

November Around the District

Once again, it is November, which means it is Rotary Foundation Month. This is the perfect time for members and clubs to consider making donations to the Annual Fund. Last year, across the Rotary world, we raised more than \$569 million. These funds are more than just donations. They are the means that allow the Foundation to support service projects in communities close to home and around the world. Through Global and District Grants, hundreds of thousands of lives were impacted by providing clean water, improving access to health care, enhancing literacy, and in myriads of other ways. Please continue to give.

What type of legacy will you leave? Contributions to the Endowment of The Rotary Foundation have exceeded \$2.050 billion. However, more contributions are needed to ensure that our Foundation can expand its impact and increase help for those most in need. If you are interested or need more information, reach out to PDG Tom Yuzer, District Endowment/Major Gift Team Lead at t-yuzer@umn.edu.

Have a fantastic Thanksgiving holiday. I hope that you can spend quality time with your family and friends.

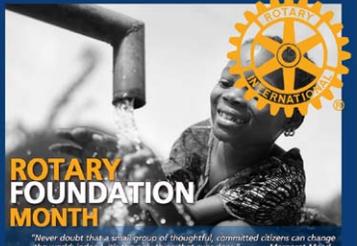
Glenn Bowers, 2025-2026 District Governor

Celebrating a Rotary Legacy



Events

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does." Margaret Mead

Rotary Foundation | EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR | 2025-2026 | www.rotary.org/donate

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



Rotary | 2026

2026 CONFERENCE OF CLUBS
APRIL 17 - 18, 2026
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
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Rotary Districts 5950 - 5980

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Camp St. Croix, Hudson, WI



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This month, we honor **Ed Frederick** of the Waseca Rotary Club, who will be celebrating his 95th birthday! Pictured here with our current District Governor, **Glenn Bowers**, Ed holds a special place in our Rotary history as the **first District Governor of District 5960**, created in 1982 following the split from District 595.

Ed's leadership and dedication over the years have left a lasting impact on our clubs, community, and Rotary as a whole.

Happy Birthday, Ed! Thank you for all you have done—and continue to do—for Rotary and your community.

TRF - Drop In



October 21, 2025 - The Rotary Foundation - Drop-In Session Video Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Each November, Rotarians around the world take time to celebrate the life-changing work of **The Rotary Foundation**. Recognized as one of the most effective and well-managed charitable organizations in the world, our Foundation has earned **15 consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator** and an **A+ rating from CharityWatch**.

To encourage giving during this special month, **District 5960** is offering **matching point incentives** toward your next Paul Harris Fellow recognition:

November Foundation Giving Incentives (click on read more link)

[Read More](#)

The Fight to End Polio: A Rotary Story of Determination and Hope

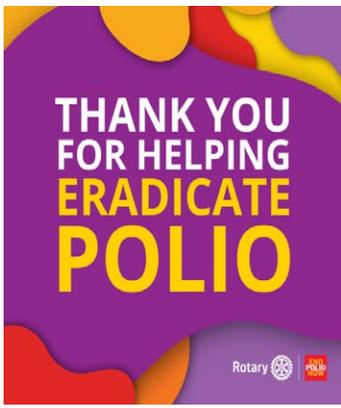
Collecting used mobility devices to deliver to those in need and divert from landfills

CRUTCHES 4 AFRICA



9,000 LIVES IMPACTED



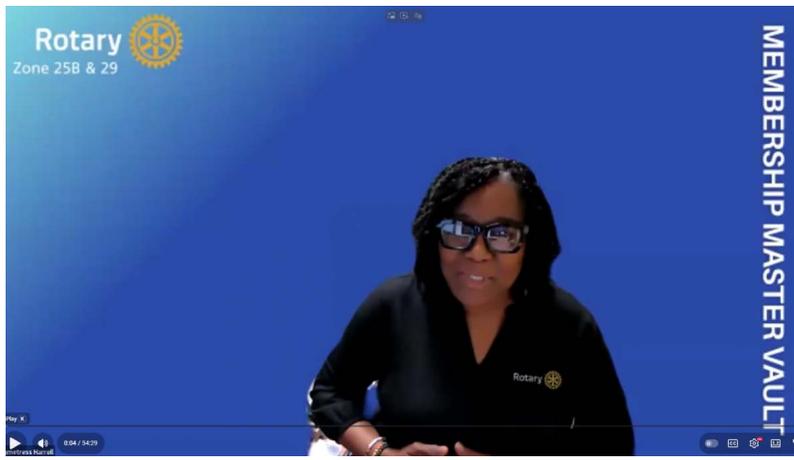


Polio was once one of the world's most feared diseases, paralyzing or killing hundreds of thousands of children every year. Thanks to Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the number of cases has dropped from 350,000 in 1988 to just 35 so far this year.

In his article, District 5960 PolioPlus Team Lead **Charlie Cogan** shares the incredible progress made toward eradication, the partnerships that have made it possible, and how local Rotarians continue to play a vital role in finishing the job.

Read the full story here: [LINK](#)

Membership: AI



<https://youtu.be/4l0JgottgqE?si=x2foBVM55JTLnY67&t=789>

October Rotary Membership Vault Master Series

Rotary Leadership & AI: Leading with Purpose: A powerful webinar featuring Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo, as he explores how clubs can align local actions with global strategy to promote inclusive growth and lasting impact.

Discover how AI tools like ChatGPT can make Rotary leadership tasks easier—draft newsletters, streamline bylaws, and turn survey data into actionable insights. The session included live demos and practical tips you can use immediately.

North Star Rotary Youth Exchange: Transforming Lives, Building Global Citizens

Spend a whole year

abroad.

North Star
Youth

Exchange offers international abroad opportunities for students who meet our requirements. You can choose to participate in the program either during your high school years or in a gap year following high school.

Application Deadline For 2026-27 Exchange Year is November 15th!



[Click Here](#) for more information.

Rotary District Mid-term Event

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Rotary is evolving—are your clubs keeping up? Join Tom Gump, Rotary

Saturday, January 03, 2026 **FREE**
Base Camp - Fort Snelling
Location: Team Building Center
2025 - 2026 MIDTERM
ALL ROTARIANS INVITED!

SCAN ME!

www.rotary5960.org

8:45 am - 12:00 PM

Featured speaker:
Tom Gump

Minnesota.com
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International Director Elect, at the **District 5960 Midterm** to learn how to **grow membership, engage members, and strengthen your impact.**

Date: Saturday, Jan. 3 | Base Camp, Ft. Snelling | 8:45 a.m.

Cost: Free

Registration Link: [CLICK HERE](#)

North Central President-elect Learning Seminar

EARLY REGISTRATION OPEN!



Inspiration
Networking
Instruction
Collaboration
Resource Awareness

North Central President Elect Learning Seminar

MARCH 12th - 14th
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<https://www.northcentralpets.org/registration>
<https://bookings.omnihotels.com/event/viking-lakes-minnesota/rotary-ncpets-2026>

EARLY REGISTRATION \$500

REGISTRATION PRICE INCREASES JAN 1ST 2026!



North Central President Elect
Learning Seminar

Braver Angels-Families and Politics workshop

On Saturday, November 15, the Dakota County Braver Angels Alliance will host the **Families and Politics workshop**.



With Thanksgiving around the corner, this workshop is timely.

Here is a brief description:

Family relationships can become casualties of a toxic political environment. Family members are having bitter political arguments, avoiding each other, or even cutting off lifetime relationships. If you want to preserve important family bonds while still being true to your values and political beliefs, this in-person workshop will offer you:

- **Insight into why family differences over politics are**

uniquely challenging

- **Recognition of common roles that family members play in political conversations**
- **Strategies and skills for handling family political differences in a constructive way**

Although the focus is on family relationships, you can use learnings in this workshop with any loved one. You'll laugh and have some fun in this workshop—it won't be all serious. After all, we all come from quirky families

Two reasons to attend:

1. It will be presented by Bill Doherty, one of the co-founders of Braver Angels.

I have been in a number of workshops and talks presented by Bill and he does a great job presenting the concepts behind Braver Angels.

2. It is a benefit for The Open Door Pantry which serves over 15,000 residents in Dakota County each month with fresh, healthy food through pantries, mobile programs, and community gardens while working to end local hunger with dignity.

Here is the [link](#) to register. The donations all go to support The Open Door Pantry. Given the cut in SNAP benefits by the Federal Government, they can use the support.

Speaker Opportunity: Aging in Place with Joey Torkildson



Home
at HOME

Club Speaker

Joey Torkildson

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Looking for an engaging speaker for an upcoming Rotary meeting? Joey Torkildson, co-founder of **Home at Home**, offers an insightful

presentation on “**The Future of Aging and Aging in Place.**”

Based in the Twin Cities, Home at Home helps older adults live safely, confidently, and comfortably in their own homes through personalized safety assessments, thoughtful modifications, and ongoing support.

A lifelong Twin Cities resident and **Irondale graduate**, Joey brings 15 years of real estate experience, holds the **Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES®)** designation, and is a **retired Army Veteran** with 23 years of service. His presentation explores current trends, challenges, and opportunities that impact families and communities as they plan for safe, independent living for older adults.

If your club is interested in hosting Joey as a speaker, please reach out directly to Joey to coordinate details or request an outline of his presentation.

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