

The District Connector



2024-2025
District Governor



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Dear Rotarians,

As we bring to close one year and welcome another let us reflect on the tremendous blessings we have; for our faith that gives us hope and consolation, our families that we make such loving memories with and the support they bring us, and of course our family of Rotary, which gives of service opportunities, peace, fellowship, and friends. This past year has been absolutely awe-inspiring for Clara and me. The club visits and new friends we've made have demonstrated in our own little southern Louisiana what a true blessing Rotary is. The amount of service and fun our clubs and district is directly responsible for is amazing. The work being done all over the world is tremendous.

January is Vocational Service Month. Let's use the talents we have trained in to support our mission in Rotary. Each of us has unique disciplines, experiences and knowledge that we have spent our lives honing. Let's put them to good use.

As we begin this new year let's resolve to always remember the cherished blessings we have and that we must be part of the solution to maintain them. Rotary gives us numerous ways to support our families and our communities, both near and far. Let's take advantage of these opportunities and make our club bigger and better and resolve to participate. For it's through our many volunteers that we can do what we do. Rotary makes the world a better place, but never forget Rotary is just a name; it's the people like you and me that make Rotary the biggest and best Charitable Organization in the world. Let's be a part of the Magic of Rotary!

Craig Walling, District Governor

Dear Rotary Family-

Once again we have a tragedy in our country- the wildfires in California. I received a message this weekend from the RI Director representing California, Dan Himelspach, regarding how we can help. Please spread the word throughout your clubs, as we all know Rotarians who are just waiting to be asked to give. We all watch and wonder how we can help. Here is our chance.

From Director Himelspach:

My fellow Directors. We are now up to 10,000 structures destroyed in the Los Angeles area, 36,000 acres burned, 150,000 ordered to evacuate, and another 166,000 warned they may need to flee. Districts 5280 and 5300 are being heavily impacted. Both Districts are deeply engaged in organizing disaster relief efforts. Firefighters have come in from all over the US and Canada. Civil authorities are responding the best they can, but the situation at this point is out of control. And more high winds are forecast for. Our Rotarians are responding the best of their ability, but many have been personally affected. Below is an email the Zone sent to all out PDGs, DGs, DGEs and DGNs As you know, the Los Angeles area has been devastated by large fires that are burning out of control in several areas. Many thousands of homes have been destroyed, and tens of thousands of residents have been evacuated. Our Rotary colleagues in the affected Districts - Districts 5280 and 5300 - have activated District Disaster Relief Funds to assist the victims of the fires. District 5280 (Los Angeles) has also created a Resource Directory and online spreadsheet for In-Kind Donations. To access information and links to District 5280's Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund and other resources, please click here: <https://rotary5280.org/page/2025-wildfire-disaster-relief/> To access information and a link to District 5300's Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund, please click here: <https://www.district5300.org/ca-wild-fires/> District Governors: Please share this information with your Assistant Governors, Club Presidents, and Members.

Thank you, Dan Daniel C. Himelspach RI Director 2023-25 Dg13-
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<https://rotary5280.org/page/2025-wildfire-disaster-relief/>

<https://www.district5300.org/ca-wild-fires/>

Best regards and consider helping-

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Officially reported WPV1 and cVDPV cases as of 07 January 2025

Wild poliovirus (WPV)

- Total global WPV1 cases in 2023: 12
- Total global WPV1 cases in 2024: 93 (compared with 12 for the same period in 2023)

Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) cases

- Total global cVDPV cases in 2023: 528
- Total global cVDPV cases in 2024: 255 (compared with 454 for the same period in 2023)

- **New wild poliovirus isolates reported this week:**

- AFP cases: 1
- Environment: 13
- Others: 3

- **New cVDPV isolates reported this week:**

- AFP cases 4
- Environment: 0
- Others: 0

Headlines:-

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative wishes all of its partners, stakeholders and friends all the very best wishes for a successful 2025!

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

- Pakistan: one WPV1 case and 13 WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Indonesia: one cVDPV2 case
- Nigeria: three cVDPV2 cases
- United Kingdom (UK): one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample

Afghanistan:

- **No WPV1 cases were reported this week.** The total number of WPV1 cases for 2024 is 25.
- No WPV1-positive environmental samples were reported this week.

Pakistan:

- **One WPV1 cases is reported this week,** from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa , with onset of paralysis on 9 November. The total number of cases for 2024 is 68.
13 WPV1-positive environmental samples were reported this week, collected in December, from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Punjab.



Country or territory	Wild virus type 1 confirmed cases								
	Full year total						01 Jan-31 Dec ¹		Date of most recent case
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	
Pakistan	12	147	84	1	20	6	6	68	08-Dec-24
Afghanistan	21	29	56	4	2	6	6	25	05-Nov-24
Mozambique	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	10-Aug-22
Malawi	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	19-Nov-21
Iran	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total (Type 1)	33	176	140	6	30	12	12	93	
Tot. in endemic countries	33	176	140	5	22	12	12	93	
Tot. in non-end countries	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	
No. of countries (infected)	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	
No. of countries (endemic)	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	
Total Female	18	72	59	2	10	4	4	39	
Total Male	15	104	81	4	20	8	8	54	



The Rotary Club of Livingston ended the year **2024** by installing new member Calvin Bowden, and started **2025** by installing new member Chris Rosato!



The Zachary Rotary Club recently had the honor of welcoming Doug Thompson, Chief Operating Officer of the Louisiana Firefighters Association, as their guest speaker. He shared invaluable insight in the challenges and advancements within the firefighting community, as well as the essential role the association plays in supporting first responders.

Louisiana Firefighter's Association supports and advocates for firefighters across the state with advocacy, training and education, support services and community outreach.

Thank you Louisiana Firefighter's Association for the presentation and the important work you do for Louisiana's heroes.

Pic L-R Doug Thompson, Louisiana Firefighter's Association, Heather Prejean, Zachary Rotary President, Alex Milazzo, Kyle Shufard, and Ward Wyatt all with La Firefighter's Association

Zachary
Rotary Club



ROTARY BUNNY HOP 2025



SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

DOWNTOWN ZACHARY

(Near Lee St/ Virginia St)

8:00AM | 1 MILE RUN/WALK

8:30AM | 5K RUN/WALK

REGISTRATION LINK

<https://runsignup.com/Race/LA/Zachary/ZacharyRotaryBunnyHop>





2025 ROTARY DISTRICT 6200 MID-YEAR REVIEW

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

8:30 AM ~ 2:30 PM

**HOME-2-SUITES BY HILTON
1909 KALISTE SALOOM ROAD, LAFAYETTE**

5 Reasons to Attend

1. *Meet Patrick Longano, the Rotarian behind IMPACT – and learn about his 4-step process to create and inspire clubs.*
2. *RYLA is back! Learn how your club can get involved.*
3. *Get to know our 2025-26 Rotary Global Scholar, Hannah Dickerson who will be attending the University of Copenhagen.*
4. *Hear the latest on the 2025 District Conference.*
5. *Get certified for the 2025-26 District Grant Cycle by participating in the Grants Management Seminar.*

Registration:

District Link to Register for Mid-Year Assembly:

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77805332>



So that we can have accurate numbers for lunch, please register by January 21st



**Rotary International
District 6200
2025 Mid-Year Review – Road Map for next Six Months**

**Saturday, January 25, 2025
Home-2-Suites
1909 Kaliste Saloom Road, Lafayette, LA**

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77805332>

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Check In
9:00 am – 9:05 am	Invocation / Pledge / 4 Way Test
9:05 am – 9:10 am	Opening / Introductions
9:10 am – 9:30 am	Governor’s Message
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Rotary Global Scholarship Opportunities
9:45 am – 10:05 am	2025 OMR PETS
10:05 am – 10:25 am	2025 District Conference
10:25 am – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 11:15 am	Development of Satellite Clubs
11:15 am – 11:45 am	Membership Retention – Keeping Members Engaged
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch – Newk’s Restaurant
12:30 pm – 12: 40 pm	2025 Interact Convention
12:40 pm – 1:00 pm	2025 RYLA
1:00pm – 1:15 pm	2025 District Grants Close out
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Grants Management Seminar – 2025-26 District Grants
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Governor’s Closing Remarks

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