

Multi-District Conference Chattanooga, 2-3 May 2025

Please allow me to invite you to one of the most anticipated and rewarding events in our District this year... **Registration is now open for our Multi-District Conference!**

REGISTRATION LINK: <https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77814969>

I am excited to invite you to our **Rotary Multi-District Conference** taking place in **Chattanooga** from **May 2-3, 2025!** This event is set to be one of the most exciting and impactful gatherings of the year, bringing together Rotarians from across the region for a weekend of learning, fellowship, and inspiration.

And we're proud to announce some very special **VIP guests** joining us:

Barry Rassin - Past Rotary International President & Immediate Past Chair of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation

John Germ – Past Rotary International President

Beth Stubbs – Rotary International Director and Executive Treasurer

Allow me to put an event like this into perspective for you. Unless you travel to a Rotary International Convention, you will seldom have the chance to be a part of an event of this scale. This is your chance to hear from these incredible leaders, share in the Rotary spirit, and leave inspired to take action in your clubs and communities. We will be joined by Rotarians from East Kentucky and East Tennessee this year, providing us the opportunity to make Rotary connections and friendships on a level that is seldom available.

Our friends from our neighboring Districts will bring great insights into how they succeed in various projects and disciplines in Rotary, so be prepared to gain knowledge while sharing our best practices - helping make all of us better together! Also, we will have the opportunity to celebrate Rotary with live entertainment, great food and awesome speakers. There will also be time built into the end of the agenda for you to take in the local highlights and sights around Chattanooga and Lookout Mountain.

Here is a quick look agenda for your reference. We have designed the program where most of you will only need a one night stay on Friday night to enjoy the entire program:

- 1 May: Golf Tournament (separate registration on DACdb pending)
- 2 May: Lunch Session – PRIP John Germ / PRIP Barry Rassin / RI Director Beth Stubbs
- 2 May: Dinner Session – RI Director Beth Stubbs
- 2 May: Block Party - Westin
- 2 May: Hospitality - Westin
- 3 May: Breakfast
- 3 May: District Business Meetings

3 May: Lunch Session – PRIP Barry Rassin
3 May: 2 PM Dismissal and Free Time in Chattanooga

We have an outstanding event planned - the only thing that could make it better for all of us is if YOU were there! Just be forewarned - it will be an awesome time!

So **don't miss out!** Head over to DACdb and **register today** to secure your spot. Let's make this conference unforgettable and celebrate the power of Rotary together!

We can't wait to see you in Chattanooga!

Mid Year Conference Recap – 21 February, 2025

Thank you to all who made our Mid Year Conference possible, either through your planning or awesome presentations. Most of all, thank you for taking time to share your Rotary experiences and fellowship with us – it was a truly rewarding event.

We were able to explore creative ways to grow your Club's membership through our participants exploring and creating new club types. We had fun learning correct (and discovering incorrect) branding so we could enhance your Public Image. We were inspired by Clubs in our District and their creative ways to employ service in their communities through District Grant programs as we learned more about the Rotary Foundation. It was also very exciting to hear about the new developments in store from our Multi-Year Planning Team as they continue to push us forward utilizing Rotary's Action Plan.

Our Keynote speaker, Rotary Peace Fellow Patricia Shafer, was very grateful for all of your peace related book donations. You really touched her heart with the outpouring of generosity and support. Thank you for making such a good showing, and know that these books will go toward her organization's work for Birmingham's inner-city school children.

Pop Tab Challenge Results

Thank you for the awesome number of tabs collected during our initial round of our Pop Tab Challenge! Here are the results:

- Homewood - 1st
- Madison - 2nd
- Cullman - 3rd
- Jasper - Honorable Mention
- Decatur Daybreak – Honorable Mention
- Alabaster Pelham – Honorable Mention

Based on the success of this round, expect a second contest in the future! Great job to our Clubs who participated and thank you Homewood for setting this up and allowing the District to participate in such a great project!

District Learning Assembly – 4 April, Gardendale Civic Center

Please join us for our annual District Learning Assembly... your best opportunity to learn more about your Club leadership position! The District Learning Assembly is an in-person event that provides club leaders the knowledge required to effectively perform the roles and responsibilities of their duties as club officers.

Who Should Attend?

Club Presidents-Elect, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, Public Relations/Communications Chairs, and any other interested members.

District Officers serving in Rotary Year 2025-26. Note: District Officers will have a modified schedule, emailed separately.

Date/Time

April 4 @ 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Continental Breakfast & Registration

Location

Gardendale Civic Center

857 Main Street

Gardendale AL 35071

Registration Link: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77817927>

District and Global Grant Training – 4 April, Gardendale Civic Center

I invite you to join us by initiating your own grant this year, District or Global, and enable your Club to spread the “Magic of Rotary” within your community or to communities far from home.

The first step in ensuring your Club is able to participate in tailoring the grant of their choice is to attend required grant training.

Now is the time to begin thinking about your **2025-26 Rotary club district grants!** Please share with the people who will be involved in your club's district grant application for 2025-26.

As you may know, your club must be qualified by District 6860 to apply for a global or district grant. This is a requirement from The Rotary Foundation to receive grant funds. We have set up three district grant qualification meetings for 2025.

Register Here: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77808773>
for District 6860 Grant Qualification Training on Friday, April 4 from 9am-10:50am in Gardendale. This meeting is at the beginning of the District Learning Assembly so a club member already planning to attend DLA can also attend district grant training.

This training is for District Grant qualification only. **Someone from your club must attend for your club to apply for a 2025-26 district grant.** Please bring a computer or tablet to begin setting up your grant as we walk through the process.

NOTE: **Global Grant qualification training** will be held on a different date TBA via Zoom for clubs who are interested in applying for a global grant in the 2025-26 Rotary year.

Reminder: **Your 2024-25 district grant final report is due by May 31st** and must be completed to apply for a 2025-26 district grant.

Rotary Leadership Institute – 19 April

Interested in learning more about Rotary? Want to increase your impact in your Club? Look no further than RLI!

RLI Parts I, II & III, in-person, by Rotary District 6860
Saturday, April 19, 2025 --- 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Central
Central United Methodist Church, 616 Jackson St SE, Decatur, AL 35601

Registration is OPEN. Click on the **Register Button** link here:

<https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77768405>

Registration will close by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Registering as a Member while logged into DACdb provides the best results and is preferred. Your DACdb Username is likely your email address used for Rotary.

If you don't know your DACdb password, click on "Forgot/Reset Password" to reset it.

If, after trying, you are unable to log into DACdb, [CLICK HERE](#) for the option to register as a Guest.

The Part I RLI Fee is \$30. District 6860 is paying the other \$30 for its members doing Part I. The Part II & III RLI Fee is \$60.

Pay online with a bank card or by ACH or by club or personal check payable to **RLI-HOA**.
This RLI Fee covers RLI resources, continental breakfast and lunch.
Please indicate any allergies or dietary needs during registration.

If you are registered, but can't participate for any reason, please let us know.
Please do not fail to show up without letting us know.

For questions, please contact either:
[Elizabeth Garcia](#), District 6860 RLI Chair
[Robert Barnes](#), District 6860 RLI Coordinator

Rotary's Polio Plus Legacy

Doing Good in the World: The Rotary Foundation's Virtual Speaker Series is a webinar series for Rotary's strongest supporters, highlighting the difference you make through your generosity. Join Rotary leaders and subject matter experts as they share stories of impact and discuss the Rotary programs and initiatives that interest you most.

Rotary's PolioPlus Legacy: Leading the Way in Global Health Progress

27 March 2025 | 10:00 Chicago time (UTC-5)

[Live on Zoom](#)

Rotary's PolioPlus initiative is one of our longest-standing and most significant humanitarian efforts. Working with our partners, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9% worldwide since 1988. The systems, networks, and tools we've built along the way embody the "plus" in PolioPlus, often serving as the default epidemic response program in dozens of countries during health emergencies. Our panelists will discuss the role that PolioPlus infrastructure plays in public health and how the success of the initiative guides efforts in tackling pressing health issues.

Register Here: Participation in the live session is limited and available to the first 1,000 registrants.

https://rotary-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zAONR37UQI-DKOUdAM5XMw#/registration

Find candidates for Rotary Peace Fellowships

Applications are now open for 2026-27 [Rotary Peace Fellowships](#). If you know any peace and development leaders in your community, encourage them to [apply](#) for a fully funded master's degree or professional development certificate offered through one of our Rotary Peace Centers at partner universities around the world. The possibilities include our newest center in Istanbul, Türkiye. You can also use the [referral form](#) to send information about applying to potential candidates.

Since 2002, more than 1,800 peace fellows have graduated from our Rotary Peace Centers. They now work in peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and development roles in more than 140 countries. Follow the [Rotary Peace Centers' Facebook page](#) to learn more, or write to rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org.

Maximize your impact: Set and track service goals with Rotary Club Central

Ask yourself: What do we want to accomplish through the service projects we undertake? How can we track our outcomes and make improvements year over year? How can we measure and track our long-term impact?

Whatever your answers are, [Rotary Club Central](#) can help you achieve your goals. This goal-tracking tool allows you to add goals for three consecutive years, providing you the opportunity to plan your club's future more strategically. To learn more, complete the [Rotary Club Central Resources course](#) in the Learning Center. (If you haven't visited the Learning Center before, go to rotary.org/learn, register or sign in to My Rotary, and accept the privacy policy. Then, search for Rotary Club Central Resources.)

Recognize members for their efforts with the Avenues of Service award

When members take the time and make the effort to engage with their club, community, or others, they are volunteering their energy and other resources without an expectation of anything in return. Recognizing them for their efforts lets them know that they are valued and appreciated. Club presidents can honor their members for efforts such as serving on a committee, leading activities, helping other members, and growing the club by [submitting a nomination for one or more of the Avenues of Service awards](#) at any time. Nominations are forwarded to district governors who review them and determine eligibility. After members have received district recognition in all Avenues of Service, governors can [submit a nomination for the RI Avenues of Service Award](#).

Want to tell compelling stories of Rotary service that truly inspire?

Learn how to incorporate ethical storytelling principles in your Rotary stories. This [Rotary Service in Action blog post](#) explains how to share your story while respecting individuals, communities, and Rotary's values. Discover how ethical storytelling can build trust, strengthen relationships, and inspire greater action.

Read Rotary's annual report

In [our most recent annual report](#), we look back at some of our most memorable moments, share inspirational stories about members making a difference, and learn from donors why they contribute to The Rotary Foundation.

Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group Update

Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group creates science-based resources that help communities identify, cultivate, and consume nutrient-rich local food plants.

Why It Matters for Rotary Clubs:

- ✓ Climate Resilient Food - Equitable food future for all.
- ✓ Sustainable Nutrition Solutions – Builds resilient communities.
- ✓ Community Driven – Combines education, agriculture, and community empowerment.
- ✓ Practical Solutions – Improves food security and human health.
- ✓ Aligned with Rotary's Mission – Supports health, nutrition, and economic growth.
- ✓ Proven Success – Science-based resources with 140+ published materials.

How You Can Help:

- ✓ Share this initiative with clubs.
- ✓ [Donate](#) — your support funds vital projects.
- ✓ Partner on a Global Grant or district project.
- ✓ Connect us with Rotarians working in food security.

Learn more: foodplantsolutions.org | info@foodplantsolutions.org

Join Rotary in transforming food security with nutrient-dense, climate-resilient plants, reshaping communities and nourishing futures worldwide.

As you can see, our District will be very busy this Spring! As we ramp up events. Save the date and register now for awesome memories and friendships that follow. I look forward to sharing Rotary with you at one of these events soon!

Regards,
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Save the Date Event Calendar

04 Apr 25: District Learning Assembly - Gardendale, AL

04 Apr 25: District Grant Training – Gardendale, AL

10-16 Mar 25: World Rotaract Week

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

19 Apr 25: RLI: - Central United Methodist Church, Decatur, AL

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

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

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

RLI Session Dates:

19 Apr 25: Central United Methodist Church, Decatur, AL

Grant Training Dates:

4 Apr 25 - 9am-10:50am: Gardendale Civic Center, Gardendale AL