

## Greetings

WOW!!! I can't believe that December is here. This wonderful year of serving you as your Governor is flying by. The coolest part of the experience has been meeting so many of you during club visits or other Rotary events that has reinforced the strongest element of our District, THE MEMBERS!!

The Rotary International theme for December is Disease Prevention. There are thousands of great actions around the world led by Rotarians that contribute to preventing or reducing diseases. Our goal in the polio realm is to totally eliminate the virus from the face of the earth, a daunting but entirely likely outcome during the next few years. Our many projects to facilitate clean water, to deliver effective vaccines, to bring effective sanitation systems to communities, and to make other proven practices a reality should be a source of great pride.

December is a time of the year when many families gather to celebrate holidays or just to be together. I am very thankful that my family makes time with each other a priority and that we will continue that tradition this season. But I am also thankful for you, my Rotary family. I want to wish each of you joy in service not only as part of your Rotary experience but also in every connection to your community. Rotarians everywhere are doing good in the world, often but not always wearing their Magic of Rotary pin. Thank you for being leaders in your community and stars in Rotary!!

Ed Boeve, 2024-2025 District Governor

## Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia



Backed by Rotary's Programs of Scale award, Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia confronts a worldwide malady at the local level

## Events



Rotary District 5960

### EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>31 DEC</b>	<b>UPDATES TO RI DATABASE DUE</b> Club membership & officer information due <a href="https://my.rotary.org">my.rotary.org</a>
<b>18 JAN</b>	<b>DISTRICT 5960 MIDTERM EVENT</b> 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Hamline University-Klaus Center
<b>18 JAN</b>	<b>PRESIDENTS-ELECT LUNCH &amp; TRAINING</b> 11:30AM - 2:30 PM Hamline University-Klaus Center
<b>13-15 MAR</b>	<b>PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING</b> <a href="https://Northcentralpets.org">Northcentralpets.org</a> Omni Hotel Eagan, MN
<b>01-03 MAY</b>	<b>MAKE PEACE VISIBLE CONFERENCE</b> <a href="https://Makepeacevisible.org">Makepeacevisible.org</a> Mystic Lake Conference Center

Inspiration | Networking | Instruction | Collaboration | Resource Awareness

Are you ready to be your Rotary Club president?

- Do you want to do a good job and leave your club better than when you started?
- Step outside your club and meet other Presidents-Elect from around MN, IA, ND, WI and Canada where you get to hear ideas and best practices that may work for your club.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Registration Coming soon!

Rotary North Central President Elect Training

.....then NCPETS is for you!



**IN PERSON EVENT**

MARCH 13TH 3PM - MARCH 15TH 1PM, 2025

OMNI VIKING LAKES MINNEAPOLIS, MN

By **Diana Schoberg** Photography by **Esther Ruth Mbabazi**

Latham Chisanga had been in a car accident a few years back, and he'd dealt with the physical repercussions ever since. So in February 2020, when a backache and fever came on, Chisanga skipped another visit to the clinic, swallowed a couple of painkillers, and got on with his life. Days later, he collapsed outside a neighbor's house and fell into a coma. At the hospital, his malaria test came back positive. He died a few days later.

His mother, Martha Lungu, wondered how this could have happened to a member of her family. After all, she was the executive administrator of Malaria Partners Zambia, the local branch of an international campaign led by Rotary members to end malaria. Lungu, a member of the Rotary Club of Ndola, didn't see how she could continue her work. "How did I fail?" she lamented. "How come I didn't do this right? And how am I going to talk to people about the prevention of malaria?"

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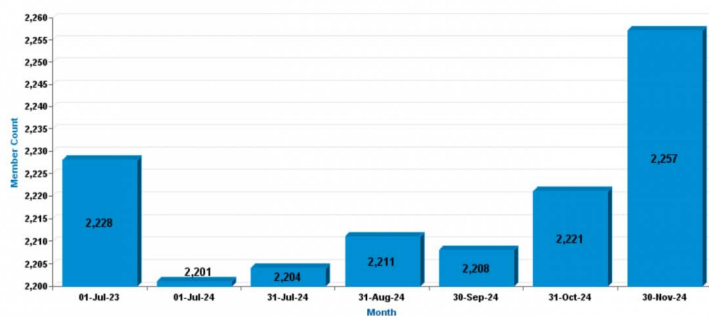
## District Club Membership (December)



### CLUB GROWTH (DISTRICT CHART)

For District # 5960

For Rotary Year (2024 - 2025)



District 5960 is continuing to measure the progress we are making towards growing Rotary in order to meet the challenges we face today to ensure a strong and vibrant Rotary going into the future.

Rotary's new Strategic Plan has identified four priorities that focus on membership impact, expansion, and engagement.

- Priority 1. Increase our Impact
- Priority 2. Expand our Reach
- Priority 3. Enhance Participant Engagement
- Priority 4. Increase our Ability to Adapt

As of November 30, 2024, Rotary District 5960 membership was **2257 members**. District Goal for 2024-2025. 100 + new members by June 30, 2025

Clubs Membership Chart - [LINK](#)

### Rotary Zone 25b-29 Monthly Membership Webinar

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

**Rotary**  
District 5960



**MID-TERM  
HAMLINE-KLAS CENTER**

**RICHARD KYTE**  
FINDING YOUR THIRD PLACE  
**JANUARY 18**  
9:00AM - 11:30 AM  
[REGISTER NOW](#)



**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**  
*Turn your inspiration into action*

**Make Peace Visible Conference May 1 - 3, 2025**



**MAKE  
PEACE  
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The Intersection of Food Security | Clean Water | Health | Peace  
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Tuesday, December 17, 2024

### Hosting Impactful Workshops for Club and Member Needs

Discover how to host workshops that address your club's unique needs. Gain the skills to create powerful sessions that enhance both individual and collective growth.

ZOOM Registration Link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_aNe3uywtQISH6qGe7wPzKA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aNe3uywtQISH6qGe7wPzKA).

## Congratulations Twin Cities Rotaract



Congratulations! The **Twin Cities Rotaract Club #4567** has been nominated for the prestigious **Tony Diggs Excellence Awards!**

These awards, created in honor of Tony Diggs, the former University of Minnesota Director of the Student Activities Office, celebrate exceptional achievements by student organizations. TCR has been nominated in the category of **Excellence in Civic Engagement**, recognizing the meaningful and impactful work you do to strengthen our community.

Twin Cities Rotaracts success reflects the dedicated mentorship of **PDG Ken Crabb** from the Rotary Club of Saint Paul and **David Kray** from the Roseville Rotary Club. Together, you exemplify the spirit of service and leadership that Rotary and Rotaract proudly represent.

This nomination is a tremendous honor and a reflection of your incredible commitment to civic engagement. We are inspired by your efforts and thrilled to celebrate this achievement with you.

Best wishes as the awards process continues, and thank you for being a shining example of "Service Above Self."

## TIME TO SCHEDULE A PROGRAM!



Rotary is deeply committed to building a more peaceful world. While we often think of peacebuilding as something needed in other parts of the world, there is a pressing need—and a unique opportunity—to foster peace right here in our own communities.

The polarization our country is experiencing has been deepening for a long time. In order to turn the tide, bridge-building needs to begin, and Rotary clubs are uniquely positioned to play a critical role in this effort.

Braver Angels is a national grassroots organization that is committed to healing political divide within our country. They equip people with crucial skills and frameworks to bring together people with different viewpoints for civil discourse, fostering true understanding and unity.

Schedule a presentation at your club to learn how Rotarians can become agents of change, working for peace in our own communities. Contact the [District Rotary Braver Angels Action Team](#) to take the first step toward healing divides and bridging differences.

## District 5960 Event - MidTerm



## You're Invited: Discover Your "Third Place" with Rotarian & Author Rick Kyte

### Do You Have a Third Place?

Your first place is home, your second place is work, and your third place is where you go to socialize and build community. In an increasingly digital world, these often-overlooked "Third Places" are essential to keeping our communities vibrant and connected.

Join us on **Saturday, January 18, 2025**, as we explore the significance of Third Places with Rotarian and author **Rick Kyte** at the **District Mid-Term Assembly of Clubs**!

### Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, January 18, 2025
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
- **Location:** Klas Center, Hamline University
- **Room:** Kay Fredericks Room
- **Address:** 1537 West Taylor Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104
- **Cost:** Free Event (Registration Required)

### Why Attend?

This free event is your opportunity to connect with fellow Rotarians, share ideas, and learn how Rotary can help create and sustain Third Places in our communities.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Register Today!** [Click Here](#)

[Read More](#)

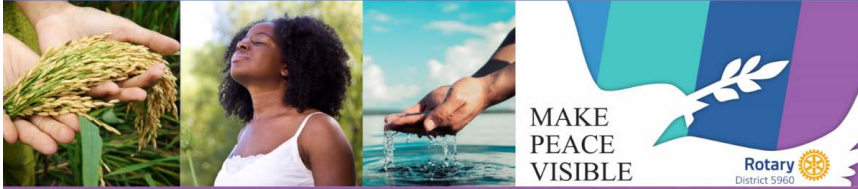
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## Join the Movement for Peace: Secure Your Spot Now!

Experience the power of unity and join us in our mission to promote peace worldwide. By securing your spot today, you have become an integral part of a global movement dedicated to fostering harmony and understanding. Together, we can make a difference and create a more peaceful future for all. [Registration Link](#)

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