

## Thanking and Recognizing our Rotarians - District Awards Program

As the Rotary Year nears the halfway mark, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all Rotarians in our District for the great work you have accomplished for the betterment of our communities across North Alabama. Your impact has been immense, and in some cases, global in reach. We are truly blessed to be part of an organization that enables us to create opportunities to aid humanity through our combined and exciting engagement. We are truly rewarded through our teamwork, friendship, and outstanding missions of service. I am constantly inspired by the projects of our Clubs, no matter what size or demographic, and impressed at the level of impact you have in your community. You should take great pride in being a Rotarian, and I am honored to be amongst you and in your ranks.

I hope all Club leaders take the time over the next few months to recognize their key Rotarians who have enabled and championed your great initiatives over the course of the past year.

To ensure we duly notice our outstanding contributors, The Rotary District 6860 Awards Recognition Program is intended to recognize the accomplishments of Rotary and Rotaract Clubs that excel during the 2024-2025 Rotary year. All Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in our district are encouraged to plan ahead and apply for awards. These recognitions are the way we can say “Congratulations for a job well done!” All district awards share a common due date of March 31, 2025, except the District Vocational Service Award which is due January 15, 2025. Please feel free to contact the Awards Co-Chairs **PDG Pat Cross** or **PDG Sue Mitchell** with any questions.

## New Years Resolutions - Club Visioning

Congratulations on turning the corner into the second half of your presidential year! I would like to encourage all Club Presidents to take January as an opportunity to reflect on what you've done well, what your challenges are, and assess how the District can be of assistance in partnering you to take Rotary to the next level in your Club. As District Club Visioning Chair, **Jennifer Kyle** is poised to assist you in this effort, and I encourage you to contact her in the next few months to schedule a visioning session with your board and select membership - the benefits it will reap for your club will be we'll worth the effort.

### *What is Club Visioning?*

Club Vision helps clubs see themselves not as they are, but as they could be. The goal is for your club to leave the event with the tools and feedback to establish a three year plan reflecting the passions and values of your club,

providing direction for projects, fund raising and events, creating buy-in from members and leaders and providing continuity, consistency and consensus.

*What does a Club Visioning Event look like?*

A club vision facilitation is a four hour session (typically 5:00pm-9:00pm or 10:00am-2:00pm) involving key leaders and interested members of your club. Participants must commit to the entire 4-hour exercise.

The session is intended for all interested Rotarians in your club - from your newest members to your most tenured. The breadth and depth of the exercise is optimized when club leaders (past, present and future) and member opinion leaders participate.

Your club will identify a Club Visioning Coordinator who works with the District Visioning Chair to prepare for the event including providing all the information and direction individual Rotarians will need. The Club Coordinator will be responsible for most of the activities happening at the club level in preparation for the event (location, seating, meal/refreshments, easels, A/V availability, etc.)

During the visioning session, a team of 3-4 facilitators will lead a 10-Step process consisting of an overview presentation, a writing exercise, data collection, consensus voting and breakout exercise with sample action plan development. The club will then be prepared to support development of Action Plans for each goal under the platform of a 3 year Master Plan.

A smaller club is expected to have approximately 10 Rotarians committed to a session and 15-20 for larger clubs.

*The Value of Visioning*

Sustains and increases membership  
Implements successful service projects  
Develops leaders in the clubs and beyond  
Creates a long range plan  
Supports The Rotary Foundation

Approximately 45 days lead time is needed when looking for a suitable date/time for the event to allow for preparation by your club and the facilitating team. Please let [Jennifer Kyle](#) know how she can help you and your club move forward with a club visioning event.

**Rotarians Making an Impact - Hurricane Helene Relief Effort**

I am honored to relay the outstanding generosity of the Rotary Club of Huntsville as they recently took on the goal of helping the victims of Hurricane Helene, exceeded their goal for the effort.

Under the leadership of Club President, Mark Harbarger, the Club set out to fund one heater from each member of their club for a total goal of \$19,040. Thanks to Mark's vision and the incredible generosity of the Club members, they not only reached that goal but surpassed it.

A check has been made to the Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation in the amount of \$20,410.48, and the Rotary Club of Huntsville has honored all Rotarians as they continue our proud tradition of supporting those in need during challenging times. Witnessing the compassionate and generous efforts of Rotarians collaborating to achieve a profound impact is always inspiring, and this endeavor embodies that spirit as it greatly exemplifies our fundamental principles.

As each of us reflect on the accomplishments of Rotary this past year, I wish to pass on my thanks to all who serve in our District. May the Peace of this Season be with you as you spend a most blessed Holiday Season with your families, friends, and loved ones. Thank you for all you do, and most of all, for your teamwork and friendship. I am so proud of you and humbled to be one with you.

Seasons Greetings,  
David

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### **Key Upcoming Events:**

- 31 Jan 24: Operation Wipe Out (Eradication of Cervical Cancer) Summit – Birmingham, AL
- 9-13 Feb 25: International Assembly - Orlando, FL (DGE Only)
- 5 Feb 25: Foundation Dinner - Florence
- 20-21 Feb 25: Mid-Year Conference & Pre-PETS - Gardendale, AL
- 20-22 Feb 25: RYLA at US Space & Rocket Center
- 22 Feb 25: RLI - Central United Methodist Church
- 24 Feb 25: Birthday of Rotary
- 04 Apr 25: District Learning Assembly - Gardendale, AL

10-16 Mar 25: World Rotaract Week

20-22 Mar 25: MSPETS - Chattanooga, TN (PE & PN)

30 Apr 25: RI Convention - Last Day to Register or Cancel

2-3 May 25: Multi-District Conference - Chattanooga, TN

19 Apr 25 : RLI - Vestavia Hills Methodist Church

21-25 Jun 25: Rotary International Convention - Calgary, Alberta

**RLI Session Dates:**

22 Feb 25 - Central United Methodist Church, Decatur, AL

19 Apr 25 - Vestavia Hills Methodist Church, Vestavia, AL