

# Rotary

## District 7570



### Inez Rodenburg Hasson to be District Governor for 2028-2029



The District Nominating Committee has selected **Inez Rodenburg Hasson** as our District Governor for **2028-2029!**

Inez is a member of the [Rotary Club of Danville Riverview](#) in Danville, Virginia, having joined in 2023. She previously belonged to the Rotary Club of Danville After Hours, where she served as club president during the 2018–2019 Rotary year. Since 2020, Inez has served as chair of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Committee. In July 2024, she began serving as Area 7 Governor. Inez is a Paul Harris Fellow +7 and a member of both the Paul

Harris Society and the PolioPlus Society. Her Rotary service has been recognized with the 110% Governor's Award in 2018 and the Dave Moreman Encouraging Youth Award for the 2022–2023 Rotary year.

### In Memoriam Rick Furr | Rotary Club of Christiansburg Blacksburg

Rick Furr joined the [Rotary Club of Christiansburg-Blacksburg](#) in 2001. He will be remembered for his friendly presence at each meeting, greeting members and guests with a smile and kind word, taking candid photographs to share on the Club's Facebook page which he began, and making sure the technology worked for presentations. Rick's vocational experience was in engineering and software development, which he used to support his Club and Rotary District 7570.

During his time in Rotary, Rick served as Club President (2007–2008) and chaired the Foundation Committee (2009-2023), encouraging members to become Sustainers and more. Rick was a Skelton Fellow, multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society Member, and Major Donor. Rick was the Club Communications Officer and Executive Secretary and, due to his expertise with DACdb, did many executive functions behind the scenes to keep the Club running smoothly. Rick was a driving force for the Club's Blood Screening fundraiser, developing a website and online registration form, as well as chairing the program for many years.

Rick received the District's Douglas Newton Award in 2024 for his roles as District Communications Officer where he became the District DACdb guru and trainer; member of the Information Technology Committee (2003-2023), helping to develop the initial Rotary7570.org website and later acting as its webmaster; member of the District Training Team (2013-2023) where he trained members on all of the Rotary websites; and member of the District Newsletter Committee (2012-15), District Public Relations Committee (2014-2017), and District History and Archives Committee (2017-2023). Rick received the Area 9 110% Award in 2015 and was an RLI Graduate.

The Rotary Club of Christiansburg-Blacksburg and District 7570 are grateful for Rick's example of Service Above Self and the impact he made on all of us and his community.



### Rotary Youth Exchange | Rotary Club of Warren County

By Sally Kilpatrick

#### Your District Leadership



[Andrew P. Vanhook](#)  
District Governor



[Charlotte G. Whitted](#)  
DG-Elect



[Amber Wilborne](#)  
DG-Nominee



[Bret W. Hrbek](#)  
iPDG



[Anna Clark Lester](#)  
Administrative Assistant Governor



[Lori W. Glascock](#)  
Area 1 Governor



[James B. Baisden](#)  
Area 2 Governor



[Lydia Heatwole](#)  
Area 3 Governor



[Diantha Gail McCauley](#)  
Area 4 Governor



[Traci Blido](#)  
Area 5 Governor



[James Michael Halasz](#)  
Area 6 Governor



[Inez J. Rodenburg](#)  
Area 7 Governor



[Carolyn C. Gordon](#)  
Area 8 Governor



[Mike Jones](#)  
Area 9 Governor

[Kelly McBride Delph](#)  
Area 10 Governor



Rotary provides many opportunities for adult club members. But it also offers amazing programs for youth. Aside from [Early Act](#) and [Interact](#), there is the Rotary [Youth Exchange Program](#). Open basically for teenagers 15 - 18-½, the long-term exchange offers a student the chance to spend a school year in a foreign country, and the short term offers a youth swap during the summer.

Currently, my club, [Rotary Club of Warren County](#) in Front Royal, VA, is experiencing a great Youth Exchange year! We are sponsoring an outbound student from Skyline HS to Sardinia, Italy and hosting an inbound student from The Netherlands who is attending Skyline HS. Both girls are spending their senior year away from home.

Reagan Tweedie made her decision to pursue an outbound exchange while attending District Conference as a RYLA student. She hoped for and received Italy as her host country, and the only real hiccup was the J1 Visa process through the Italian Consulate in Philadelphia. Her host family lives in a very small town, and language was an issue initially, but Reagan managed to conquer that and has been enjoying the family and the town. She has shared her love of baking and playing the guitar in all sorts of gatherings, as well as taking advantage of the ability to travel around Italy. She has made many friends and has traveled to gather with other Rotary Exchange Students. Reagan recently participated in the Rome Relay Marathon to raise awareness about Rotary's goal to end polio. When she returns home, she will attend UVA.



Similarly successful is our inbound exchange student, Fenna Sanders, from a mid-size town in The Netherlands. When she arrived, already speaking English quite well, she was determined to experience everything available to her. Between her two host families and the RYE program, Fenna has visited many towns in Virginia as well as making several trips to DC (and a trip to NY!). She has fallen in love with American football and has attended about every school game, as well as playing Powder Puff. In a short time, Fenna was welcomed by the school, was well known, and had a large group of friends. She participated in RYLA, went to Homecoming, and is looking forward to Prom. Although she has graduated from her Dutch high school, she will participate in graduation at Skyline, and will pursue higher education in the field of Hospitality on return to home.

Both girls have been successful in their exchange year because of their willingness to engage with other people, especially their host families, and be open to experiences, learning a lot and having fun in the meantime!



[Heather A. Bunch](#)  
Area 11 Governor



[Susan J. Mole](#)  
Area 12 Governor



[Joseph A. Ley](#)  
Area 13 Governor



[Gary McAllister](#)  
Area 14 Governor

## Submit your club news for the Informer

YOU and YOUR CLUB are doing amazing work in your communities and beyond. Let us share all the good work through our District Newsletter, the *Informer*. Please consider emailing your press releases, write-up, or report with some photographs to [rotary7570publicimage@gmail.com](mailto:rotary7570publicimage@gmail.com).



## Clubs encouraged to participate in the EPIC Award



**Calling all Clubs! Get started on the EPIC Award.** The Excellence in Public Image Coordination Award recognizes clubs that complete simple, strategic monthly tasks to boost their visibility. These activities also strengthen your club's impact - supporting membership growth, building partnerships, and promoting giving to The Rotary Foundation and other club initiatives. All Rotary and Rotaract clubs in Zones 33/34 are eligible. The first three tasks are now open and can be completed online. Check out the [EPIC Award page](#) on the Zone website to view the 2025-26 tasks and submit the online forms.

Our Rotary Club enjoyed supporting [Renew the New](#) this morning in [Giles County, Virginia](#). From roadside cleanup along Stony Creek and creek side cleanup along Wolf Creek we covered different parts of the county & had lots of club members supporting this effort. Thanks to all who came out and organized today's activities!



Let's Light a Fire with Ignite! Your New Rotary Engagement

## Your District on YouTube



Did you know the District has a YouTube page? Be sure to Subscribe or Browse the

uploaded videos.

There are great past interviews and lots of club resources provided!

<https://www.youtube.com/@RotaryDistrict7570/>

## Honoring the Legacy of Our Rotarians



With nearly 3,000 Rotarians across our district, each member contributes in meaningful and lasting ways to

their club, community, and to Rotary. When we lose a fellow Rotarian, we lose not only a member, but a servant leader, a mentor, and a friend.

To thoughtfully and equitably honor those who pass away, the district invites clubs to submit a brief tribute celebrating the Rotarian's life and service. Submitted tributes will be published in an upcoming district newsletter or in DACdb stories.

Tribute Guidelines:

- 150–300 words
- Include years of Rotary service and notable roles or contributions to Rotary
- One high-resolution photo (optional)
- Please submit within 30 days of the member's passing, if possible

By sharing these stories within a consistent format, we ensure that every Rotarian is honored with dignity while building a collective legacy of Service Above Self that can inspire others.

Tributes may be submitted to Tim Wilborne, District Public Image Chair at [tim@twcontrols.com](mailto:tim@twcontrols.com).

*Photo by [Hakan Erenler](#)*

## Mark Your Calendars!

April 11th  
**District Legislative Assembly (DLA) via Zoom**

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**Popcorn for Paws**

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April 12th  
**Trail Cleanup at the Trails of Rotary Field**

# App

We're always looking for ways to make Rotary more engaging, connected, and—dare I say it—even a little fun. That's why we're excited to introduce **Ignite**, a new app designed to help you stay informed, get involved and celebrate the impact we're making across our district.

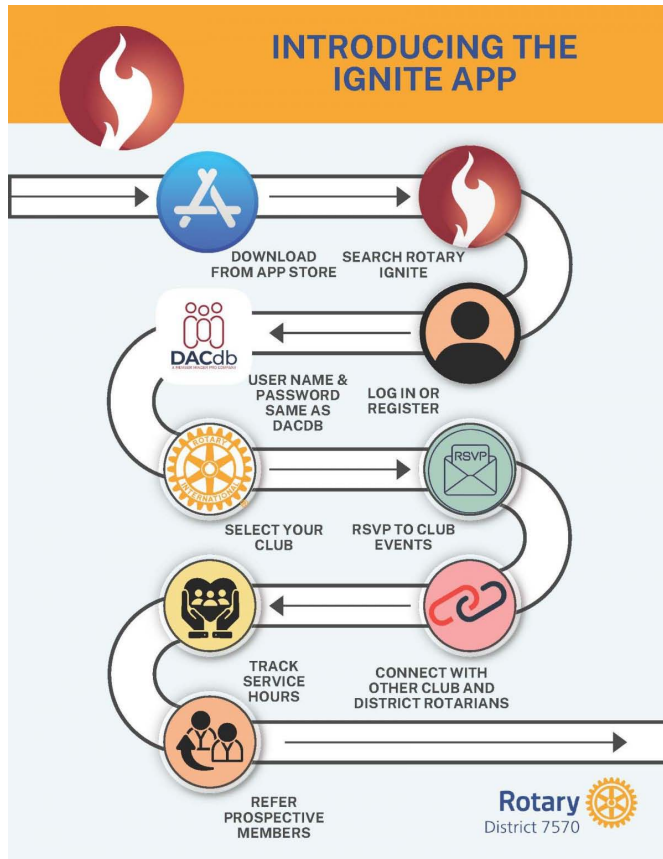
Think of Ignite as your Rotary companion—right in your pocket.

## Why Use Ignite?

- **Track Your Engagement:** Whether you're attending meetings, volunteering or inviting a guest—Ignite helps you track your involvement and see your impact grow.
- **Connect Easily:** Get updates from your club, district events and leadership—without digging through your inbox.
- **Encouragement, Not Enforcement:** Ignite isn't about pressure—it's about participation. We want to celebrate what you're already doing and make it even easier to get involved.

## How to Get Started

1. **Download the App**
  - Search for "**Ignite by ClubRunner**" in the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android)
2. **Log In**
  - Use the same email you use in DacDb
  - If you need help logging in, just reach out—we'll get you set up.
3. **Start Exploring!**
  - Record your Rotary activities, view your dashboard and check out club challenges



## Let's Spark Something Together

Rotary is about relationships, service and making a difference—and Ignite helps fuel all three. I encourage you to download the app, explore what it offer sand share it with fellow members.

This is just the beginning of how we can better connect as Rotarians in the 21st century. Let's light the spark—and Ignite our impact.

April 16th

**Rotary on Tap: Pints for Parks**

April 18th

**Forest Service Project - Shred It Event at Jefferson Forest High**

April 18th

**Century of Service Centennial Gala**

April 23rd

**7570 District Conference 2026**

April 25th

**Earth Day Staunton ?? Staunton Tree Stewards ?? Annual Tree Seed**

May 2nd

**Lexington Road & River Relay**

May 2nd

**Annual Picnic**

May 2nd

**Rotary Run for the Roses**

May 2nd

**Autism Awareness Concert Fundraiser**

June 6th

**2026-27 District and Area Governor Installation Luncheon**

## Club Anniversaries

Harrisonburg

April 1st

New Market

April 3rd

Warren County

April 6th

Altavista

April 11th

Front Royal

April 14th

Skyline Connections

April 17th

Giles County

April 17th

Christiansburg-Blacksburg

April 23rd

Marion

April 24th

Mt. Jackson-Edinburg

April 29th