



Around the District - April DG Ed Boeve

Happy April. It may not feel like it today where you are, but we all know that spring will come eventually. Some years in our part of the world it is followed just a few days later by summer, but the green grass, gardens and flowers always get here. Pay attention so you don't miss it!

Rotary International's April theme of protecting our environment is perfect for the upper Midwest as winter winds down, replaced by the rebirth of outdoor life. There are Rotary clubs everywhere actively picking up trash along roadways and waterfronts, planting or cleaning pollinator gardens, sprucing up a park they've adopted, and/or planning to submit a district grant application for further environmental stewardship. Thank you all for taking action in your community to improve the environment.

Speaking of membership, I hope each of you will make the effort and invite a potential member to a social event, a fundraiser, a community forum or maybe even to a Rotary meeting this quarter. Each club has a challenge goal of increasing membership by at least four percent this year. About a dozen clubs are at or above that mark as of the end of February, leaving about forty clubs needing to move assertively between now and June 30th. Each club should have a membership plan in place to achieve the 4% mark. Ask your President or Membership Team Lead what you can do to help achieve the goal of plus four percent.

One tactic to appeal to a potential member is to invite them to come to the Make Peace Visible conference with you. The Mystic Lake room discount has been extended to April 9th, so there is still time to save some money, have great fun and plan time with people from your community, and possibly attract a new member to your club. WIN, WIN, WIN!!!

Thank you for living out the four-way test and for sharing Rotary with your friends.

Make Peace Visible - Don't Miss Friday's Inspiring Keynotes – May 2

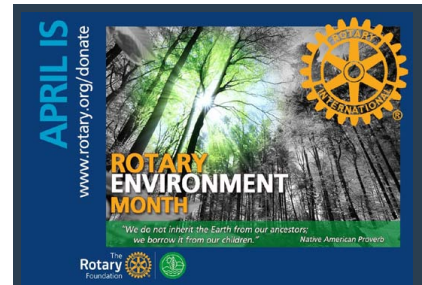


Join us for a full day of insight and inspiration with three dynamic speakers: **Patricia Shafer** on peacebuilding through hunger relief, **Thomas Hanson** on global diplomacy and foreign policy, and **Rebecca Middleton** on advocacy to end world hunger. From breakfast to dinner, Friday's sessions will challenge and energize your Rotary journey.

REGISTRATION LINK: www.makepeacevisible.org

Details: click link below

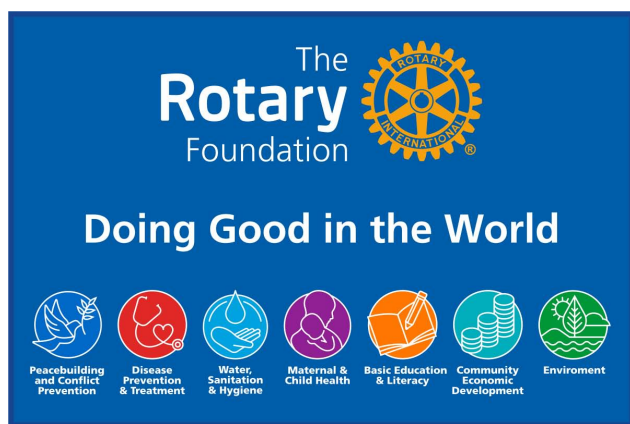
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Rotary District 5960 Global Grant Fellowship/Scholarship Applications Open



Do you know someone wanting to pursue graduate studies abroad in Fall 2026? Rotary District 5960 is offering a \$35,000 Global Grant Fellowship for one student committed to making a difference through one of Rotary's seven areas of focus. This prestigious opportunity funds graduate-level studies at an accredited university outside the U.S. and includes support for tuition, travel, living expenses, and more. Applications are due by October 17, 2025. Virtual interviews will take place on November 7, 2025. For full details and application materials, visit www.rotary5960.org. Questions? Contact Gary Campbell at gary8455@msn.com.

Restrictions:

The scholar may NOT be (1) a Rotarian; (2) an employee of a club, district, or other Rotary entity, or of Rotary International; (3) the spouse, a lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or stepchild legally adopted or not), the spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any person in the foregoing two categories.

[Downloadable Announcement](#)

CLUB LEADERS – HERE IS YOUR LIFT “TO DO” LIST:



1. **Has your club submitted your annual pledge/donation for LIFT?** The minimum suggested annual pledge, per district leadership, is **\$15 per club member per year**. The LIFT program has ongoing operating costs and club donations are needed to keep the program running.
 - If you have made your donation – THANKS!
 - If you **HAVE NOT** made your club's donation, please send it before **June 15th**
 - Instructions for donation are on our website: <https://www.rotary5960.org/district-projects/lift/> or contact Kathy Hughett
2. **Has your club scheduled your 2024-2025 annual program update presentation?** There is a lot of exciting work, accomplishments, and plans to communicate. Learn about the program and understand where your club's donations go.
 - If you **HAVE NOT** scheduled your annual LIFT program update, contact **Dave Newman** at Dave@bancorgroup.com to schedule
3. **Visit us at the District's "Make Peace Visible Conference" on May 1-3, 2025.** LIFT will have a breakout session explaining how our work to reduce poverty and migration leads to positive peace. LIFT will also have a booth at the HOF. Stop by and learn more about the program.
4. **Going to the RI International Convention in Calgary? LIFT will have a strong presence.** LIFT will be featured at the RAGCED booth at the RI HOF and will be one of the four international community development programs featured by RAGCED. Check us out at the RI convention.
5. If you are looking for more information on the LIFT program, contact Rick Heidick at



First day of turmeric harvest.

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Program of Scale

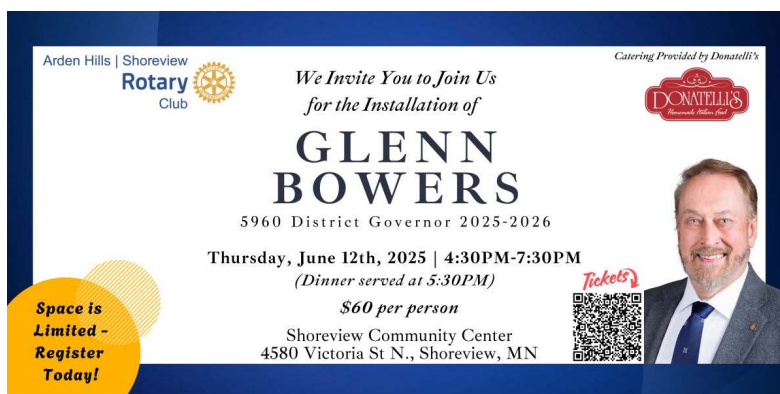


Programs of Scale provide Rotary members with longer-term resources to implement large-scale, high-impact programs in our [areas of focus](#). Together, we seek to increase our impact by measuring our progress, and sharing the learning generated from our programs throughout the Rotary world.

The application process for the next Programs of Scale grant has started. If your club or district is involved in an evidence-based program that is ready to scale over three to five years, consider applying for the US\$2 million award. Qualified districts, Rotary clubs, and Rotaract clubs are eligible. The first step is to submit a concept note by 1 August 2025.

The Programs of Scale materials have been updated for the 2026 competition and include details about the selection process and the requirement that applicants have cash contributions of at least US\$500,000 from external partners. Learn more about the Programs of Scale application process and past recipients and finalists. [CLICK HERE](#)

DG Glenn Bowers Installation Event



You're Invited
Installation of Glenn Bowers
Rotary District 5960 Governor, 2025–2026

Location: Shoreview Community Center

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Dinner Served at 5:30 PM

Cash Bar Available

Catered by Donnatelli's

Tickets: \$60 per person

Join us for an evening of fellowship, celebration, and Rotary spirit as we officially install Glenn Bowers as District Governor for 2025–2026. Enjoy a delicious meal, connect with fellow Rotarians, and be part of this special occasion as we look ahead to another impactful Rotary year.

Reserve your seat today – space is limited. [Registration Link](#)