

October - Around the District - DG Glenn Bowers

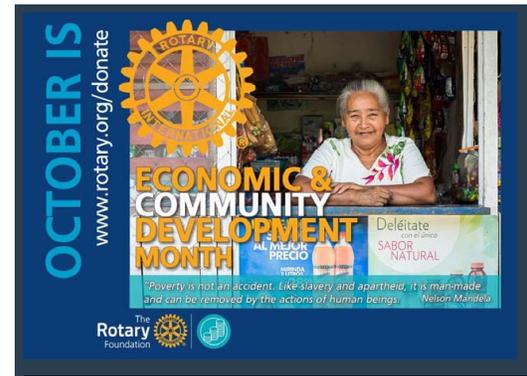
October is recognized as Economic and Community Development Month, focusing on creating sustainable economic opportunities and fostering resilient communities worldwide. This is a time for clubs to emphasize their commitment to improving local economies and enhancing community well-being. This month serves as a reminder of the pivotal role Rotarians play in driving sustainable development and addressing the unique needs of their communities.

???????Key focus areas include:

1. Vocational Training Entrepreneurship: Clubs sponsor vocational training programs that equip individuals with essential skills for employment or entrepreneurship.
2. Microfinance and Grants: Many clubs partner with local microfinance institutions to provide microloans and grants, empowering aspiring entrepreneurs to start or expand their businesses. This financial support helps create jobs and stimulate local economies.
3. Strengthening Local Infrastructure: Projects often focus on improving community infrastructure, such as water sources, transportation, and communication networks. Reliable infrastructure is crucial for fostering economic activity and sustainability.
4. Community Engagement: Clubs encourage members to participate in local projects that address specific community challenges, such as supporting small businesses, enhancing vocational training, and promoting inclusive economic growth.

World Polio Day, 24 October, is fast approaching. If your club isn't already planning its World Polio Day event, now is the time to begin. Visit Rotary's Brand Center for [End Polio Now resources](#) such as graphics, videos, photos, public relations templates, and more. Additional materials will be added throughout September and October. After you've planned an event, [don't forget to register it.](#)

Say Hello to Assistant Governor Greg Bartz



Events




2026
CONFERENCE OF CLUBS

APRIL 17 - 18, 2026
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
ST. PAUL EAST

Rotary District 5960 UNITE FOR GOOD
www.rotary5960.org

EARLY REGISTRATION OPEN!



Inspiration
Networking
Instruction
Collaboration
Resource Awareness

North Central President Elect Learning Seminar

MARCH 12TH - 14TH

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Early Registration \$500

REGISTER NOW!

<https://www.northcentralpets.org/registration>

Registration price increase January 1st 2026

Rotary North Central President Elect Learning Seminar



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

Rotary 2026



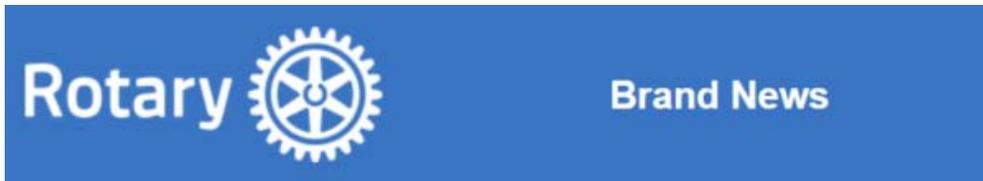
If there's one thing you should know about **Greg Bartz**, it's that Rotary has shaped his life in countless ways. A **25-year member of the White Bear Lake Rotary Club**, Greg has served in leadership roles both locally and districtwide—and now he's excited to get to know clubs in **Area 6** as their new Assistant Governor.

"The relationships I have in Rotary have truly made my life something special." – Greg Bartz

Greg has always believed Rotary is about people first. Whether leading his club as president, growing membership across District 5960, or raising millions for cancer research, Greg has found joy in building connections and creating impact.

[Read More](#)

Rotary Brand Center



Stay connected, relevant, and visible with the latest from the **Rotary**

Brand Center:

- **New Areas of Focus Videos** – Share Rotary's priorities with your community.
- **Learning Center Mobile App** – Training and resources anytime, anywhere.
- **Revisit Your Club Logo** – Keep your brand fresh and aligned.
- **Adapting for Relevance** – Engage current and future members.
- **Promote Polio Eradication** – Highlight your club's impact.
- **Tell Your Club's Story** – Templates and tips to showcase your projects.

Discover it all here: [Rotary Brand Center](#)

Raise for Rotary

How to Use Raise for Rotary

Raise for Rotary is an easy online tool that lets you create your own fundraiser to support The Rotary Foundation. Whether you want to honor a special occasion, celebrate an achievement, or simply raise awareness, this platform helps you turn your idea into impact.

[Read More](#)

Four-way Test. Does Climate Change Pass It?



At the Int'l. Rotary convention in Calgary, a leading climate scientist, **Dr. Katharine Hayhoe** spoke at a plenary session. She is a distinguished professor and holds an endowed chair at Texas Tech University. She is also the Chief Scientist with the Nature Conservancy. Her informative talk can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovr5jaJs7Aw>. Her topic was 'The Four-Way Test.' Does Climate Change Pass It?'. I hope you will watch it.

Polio's Last Mile



Six Clubs of the St. Croix Valley are hosting a one-mile walk to raise awareness for polio eradication. The walk is called "Polio's Last Mile" and it is being held in conjunction with World Polio Day. The details are below. We would love if you could share the event with your club and we hope you can join us!

Polio's Last Mile

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Saturday, October 25 at 9:00am

Stillwater Pedestrian Plaza – near the lift bridge

The walk is one mile across the bridge into WI and back.

Registration is a two-part process – register via Eventbrite, and make a donation to Polio Plus. We are asking each registered walker to make a minimum donation of \$25 directly to Polio Plus. Rotarians can donate using their login information so that they get credit toward their Paul Harris points.

Registration Step 1: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/polios-last-mile-tickets-1611297326679>

Registration Step 2: <https://my.rotary.org/en/polioplus-fund>

Nominations Open 2028-2029

ROTARY DISTRICT 5960

NOMINATIONS OPEN 2028-2029 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DISTRICT 5960 GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS OPEN
SERVE AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2028

ARE YOU A PAST ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT—OR DO
YOU KNOW ONE WHO WOULD BE A GREAT LEADER?
DEADLINE TO APPLY: OCTOBER 24, 2025

LEARN MORE OR START THE CONVERSATION:
PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR ED BOEVE



District 5960
United States

District 5960 Governor Nominations Now Open

The nomination period for District Governor of District 5960 (to serve beginning July 1, 2028) is officially open.

Are you a past Rotary club president—or do you know someone who would make a great District Governor? Curious about what the role involves?

District Governor's Role Highlights

As Rotarians, we are people of action—serving our communities and the world. As District Governor, you will:

- Lead the district and inspire members
- Promote Rotary in your community
- Fill key leadership roles
- Set a vision, strategy, and annual operating plan
- Achieve annual goals aligned with Rotary's mission of service

If this sounds like you—or someone you know—let's start the conversation. Past District Governor Ed Boeve would be happy to share more about the experience.

Contact:

Past District Governor [Ed Boeve](#)

Mid-Term 2026



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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



Registration Link: [CLICK HERE](#) (Free event)