

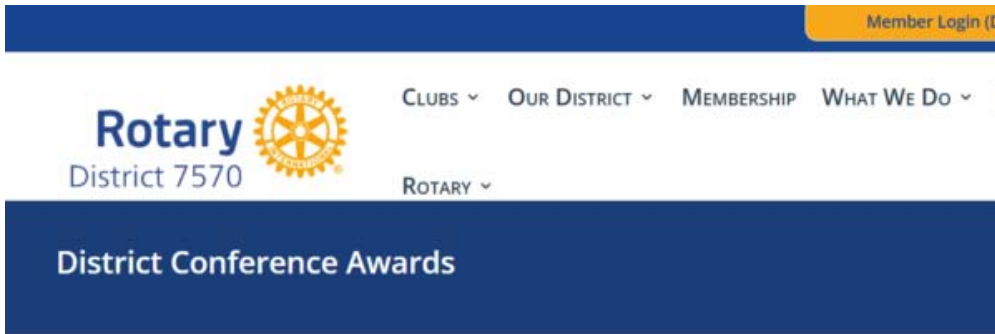
Rotary

District 7570



Deadline Extended | District Conference Awards Applications are Open

By Josie Russell



Awards for 2025-2026

Each club may submit ONE application for each award. Applications should cover the dates of February 1, 2025 to February 1, 2026. Award descriptions include points awarded by judges.

Great news, Rotary District 7570! The deadline to apply for the District Conference Awards has been **extended to February 8th!**

If your club has been doing amazing work this year, there's still time to submit your accomplishments. Let's celebrate the incredible impact of our district together!

This is the link to the applications [District Conference Awards | Rotary International District 7570](#).

Applications are NOW due by **Sunday, February 8th**. Please reach out to Josie if you have questions. Email Josie.

District Wheelchair Project | Chile & Beyond 2026

By Woody A. Sadler Jr.



The [District Wheelchair Committee](#) is preparing to travel to Chile on the 14th of March to deliver 270 wheelchairs in Concepción, Chile. The twenty team members will distribute the wheelchairs and collaborate with local Rotarians on community projects. Local Rotarians will introduce our team to local history and customs, forming bonds of friendship that will develop a better understanding of each other's cultures.

Our next distribution will be to **Honduras on 23-30 May**. This team will travel to Lapaz and work with local clubs to deliver an additional 270 wheelchairs and install water filters in the communities. The local Rotary clubs are excited about hosting us and have reserved a beautiful hacienda for our stay. Like the other distributions, we will be working to do good in Latin America and further a better understanding of each other's cultures. Please contact Woody Sadler, committee chair if you are interested in going, vmicolonel@gmail.com.

Paul Harris Society

Your District Leadership



[Andrew P. Vanhook](#)
District Governor



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



[Amber Wilborne](#)
DG-Nominee



[Bret W. Hrbek](#)
iPDG



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



[Lydia Heatwole](#)
Area 3 Governor



[Diantha Gail McCauley](#)
Area 4 Governor



[Traci Blido](#)
Area 5 Governor



[Anita Aaron](#)
Area 6 Governor



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



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



[Mike Jones](#)
Area 9 Governor



[Josh S. Thompson](#)
Area 10 Governor



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

Paul Harris Society



We all know the power of The Rotary Foundation and the good it does within our District and around the world. However, the strength and power of The Foundation comes through our contributions as Rotarians that support it. For some Rotarians it may be a one-time contribution, for others it is a continued pledge of support in being a Paul Harris Society member. While any and all contributions are important, pledging on-going, consistent support of our Foundation is vital to sustaining it and the projects it supports.

Paul Harris Society members pledge an annual gift of \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation. For those Rotarians in our District that are already PHS members, I thank you! These pledges are counted on to be fulfilled each year to keep our Foundation going. If you are not already a PHS member, I ask you to consider joining your fellow District 7570 Rotarians who have made this extraordinary commitment to the Foundation.

Here are a few of those Rotarians who have made the commitment to be PHS members and why:

Being a member of the PHS and contributing to the Rotary Foundation allows me to be a small part of something much larger than myself. It is about being part of a global movement that transforms lives. Rotarians are “People of Action” and I committed to giving annually because I believe in Rotary’s mission and its ability to turn compassion into action. It’s a privilege to invest in a future where hope is restored, and opportunities are created –locally and globally.

---Brandon Farmer, RC of Greenville

Having an opportunity to provide support through the Paul Harris Foundation gives one the ability to see that programs serve others throughout the world. Some of these funds also come back to our District to help with local needs.

---Mark Fenyk, RC of Marion

I joined Rotary in 1984. Within a year, RI adopted the Polio eradication mission—with the premise to eliminate Polio from the face of the earth! I had personal experience with Polio. While in high school in Chicago in the 1950’s a classmate contracted polio. The city closed beaches, parks, pools, and outdoor sales of food. I was volunteering selling fruits and vegetables as a summer program and it had to shut down, losing all the value of the product. When RI adopted PolioPlus, that solidified my interest in Rotary and vaccinating all the children of the world to eliminate this dreadful disease.

---Franklyn Moreno, Rotary Club of Blacksburg

I participated in an NID in India. It was an eye-opener to see what polio can do to an individual. It was also an eye-opener to see what Rotary is doing to help eradicate this horrible disease. At a district conference, it took me about three seconds to decide to join after Lee Beam invited anyone in the room to become a Paul Harris Society member. Being a Rotarian is a positive thing in my life, I know that my donation will go to help eradicate polio. Rotary does what Rotary says it is going to do!

---Pidge Morgan, RC of Smith Mountain Lake

Rotary has many great programs. As Rotarians, we should support them all. One of the best ways is to become a Paul Harris Fellow yourself and honor your family and friends by giving a Paul Harris award in their name.

---David E. Reemsnyder II, RC of Blacksburg

First of all, why did I become a Member of the Paul Harris’s Society — I figured since I already gave so much to Rotary — why not become a PHS member and set an example for others! When you think about it — it is not a lot of money when you do it with a monthly automatic donation! Then by the end of the year — you have given \$1,000.00 That’s amazing!!! Just think if 500 people decided to do it — you would have \$500K a year added to the foundation — with some of that coming back to the



Susan J. Mole
Area 12 Governor



Joseph A. Ley
Area 13 Governor



Gary McAllister
Area 14 Governor



A.J. Robinson
District Public Image/PR Chair (DPIC)

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.

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/>

Submit your club news for the Informer

YOU and YOUR CLUB are doing amazing work in your communities

District! What an impact this disciplined giving could have!

---Stephen Cook, RC of Botetourt

If you would like to join these fellow generous Rotarians in our District as a PHS member, you can do so by contacting me!

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District 7570 PHS Chair
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Rotary Club of Frederick County | Firewood Blitz

By Frank Murphy

It's our club's favorite day of the year — Firewood Blitz Day!

The [Rotary Club of Frederick County](#) proudly held its 11th Annual Firewood Blitz on Saturday, November 22, 2025. Approximately 45 club members, along with friends and family, came together to split, stack, and deliver firewood to neighbors in need of help heating and cooking in their homes. To keep everyone fueled, the club also provided lunch for all volunteers.



This long-running service project is done in cooperation with CCAP (Congregational Community Action Project) of Winchester, which identifies recipients based on financial need. Since November 22 alone, 60 deliveries of firewood have already been made throughout the community. Over the project's 11-year history, Rotary volunteers have completed more than 1,000 deliveries, and the work continues throughout the fall and winter to ensure our neighbors stay warm during the coldest months.

A special thank-you goes to Rotarians Mike and Rosalie Perry, who generously open their home and property to host Firewood Blitz each year. With a stunning view, strong friendships, and meaningful service, it's a day that truly captures the spirit of Rotary.

If you would like to help with this impactful project, please contact the Rotary Club of Frederick County at tstevenson8770@gmail.com.



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.



Mark Your Calendars!

February 4th

Rotary on Tap: Pints for Paws

February 5th

District Team Training Seminar - Register Here

February 21st

SML Rotary Scholarship Texas Holdem Poker Tournament

March 5th

President Elect Training Seminar

April 23rd

7570 District Conference 2026

May 2nd

Rotary Run for the Roses

Club Anniversaries

Lexington

February 1st

Danville

February 1st

Forest

February 7th

Montgomery County

February 18th

Woodstock

February 20th

The Blue Ridge

February 22nd

