



Around the District - May DG Ed Boeve



Cathy and Mark Berger, Barron County Sunrise Peace Pretzel - Make Peace Visible Conference

May is my favorite month of the year. Spring officially arrives in our part of the world (for real) and is usually followed by summer (Mosquitos, dandelions, etc.) within about four days. It's also a big birthday month in our family, culminated by yours truly on the 31st!

The Rotary theme of **Services to Youth** is also one of my favorite celebration themes. There are so many of you doing great things for young people in our communities and around the world! Clubs around the District are awarding scholarships this month through STRIVE or just because we do good in our world. The scholarships are tangible, but many students gain much more from mentorship, and connections with Rotarians or affiliated community leaders throughout the school year.

North Star Youth Exchange

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Since its founding in 1967, when its first exchanges launched with Sweden and Finland, the **North Star Rotary Youth Exchange** has built a legacy of life-changing experiences for students across Rotary Districts 5950 and 5960. With thousands of participants over the decades, North Star has continued to open doors to new cultures, friendships, and perspectives—empowering youth to grow



Rotary Club of White Bear Lake Supports Life-Changing HBCU Tour for Local Students



White Bear Lake, MN – The Rotary Club of White Bear Lake proudly partnered with White Bear Lake Area High School to support a transformative tour of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) for 30 high school students. This week-long experience offered students the chance to explore college campuses, engage with admissions staff and students, and envision their futures in higher education.

The HBCU tour included visits to several prestigious institutions across the southeastern United States, including Hampton University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina A&T State University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University, Morgan State University, Coppin State University, and Howard University, giving students firsthand exposure to the rich history, culture, and

Academic excellence of these schools. For many participants, this was their first time traveling out of state or stepping foot on a college campus.

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Rotary 5960 Celebration of Clubs District Picnic & Awards



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Hosted by Anoka Rotary

Location: Pavilion #2, Bunker Hills Regional Park, Andover

Date: Thursday, June 5

Time: 5 - 8 PM Cost: \$20 per person

Register Today: **CLICK HERE**

Event Details:

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, great food, and awards recognition at this year's District Picnic & Awards. Set in the beautiful Bunker Hills Regional Park, Pavilion #2 provides a spacious, covered area for up to 200 guests, with plenty of parking, nearby restrooms, and a children's playground.

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Shark Tank Live 2025!



Shark Tank is live on Wednesday May 7th. Come join us and watch the presentations from Barron County Sunrise, Greater Rochester and Waseca as they vie for over \$7,000 in grant funds from our sharks. This year's sharks are Arden Hills / Shoreview, Lakeville, Prior Lake and Stillwater Sunrise. You need to register ahead of time at LINK. We look forward to you joining us at **4:00pm on May 7**th.

District 5960 Assembly



District Governor-Elect Glenn Bowers invites you to the **District 5960 Assembly**, a key training event for incoming club leaders.

A strong Rotary club depends on strong leadership. This session will provide essential knowledge, tools, and connections to help incoming leaders succeed. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with district leaders, including the District Governor-Elect and committee members, who will support club projects and initiatives.

Who Should Attend?

Incoming club leaders (2025-2026), including Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership, Public Image, and Rotary Foundation team members.

Session Details:

The event includes a general session featuring remarks from DGE Glenn Bowers, followed by breakout sessions tailored to specific leadership roles.

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 PM (via Zoom)

Register in advance:

Zoom Registration Link

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with details on how to join the meeting.

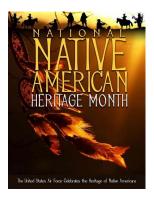
Celebrating Identity and History: From Hmong Fellows to American Indian Month

History Revealed – Hmong Fellows



You're invited to <u>History Revealed – Hmong Fellows</u>, this special presentation by Ramsey County Historical Society and the Center for Hmong Studies, showcasing the work of four fellows dedicated to preserving Hmong heritage and inspiring future generations to explore their roots. The event will take place on Thursday, May 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Landmark Center.

Celebrating American Indian Month: Strong Like Our Ancestors



Yanpá Spring-Wind Celebration on Saturday, May 24 at the Battle Creek Regional Park pavilion, featuring the Nibi Water Walk and Celebration led by Sharon Day from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and Dakota teachings, art and activities with artists Marlena Myles and Tanágidan Tó Win from 11 a.m. to 4

International Day of Peace

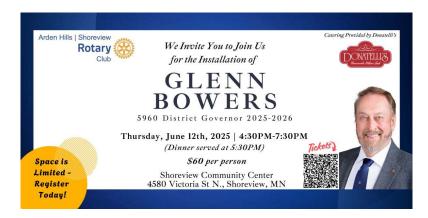


International Day of Living Together in Peace

Celebrate the International Day of Living Together in Peace with us at Casperson Park in Lakeville, MN. Join us for a day of community, music, dance and fun! All ages are welcome. **FREE.**

International Day of Living Together in Peace Saturday, May 17, 12-3 pm Casperson Park - 19720 Juno Trail, Lakeville, MN 55044 Read More

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