on the progress of DAA documentation.

March 2027: Water and Sanitation Month

- Ensure PE and PN attend PETS, March 4-6 .
- If not already completed, Register to attend the District Conference.
- Submit all member and club Foundation funds collected since January to now to Rotary by March 31.
- Ensure submission of application for DAA by March 31.

April 2027: Maternal and Child Health Month

- Attend District Conference.
- Ensure final report(s) for this year's District Grant(s) 2026-2027 have been submitted to the District Grant Chair. (May 15 deadline.)

May 2027: Youth Service Month

- Ensure new Club Officers attend the District Learning Assembly. (TBA)
- Ensure final report(s) for this year's District Grant(s) have been submitted to the District Grant Chair by the deadline date of May 15.
- Ensure application(s) for District Grant project(s) are submitted to District Grant Chair NO LATER than the deadline date of May 31.
- Register to attend the District Officer Installation Banquet and encourage others to attend and show support.
- Ensure all club and member contributions to the Rotary Foundation for the Rotary year have been submitted by May 31.

June 2027: Rotary Fellowships Month

- Attend Rotary International Convention on May 22-26 in Dubai, UAE.
- Attend and encourage others to attend the District Officer Installation on June 24 at TBD for DGE Anant and his team.
- Ensure contributions for the year for each member have been submitted to the RI Foundation. (These funds should have been submitted for all club members by May 15 unless a new member was added in June).
- Ensure that a Club Officer Installation event is held to install new club officers.
- SINCERELY THANK YOUR CLUB OFFICERS AND MEMBERS FOR MAKING IT A GREAT YEAR!

Valuable Resources at your fingertips...

District and Club Database (DACdb) www.dacdb.com

Rotary International www.Rotary.org

(LOG in to MY Rotary)

Rotary District 7690 www.Rotary7690.org

Leadership Lounges (Will be 8-9AM and 4-5PM on each day they're listed - generally on the third thursday of the month with a few exceptions noted by *)

7/23/2026 * Note week change

8/27/2026 * Note week change

9/17/2026

10/15/2026

11/19/2026

12/17/2026

1/14/2027 * Note week change

2/18/2027

3/18/2027

4/15/2027

5/20/2027

6/17/2027

2026-2027 District Governor Club Visits Schedule

Club	Date	Time
Asheboro	August 4	Lunch
Midstate	August 5	Breakfast
Randolph	August 5	Lunch
Stoneville	August 6	Evening
Western Forsyth	August 11	Lunch
Kernersville	August 12	Breakfast
Graham	August 13	Lunch
Summit	August 14	Lunch
Yadkin County	August 18	Breakfast
Mt. Airy	August 18	Lunch
Surry Sunrise	August 19	Breakfast
Maple Chase	August 19	????
Eden	August 25	Lunch
E-Club Global Trekkers	August 31	Evening
Sanford	September 1	Lunch
Pittsboro	September 2	Lunch
Liberty	September 3	Evening
Thomasville	September 9	Lunch
Furnitureland	September 14	Lunch
Lexington	September 15	Lunch
Jamestown	September 15	Evening
Clemmons	September 16	Breakfast
High Point	September 17	Lunch
Reidsville	September 21	Lunch
Burlington	September 21	Evening
Winston-Salem	September 22	Lunch
East Greensboro	September 23	Breakfast
Mocksville	September 24	Lunch
Alamance	September 29	Lunch
Southern Guildford	September 29	Evening
Yadkin Valley	September 30	Breakfast
King	October 1	Breakfast
Stratford	October 1	Lunch
Reynolda	October 2	Lunch
Siler City	October 6	Lunch
DTN Greensboro	October 7	Breakfast
Troy	October 8	Lunch
Greensboro Airport	October 13	Lunch
Madison-Mayodan	October 13	Lunch
Greensboro	October 14	Lunch
Carthage	October 15	Lunch
Southern Pines	October 16	Lunch
Pinehurst	October 27	Lunch
Sandhills	October 28	Breakfast
Gate City	October 29	Breakfast
Guilford	November 3	Lunch
Crescent	November 19	Lunch

* Notify DG Karen Pollard a minimum of 2 weeks in advance as to when you would like for her to meet with you and your Board. She is willing to meet either an hour before or after a regular meeting.

**Send completed Club Brag Sheet to Cathy Harpster for DG Karen Pollard a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of her visit.

CLUB BRAG SHEET

Club Brag Sheet should be emailed no later than one week before your club's official visit to District Governor Karen Pollard at drkarenpollard@gmail.com, Assistant Chief of Staff Cathy Harpster at cathyharpsterd7690@gmail.com

Name of Rotary Club:

Name of Club President:

LIST THREE THINGS I'M PROUD TO SAY WHEN I TALK ABOUT MY CLUB	
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LIST UP TO THREE THINGS MY CLUB NEEDS TO WORK ON	
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DESCRIBE YOUR CLUB'S PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SWEET DREAMS INITIATIVE	
WHO IN YOUR CLUB MAY NOT SEEK ATTENTION, BUT WHOSE STEADY ACTIONS HAVE MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?	
PLEASE CHECK ALL THE FOLLOWING THAT APPLY TO MY ROTARY CLUB:	
☐	My Club has a written Membership Action Plan that we review at least monthly
☐	My Club uses the District Achievement Awards as a planning tool
☐	My Club feels like it is thriving

Membership

[Rotary District7690 Membership | Linktree](#)





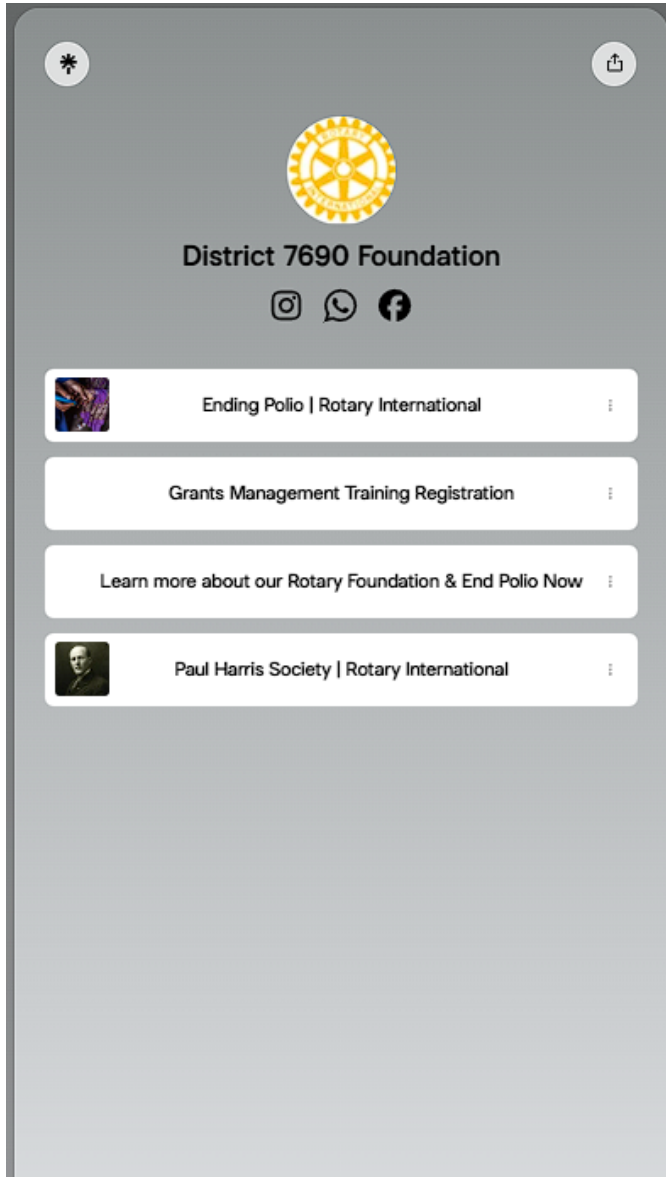

Rotary District7690 Membership

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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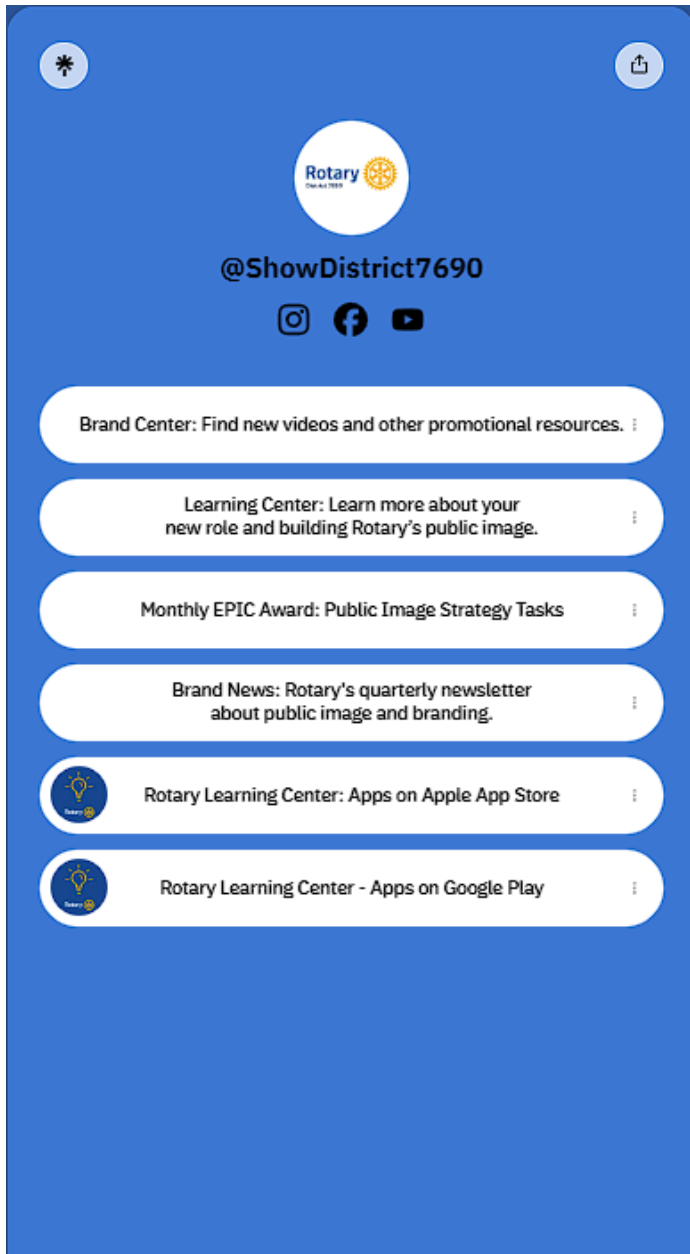
Grant Funding 2026-2027 for Qualified Clubs

Summary of Club Funding Allocations

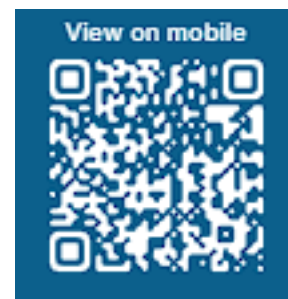
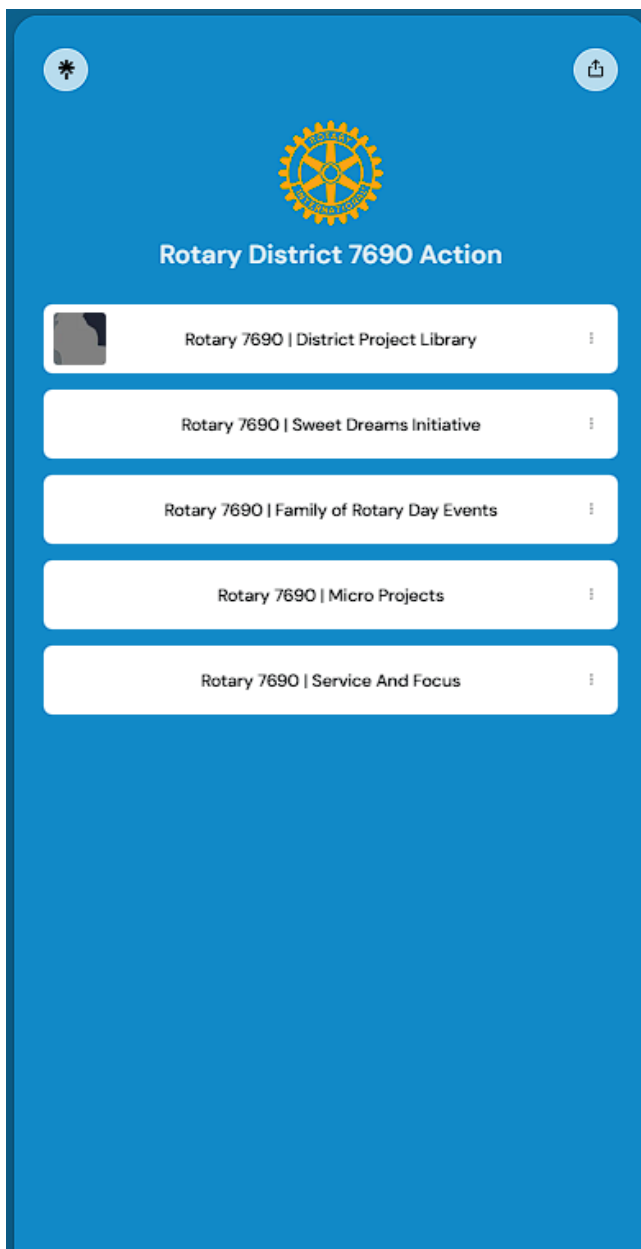
The following table outlines the grant funding allocated to qualified clubs for the 2026-2027 period. Each club is listed alongside its respective fund allocation and share for the 2023-2024 cycle. All amounts are presented in US dollars.

Club Name	2023-2024 Share	Allocation
Alamance (Burlington), NC	\$7,770.00	\$1,554.00
Asheboro, NC	\$10,370.08	\$2,074.02
Burlington, NC	\$3,570.00	\$714.00
Carthage, NC	\$2,970.00	\$594.00
Clemmons, NC	\$13,883.00	\$2,776.60
Crescent (Greensboro), NC	\$14,699.00	\$2,939.80
Downtown Greensboro, NC	\$27,448.00	\$5,489.60
East Greensboro, NC	\$1,400.00	\$400.00
E-Club of Global Trekkers D7690, NC	\$4,906.36	\$981.27
Eden		\$400.00
Furnitureland, NC	\$12,690.00	\$2,538.00
Gate City (Greensboro), NC	\$8,370.00	\$1,674.00
Graham, NC	\$10,020.00	\$2,004.00
Greensboro, NC	\$19,810.00	\$3,962.00
Guilford (Greensboro), NC	\$7,520.00	\$1,504.00
High Point, NC	\$38,913.00	\$7,782.60
Jamestown, NC	\$2,800.00	\$560.00
Jonesboro (Sanford), NC	\$6,178.00	\$1,235.60
Kernersville, NC	\$21,400.00	\$4,280.00
King, NC	\$6,145.00	\$1,229.00
Lexington, NC	\$3,760.00	\$752.00
Liberty, NC	\$3,150.00	\$630.00
Madison-Mayodan		\$400.00
Midstate Asheboro, NC	\$18,535.82	\$3,707.16
Mocksville, NC	\$3,995.00	\$799.00
Mount Airy, NC	\$13,029.26	\$2,605.85
Pinehurst, NC	\$1,850.00	\$400.00
Pittsboro, NC	\$13,493.00	\$2,698.60
Randolph (Asheboro), NC	\$11,552.34	\$2,310.47
Reidsville, NC	\$3,800.00	\$760.00
Reynolda (Winston-Salem), NC	\$10,217.10	\$2,043.42
Sandhills (Southern Pines), The, NC	\$3,177.50	\$635.50
Sanford, NC	\$8,875.00	\$1,775.00
Siler City, NC	\$2,807.83	\$561.57
Southern Guilford, NC	\$10,790.00	\$2,158.00
Southern Pines, NC	\$14,317.03	\$2,863.41
Stoneville, NC	\$15.00	\$400.00
Stratford (Winston-Salem), NC	\$5,120.00	\$1,024.00
Summit (Greensboro), NC	\$40,460.18	\$8,092.04
Surry Sunrise, NC	\$11,250.00	\$2,250.00
Thomasville, NC	\$25,425.00	\$5,085.00
Troy, NC	\$5,035.00	\$1,007.00
Western Forsyth, NC	\$4,874.00	\$974.80
Winston-Salem, NC	\$8,750.00	\$1,750.00
Yadkin County, NC	\$9,752.00	\$1,950.40
Yadkin Valley (Elkin-Jonesville), NC	\$3,500.00	\$700.00

Public Image



District Action



What does Rotary District 7690 do?

Introducing: District Initiative *Sweet Dreams*



A bed for Every Child

Goal is 17,000 to ZERO

2026 - 2029 (and beyond?)

\$400 district match to \$100 club contribution

Visit 7690Action.org for more info



District 7690
Sweet Dreams Initiative Grant

1. By our estimates, nearly 17,000 children in our District are sleeping without a bed of their own — a situation that is both heartbreaking and unacceptable. Through the Sweet Dreams Initiative Grant, please provide a detailed description of the project your club will undertake to help ensure these children have a safe, comfortable bed to sleep in. **Every child deserves a bed!** Additional pages may be included if necessary.

2. Provide a total budget for the project:

Proposed Expenses	Costs

3. Signature of Club President and Project Chair:

Project Chair _____ Date _____
 Club President _____ Date _____

Please forward completed application to kelsey.rotary@icloud.com by August 31st, 2026.

Youth



courtney.youthservices7690
District 7690 Youth Services Chair



Youth Protection Policy



Interact



RYLA



Jim Armstrong Four Way Test Speech Contest



Rotary Youth Exchange



Promoting Peace | Rotary International

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

DISTRICT 7690 YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY

Authorization and Agreement

This memorandum of understanding is an agreement between the club and the district and acknowledges that the club will undertake measures to ensure the proper implementation of the guidelines outlined in the District Youth Protection Policy.

The undersigned Club President and Youth Services Chair acknowledge that they have read the District Youth Protection Policy and will adhere to the guidelines and requirements contained within the policy.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of _____, the undersigned agree to comply with all the conditions and requirements of the policy for Rotary year **2026-2027** and will notify the District of any changes or revisions to club policies and procedures related to these requirements.

Club President's Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Rotary Peacebuilding Creating Environments of Peace

Vision:

Rotary refuses to accept conflict as a way of life. We create environments where peace can happen.

What We Do:

- Provide training to foster understanding and conflict resolution
- Address root causes of conflict: poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of education, resource inequality
- Support peace fellowships and scholarships
- Promote inclusive, cohesive approaches to peacebuilding

How Your Club Can Get Involved:

- Partner with local organizations to install a Rotary Peace Pole
- Collaborate with Interact Clubs to host a Youth Peace Conference
- Practice active peacebuilding within your club
- Design service projects that promote peace and unity
- Offer programs on civility, conflict resolution, healthy dialogue, and nonviolent communication
- Attend the Spring Peace Conference at Duke/UNC Rotary Peace Center
- Become a Rotary Peacebuilding Club (District 7690 is a Peacebuilding District)

Contact for Support:

Scott Wagoner, District 7690 Peacebuilder Coordinator
scottwagoner62@gmail.com | 336-989-1971
Learn more: rotarypeacecenternc.org



Rotary Leadership Institute



Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots organization and program developed and designed to offer leadership training for Rotarians.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Training

Part I

The Roots of Rotary
My Club & Beyond
Engaging Members
Our Foundation
Creating Service Projects

Part II

Strategic Planning
Team Building
Rotary and Ethics
Targeted Service
Attracting Members

Part III

Public Image and Public Relations
Effective Leadership Strategies
International Service
Club Communications
Vocational Service and Expectations

How It Works:

- RLI training is divided into three parts:
 - Part I → Part II → Part III
- You must complete each part in order before moving to the next.
- After completing all three parts:
 - You'll receive a Certificate of Recognition.
 - You become eligible for RLI Facilitator training.

Where to Register:

- For District 7690, connect with RLI Mid-Atlantic.
- Classes and events are held throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, often in NC, VA, and SC.
- Visit www.midatlanticrli.org for event locations and details.

Cost:

- Approximately \$95 per day (includes training, snacks, and lunch).

Contact for More Info: Scott Wagoner
District RLI Chair | Rotary Club of High Point
scottwagoner62@gmail.com
336-989-1971

The CART Fund is dedicated to raising funds to provide "seed money" for cutting-edge, high-impact research to find a prevention, treatment or cure for Alzheimer's Disease.

CART Fund by-laws require that 100% of all donated funds go directly to Alzheimer's research.

www.cartfund.org



TO DO

- ☐ Identify a club CART chair/champion as point of contact
- ☐ Schedule a CART program for your club
- ☐ Set a club CART goal and enter in the donor portal (www.mycartfund.org)
- ☐ Enroll as a recurring donor to be recognized as a member of the Roger Ackerman Circle
- ☐ Little Blue Buckets are provided at no charge to Rotary Clubs - request from District CART Chair or tiffany@tiffanyervin.com.

Donate Online:
mycartfund.org

ABOUT US

Started in 1995 by Rotarians in Sumter, SC, voluntarily emptying their pockets and purses of spare change into "little blue buckets" at their weekly lunch meetings

- Supported by more than 600 Rotary clubs in 40 Rotary districts
- Awarded more than \$13 million in research grants to 60+ different research institutions in the US
- Founding member of Alzheimer's & Dementia Rotary Action Group
- 100% of all donations go directly to research



Record number of applications received in 2024 by researchers wanting to partner with CART



Record fundraising - more than \$2 million donated to CART in 2023-24

Executive Director:
Tiffany Ervin
tiffany@tiffanyervin.com
828-243-5870

District Chair:



cartfundnews@gmail.com

Family of Rotary Events 2026-2027

Club	Title of Event	Date	Location
Carthage	Parade	4th of July	Carthage
Kernersville	5K Run/Walk	4th of July	Kernersville
Stoneville	Fall Festival	September 26	Stoneville
Jamestown	Horse Show	October	Jamestown
Thomasville	Party in the Park	October 8	Thomasville
Pittsboro	Street Fair	October 31	Pittsboro
Guilford	Flags of Heroes	November 11	Piedmont Triad Farmers Market 2914 Ridge Rd. Colfax
Asheboro	Field of Honor	November 11	South Asheboro MS Baseball field
Jamestown	Holiday parade	December 6	Jamestown
Furnitureland	Tree Lighting	December	High Point
Thomasville	Party in the Park	May 6	Thomasville

District 7690 Crisis Management Guidelines

Rotary is a 116-year-old organization with a strong, trusted brand. It is important we continue to protect our brand by minimizing risk. In the event of a crisis, we need to be able to respond effectively, keep involved parties and Rotary International informed, and use the media, if engaged, as a liaison to disseminate key messages. The organizations response to a crisis often has more impact on reputation than the event the precipitated the situation. I suggest copying these guidelines to your mobile phone.

Should you experience a crisis during your year as Club President, take the following actions in the order listed. This list will help you handle the situation in an organized way that will mitigate risk to Rotary's reputation and brand:

1. Give priority attention to the care of the injured. Not all crisis situations will have injured.
2. Secure needed assistance – doctor, ambulance, fire, law enforcement.
3. Ensure the safety of persons and property.
4. Contact the Crisis Manager, Steven Taylor: 919-270-7257. In the event you are unable to reach the Crisis Manager and it is urgent that you speak with a District representative, Youth Protection Officer, J'Omega Walker will be a backup contact and may be reached at 919-879-6358. Add these numbers to your contact list in your cell phone for future reference. The Crisis Manager will contact the District Governor, Karen Pollard
5. Gather the facts before you speak with the Crisis Manager and Youth Protection Officer if youth are involved. Your fact-based detailed report should include who, when, where, what happened, the current state of the crisis, and is media involved. Ensure the Crisis Manager is fully briefed before referring the media to him
6. The official statement you should make to the public/media:

“At this time, we are in the process of gathering the facts related to this matter and I am not in a position to answer questions. We appreciate your interest and concern, and once we complete our investigation, we will provide an appropriate statement.” (Example: “Our designated spokesperson with respect to this matter will be _____, who may be reached at _____.”) If no designated person is available then don't give any spokesperson.
7. Keep the following in mind:
 - a. Do not bury your head in the sand. Pretending the problem will not exist will not make it go away. Be prepare to react quickly.
 - b. Do not panic. Stay calm and clearly define what has occurred. Avoid blame games or debates. Spend your initial time focused on establishing the nature and extent of the crisis, who it will affect, and what you need to do to manage the situation.
 - c. Get your facts straight. It is important to be able to demonstrate command of the situation and not be confused, unclear or unaware of the facts.
 - d. In conjunction with the District help to manage the communication. There should be only one spokesperson with respect to any statements made about the crisis. If you are selected to be the point of contact, be prepared to communicate clearly, honestly, and as often as needed. Without clear communication, people will fill the void with rumors and speculation.
 - e. Be honest in everything you say and do.
 - f. Do not play favorites with media or others. At the appropriate time, communications should be made clearly and concisely to all stakeholders.

District 7690 Crisis Management Guidelines

8. When the crisis manager receives your call, she will work with you to determine the severity of the crisis, contact Rotary International 847-424-5394 and add District Rotarians to the crisis team, as needed. A designated spokesperson will be named to handle future inquiries from Rotary International, the public, or media. At the conclusion of the crisis, a written report will be completed and approved by the District Governor for the District's records. Any recommended changes to the Crisis Management Plan will be reviewed for implementation.
9. Helpful references to use in a crisis:
 - a. District 7690 Insurance Representative
Duane Long
336-992-5664
Duane@long-insurance.com
 - b. Active U.S. Rotary clubs and districts and Rotaract clubs are provided with general liability ("GL") insurance through the U.S. Rotary Club and District Liability Insurance Program ("Program").
<https://my.rotary.org/en/us-rotary-club-and-district-liability-insurance-program>

To report an incident or claim, please email claims@rotary.org.

To obtain a certificate of insurance, insurance policies and summaries, loss prevention strategies, and more, please visit the insurance broker's website, [Gallagher Insurance Website](#). Gallagher Insurance Website can be accessed with a username and password that have been emailed to your club and district officers through annual insurance e-mailings or you can contact [Rotary International Risk Management](#).

If you have questions regarding coverage, please contact insurance broker, Gallagher:

Email: rotary@ajg.com
Phone: 833-376-8279
Website: <https://rotary.ajg.com>
 - c. Rotary International Code of Policies can be located at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/622>
 - d. [District 7690's Youth Protection Policy](#)
 - e. [Rotary International Youth Protection Guide](#)

U.S. Rotary Club and District Liability Insurance Program

Active U.S. Rotary clubs and districts and Rotaract clubs are provided with general liability (“GL”) and directors & officers/employment practices liability (D&O/EPL) insurance through the U.S. Rotary Club and District Liability Insurance Program. The Program is financed by insurance assessments collected from U.S. Rotarians on the July Club Invoice.

To report an incident or claim, please email Rotary International Risk Management. To obtain a certificate of insurance, insurance policies and summaries, loss, strategies, and more, please visit the insurance broker’s website, Long Insurance Services, can be accessed with a username and password that have been emailed to your club and district officers through annual insurance e-mailings or you can contact Rotary International Risk Management.

If you have questions regarding coverage, please contact the insurance broker, Long Insurance Services.
Email: rotary@ajg.com Phone: 833-376-8279 Website: <https://rotary.ajg.com>.

District 7690 Insurance Representative Duane Long
Email: duanelong@long-insurance.com
Phone number: 336-992-5664.

*Pst... Have you heard about
District Conference, 2027?*



Let's Celebrate District 7690

at The Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia

www.Celebrate7690.com

April 22-25, 2027