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Together, we see a
world where people
unite and take action to
create lasting change —
across the globe, in our
communities,
and in ourselves.

2023 Come Home Zone Institute

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Pat Merryweather-Arges

Rotary International Director 2022–2024

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Welcome Home Rotary Members and Guests!

This is a great opportunity to be in Evanston, the Home of Rotary, and visit Chicago, the Birthplace of Rotary!

It is a great time to have so many Rotary members filling the halls and meeting rooms of Rotary International headquarters with inspiration and plans for the future!

The Zones 25B and 29 Institute Committee has created a program that will allow you to share and learn from each other during your facilitated educational programs. You will be able to network with your classmates and peers in the home of Rotary and enjoy all that Evanston has to offer!

The speakers for the plenary sessions will inspire you with their selfless service and experiences.

We also hope you will participate in one of the many excursions planned in Evanston and Chicago. You can choose from a variety of cultural, historic, and fun-filled adventures.

The Come Home Zone Institute is a time to celebrate achievements and to move into action as we create sustainable change in our world, our communities, and ourselves!

Welcome Home!

Pat Merryweather-Arges

Institute Convener

Rotary International Vice President

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General Information

Name badges should be worn at all times during the training and Institute schedule.

Training and Institute participants represent Rotary and are asked to project a professional image. Meeting rooms are often cool, so consider layers to keep you comfortable.

- * Pre-Institute training: Business casual or Rotary casual
- * Institute and Training: Business casual or Rotary casual
- * Friday evening Presentation Dinner: Business or cocktail attire

Materials Available in PDF Format

Each registrant will receive a printed program. All training and informational materials, including a digital copy of this program guide, may be accessed at the following link: zones25b-29.org/sitepage/2023-rzi-resources

Please download materials in advance of training sessions. Printed Zones 25B and 29 Directories will not be provided. Rotarians may purchase them directly from Mimeo.

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One Rotary Center Floor Plan

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Dear fellow Rotary leaders,

As you attend your Institute, do not forget your vital importance to Rotary.

We have been handed the reins of leadership at an historic moment. Rotary has a chance to capture the world's attention and realize possibilities beyond our expectations. But we must build on the work that has gone before us if we are to reach our goals, such as defeating polio and empowering girls and women.

Rotary offers people of action a chance to connect and find a sense of belonging, and this fellowship gives us hope that we can create lasting change. But in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, more people than ever feel hopeless. Many have lost people close to them. Social networks have been uprooted and divisions have grown wider as opportunities for connection have been lost.

To make matters worse, in many parts of the world, asking for help — especially in the realm of mental health — is considered a weakness. But nothing could be further from the truth. It is brave to be vulnerable and to admit you don't have all the answers. Reaching out for help is courageous — and continuing on a path towards wellness is even more so.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for all of those who feel they have no hope, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we **Create Hope in the World**, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve. It is within your power to help bring peace and soothe those afflicted by conflict, both in their communities and in themselves.

I hope you take the knowledge gained at this Institute back to your clubs to help them succeed throughout the coming year.

Remember that your work can and will **Create Hope in the World**.

Warmest Regards,

R. Gordon R. McNally
President, Rotary International 2023-24



R. Gordon R. McNally

Rotary International President 2023–2024
Rotary Club of South Queensferry

R. Gordon R. McNally was educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh and at the University of Dundee, where he earned his graduate degree in dental surgery. He operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh until 2016. McNally was chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a presbytery elder, chair of the Queensferry parish congregational board, and commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Gordon joined Rotary in 1984 at age 26. A member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, he has served as president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has also served RI as a director and on several committees, most recently as an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and chair of the Operations Review Committee.

Gordon says he looks forward to working with members to build new Rotary clubs and groups. “My vision is that Rotary should exist everywhere in a style to suit everyone who has the desire to be part of us and to help us do good in the world,” he says.

He is a patron of the UK-based nonprofit Hope and Homes for Children and led a partnership between that organization and RIBI to support children in Rwanda who had been orphaned in the genocide there. He is a patron of Trade-Aid, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven, England, that provides sustainable humanitarian aid to individuals, families, and businesses in the developing world. He is also an ambassador for Bipolar UK, a national mental health organization. In August 2022, he was made a laureate of the Sino Phil Asia International Peace Awards Foundation.

In his free time, Gordon enjoys rugby, good food and wine, and stick dressing, the traditional Scottish craft of making walking sticks.

Gordon describes The Rotary Foundation as “the engine that provides the energy to do Rotary service.” He and his spouse, Heather, also a Rotarian, are Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation, and members of the Bequest Society.

Gordon wishes to dedicate his presidency to making the world a better place for his granddaughters, Ivy and Florence, and all the children of the world, to live and thrive.



Stephanie Urchick

Rotary International President-Elect 2023–2024

Stephanie Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA. She will serve RI as president in 2024-25. She has been an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee. She has served RI in numerous capacities, including as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president’s representative. In addition, Stephanie was a representative and member-at-large to three sessions of the Council on Legislation.

Stephanie has also served as chair of the Rotary Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation’s Centennial Celebration Committee, as well as a member of various Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.

A Rotary member since 1991, Stephanie has participated in a variety of international service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a primary school and traveled to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. A student of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant for a mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland. In its commemorative book, the Rotary Club of Krakow, Poland, noted Stephanie as a key figure for helping the re-birth of Rotary in post-Communist Poland.

Currently, Stephanie is helping to partner clubs and districts in the U.S. with Rotary clubs in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine for humanitarian and educational services.

Stephanie’s professional background is in the higher education, consulting, and entertainment industries. She received her doctorate degree in Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been recognized and awarded by The Rotary Foundation and numerous community and international organizations.



Dear fellow Rotary leaders,

Welcome to the 2023-24 institute for Zones 25B and 29 in Evanston and Chicago, Illinois.

As you will see in the coming days, Rotary institutes are a wonderful opportunity for networking. Each is a time when past, current, and future Rotary leaders exchange ideas, share successes and opportunities in our zones, and plan for our future. You will learn how The Rotary Foundation and its programs are without doubt the biggest tool we have to change lives and Create Hope in the World. I encourage you to learn more about our Foundation and take the message back home to your club and district.

An estimated 20 million cases of paralysis have been averted through the global effort to eradicate polio, and Rotary is not wavering in the final stage. Eradicating polio is our top humanitarian goal and will be a major victory for global public health, as well as giving us an invaluable blueprint to fight other infectious diseases. Work closely with your club, district, and zone teams to fulfill our promise to the world's children. You can help organize World Polio Day events and fundraisers and spur our efforts in countless other ways.

In projects beyond polio eradication, The Rotary Foundation is dedicated to helping us create lasting change. Let's work together to make all our projects sustainable and measurable, so Rotary's impact continues long into the future. Another way we can increase our impact is by putting our District Designated Funds to work, through district grants, global grants, or PolioPlus. Share the Rotary Foundation Endowment option for Rotarians in your zones who want to leave a legacy through Rotary.

The Trustees have set an ambitious goal for total giving of US\$500 million. Raising this money will allow us to fund more projects than ever before. To get there, we're asking every member to give and asking those who have given before to step up and give a little more. Remember that clubs can look to the corporate sector for donations, and partnerships enable us to do more than we could on our own.

I know that The Rotary Foundation changes lives because I have seen it personally, and it is Rotary leaders like you who make it all possible by volunteering, leading, and giving. I thank you for your engaged participation in this institute, and for all you do to support our Foundation so that Rotary reaches its full potential of Doing Good in the World.

Sincerely,

Barry Rassin
Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2023-24



Barry Rassin

The Rotary Foundation Chair 2023–2024

The Rotary Foundation Trustee 2020–2024

Rotary Club of East Nassau Bahamas

Barry Rassin is a director and former president of Doctors Hospital Health System in Nassau, Bahamas, where he retired after a 38-year career. He was the first fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in the Bahamas and was honored with the National Award of Health Hero by the Bahamas Ministry of Health and the Pan American Health Organization.

A Rotarian since 1980, Rassin served as RI president in 2018-19, when he advocated for closer partnership between Rotary and Rotaract clubs and presented the measure that broadened the definition of membership in Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs at the 2019 Council on Legislation. He has served RI in many other capacities, including as RI director, Rotary Foundation trustee and vice chair, chair of both the Finance and the Shaping Rotary's Future committees, RI training leader, and seminar trainer. In 2010, Rassin coordinated Rotary's disaster relief efforts in Haiti after a devastating earthquake. That included supervising the completion of 105 relief and development projects throughout Haiti that were made possible by the \$6.5 million raised by Rotary members worldwide. He is currently active on the Bahamas Rotary Disaster Relief Committee and working on relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Dorian and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Outside of Rotary, Rassin chairs Volunteer Bahamas, a national program to create a culture of volunteerism in the country. He also helped found the Haiti National Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Strategy (HANWASH), a collaborative program to bring potable water and adequate sanitation to all the citizens of Haiti. In 2018, the government of the Bahamas named him as an Officer of the Order of Distinction.

Rassin has received the Service Above Self Award. He and his spouse, Esther, are Rotary Foundation Major Donors, Benefactors, Paul Harris Fellows, and members of the Paul Harris Society.



Mark Maloney

The Rotary Foundation Chair-Elect 2023–2024

The Rotary Foundation Trustee 2021–2025

Rotary Club of Decatur

Mark Daniel Maloney is a principal in the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney and Schuppert, LLC, with a focus on taxation, estate planning, and agricultural law. He represents large farming operations in the Southeastern and Midwestern United States and has chaired the American Bar Association's Committee on Agriculture in the Section of Taxation. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Alabama State Bar Association, the Alabama Law Institute, and is a past president of the Morgan County Bar Association.

He has been active in Decatur's religious community, chairing his church's finance council and a local Catholic school board. He has also served as president of the Community Foundation of Greater Decatur, chair of Morgan County Meals on Wheels, and director of the United Way of Morgan County and the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce.

Maloney served as RI president during 2019-2020, when he presided over the first virtual RI Convention that was organized during the COVID-19 pandemic and emphasized strategies to grow Rotary. A Rotarian since 1980, he has also served as an RI director; Foundation trustee and vice chair; and aide to 2003-04 RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe. He also has participated in the Council on Legislation as chair, vice chair, parliamentarian, and trainer. He was an adviser to the 2004 Osaka Convention Committee, chaired the 2014 Sydney Convention Committee, and chaired RI's Operations Review Committee for four terms. Prior to serving as a district governor, Maloney led a Group Study Exchange to Nigeria.

He also served as Future Vision Committee vice chair; Foundation training institute moderator; Foundation permanent fund national adviser; member and vice chair of the Peace Centers Committee; member of the International PolioPlus Committee; and adviser to the Foundation's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Schools Target Challenge Committee.

Maloney's wife, Gay, is an attorney in the same law firm and a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Decatur Daybreak, Alabama, USA. Both support The Rotary Foundation as Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.



Pat Merryweather-Arges

Rotary International Board Vice President 2023–2024

Rotary International Board of Directors 2022–2024

Pat Merryweather-Arges is a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Naperville. She has a long list of service in her club, district, zone, and RI globally. She served as the Club President and received her Club's Rotarian of the Year and Four Avenues of Service Awards. She has served the District as District Grants Chair, Rotary Foundation Chair, Diversity Chair and as District Governor of District 6450 (Northern Illinois) in 2012-2013. She has served as the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Zone 28-29 2016 Institute Chair, Chair of the 2018 Presidents International Peace Conference in Chicago, and COVID Task Force.

As a Rotarian Pat has traveled to over a dozen countries working on Rotary grants and programs and has attended Rotary Day at the United Nations and a Rotary Middle East Peace Conference in Turkey. She has immunized children against Polio in India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Her grants and projects include WASH, microenterprise with solar ovens, and medical and healthcare missions. Pat has received the Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service Award and the Rotary International Service Above Self Award. Pat also is actively engaged with Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups.

Professionally, Pat is Executive Director of Project Patient Care where she works with patients, families, and caregivers to have their voice heard in health and healthcare through advocacy, public health policy, and collaboration with providers. She is a strong business development professional skilled in Nonprofit Organizations and has lead quality health improvement initiatives with the federal government and served in executive leadership roles in a hospital membership association. She also serves as chair or board member with several hospitals, healthcare, and community organizations. She serves on an expert panel of the WHO Patient Safety and Quality global plan.

Pat is married to George, a Rotarian, and they have four sons, three daughters-in-law, and 7 grandchildren!

Pat and George are Major Donors, Paul Harris Society and Polio Plus Society members, and Benefactors to the Rotary Foundation.



Ghim Bok Chew

Rotary International Director 2023–2025

Born in Singapore, Ghim Bok “G.B.” Chew graduated in 1981 with an honors degree in computer science from the University of Liverpool, England, before returning to his home country to launch a career as a serial entrepreneur, venture capitalist, and private equities fund manager. After opening his first business, an IT systems integrator, he took a bankrupt food processing company to an initial public offering after turning it around. Now semiretired, Chew maintains real estate and real estate management companies in Singapore, in addition to his fund management holding company.

Chew joined Rotary in 1996. Immediately after serving as district governor in 2013, he took on several zone and international roles, including assistant regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, assistant Rotary public image coordinator, Rotary coordinator, and chair of the zone institute committee. He is the Host Organization Committee chair for the Rotary International Convention in Singapore in 2024.

Outside of Rotary, Chew is active as a local volunteer, having served for nearly three decades with Singapore’s People’s Association, a government organization that uses a grassroots approach to promote racial and social harmony among Singapore’s diverse population. Chew created synergy between People’s Association youth groups and Rotary when he helped start community-based Interact and Rotaract clubs that are still active today. For his contributions to Singapore’s communities, Chew was awarded the Public Service Award Medal in 2005 and Public Service Star Medal in 2012 by Singapore’s president. He also serves as a justice of the peace who volunteers in local prisons, chair of two religious organizations, trustee of three national trust organizations, and honorary consul for the Republic of Slovakia in Singapore.

Chew, who decided to join the Bugis Junction club after reading about the global polio eradication effort in a local newspaper, advocates for the power of partnering to accomplish great things. “As a business person, I strongly believe in creating synergy and leveraging partnerships,” he says. “One plus one can be more than two — it can be 11.”

Chew is a recipient of the Service Above Self Award. With his wife, Phyllis, he is a member of the Arch Klumph Society Chair’s Circle.



Muhammad Faiz Kidwai

Rotary International Director 2022–2024

Muhammad Faiz Kidwai is the chair of CG Global, a leading architecture, engineering, urban design, real estate development, and hospitality firm. A 1983 architecture graduate of NED University of Engineering and Technology,

Muhammad was later awarded a research fellowship in conservation in Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina, by the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at Harvard University. A specialist in socially responsive architecture, Muhammad has developed master plans for urban housing projects as well as large urban development and city planning projects.

Muhammad, who joined Rotaract in 1980, is the first Rotary director from Pakistan. In 1986, departing from Karachi on a Rotary Group Study Exchange trip to Canada, Muhammad survived a violent attack during the hijacking of Pan Am Flight 73. “I pledged that, if given another chance to live, I would dedicate my life to the betterment of humanity,” he says. “This was the moment that influenced me to join Rotary.”

Muhammad joined Rotary in 1987 and became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Karachi Karsaz in 1993. He has been active in polio eradication efforts since Rotary began its work for the cause in Pakistan. In 1997, he established a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) in the suburbs of Karachi, which continues to work with his club on projects.

Muhammad is the founder and chair of the Rotary Pakistan Literacy Mission, whose goal is total literacy and quality education in the country. In a project that encompasses all of Rotary’s areas of focus, he led the creation of a model sustainable village in Thatta, near Karachi, for 160 families who had been affected by a flood. He has been involved in supporting Afghan refugees in Pakistan, co-chairing an initiative that has assisted more than 50,000 Afghan refugees and working on projects that fight poverty and hunger while promoting the education and empowerment of Afghan girls and women. Muhammad says he would like to see Rotary become the most influential service organization in the region.

Muhammad has received the Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award, and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. He and his wife, Uzma, are Rotary Foundation Major Donors.



Lena Mjerskaug

Rotary International Director 2022–2024

Lena J. Mjerskaug is chief of administrative control at the Norwegian Armed Forces' Defense Staff Norway, where she has worked since 1997. She also owns and operates a farm that has been in her family for generations. Lena

holds a master's degree in economics and business administration from the NHH Norwegian School of Economics and a postgraduate certificate in education from the University of Oslo. Before 1997, she served in the Royal Norwegian Air Force with the aim of becoming Norway's first female fighter pilot. She also worked as a teacher and helped local entrepreneurs start their own businesses.

Lena joined Rotary in 1997 as the first woman in her club and, at the time, its youngest member. She has served Rotary as an End Polio Now zone coordinator, Rotary coordinator, representative to the Council on Legislation, and RI president's representative. She was chair of the Norsk Rotary Forum, a multi-district administrative group, and she also worked on a national Rotary project, Handicamp Norway, a camp that brings together young adults from around the world who have disabilities with others who don't.

Lena, who plans to continue working full time while serving as director, says she wants to lend her experience and skills to minimize the gap between clubs and Rotary International. "Rotary is what the club members create themselves," she says. "No two clubs in Rotary are the same — what works in Norway may not work in Bangladesh. So I'm not representing myself or my region on the Board — I am representing the world."

In addition to her work, her farm, and Rotary, Lena enjoys sports, reading, and learning about the history and culture of the places she visits.

She supports The Rotary Foundation as a Benefactor and a Major Donor. "I give because, even though my contribution will go to a project I may never hear of and help people I will probably never meet," she says, "I know that gift will definitely change someone's life."



Salvador Rizzo Tavares

Rotary International Director 2024–2026

Rotary Club of Monterrey Carlos Canseco

Salvador Rizzo Tavares is the founder and CEO of the RIZZO Group, which is dedicated to developing technological solutions for private companies and governments.

Salvador has been a Rotary member of the RC Monterrey Carlos Canseco for 34 years, and in the 2009-2010 period, he was District Governor of the D4130. He has been representative of the president of RI for District Conferences of Latin American countries 13 times.

Also, he was the Rotary Coordinator for the 21A Zone in the period 2015-2018, and Training Leader at the 2020 and 2021 of the RI International Assembly.

Salvador will be a Director of Rotary International and a member of the RI Board in the period 2024-2026. Salvador is a level 4 Major Donor of TRF.

He has 3 children; Anna María, Salvador, and Paulina, and three grandchildren; Enrique, Regina, and Santiago.

Welcome Rotary Family!

On behalf of the entire planning/leadership team, we hope you find this year's Zone Institute educational, entertaining, and rewarding. At the end of the Institute, we want you to feel inspired and motivated after developing new friendships and identifying new opportunities to grow and serve.

District Leaders — we hope you benefit from training specifically designed to help you succeed in your roles. As you learn from fellow Rotarians, speakers and panelists, please take a moment and think about how fortunate we are to be right here, right now, serving to change lives.

DGEs and DGNs — Zone Institute instructors and presenters will do their best to prepare you for a successful journey over the next few years. We hope you learn as much as you can and make as many new friends as you can, so that you will be engaged and leave ready to expand your reach!

Current and past DGs — thank you for all you have done and continue to do to make Rotary an organization where, as stated in our Mission Statement, people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. You have made an impact on so many — we appreciate your continued leadership and dedication to the success of Rotary.

After the Zone Institute ends, please let us know what you think by leaving comments when you receive the evaluation survey. We are always looking for ways to adapt and improve and also would like to know what you liked and want us to keep for next year's Institute.

We would also like to thank all who made this Institute a success — participants, instructors, presenters, AV crews, volunteers, sponsors, hotel staff, and all those who helped us to get here, stay here and return home safely, energized, and ready to serve.

Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson & Joe Ruskey

Institute Chair & Vice Chair

2023 Rotary International Zones 25B & 29 Institute



Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson

Institute Chair

Osei joined the Rotary Club of Chicago Southeast (RCCSE) in 2001 and has been a dedicated Rotarian ever since. Since joining the RCCSE, Osei has served in various leadership roles, including spearheading the Club's work with youth and leadership development. Osei has also helped to facilitate the collaboration between more than 15 Clubs in Rotary International District 6450 to create the Rotary Partners For Peace initiative, which is working with community-based organizations to develop practical, youth-focused solutions to help end the senseless violence in the communities in Chicagoland. Osei has also served Rotary in a number of District Leadership roles including on the District Board of Directors and as an Assistant Governor.

Osei has also worked with a number of community-based and international non-governmental organizations including playing an important role in insuring a youth perspective in the 3rd Global UN World Conference Against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance which included Preparatory Conferences in Geneva, Switzerland and Salvador, Chile throughout 2000 and 2001, which then culminated with the actual Conference in Durban, South Africa in 2001 as a part of the delegation from the American Friends Service Committee. He has also worked closely with Community Leaders and Elders in Chicago and other cities to develop and implement youth leadership training and rites of passage programs geared towards youth ranging in age from 6-21 years of age.

Osei is a native of Chicago's South Side, where he has lived most of his life. An alumnus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Osei was also able to live in the town of Nancy, France, for one year as a Study Abroad student at the École Nationale Supérieure d'Électricité et Mécanique (ENSEM). Osei and his wife, Anita, and their three children, Tendaji, Asha and Mariama, currently reside in the historic African American community of Bronzeville.

Professionally, Osei is the Director of Technology for the It Takes A Village Early Learning Centers and The Village Leadership Academy independent school, as well as serving as one of the school's instructors. Through this role, Osei has helped chaperon numerous school groups, including to Brazil, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mexico, South Africa, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Cuba, Ghana, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Rwanda. In January of 2021, Osei co-founded, Sesenergi Eco Solutions Enterprise, a solar and geothermal startup company focusing on training and energy generation, from design to full implementation.



Joe Ruskey

Institute Vice Chair

Joe Ruskey, and his wife, Tina, own Dependable Solutions, Inc., a technology consulting firm specializing in computer network support, design, and implementation with offices throughout Wisconsin.

Joe has been a member of the Prairie du Chien Rotary Club since 2003. He served as President in 2007-2008, a member of the board of directors, membership chair, and chair of the fundraising committee. In 2008, Joe started to work with the district as an AG for Group 10. He held this position from 2008 – 2012. In 2012 Joe accepted the position of District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair where he was part of the team that helped usher in Future Vision throughout District 6250. Joe feels that Future Vision uniquely positioned Our Foundation to change lives all over the world while ensuring dollars are used to their fullest.

In 2014, Joe was selected to serve as District Governor for Rotary year 2017-18. During his year as DG, the district achieved its highest giving to the Foundation to date, membership increased in the district, new Rotaract and Interact Clubs were formed, and he encouraged the district to Tell Their Stories! After serving as DG, Joe was asked to serve as an ARRFC for Zone 29. In addition, he has committed to a 4-year term as facilities chair for Midwest PETS to make sure that the President Elects receive the best training experience possible and are prepared to lead their clubs into the future.

Joe has worked with clubs all over the district to make sure that their ideas and projects are backed and strengthened through both district and global grants. Joe and his teams have been involved in awarding hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of grants allowing him to have a front row seat to the power of Rotary and the amazing tool that Our Foundation is. He was personally involved in a project in Ghana that allowed over 86,000 people to have their lives changed. Joe believes that is a statement of the importance and necessity of Rotary.

Joe lives in La Crosse, WI, with his wife, Tina. He has served as a Chamber of Commerce Ambassador in both Prairie du Chien and La Crosse, WI. Joe has served a 5-year term on the city council, as well as multiple boards, including as president of the Prairie du Chien Mainstreet organization.

In his spare time, Joe enjoys diving, grilling, and traveling with his wife and kids. Joe and Tina enjoy traveling throughout the district and beyond to different Rotary events and clubs. It allows them to see all the good Rotary does around the world and it is something so important to both of them.



2023 Zone Institute Conference Schedule

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	DGN meeting with Rotary International President-Nominee Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo	One Rotary Center — 1st Floor Studio
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration	One Rotary Center
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Pre-Meeting for DG/DGE/DGN Facilitators	Conference 1A
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Reception for DGs/DGEs/DGNs and Spouses/Partners, Facilitators for DG/DGE/DGN, Lead Coordinators, VIPs and RIP R. Gordon R. McNally	One Rotary Center — 18th Floor
	Class photos with RIP R. Gordon R. McNally and DG and DGN Classes, DG and DGN Facilitators, VIPs	One Rotary Center — 18th Floor steps
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner for DGs/DGEs/DGNs, Facilitators, Lead Coordinators, Partners & VIPs * Pete Kadens * Teh'Ray 'PHENOM' Hale, Sr.	Woman's Club of Evanston
8:15 pm – 8:45 pm	Rehearsal for DGEs	Woman's Club

Thursday, October 19, 2023

	Breakfast	Attendee Hotels
7:30 am	Bus to Paul & Jean Harris Home for District Governors-Elect	
8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration	One Rotary Center
8:00 am – 9:45 am	District Governors-Nominee — GNTS	Conference 3B

8:30 am – 9:45 am	Education Sessions	
	District Governors-Elect — GETS	Paul & Jean Harris Home
	District Governors Best Practices	Conference 18SW-1
	DGE / DGN Spouse / Partner	LL Dining Room
	Emerging Leaders	Conference 1B
	Membership Chairs	Conference 1A
	Rotary Foundation and Endowment / Major Gift Advisor Chairs	3W Computer Training Center
	End Polio Now Chairs	1st Floor Studio
	Public Image Chairs	Conference 1C
	International Service Chairs (DISC)	3rd Floor Webinar B
	Learning Facilitators	Conference 3E
9:45 am – 10:15 am	Morning Break	
10:15 am – 11:45 am	Education Sessions	
	District Governors-Elect — GETS	Paul & Jean Harris Home
	District Governor Best Practices	Conference 18SW-1
	DGN Spouse / Partner	LL Dining Room
	Emerging Leaders	Conference 1B
	Membership Chairs	Conference 1A

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	Rotary Foundation and Endowment / Major Gift Advisor Chairs	3W Computer Training Center
	End Polio Now Chairs	1st Floor Studio
	Public Image Chairs	Conference 1C
	International Service Chairs (DISC)	3rd Floor Webinar B
	Learning Facilitators	Conference 3E
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Lunch at Paul & Jean Harris for DGEs	Paul & Jean Harris Home
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	First Lunch Grouping (DGNs, DGs, Spouse/Partners, Emerging Leaders, Zone Leaders)/ORC tours available	One Rotary Center
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Second Lunch Grouping (Foundation, EPN, Membership, PI, District Learning Facilitators, DISC)/ORC tours available	One Rotary Center
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Bus travels with DGEs to ORC	Paul & Jean Harris Home
1:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Education Sessions	
	District Governors-Elect — GETS	Conference 3A
	District Governors-Nominee — GNTS	Conference 3B
	District Governors Best Practices	Conference 18SW-1
	DGE / DGN Spouse / Partner	LL Dining Room
	Emerging Leaders	Conference 1B
	Membership Chairs	Conference 1A

	Rotary Foundation and Endowment / Major Gift Advisor Chairs	3W Computer Training Center
	End Polio Now Chairs	1st Floor Studio
	Public Image Chairs	Conference 1C
	International Service Chairs (DISC)	3rd Floor Webinar B
	Learning Facilitators	Conference 3E
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Afternoon Break	
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Education Sessions	
	District Governors-Elect — GETS	Conference 3A
	District Governors-Nominee — GNTS	Conference 3B
	District Governors Best Practices	Conference 18SW-1
	DGE / DGN Spouse / Partner	LL Dining Room
	Emerging Leaders	Conference 1B
	Membership Chairs	Conference 1A
	Rotary Foundation and Endowment/ Major Gift Advisor Chairs	3W Computer Training Center
	End Polio Now Chairs	1st Floor Studio
	Public Image Chairs	Conference 1C
	International Service Chairs (DISC)	3rd Floor Webinar B
	Learning Facilitators	Conference 3E

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4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Reception for PDGs and Spouse/ Partners, Lead Coordinators, VIPs, RIPE Stephanie Urchick, PRIP and Trustee Chair-Elect Mark Maloney	One Rotary Center — 18th Floor
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Reunion & Fellowship Dinners	Reza's and Other Restaurants

Friday, October 20, 2023

8:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration	One Rotary Center
	Breakfast	Attendee Hotels
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Education Sessions	
	District Governors-Elect — GETS	Conference 3A
	District Governors-Nominee — GNTS	Conference 3B
	District Governors Best Practices	Conference 18SW-1
	DGE / DGN Spouse / Partner	LL Dining Room
	Emerging Leaders	Conference 1B
	Membership Chairs	Conference 1A
	Rotary Foundation and Endowment / Major Gift Advisor Chairs	3W Computer Training Center
	End Polio Now Chairs	1st Floor Studio
	Public Image Chairs	Conference 1C
	International Service Chairs (DISC)	3rd Floor Webinar B
	Learning Facilitators	Conference 3E

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Past District Governors Forum	Auditorium
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Morning Break	
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Session with Pat Merryweather- Arges, Mark Maloney, Stephanie Urchick, and Salvador Rizzo Tavares with DGEs and DGNs	Conference 3B
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	DGEs with CDS	Conference 3A
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	First Lunch Grouping (Foundation, Emerging Leaders, EPN, Membership, PI, District Learning Facilitators, DISC)	One Rotary Center
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Second Lunch Grouping (DGs, DGEs, DGNs, PDGs and Spouse/Partners)	One Rotary Center
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Education Sessions	
	Emerging Leaders	Conference 1B
	Membership Chairs	Conference 1A
	Rotary Foundation and Endowment / Major Gift Advisor Chairs	3W Computer Training Center
	End Polio Now Chairs	1st Floor Studio
	Public Image Chairs	Conference 1C
	International Service Chairs (DISC)	3rd Floor Webinar B
	Learning Facilitators	Conference 3E

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2:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Breakout by District: Leadership Team Planning	
	District Leaders: 5580 — ND/MN/Canada	Conference 1A
	District Leaders: 5610 — SD/MN/IA/NE	Conference 1A
	District Leaders: 6220 — WI/MI	Conference 1A
	District Leaders: 5630 — NE	Conference 1B
	District Leaders: 5650 — NE/IA	Conference 1B
	District Leaders: 5680 — KS/OK	Conference 1C
	District Leaders: 5710 — KS	Conference 1C
	District Leaders: 5790 — TX	1st Floor Studio
	District Leaders: 5810 — TX	1st Floor Studio
	District Leaders: 5840 — TX	Conference 3A
	District Leaders: 5870 — TX	Conference 3A
	District Leaders: 6250 — WI/MI	Conference 3A
	District Leaders: 5890 — TX	Conference 3B
	District Leaders: 5910 — TX	Conference 3B
	District Leaders: 5930 — TX	Conference 3E
	District Leaders: 5950 — MN	3W Computer Training Center
	District Leaders: 5960 — MN/WI	3W Computer Training Center

	District Leaders: 5970 — IA	LL Dining Room
	District Leaders: 6000 — IA	LL Dining Room
	District Leaders: 6450 — IL	LL Dining Room
	District Leaders: 6440 — IL	3rd Floor Webinar B
	District Leaders: 6270 — WI	18th Floor
	District Leaders: 6420 — IL	18th Floor
	Regional & Assistant Coordinators	Auditorium
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Reception for Arch Klumph Society and Legacy Society, Past Rotary International Directors and Trustees and their Spouse/Partners, VIPs, RIPE Stephanie Urchick, and PRIP and Trustee Chair-Elect Mark Maloney	One Rotary Center — 18th Floor
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Major Donors Reception (by invitation only)	Woman's Club — Tea Room
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Dinner & DGE Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * DGE Presentation — Photos with DGEs, RIPE Stephanie Urchick, Mark Maloney, Pat Merryweather-Arges, Salvador Rizzo Tavares, Debra Warner, Eric Liu * President-Elect Presentation — RIPE Stephanie Urchick * Rotary Foundation Recognition and Major Donors, Arch Klumph Society and Legacy — Rich Kaye and Bill Harvey * On to Singapore — Kathy Fahy, Scott Rainey, RID GB Chew * Zone 25A Merida Institute — Pat Merryweather-Arges & Salvador Rizzo Tavares 	Woman's Club

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	Class Photo with DGEs, DGE Facilitators, RIPE Stephanie Urchick, PRIP and Trustee Chair-Elect Mark Maloney, RID Pat Merryweather-Arges, RIDE Salvador Rizzo	Woman's Club of Evanston
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Saturday, October 21, 2023

	Breakfast	Attendee Hotels
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration	Holiday Inn Chicago North
8:30 am – 10:20 am	Rotary Foundation Plenary Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Membership Awards — Alex Johnson * Cyndi Bunch * Trustee Chair-Elect Mark Maloney * End Polio Now — EPN Coordinators Angela Rester & Bob Taylor * EPN and Smart Villages in Pakistan — RID Muhammad Faiz Kidwai * Regional Adaptability — RID Lena Mjerskaug * Membership — RIPE Stephanie Urchick, Tom Gump, and Carmen Villalta 	Holiday Inn
10:20 am – 10:35 am	Break	
10:35 am – 12:00 pm	Plenary Session, cont'd	Holiday Inn
Noon – 5:00 pm	Explore Chicago! Many options available to all attendees.	
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	All Attendee Reception	Ukrainian Cultural Center in Chicago

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Dinner at Ukrainian Cultural Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Welcome — RID Pat Merryweather-Arges * Opening Remarks — RIPE Stephanie Urchick * Presentation of Flags and Anthems — Ukraine, Lithuania, United States, Rotary * Dr. Olha Paliychuk * Ukraine Consul General Serhiy Koledov & Yevgeniy Drobot * Lithuanian Consul General Sigrida Muleviciene & Aistė Jakastiene * Importance of the Foundation for Response to Disasters — Trustee Chair-Elect Mark Maloney * Paul Harris Awards — Trustee Chair-Elect Mark Maloney, RIPE Stephanie Urchick, Pat Merryweather-Arges, Rich Kaye, Ellen Young * UMANA — Dr. Olga Maihutiak * MedGlobal — Dr. Zaher Sahloul * U.S. Ambulances for Ukraine — Chris Manson * Hotels in Poland & Scholarships — Barb Bartle * Mental Health & Education — Elaine Hernandez * Welcome US — Kari McDonough * Presentation of Peace Pole — Pat Merryweather-Arges & Geri Abramiuk * Let There Be Peace on Earth (music & lyrics) — Everyone
8:45 pm	Bus to Second City Comedy Show
9:00 pm	Buses return to Evanston

Sunday, October 22, 2023

	Breakfast	Attendee Hotels
8:30 am – 11:15 am	<p>Memorial & Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Welcome — Patrick Harrison & Amber Scarborough * Memorial Service — Reverend Donna Thiernau and Angela Walker, Vocalist * Public Image Awards — Kyle Haugen * Highest Performing Challenge Award District — Kyle Haugen, Rich Kaye, Alex Johnson, Bob Taylor, Angela Rester, Pat Merryweather-Arges * Zambia Update — Deb McCaslin * Days for Girls — Michelle Bohreer * Partnership for Free Shipping to Mexico, Central America, and Caribbean ports — Regina Edwards * Financial Updates — Elaine Hansen * End Polio Now Awards — Angela Rester & Bob Taylor * Region 36 Mental Health, Youth and Adult, & DEI Committees — Debra Warner & Pat Merryweather-Arges * Collaborative Mental Health Website — Patrick Harrison * Wrap Up and Thank You — Patricia Merryweather-Arges and Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson * 2024 Zones 25B and 29 Institute in San Antonio — Joe Ruskey 	Holiday Inn
11:15 am	Zone Institute Ends	

**Barbara Bartle***District 5650 Governor 2022–2023*

Barbara is celebrating 30 years as a Rotarian. Her service has included representing Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa as 5650 District Governor in 2022-23, past president of Lincoln Rotary Club 14 in Lincoln, NE and in 2012, was selected Team Leader for Rotary International Group Study Exchange to India.

This year Barbara represents Districts 5650, 5970 and 6000 as Assistant Rotary Coordinator. She will also serve as the President's Representative for the 7010 District Conference in Minett, ON, Canada.

Barbara is a member of the Paul Harris Society. She and her husband, Robert, are Major Donors Level 1.

Her favorite time is spent with her husband and their three children and families—just ask her about her seven grandchildren.



Michelle Bohreer

*Attorney, Bohreer Law Firm, PLLC
District 5890 Governor 2021–2022*

E. Michelle Bohreer is an attorney with the law firm of Bohreer Law Firm, PLLC and the proud mom of her spectacular son, Luke. Michelle joined Rotary in 1999 and

was honored to serve as Club President of the Rotary Club of Houston from 2008 to 2010. Michelle will tell you she became a real Rotarian on January 12, 2010 when she was in Haiti on a Rotary trip and a 7.4 Earthquake hit.

Michelle served as Rotary District 5890 Governor 2021-2022 and brings passion to all she does in Rotary, especially our Girl Empowerment initiative. She has served the District in numerous ways, including District Conference Chair for the Geaux Rotary Conference and All Club Chair for many of our Past District Governors. Michelle has been recognized as District 5890 Rotarian of the Year, Assistant Governor of the Year and, most recently she received the Service Above Self Award in 2017, Rotary International's highest individual recognition. Michelle is a Major Donor and Bequest Society Level II to the Rotary Foundation.



Cyndi Bunch

Co-founder, Phillips Wish

A resident of Keller, Texas, Cyndi Bunch, along with her son, Phillip, had their lives turned upside down in the late 1990s when Cyndi's husband and Phillip's father became ill with schizophrenia and disappeared to live homeless on the

streets of Fort Worth.

Cyndi and Phillip lost everything except their faith, which led them on an inspirational mission that was the subject of Sony's acclaimed movie, 5000 Blankets, a recipient of Movieguide's coveted award as "The Most Inspirational independent streaming movie in 2022."

Over the course of their remarkable journey, Cyndi and Phillip overcame tremendous odds as they searched the streets of Fort Worth for their husband/dad while founding Phillip's Wish, a faith-based nonprofit dedicated to providing warmth, kindness, and compassion to those in need.

Every year at holiday time (and also throughout the year), Phillip's Wish volunteers, led by Cyndi, collect and distribute thousands upon thousands of blankets, sleeping bags, garments, food, and toiletries to homeless individuals and families across North Texas and beyond.

Having been raised by a hard-working single mom with little means herself, Cyndi's unwavering faith has guided her into turning her pain into her purpose and passion.



Yevgeniy Drobot

*Consul for Economics & Public Diplomacy
at the Consulate General of Ukraine in Chicago*

Consul for Economics & Public Diplomacy at the Consulate General of Ukraine in Chicago. Yevgeniy was First Secretary of the Public Diplomacy Department at the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Ukraine and has served in many positions in MFA.

Consul Yevgeniy has a Master's Degree in International Law and Legal Studies from the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv



Regina Edwards

Carnival Liaison for Rotary

Regina is a member and Chair of the Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Carrollton-Farmers Branch, Texas, where she has served numerous years as the International Service Director and has completed 20+ deliveries of medical

and school supplies. She is a Paul Harris Fellow along with her husband Ken, a Sustaining Member, and a Benefactor. A graduate of Baylor University, she has worked 30 years as a municipal attorney. They have two sons in college, both Eagle Scouts and former Interactors. Regina believes Rotary should be a pathway for a family to serve locally and internationally and to grow together.



Kathy Fahy

2023 District Governors-Nominee Lead Facilitator

Kathryn Fahy has been a Rotarian since 2006 and is a member and Past President of the Iowa Great Lakes Rotary Club in Spirit Lake, Iowa. She is a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar (1997 Canberra, Australia) and was

selected in September 2014 as one of 32 young professionals in the United States to attend the Rotary Young Professional Summit in Chicago. From that experience, Kathy was part of Rollin' with Rotary – an endeavor to bring attention to local and international needs by doing massive Random Acts of Kindness and creating large scale community service projects.

Following the completion of her year as District Governor of Rotary District 5970 (2014-15), she was the Zone 29 Rotary Public Image Coordinator (2017-20), a Training Leader at Rotary International Assembly (2019-20), and International Assembly Seminar Trainer (2021-23). Kathy is a member of the 2024 Singapore Convention Committee, Communications Committee and WASH Major Gifts Initiative Committee. Kathy owns and operates K Brand Marketing, and is an active partner in her family grain farm in north central Iowa.



Thomas A. Gump

Aide to Rotary International President 2024–2025

Tom Gump is Aide to Rotary International President 2024-25 and a member of Rotary's Membership Growth Committee. He founded, co-founded, helped form and/or inspired more than a dozen clubs to form around the world

and now helps others do the same. Tom formed a Rotary Community Corps for Refugees, which serves hundreds of refugees in his area. He is in the Gold Level of Rotary's Membership Society of New Member Sponsors, for bringing in more than 50 active members into his club.

He has served as an International Assembly Training Leader and Chaired his paired-zones' Institute. Tom led his district to become only the third district in the world to ever have all its clubs designated as 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs.

Tom is married to his wife Catherine Gump, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Edina, Minnesota, USA. Their son Andrew is involved in the Edina Interact Club. The Gump family is very involved in Rotary Youth Exchange having hosted seven long-term exchange students.



Elaine Hansen

Zone Institute Business Manager

Elaine S. Hansen has extensive experience in administration, business development along with non-profit and governmental accounting and auditing. Rotary experiences include Treasurer for Zones 25 & 29 Foundation, District 5580, and Rotary

Club of Duluth #25; Past President of Club #25, District 5580 DGN; RYLA Facilitator; and Rotary member since 2000.

Her career accomplishments include becoming a licensed certified public accountant (CPA), a Master of Business Administration (MBA), an Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) through the National Development Council, a Certified Global Business Professional (CGBP), a Certified Global Management Accountant (CGMA), and certification courses in non-profit accounting and financial management initiatives.



Patrick Harrison

Emcee, Rotary Come Home 2023 Institute, Zones 25b & 29

Patrick Harrison has over 25 years' experience in different facets of the entertainment industry, building a diverse resume working with notable names and studios in production, marketing, media and as a trained actor.

Patrick is honored and excited to serve as a Rotary Regional Leader for Region 36 in the role of Rotary Public Image Coordinator from 2024 thru 2027. Mr. Harrison was honored to Host the 2022 Rotary International Presidential Conference on Peace in Houston, Co-Host the 2021 Rotary International Assembly. Mr. Harrison Hosted and Moderated the 2020 RI Region 36 Virtual Zone Institute and Co-Hosted the 2022 Region 36 Zone Institute in Minneapolis and the 2021 Zone Institute in Houston. Mr. Harrison was also honored to Host and Moderate the 2021 Lone Star President Elects Training Seminar and serve on the Lone Star PETS Operating Committee 2022-2024.

Patrick is honored to be Co-Chair for the award-winning District 5870 Central Texas Public Image Team since RY 2015-2016. He is a proud member of the Austin Cosmopolitan Rotary Club and honored to be a Paul Harris Fellow Plus Seven. He was proud to serve as President of the Austin Centennial Rotary Club two years in a row during RY 2016-2018.



Bill Harvey

Rotary Region 36 Endowment/Major Gift Advisor

Bill Harvey is the Endowment/Major Gift Advisor for Rotary Region 36 (Zones 25B and 29). Bill is an attorney and is a Member and General Counsel of EHPV Management Group, a business management company located in Omaha, Nebraska. Bill is a 26-year member and past president of the Rotary Club of Omaha (#37). He recently served as the District 5650 Rotary Foundation Committee Chair.

Bill and his wife Gretchen, also a Rotarian, are proud supporters of our Rotary Foundation, as Level III Major Donors, Level II Bequest Society members, and they are both Paul Harris Fellows plus 8, as well as members of the Paul Harris Society and the Polio Plus Society. Earlier this year, they established the Gretchen and Bill Harvey Endowed Fund to provide continuing support for the Rotary Foundation for years to come. Bill is a recent recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service from the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation. When he's not working, or doing Rotary, Bill dabbles in genealogy and is immediate Past President of the Fellowship of Rotarian Genealogists, an international fellowship of Rotarians with an interest in genealogy and family history.



Kyle Haugen

Rotary Public Image Coordinator, Zones 25B & 29

Kyle has been a member of the Rotary Club of Prior Lake, MN since 2003 and has served in several roles in the club and beyond, including club president (2009-10), District 5960 Governor (2017-18, and was the youngest governor in the world that year), and District Rotary Foundation Team Leader (2019-21). Kyle has traveled internationally to participate in relief efforts in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake, to India as part of a polio immunization drive, to Uganda and Rwanda to develop and broaden Rotary relationships with refugees, and in the summer of 2023 went back to Uganda to reconnect with refugees and traveled to Kenya to visit water projects there.

During the 2021-22 Rotary year, Kyle was one of eight recipients of Rotary's International Service Award for a Polio Free World, recognizing his significant active personal service toward the goal of polio eradication. Kyle and his wife Carrie are Major Donors and Bequest Society Members of The Rotary Foundation, and Kyle is also a member of the Paul Harris Society. They have two children, Cooper (8) and Quinn (5), and are hosting Carlos, a 15-year-old Rotary Exchange Student from Spain, this fall.



Elaine Hernandez

District Governor Nominee, District 5930

Elaine Hernandez is a teacher and public health professional who has worked in Mexico, Central America, Canada and the United States. She recently returned from an 8-month assignment in Ukraine where she was the monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning (MEAL) specialist in an emergency feeding program for internally displaced persons.

Elaine earned her PhD in Leadership Studies from Our Lady of the Lake University – San Antonio and conducted her dissertation on Rotary leadership in the United States. She was the recipient of the Rotary Alumni Humanitarian Service Award in 2020, and recently published a children's book on international development entitled "Her Butterfly Effect: When the Evergreens Blossomed Orange." Elaine serves as the District Governor Nominee for D5930 in South Texas and is currently the District International Service Chair.



Aistė Jakstiene

Diplomat, Consulate General of Lithuania in Chicago

Aistė is the first secretary of the Consulate General from Ukraine in Chicago. Aiste is experienced diplomat with a demonstrated history of working in the international affairs industry. Skilled in International Relations, Protocol, Foreign Policy, Public Speaking, and Public Relations. She has served on behalf of Lithuania in diplomatic roles in Australia, Estonia, New York and Desk Officer for Island, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland.

Aiste has a Master's degree focused in International Law and Legal Studies from Vilnius University in Lithuania.



Alex Johnson

Region 36 Rotary Coordinator

Alex Johnson, CCIM is a 20+ year Rotarian and Business Coach who has a deep passion for helping others achieve their goals. He currently serves as Region 36 Rotary Coordinator, leading a team of dedicated 19 Rotarians

to support the clubs across 23 districts of Zone 25B & 29. With a track record of success, Alex is using his expertise to create a premium club experience with an emphasis on service and engagement.

His work has resulted in impressive achievements like tripling club size, achieving gender parity, increasing younger memberships, becoming #1 in the District for per capita giving to The Annual Fund, while completing 6 service projects per month - demonstrating Alex's tremendous commitment to helping others reach their full potential.



Pete Kadens

The Kadens Family Foundation

Pete Kadens is a serial entrepreneur and philanthropist, currently serving as Chairman of The Kadens Family Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to igniting pathways out of poverty through equitable access to education.

Pete retired in August 2018 as co-founder and CEO of Green Thumb Industries (GTI), one of the largest publicly traded, legal cannabis operators in the US with a current market capitalization of over \$3.5 billion. Prior to that, in 2008, Pete started one of the largest commercial solar companies in the US, SoCore Energy, named one of Chicago's most innovative businesses by Chicago Innovation Awards. He employed over 4,000 people and created billions in shareholder value over his 18-year career as a CEO.

Pete was named one of the Crain's Chicago Business "40 Under 40" in 2012, and in 2019, he was named a Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute.

Pete is the chairman emeritus at StreetWise and sits on several other boards including the YMCA, the YWCA and National Louis University. In 2019 Pete founded HOPE Toledo to ensure that Toledo Public School children, and a parent, could go to post-secondary school for free. He also founded HOPE Chicago, the largest place-based scholarship program in the country that will spend \$1B over the next decade sending underserved Chicago families to college.

Pete earned his BA in political science from Bucknell University, where he was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus for Citizenship. Pete was also the 19th person inducted into the Chicago Innovation Hall of Fame in 2022. In 2023, Pete was named the winner of the Humanitarian Award by the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center. Pete and his wife Amy have known one another for 40 years and share three beautiful school age children.



Rich Kaye

Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Region 36 (Zones 25b & 29)

PDG Rich is a retired Army officer who served on active duty for 20 years. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, a M.S. in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research from Kansas State

University, and an MBA from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Rich has served as President of the Zone 25b Rotary Multi-District Training Institute and as a member of the Lone Star Multi-District P.E.T.S. board of trustees. He is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award and TRF's Citation for Meritorious Service.

Rich and his wife, Diana, have been married 46 years and have one son, Richard. They are both members of the District 5870 Paul Harris and Polio Plus Societies, and TRF's Arch Klumph Society and the Legacy Society. Outside of Rotary, Rich is currently serving as the President of the National 1st Cavalry Division Association.



Serhiy Koledov

Consul General from Ukraine in Chicago

Mr. Serhiy Koledov was born on July 03, 1974 in Vladivostok, Russia. Mr. Koledov graduated and received his masters degree in international law from the Institute of international relations of Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University.

Serhiy Koledov joined diplomatic service in 2002, having worked at different posts at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. In 2005-2009 Mr. Koledov was posted as Second Secretary at the Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Kazakhstan. In 2011-2015 Mr. Koledov was posted as served as Consul General of Ukraine in Chicago.

Serhiy Koledov was appointed Consul General of Ukraine in Chicago in July 30, 2020. Mr. Koledov holds diplomatic rank of Counselor of the First class



Dr. Olga Maihutiak

*UMANA Ukraine Medical Relief Committee,
Medical Relief for Ukraine Co-Founder*

Dr. Olga Maihutiak is a Healthcare Consortium Coordinator for MedGlobal; Ukraine Medical Association of North America (UMANA) Relief Committee; Co-Founder for Medical Relief for Ukraine. She works in the United States on Ukraine relief efforts and travels to Ukraine and Poland to provide medical relief efforts for displaced persons and refugees.

Dr. Olga received her Medical Degree from the University of Lublin in Poland and her Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois Chicago in Biological Sciences and Psychology. She also serves as the Treasurer of UMANA.



Chris Manson

*Vice President of Government Relations, OSF HealthCare
Founder, US Ambulances for Ukraine*

Chris Manson is the Vice President of Government Relations for OSF HealthCare and founder of US Ambulances for Ukraine. Since March of 2022 Chris Manson, motivated by his daughter's concern for the People of Ukraine, has led efforts in the United States to collect used ambulances, fire engines and SUVs for first responders in Ukraine.

Chris has traveled to Ukraine six times since April of 2022 and led convoys of emergency vehicles into Ukraine on five of those trips. Chris has traveled extensively throughout Ukraine delivering vehicles and equipment to those in need. To date, US Ambulances for Ukraine has delivered 52 ambulances, 8 fire engines, 6 SUVs and 1 military surplus truck to Ukraine. Chris has served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and has also served as a volunteer fire fighter in several of the communities he has called home. Chris is married and the proud father of an eight year old daughter



Deb McCaslin

District 5630 Governor, 2022–2023

Past District Governor Deb McCaslin is a retired newspaper publisher - retired economic developer - retired orchestral musician who is fast to say she found her "true calling" through Rotary. She has served her local club three times as president and District 5630 in leadership capacities for Public Image, Membership, International Relations and in 2022-2023 as District Governor. She is currently an ICA for districts 5710, 5630 and 5680 and is honored to help facilitate an empowering girls global grant in the Hwange area of Zimbabwe.



Sigrida Muleviciene

Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania in Chicago

Sigrida Muleviciene is the Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania in Chicago and prior to her appointment she was the head of the Division Personnel Management and Secondment Department. She has a long history of working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Lithuania have served also in Foreign and Economic Affairs in Valencia, European Union, Canada, and other areas.

Consulate General Sigrida received her Master of Economics from Vilnius University in Lithuania and speaks four languages.



Dr. Ohla Paliychuk

*Director, Co-founder, and Co-owner, Andromeda+
Governor Nominee, District 2232*

Dr. Ohla Paliychuk is the director, co-founder and co-owner of the "Andromeda+" medical center a multifunctional private medical institution of the 2nd level of medical care. Gynecologist-oncologist (part-time) of the Regional Center of Oncology and Gynecology and Women's Health of the CNP "Cherkasy Regional Oncology Dispensary of Cherkasy Oblast Council. She also serves as Professor of the Department of Fundamental Medicine in Bohdan Khmelnytskyi Cherkasy National University.

Dr. Ohla has been a Rotary member of the Rotary Club of Cherkasy since 2016, and became Club President in 2019-2020. Currently serving as District 2232 Governor-Nominee, Club Foundation Chair, District 2232 International Service Committee Chair, District Subcommittee of Rotary Fellowships, Medical Subcommittee of the D2232 Coordination Committee for the Prevention of the Humanitarian Disaster Chair and has held numerous other positions in both her club and District 2232. She is a Paul Harris Fellow+ and in 2020 she was awarded the Rotary International Service Above Self Award.



PHENOM

Founder and CEO, L.Y.R.I.C.

PHENOM, born Teh'Ray Hale, learned to rhyme at the becoming age of 13 in the back streets of Chicago, Illinois. Unafraid to join in on the ciphers and emcee battling, PHENOM instantly loved connecting clairvoyant lyrics and hurling potent metaphors quickly taking his opponents to school. PHENOM has had the honor of sharing stages throughout America with accomplished artists such as Roy Ayers, Mos Def, The Roots, Common, Erykah Badu, Dwele, Fertile Ground, Kanye West, Lupe Fiasco, Chance The Rapper, Brother Ali, Jay Electronica, Vic Mensa, Lyfe Jennings, Talib Kweli and more.

In 1995, First Lady Michelle Obama chose him for the Public Allies program where he had the opportunity to work with and teach youth about violence prevention strategies. As the Founder and CEO of the award-winning POETREE Chicago (People's Organized Entertainment Teaching Righteous Education Everywhere), PHENOM was influenced to start L.Y.R.I.C., (Let Your Rhymes Inspire Creativity) with co-founder and national poet K-Love in 2009, with the goal to inspire change in the urban neighborhoods of Chi-town and abroad.

Because of their focus on violence prevention and peacebuilding, L.Y.R.I.C became strategic partners with Rotary International District 6450 and an integral component of its Partnerships For Peace Initiative spearheaded by RI Vice President Pat Merryweather-Arges and District 6450 Past District Governor Osei David Andrews-Hutchinson. Emcee Skool was featured in the February 2022 issue of the Rotary Magazine, with PHENOM gracing the cover of that month's magazine.



Scott Rainey

District 5890 Governor 2020-2021

Scott Rainey was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He attended the University of Oklahoma and is a proud Sooner!

Scott is married to Martha Bowles, who he met in church in

Clear Lake, TX. Scott trades petrochemicals and fuel products as his day job.

Scott is a member of the Rotary Club of Austin and was previously a member of the Space Center club in Houston. He served as Rotary District 5890 Governor for the year 2020-21. Scott is a Major Donor and member of the White Hat Society.



Angela Rester

Rotary Region 36E / Zone 29 End Polio Now Coordinator

Angela Rester is a member and founder of the Rotary Club Milwaukee Amigos After Hours. A Rotarian (unofficially March 1985) and officially August 1987, Angie has served in all club roles, as District 6270 Governor in 1998-99, the

Rotary International Membership Committee and Trainer 2001-2004, GSE Team Leader 1993 to Argentina, and National Immunization Days in Nigeria (2007) and India (2005).

Angela is currently the Region 36E / Zone 29 End Polio Now Coordinator. As a long-time YMCA staff and volunteer, and as first generation (mom from Panama and Dad from Germany) Latino female, Angie is passionate about the mission and values of Rotary International and has been at the table since our efforts to eradicate Polio began.



Dr. Mohammed Zaher Sahloul

President and Co-founder of MedGlobal

Dr. Mohammed Zaher Sahloul is a medical doctor, Chicagoan, humanitarian, faith, immigrant and civic leader, and influencer. Professionally, he is a Critical Care specialist at Advocate Christ Medical Center and Saint Anthony's

hospital and Associate Professor in Clinical Medicine at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Dr. Sahloul is on the advisory board of the Syrian Community Network and the Center for Public Health and Human Rights at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. In 2020, Dr. Sahloul was awarded the Gandhi Award for Peace for his humanitarian work in Syria and at the global level. He has also received many other awards including the "Heroes Among Us" award by American Red Cross, Dr. Robert Kirschner's Award for Global Activism by Heartland Alliance Kovler Center 2017, the Commitment to Change Award by the National Immigration Justice Center for his commitment to human rights, and the Shine a Light on Global Refugee Crisis and annual humanitarian award by UNICEF Chicago 2017.

Dr. Sahloul is considered one of the world's experts on the humanitarian crisis in his homeland Syria and applying lessons learned to other disaster responses, including COVID-19. He led the Syrian American Medical Society from 2011-2015 to play a crucial role in providing humanitarian medical aid and organizing the Syrian American diaspora. He founded the American Relief Coalition for Syria, ARCS, and Syria Faith Initiative. He has published extensively on the Syrian crisis, refugees and immigration, disaster management, and COVID-19 impact on disadvantaged communities in Chicago, and has many media appearances locally, nationally, and internationally. He was instrumental in providing medical relief to help the civilian population in his homeland of Syria and testified to the U.S. Congress and the United Nations Security Council multiple times on defending medical neutrality, the use of siege and chemical weapons, and the siege of Aleppo. He was awarded Chicagoan of the Year in 2016 for risking his life with two other American doctors to provide healthcare to the civilians in Aleppo under



Amber Scarborough

Rotary Central Texas District 5870

Public Image Team Member & Zone ARPIC

Amber Scarborough moved from Lubbock to Austin in 2007 to start her career as an Investment Advisor and joined Rotary shortly thereafter. She is a member of the South

Austin Rotary Club, she is a Past President, a Paul Harris Fellow, and a Roll of Fame Recipient. Amber's experience in marketing has come from running her own independent firm and having to learn several of these things "on the job." She will self-proclaim that "I have no specialty in public image or marketing, but give me a day to work on a task and I'll figure it out!"

She was asked to join the Public Relations team after making some fun I-Movies, which her son taught her to make in order to promote District Events. She hopes to inspire other Rotarians to not be afraid of new tools and technology and just jump right in till you figure it out, "The learning happens when you just start playing around with it." She has served on the District 5870 Central Texas Public Image team since 2015 and in 2020 was asked to serve as an Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator (ARPIC) for Zones 25b and 29.



Bob Taylor

Zone 29, End Polio Now Coordinator

Bob has served as Regional End Polio Now-Leader for the Past two and one-half years. During this time he has kept the districts he covers up to date with the latest in Polio news and statistics, provided encouragement and direction

in accomplishing the position the District ENPC's have in becoming more effective in telling the Rotary Polio story, and encouraging Polio donations. Bob is known as a prominent speaker globally, having related the Polio story to Political leaders and Clubs in Cairo, Egypt; Nairobi, Kenya; Dhaka, Bangladesh; Kiev, Ukraine; Victoria Falls and Harare, Zimbabwe; and many Clubs and events in the U.S.

In past years Bob has been in roles of Club Polio chair, Club President, District Governor. In all these positions, Bob completed the position with grace and professionalism, always encouraging the people around him to greater levels of productivity. Bob has always inspired people outside of his sphere of influence to add new perspectives to projects, thus developing an expanded outcome to the effort.



Dr. Donna Thiernau

Spiritual Counselor

Dr. Donna M. Thiernau, OFS is a Secular Franciscan, a Spiritual Counselor working for Hospice of the Calumet Area, and a Spiritual Counselor ministering to the public. She has a broad background in Church leadership and

was commissioned a Lay Ecclesial Minister, by Francis Cardinal George, at the University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary, in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

After developing community bereavement programs in NW Indiana, Donna returned to graduate school and received her Doctorate in Ministry from Catholic Theological Union, Hyde Park, IL. Her academic publications include: Faith, Funerals, and Feelings: A Pastoral Response; and Clarifying Ministerial Roles: Best Practices for Ordained-Lay Collaboration.

She has been awarded the 2008 Humanitarian Award by the Illinois Peruvian American Medical Society; and the Rotary Club of Homewood, IL's 2002 Citizen of the Year for her Humanitarian Programs. This service included Medical Missions to Peru, South America 2002, 2004, 2006, 2011; Egypt Water Mission 2010; and a Haiti Health Mission 2010. Donna and her husband PDG Rick Thiernau are Paul Harris Fellow's, Major Donor's, and members in the Bequest Society.



Carmen Martínez de Villalta

Rotary Coordinator Zone 25A

Carmen Villalta is a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Nueva Tegucigalpa, as well as the first female district governor of district 4250. She has held numerous positions across all levels of Rotary International,

including Rotary Coordinator, Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator, Rotary Membership Committee, and International Assembly Training leader. Carmen is a Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation. Carmen is a graduate of Purdue University and has worked for Laboratorio Martínez Ponce since 1987. She has one son, Julio Cesar, who currently lives in Spain.



Angela Walker

Founder, The Brave Project

Angela Waker is a para-athlete and spends her time relating the need for continued medical research on the effects military trauma and how the arts, sports and leadership can have a significant positive effect on healing for those who

suffer from trauma.

She performs for charities and connects community members with resources and organizations. In addition, she works with multiple civic, humanitarian and Veteran's organizations.

Angela is the Founder of the Brave Project, a support program for people who suffer from loss of a service dog and is an ambassador for CAF Operation Rebound and proud member of the Rotary Club of North Chicago.

Angela has a Masters Degree in Education and Inner City Studies from Northeastern Illinois University.

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5610 Rich Burns	5950 Jewelie Grape
5630 Glenn Knuth	5960 Patricia McCleese
5650 Kathryn Schubert	5970 Carole Bernhard
5680 Gloria Homeier	6000 Dennis Drager
5710 Jenalea Randall	6220 Julia Wallace
5790 Patricia Peters	6250 Michelle McGrath
5810 John Curtis	6270 Don Griffing
5840 Monica Gutierrez	6420 Dave Emerick
5870 Bob Crouch	6440 Mary Bak
5890 Heather Rimato	6450 Conor Gee
5910 Amy Killgore	

District Governors 2024–2025

5580 — Kay Parries	5930 — Zehra Surani
5610 — Bruce Nearhood	5950 — Sharon Bloodworth
5630 — Glen Knuth	5960 — Ed Boeve
5650 — Tom Kerfoot	5970 — Shannon Duncan
5680 — Jeff Horlacher	6000 — Dave Cook
5710 — Tamara Jo Sevcik	6220 — Roger Utnehmer
5790 — Andy Eads	6250 — Todd Restel
5810 — Regina Edwards	6270 — Peter Bosch
5840 — Kristen Salazar	6420 — John Hurley
5870 — Doug Smith	6440 — Thor Davidson
5890 — Nancy Anderson	6450 — Rachel Ossyra
5910 — Leon Willhite	

District Governors 2025–2026

5580 Elaine Hansen	5930 Elaine Hernandez
5610 Dan Cox	5950 Mark Shockey
5630 Lorena Becklus	5960 Glenn Bowers
5650 Robert Rapp	5970 Ward Budweg
5680 Deb Minkler	6000 Norlan Hinky
5710 Chuck Udell	6220 Chuck Reynolds
5790 John Bullock	6250 Michael Kloss
5810 Mary Bedonsky	6270 Liz Nevitt
5870 Todd Smith	6420 Melissa McCormick
5890 Tom Kelchner	6440 Marlene Frisbie
5910 Charley Gilliland	6450 Bonnie Sanchez-Carlson



Lincoln Park Zoo

Cost: \$25 per person

Join this group for beautifully landscaped grounds, walking paths, and picnic areas. From playful primates to graceful birds and fascinating reptiles, this zoo offers a captivating and educational experience. Price includes travel to and from the destination.

Evanston Walking Tour

Cost: \$0 per person

The entirety of this walking tour is cost-free. Wandering around Evanston is bound to bring something meaningful to your journey as you can travel from the Merrick Rose Garden, Evanston History Center, Dawes Park, and the Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University with ease.



Illinois Holocaust Museum

Cost: \$18 per person

Allow yourself to reflect on the past as you wander through this historical presentation, giving a new perspective on world history. Additionally, join others in witnessing the Holographic Theatre experience where you will hear real stories from survivors. Price includes your ticket for the museum and Holographic Theatre show within.



Alder Planetarium

Cost: \$53 per person

Explore the wonders of the universe through the beautiful and immersive exhibits in this museum, and watch one of the special sky shows in a theatre-like experience. Price includes travel to and from the museum and one sky show.



Art Institute of Chicago

Cost: \$57 per person

You can visit the world-renowned museum with exhibits from Caravaggio, Remedios Varo, and Camille Claudel. The second-largest art museum in the country, the Art Institute houses a treasure trove from around the globe. Price includes travel to and from the museum as well as your ticket to the museum.

River Boat Architecture Tour

Cost: \$74 per person

This boat tour will show you all of the wonders of the city of Chicago. This boat features unobstructed sightlines and guaranteed seating on our open-air upper decks and full-service cocktail and snack bars in their climate-controlled interior salons. Price includes travel to and from the destination as well as your ticket for the 90-minute boat cruise tour.





Big Bus Chicago Tour

Cost: \$74 per person

Marvel at the beauty of Chicago from the streets as you get to see places like Millennium Park, Willis Tower, and Navy Pier. You even get the opportunity to hop-on and off at the Magnificent Mile for some personal shopping time. Price includes travel to the pickup destination and your ticket to this two-hour bus tour.

Paul Harris Heritage Tour

Cost: \$75 per person

Limit 50 people

Connect with the history of Rotary International at the home of Paul and Jean Harris and the Memorial dedicated to Paul Harris and Silvester Schiele, the first president of the first club of Rotary – ROTARY/One in Chicago. The tour and history of the home and memorial will be led by a docent, and lunch will be provided at the home of Paul and Jean Harris. Transportation and lunch are included with this tour.



Mexican Cultural Excursion

Cost: \$75 per person

Limit 30 people

From the collections of the National Museum of Mexican Art to the music, dance, and outfits of the Traditional Mexican Folkloric Dance Company, you will be astounded by the treasures of the Mexican American communities of Chicago. You'll also visit one of the premiere traditional Mexican restaurants of Chicago, blending the ancient culture with the modern visionary touch of typical Chicago cuisine, presenting an ambiance that will make you feel you have been carried away back to the true Raices Mexicanas. *Viva la México!*



African American Cultural Excursion

Cost: \$75 per person

Limit 30 people

You'll experience the location of the first non-indigenous permanent settlement of Chicago to historic venues highlighting the Great Migration and some of the challenges the people faced in their new home. Visit the first museum in the country dedicated to African and African American history and culture along with destinations that were integral to the movements of the past 6 decades. Experience the epicenter of African American life in the Midwest!



Saturday Night Special Excursion!

Second City Comedy Show

Cost: \$59 per person

Limit 40 people

At 10 pm, after Dinner at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, head on over to Second City's most popular improv show *Don't Quit Your Daydream*. Price includes your ticket to this hilarious two-hour improv show.



Andrew Cary

Annual Giving Officer (GETS/GNTS)

Andrew joined Rotary International as an Annual Giving Officer in February of 2023. He is a Chicago-area fundraiser who most recently worked for the Adler Planetarium. He assists in raising money for the Annual Fund in Zones 25b and 29, covering Texas and much of the Midwest. He also focuses on training district leaders at GETS on how to promote Foundation giving.



Michael DeGrandis

Club and District Support (GETS/GNTS)

Michael is an Associate Officer on the Club and District Support team supporting Zones 27 & 25B. As a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, he is highly motivated by rotary's global mission and its ability to create positive change in the world. He is also enthusiastic about empowering rotary leaders to maximize their impact locally and abroad. Located in Chicago Illinois, Michael helps connect Texas and the Northwestern United States to the resources available in the Rotary World Headquarters that they need to make a difference.



Cassandra DellaCorte

Club and District Support (GETS/GNTS)

Cassandra DellaCorte is an Associate Officer with Club and District Support, based in Evanston, Illinois. Cassandra covers districts in Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, DC, and most of Pennsylvania. She joined Rotary as a member of the Rotary Support Center team in 2020, and started with Club and District Support in 2022. Originally from Ohio and a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Cassandra is eager serve Rotarians in Zone 30 and 32!



Sarah Diller

Regional Membership Officer (GETS/GNTS)

Provides focus and support of membership as the top organizational priority; Available to present on membership topics such as attraction and engagement strategies, new club development, club flexibility and innovation, membership reports and trends, and other membership

resources. Available for panels, breakout sessions, and meetings with Rotary leaders.



Rachel Greenhoe CFRE

Senior Major Gifts Officer, The Rotary Foundation

Rachel Greenhoe is a Senior Major Gifts Officer for The Rotary Foundation. She joined the Foundation in February 2010 and has served as a Major Gifts Officer since 2014. She is responsible for major gift cultivation and stewardship in

Wisconsin, Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

Rachel is an alumni of The Rotary Foundation as a Group Study Exchange team member in 2008 from District 6440 to District 1770 in France. She has been an active Rotarian for 13 years and is currently a member of the Evanston Nouveau Rotary Club. Rachel served as Club President of the Rotary Club of Chicago Lakeview in 2012-13 and as a RYLA counselor in 2013.

Before joining the staff of Rotary International she worked for six years in the non-profit sector with arts organizations in the areas of fundraising and public relations. Rachel has her Masters of Arts in Arts Administration from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs of Indiana University and is proud to hold the accreditation of Certified Fund Raising Executive since 2014.



Andrez Perez

Club and District Support (GETS/GNTS)

Andrez Perez is the Club and District Support Officer for Zone 29. In this role, Andrez works directly with Rotary leaders to help them understand Rotary's policies and procedures, guides members through club and district

processes, and assists in addressing adult harassment. He is a graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design where he received a B.F.A. in Film and Television before moving to Chicago. In his spare time, he likes to cook, go to music venues, and work on short, experimental films.



Cecelia Walter

Regional Grants Officer, The Rotary Foundation

Cecelia Walter has been a Regional Grants Officer in the Rotary Grants area of The Rotary Foundation since 2013. Cecelia began her career at Rotary as a humanitarian grant coordinator, providing assistance with the successful close-

out of the Matching Grant and District Simplified Grant program. She transitioned into her role as a Regional Grant Officer with the launch of the new Grant Model in July 2013. In her position as an RGO, Cecelia manages grants taking place within Zones 26, 29, and 30, parts of Zones 27, 28 and 33 in the USA, Zone 1a in Northern Japan, as well as Districts 3770 and 3780 in the Philippines. Cecelia has trained various groups of Rotarians both in the field and at One Rotary Center, and supported the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, South Korea as a Rotary Grants staff representative in May 2016. Cecelia is proficient in the Japanese language.

A native of Evanston, Illinois, Cecelia currently resides in the incredibly diverse Chicago suburb of Skokie, Illinois with her husband Greg and son Marshall. Cecelia is a certified Les Mills SPRINT™ fitness instructor. When she is not reviewing grants, you can find her in the gym teaching classes.

Please help us say thanks to these volunteer Rotarians who contributed their time and talents to the planning, development, and implementation of the Zone Institute.

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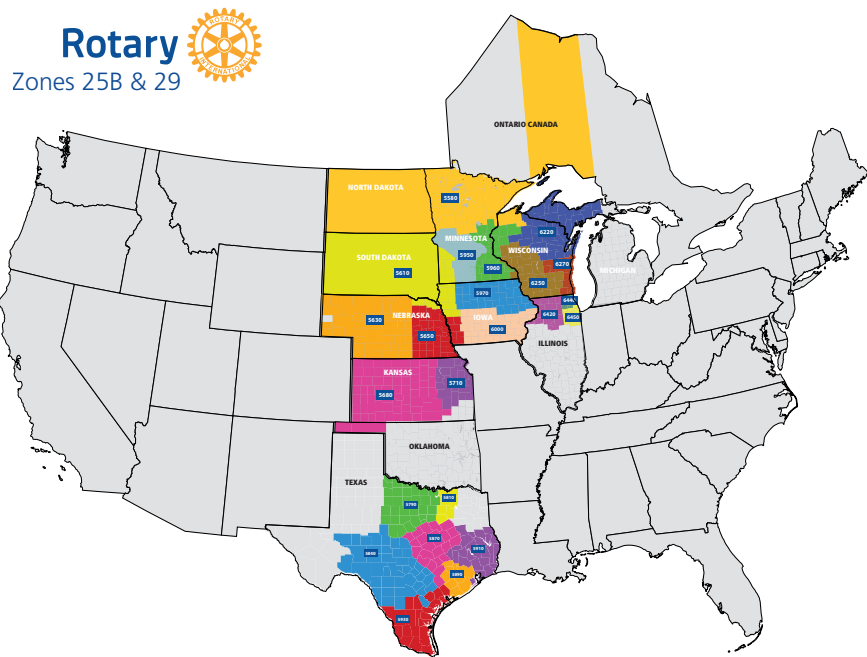
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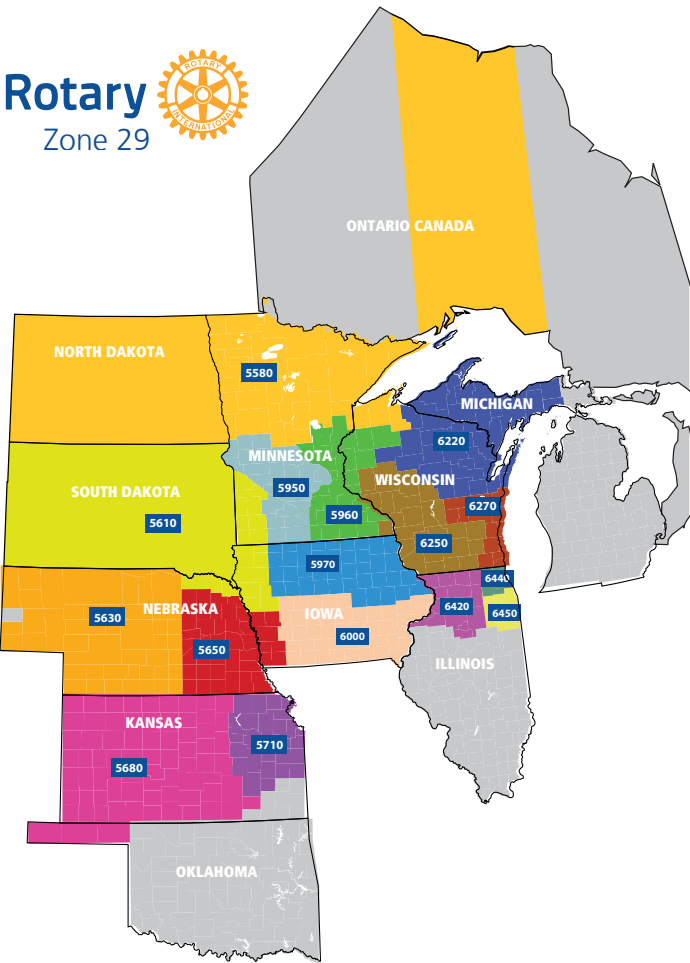
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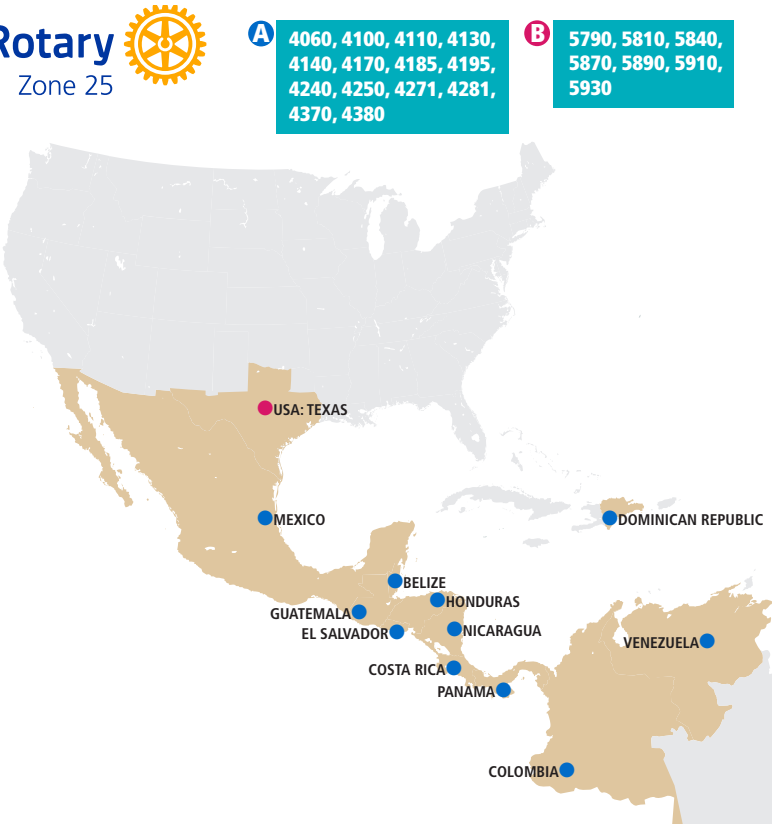
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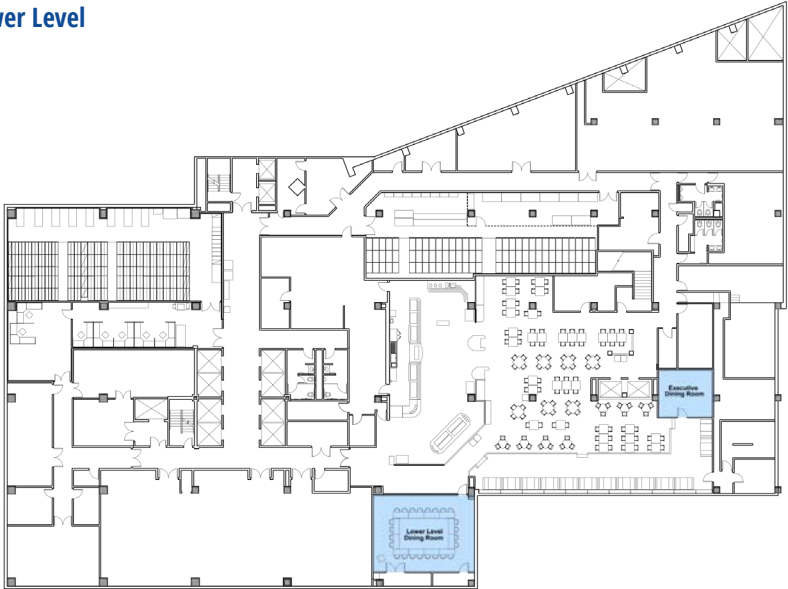
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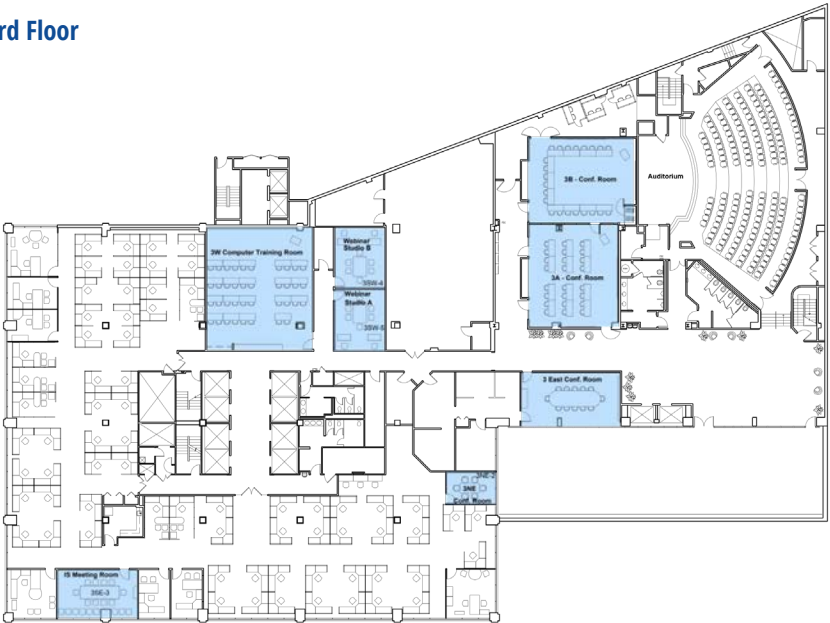
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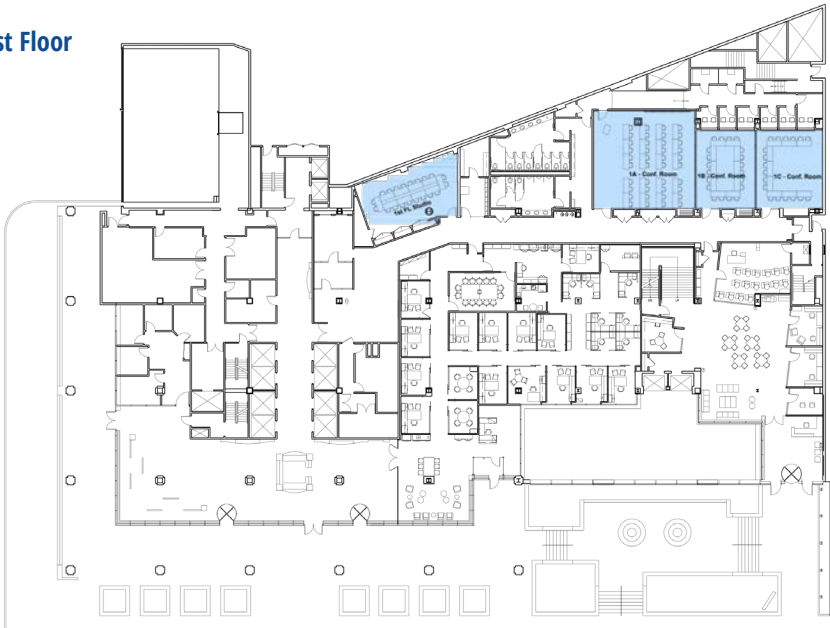
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