



Around the District - March DG Ed Boeve

Spring is in the air as we turn the calendar page to March. Snow might fly this week but tulips and other hardy plants will be poking up when this transitional month comes to a close.

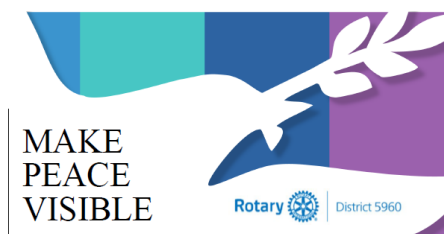
The Rotary International theme for March is water and sanitation. Bringing clean water and reasonable sanitation systems to the world is in my opinion the 'second priority' of Rotary behind only the eradication of polio. Clubs in our District come forward every year with district and/or global grant requests to work with partners around the world resulting in clean water and sanitation systems where there is neither. Clean water is a critical factor in maintaining a peaceful community in that lack of water is almost always linked with food insecurity. Peace is virtually impossible without adequate sources of food and water.

Speaking of food insecurity, please consider registering for our **Make Peace Visible** Regional Conference focused on actions we can take to reduce the incidence of food insecurity in our communities and around the world. Rotarians, both current and potential members, will come together to learn from respected experts who will guide us toward action. Consider putting together a team from your community to register, ride together to Mystic Lake, and concentrate on developing an action plan for your community.

I also want to remind you that March is the month when clubs communicate accomplishments via the awards section on the District website. Your club can qualify and be recognized in several areas of focus by 'checking the boxes' that describe your Club achievements during the year. We will host a celebration picnic on June 5th to recognize your success. Visit the website, review the checklists, and ask your President if you can help to facilitate the process. Deadline for submission is **March 31st**.

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

Join the Movement for Peace: Secure Your Spot Now!



Did you know that your club can save on registration? That's right! All you need to do is gather a group of at least four Rotarians and non-Rotarians and book under the Group Booking Tab:

[Register Here](#).

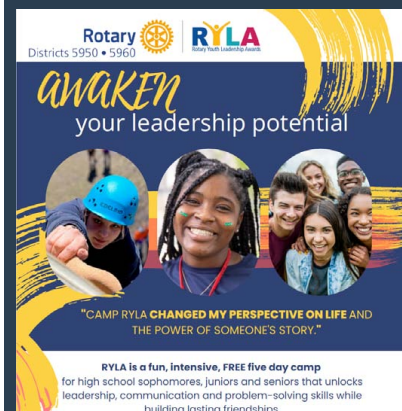
Group rates start at \$996 for a group of four tickets—that's only \$249 per ticket!

We have an incredible lineup planned:

- **Welcome Reception** with Latin Street Food appetizers and entertainment



Events



- **Breakout Sessions** with amazing facilitators
- Hall of Friendship
- Great Food & **Fabulous Speakers**
- Beautiful Conference Setting
- Tour the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Cultural Center
- And so much more!

Conference Location: Mystic Lake Center, Prior Lake

Dates: May 1 – May 3

More Information: www.makepeacevisible.org

Hotel Rate: [Mystic Lake Hotel](#) - \$175 plus tax per night (Special rate expires on April 2, 2025)

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity—secure your spot today!

Tap Room Tours



Join us for a Tap Room Tour as we **Celebrate The Rotary Foundation** – showcasing the **Magic of Rotary Impacting Over 250,000 Lives!**

- One Free Beverage including Beer (Yes, you read that right!)
- Great Company & Socializing
- Door Prizes & Fun Surprises

FREE Event – RSVP Recommended for Food Count

Time: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Don't miss out—**Register Today!**

PRIOR LAKE-[BOATHOUSE BROTHERS](#): MARCH 20 - [LINK](#)

STILLWATER-[RIVER SIREN BREWING CO](#): MARCH 24 - [LINK](#)

NORTHFIELD - [IMMINENT BREWING](#) - APRIL 1 - [LINK](#)

Make Peace Visible HOF Invite



You're invited to HOF

This district conference is like attending a mini RI Convention at a much lower cost. Six Rotary districts, outside agencies, non-profits, and more are invited to attend and will visit the HOF.

- ✓ 5 Keynote Speakers
- ✓ 6 meals

- ✓ 21 Breakout options
- ✓ Wonderful venue

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Mystic Lake Center Prior Lake, MN

info@makepeacevisible.org

[Read More](#)



AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM ALIGHT



Dear Rotarians of District 5960,

ALIGHT, formerly the American Refugee Committee, is deeply grateful for the steadfast support they've received over the years from Rotary Clubs worldwide. Our districts' contributions have had a significant impact, both financially and through individual advocacy.

For important updates and details on how you can continue to make a difference, please take a moment to read the following letter from Alight. It contains valuable information you won't want to miss.

[Click Here](#) to read the entire letter.

Club Awards Due March 31

Awards - You deserve recognition!



Now is the time to take action and ensure our club receives the recognition it deserves!

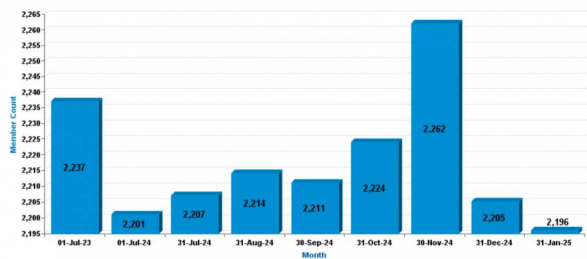
We have accomplished so much, but we need everyone's input to complete our awards submission. Let's review our projects, track our progress, and finalize our checklist to showcase the incredible impact we've made. Your participation is essential—whether it's confirming completed activities, identifying our Signature Project, or helping meet the Governor's Citation Criteria. Together, we can highlight our club's dedication to service and make a strong submission before the **March 31, 2025, deadline**. Let's get started!

Review the three awards criteria on the Awards page ([link](#)).

New for 2024-25 (**Narratives and Photos are no longer requested**)

1. [Checklist](#) - What are you doing in each Area of Service?
2. [Governor's Citation](#) - How many of the items have you accomplished so far?
3. [Signature Project](#) - Which of your activities is your Signature Project?

District Membership Growth (January)



[District 5960 Club Growth January 2025](#)

Rotary Zone 25b-29 Monthly Membership Webinar

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Sponsoring a Service Companion Club

Discover the numerous benefits of sponsoring a Service Companion Club. Learn how this initiative can expand your club's reach, create new service opportunities, and strengthen member engagement.

[Monthly Membership Webinars | Zones 25B & 29 \(zones25b-29.org\)](#)

Thursday, March 13

District 5960 Club Membership Community Forum

ZOOM Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83271859893>

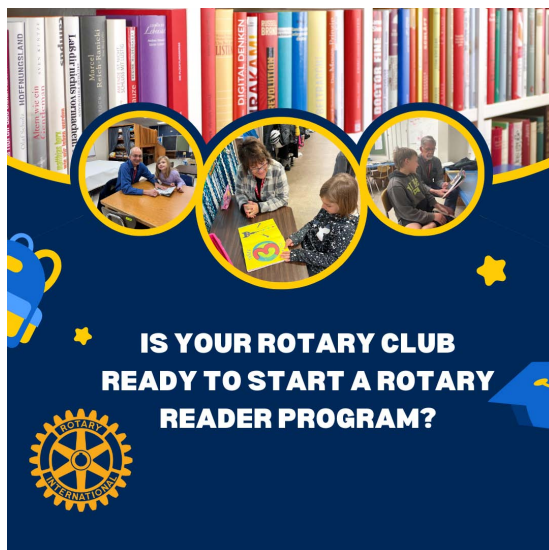
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Is your Rotary club ready to start a Rotary Reader program?



Over two decades ago, the River Falls Rotary Club in River Falls, Wisconsin started their Rotary Reader program. It was the brainchild of then president, Tom Westerhaus, who worked closely with the reading specialist at Westside Elementary School, to establish a program where Rotarians would help students who may be struggling with their reading skills. Rotarians were asked to participate in a one-on-one reading program with students at Westside Elementary. Rotarians who volunteered were matched with a specific classroom teacher, and the teacher then would choose which students would benefit from additional reading help. The day of the week and times were mutually agreed upon by the teacher and Rotarian volunteer.

[Read More](#)

North Star Youth Exchange Earns Prestigious Recognition at NAYEN Conference



In February, a dedicated team of North Star Youth Exchange volunteers attended the North American Youth Exchange Network (NAYEN) Conference in Merida, Mexico. NAYEN is the premier regional association representing 167 districts in Canada, Mexico, and the United States involved in Rotary Youth Exchange. With over 400 Youth Exchange representatives from around the world in attendance, the NAYEN conference is widely regarded as the leading event for Rotary Youth Exchange.

[Read More](#)

RI Convention District Meetup



Join DG Glenn & Pam Bowers for a District 5960 Meetup at the RI Convention in Calgary!

Location: Bottlescrew Bills Pub
140 10 Ave SW, Calgary

Free Event | Cash Bar | Food Available
 for Purchase
 Registration Required
www.rotary5960.org

 **22 June 2025**
 4:30 - 6 PM



Pam and DG Glenn Bowers

Open to District 5960 Rotarians and Guests.

Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025
 Time: 4:30 - 6 PM

Free Event, Registration Requested as Space is Limited.

Registration [LINK](#)

Lake City Fun Run

Circle of Life Run Walk

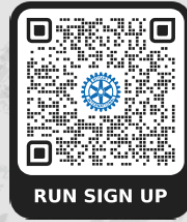
Saturday, June 28th 2025

Half Marathon, 5K, 10K, & Kids Fun Run

Hosted by Lake City Rotary Club



RUN WALK 2025



— Registration & Fees —

5k: \$45 Adults, \$15 Under 12

10K: \$50 - Half Marathon: \$55

Register at [RUNSIGNUP.COM](https://runsignup.com) — Keywords: Circle of Life

*Disclaimer: Payments made online will have surcharges applied

Half Marathon - 7:00 am, 5K, 10K - 7:30am, Kids Fun Run - 8:00am

Chipped race that takes place during Water Ski Days weekend.
For more info visit: waterskidays.com

Special promotion for All District 5960 participants;

[Read More](#)

NCPETS Hall of Friendship

Registration is now open!

Hall of Friendship - North Central Presidents-elect Training Seminar

March 13 - March 15, 2025

Omni Hotel, Eagan

[2025 North Central President Elect Training Seminar Hall of Friendship | North Central PETS](#)

Hall of Friendship

6 Foot Table & Display Area

\$300 - For Profit Organization

\$150 - Non-Profit Organization

**\$75- Non-Profit Rotary Club
Level Project or Idea**

Meal Plan is purchased separately

**13-15
MARCH
2025**

 **VIKINGS OMNI
EAGAN, MN**



**SHARE YOUR PASSION
WITH CLUB LEADERSHIP**

Limited Space Available

**Register Online at
www.northcentralpets.org
Contact Alexa - alexa@rotary5950.org**