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Better than your best

Rotary has a way of surprising you.

It surprises you when a stranger across the table becomes a lifelong friend. It surprises you when a small project in one neighborhood ripples outward in ways you never imagined. And it may surprise you when you realize that the person Rotary has changed most ... is you.

That is why this year, we are called to harness the change within ourselves, to look to the future, and to Create Lasting Impact.

Now, I want to be clear about what those words mean. Change is only the beginning. Impact is what endures. We must think of the long-term impact of every project. How can a new water system contribute to the long-term health of a community? Can residents help other communities build their own? How can a new classroom be part of a wider strategy to improve education in the area? That is the sort of thinking we need.

As we prioritize impact, we must also consider how our actions can contribute to peacebuilding. Peace does not happen by accident. It must be built deliberately and strategically. As you plan your next project, ask yourself: "How does this create the conditions for peace?" Consult the Pillars of Positive Peace to learn how we can bring the world one step closer to peace in everything we do.

The more you change your community and the world, the more you will change. Don't just tell people about the projects you have run or the funds you have raised. Tell them how Rotary has shaped who you are. Those personal stories

open doors, inspire new members, and remind all of us why we are here.

Storytelling is also an excellent way to recruit new members and raise funds. We need more people standing with us and more resources if we are to end polio, spread peace, and have a lasting impact on the world. We have set a goal of increasing membership to 1.25 million Rotarians and more than 125,000 Rotaractors by 2030, just in time for Rotary's 125th anniversary.

Sit down with your club and look back over your accomplishments in the last few years. Find your best year. Maybe it was a record year for new members. Maybe you reached a fundraising milestone. Maybe you completed a project that the whole community is still talking about. Once you find that year, I challenge you to do better than your best.

In these ways and more, we will Create Lasting Impact across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Thank you, my dear friends. Now let's get to work.

Yinka

President, Rotary International

August 2026



My challenge to you

Peace does not happen by accident. It must be pursued deliberately, built strategically, and woven intentionally into everything we do. That is the challenge I am placing before the Rotary world this year.

Rotary has long recognized peace as one of our areas of focus. But I believe peace must be more than a category of work we set aside for certain projects. It must become a lens, one we choose to look through every time we plan, every time we serve, every time we ask what kind of impact we truly want to leave behind.

The Institute for Economics and Peace has identified eight Pillars of Positive Peace: well-functioning government, sound business environment, equitable distribution of resources, acceptance of the rights of others, good relations with neighbors, free flow of information, high levels of human capital, and low levels of corruption. These pillars describe the conditions that make lasting peace possible. And when I look at them carefully, I see enormous potential for Rotary. Not because our work automatically advances peace but because it can when we are deliberate about it.

That is the key word: deliberate.

A water project does not build peace on its own. But a water project designed with the Pillars of Positive Peace in mind

— one that asks how equitable access to resources strengthens community trust — can begin to lay that foundation. A vocational training program does not guarantee reconciliation. But one that intentionally brings divided communities together around shared economic opportunity can start to build it. The project does not change. The intention does.

In Colombia, Rotary's Pathways to Peace and Prosperity program shows us what this looks like in practice. Working in communities shaped by decades of armed conflict and displacement, the program combines economic empowerment with conflict resolution training and community-led reconciliation. Peace was not a hoped-for side effect. It was central to the design. That is the standard I am calling all of us to follow.

As you plan your next project, whatever the focus area, I want you to pause and ask one question: How does this create the conditions for peace? Consult the Pillars of Positive Peace. Find where your work connects. Then, make that connection intentional. Share what you discover with your club, your district, and your community. The more we talk about peace as a practice rather than a destination, the more naturally it will shape everything we do.

This is not about doing different work. It is about doing our work differently, with greater awareness, greater purpose, and a clearer vision of the world we are trying to build. Every Rotary project carries potential. Our task is to unlock it, not by chance but by choice.

Yinka

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Editorial



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Centre in Thailand, I warmly welcome you all to a year of “*Creating Lasting Impact.*”

The Rotary Centre is another part of Rotary that is committed to serving all clubs and members to the best of our ability. Our administration is guided by transparency and openness, and we welcome suggestions from all sectors so that we can continuously improve the quality of our work.

Nevertheless, in everything we do, we may not always be able to satisfy everyone, as different circumstances and factors may come into play. My team, all members of the Board, and I will work together and devote our fullest efforts throughout the next two years.

We will **begin** doing new things or improve what we are already doing — START
We will **discontinue** things that do not produce results or are less effective — STOP

We will **carry on** with work and activities that are effective and worthwhile — CONTINUE

As we begin this new term and transition into the 122nd year of Rotary International, I wish each and every one of you success in achieving the goals you have set. Most importantly, I wish you good health and happiness.

Yours in Rotary,

Suchada Ittitarukul
Chair, Board of Directors
Rotary Centre in Thailand



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2026 PHOTO AWARDS

THE EXTRAORDINARY

The pictures featured in this year's photo awards are simply sublime

The photographers who submitted their work to the contest used their cameras as tools to discover the wonders of everyday life hidden in plain sight—moments that most people often overlook.

View all 13 photographs by scanning this QR code, and you will see that it is not only visionary poets who can capture the wonder of ordinary moments that might otherwise pass unnoticed.



2026 Photo Awards

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LUCA VENTURI
Rotary Club of Siena Est, Italy

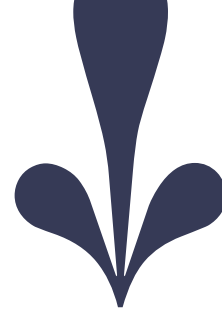
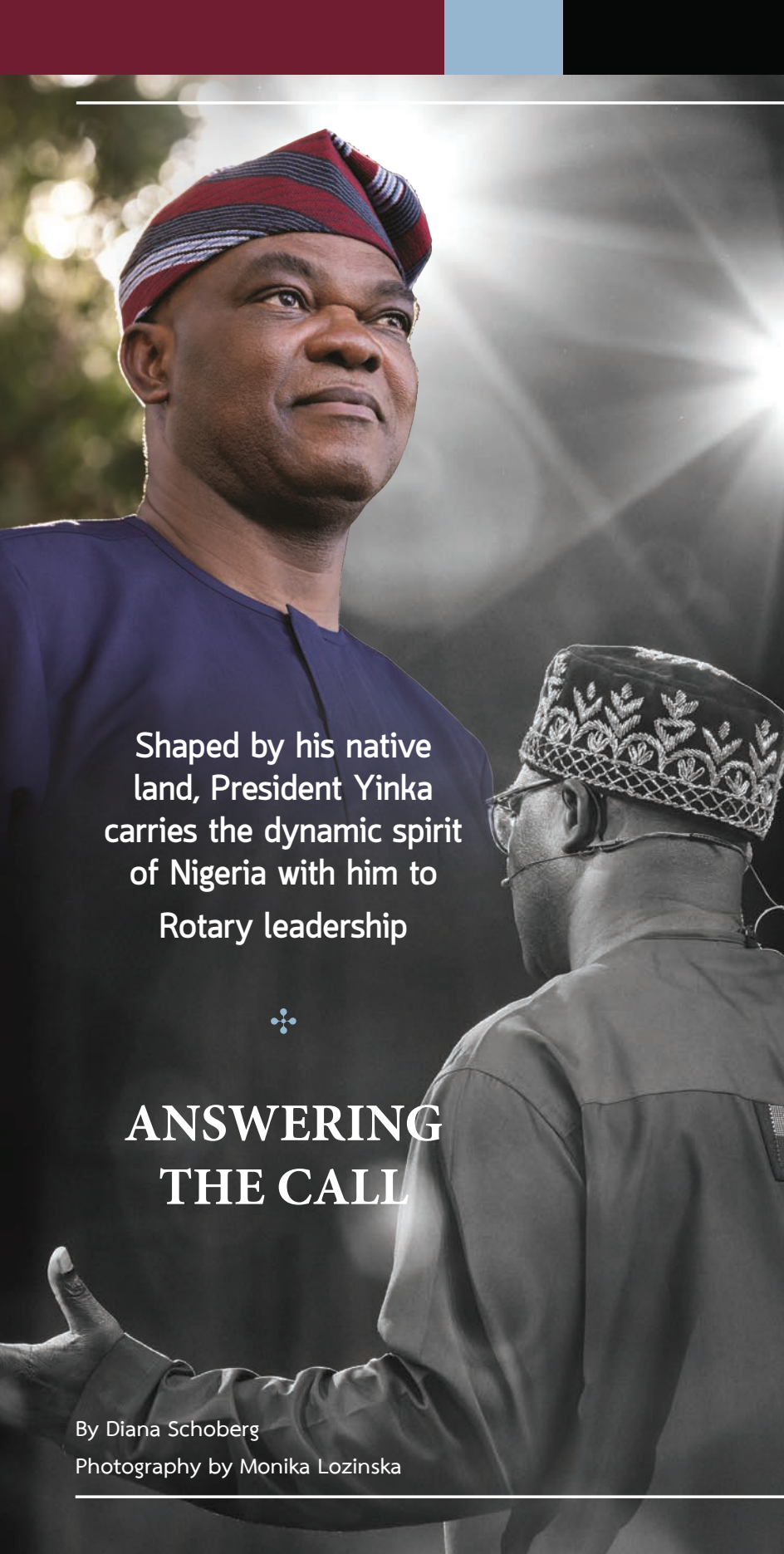
At a free medical outreach camp supported by Dr. K. Manoharan — a member of the Rotary Club of Tiruchirapalli Midtown and a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation — a woman clasps her hands in gratitude for the compassionate care she has received. For the residents of the agricultural communities served by the camp, this was their only access to advanced medical care.

In a quiet corner of Vienna, as spring flowers bloom within a circular planter and two women converse against a stone balustrade — their personalities and presence suggested only by their stance and attire — a solitary child, sitting slightly apart, lingers within her private world.

WINNER: PEOPLE OF ACTION

JENO JOHNSON
Rotary Club of Tiruchirapalli
Chola, India





Olayinka H. Babalola makes his way to the front row.

This is it. It's showtime, the moment that Yinka, as he's called — the 2026-27 Rotary International president, the second from Nigeria, the second from all of Africa for that matter — will make his debut to the Rotary world.

It's the first morning of Rotary's International Assembly, a training event for incoming district governors held every winter in Orlando, Florida. Babalola's already miked up for the speech he'll give, the session's main event. But first, he prepares to participate in the opening flag ceremony, a tradition at Rotary events.

He joins 2025-26 RI President Francesco Arezzo of Italy and Larry Lunsford of the United States, who will serve after Babalola. The three walk onstage, hoisting their countries' flags. A singer belts out the U.S. national anthem. Then, the Italian district governors-elect join Arezzo onstage to sing "Il Canto degli Italiani."

Finally, it's Babalola's turn. He steps forward and stands taller, his glittery green-and-white striped hat matching his country's flag. Peace Udoka Anyira, a Nigerian Canadian Rotarian, steps onstage and sings:

Nigeria, we hail thee,
Our own dear native land,
Though tribes and tongues may differ,
In brotherhood we stand
Nigerians all, are proud to serve
Our sovereign Motherland.

Shaped by his native
land, President Yinka
carries the dynamic spirit
of Nigeria with him to
Rotary leadership



ANSWERING THE CALL

By Diana Schoberg
Photography by Monika Lozinska

Babalola sings along too, and as he does, a tear rolls down his cheek.

“You hear a lot of bad stories about Nigeria, but today, the story is not a bad story,” he says afterward, choking up with emotion. He takes off his glasses and wipes his eyes. “The flag of this country is being raised amongst people of goodwill — good people from more than 100 countries, for a good cause.”

As of 1 July, Babalola will lead them.

 Babalola’s leadership journey began early. The eldest of six children, he was born in Ibadan, one of the largest cities in Nigeria. His mother was a teacher and his father an accountant. “From my part of the world, when you’re the first child, that has some leadership responsibilities,” he says.

He went to college at what was then called the Federal University of Technology in Bauchi, an ethnically diverse city in the north where Nigeria’s savanna woodlands begin to give way to the semiarid Sahel on the edge of the Sahara. The school’s public image director, a member of the Rotary Club of Bauchi, asked him during his second year if he’d help organize a Rotaract club. Babalola became the club’s charter president.

After earning his degree in electronics engineering, Babalola completed a year in the National Youth Service Corps. Aiming to bridge ethnic and religious divides, members of the corps serve in states other than their own. Babalola was posted to Port Harcourt in Rivers state, where the French tire manufacturer Michelin had requested electronics engineering graduates to help retool its equipment.

Before arriving in Port Harcourt, Babalola joined other newly mobilized corps members at an orientation camp.



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He figured since they were all fresh out of university, there must be Rotaractors among them. He posted a notice and gathered everybody together. “We started a mini Rotaract fellowship while in camp,” he recalls.

Then in Port Harcourt, Babalola joined the Rotaract Club of Trans Amadi, an industrial area of the city where Michelin was located. With other Rotaract corps members, he volunteered at a facility for children with disabilities that was supported by the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt.

When his mandatory service was over, Babalola landed a job with the Nigerian branch of the Shell oil company. Only in his mid-20s,

Clockwise from top left:
Rotary President Olayinka H.
Babalola sings along to the
Nigerian national anthem
at Rotary’s International
Assembly; with his wife, Precy
Babalola (center), at the
assembly’s culture night; with
Nigerian Rotaractors (Babalola
is the first RI president to start
his Rotary journey through
Rotaract); and dancing with
governors-elect.

PHOTOGRAPH: (RIGHT) ANDREW ESIEBO



Clockwise from top left:
Babalola with members of his Rotary club, Trans Amadi; speaking at a club meeting; watching as Precy, a lawyer and Rotarian, rehearses a speech; visiting a polio project in Nigeria; and rallying district governors-elect to end polio. “Rotarians will be energized to take on the challenge of polio more than ever,” says Eyone Andy Uwejeayan, a past governor of District 9141.

“

He would always say,
‘Better your best.’
I don’t want you to compete
with other clubs
I want you to compete
with yourself.

— Ndukwe Chukwu,
Rotary club of Owerri Central, Nigeria



he was beginning to outgrow his Rotaract club; his job gave him the privilege of a better income than others his age. The next logical step, he thought, was to join Rotary, where he could find inspiration from successful older members. “I wanted to be in a place where I could aspire to other things,” he says.

But when he went to a meeting of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi and said he wanted to join, club members were stunned. One Rotarian erupted: “What’s wrong with this young man? You think this is how you join Rotary?” But another Rotarian



volunteered to be his sponsor, later becoming a mentor. “If that man hadn’t spoken up for me, maybe I wouldn’t be here,” Babalola reflects. “I may have left the place and never considered joining Rotary, and that would have been the end of it.”

In Rotary, Babalola found career mentors, including the chief operating officer of Shell Nigeria. “There are some people who when you see their signature on a letter addressed to you, it means only two things: You’ve been promoted or you’ve been

PHOTOGRAPHS: (STREET, CLUB MEETING, DRUMS) ANDREW ESIEBO

sacked,” he says. “That’s the kind of person he was.” Another executive in the Nigerian oil industry also took Babalola under his wing when his father died.

But most of all, he found a place to grow up. “At 27, you have some money in your pocket, you’re single, you’re a boy, you can imagine the kind of things that will be on your mind,” he says. “But because I was in Rotary, that didn’t happen for me. People are talking about taxation; they’re talking about the budget. They’re talking about real estate, about investment opportunities, and suddenly somebody is telling you what you need to do with your money.”

Through Rotary, Babalola also met his wife, Precy, the first female president of her university’s Rotaract club in Port Harcourt. She pulled back from Rotary when their children were young, rejoining in 2018. Today she is a lawyer and a member of the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Passport.

“Our stories as members may be different, but Rotary impacts us in many ways — our careers, our businesses, our family lives,” Yinka Babalola says. “I think if you talk to any Rotarian, you will find they have a story, something that made them stay.”



It’s midday and a dozen or so district governors-elect ring a conference table. The Florida sunshine streams in as they exchange business cards and wait for Babalola. These governors-elect are from the last remaining districts battling polio, places like Pakistan, where, along with neighboring Afghanistan, wild poliovirus is still endemic, along with some districts in Africa, including Babalola’s Nigeria, that are still suppressing outbreaks.

Babalola enters and walks around the table, shaking hands with everybody. This is his hype meeting, where he wants to rally these governors-elect and show them just how serious he is about polio eradication.

As the meeting starts, he speaks in such hushed tones that one must lean

in to hear him. Once he has everyone’s full attention, his voice grows stronger, more animated. He taps his fingers on the table, asking for a demonstration of their commitment.

“Imagine,” Babalola tells them, “being at the Rotary Convention and they’re announcing that we’ve reached zero cases of polio — that this district governor class was the one to get us there.”

The room bubbles with enthusiasm afterward. “We’re excited for him being our president,” says Shahzad Sabir, governor-elect of District 3271 (Pakistan). “He knows what’s a problem on the ground. He knows what commitment means. He knows what we need.”

International PolioPlus Committee Chair Michael K. McGovern, who sat in on the meeting, echoes Sabir’s sentiments. “We have never had a president who has come into the role who has more background on the day-to-day work of eradicating polio in a country, working closely with Rotarians, working with the governments, and working with others,” he says. “We couldn’t have a better leader.”

In 2012, wild poliovirus was still endemic in Nigeria. Cases were surging, particularly in the northeast of the country, home to the militant group Boko Haram. Babalola, a 2011-12 district governor, was summoned to a meeting to discuss the country’s polio eradication efforts. Rotary leaders wanted the past and current district governors gathered to each adopt one of Nigeria’s 36 states and work with local governments and partners there to ensure immunization ran smoothly. “People’s hands started going up,” Babalola recalls, “and nobody agreed to go to the northeast.”

But Babalola had gone to college in the region. It’s where he had gotten his start in Rotary. It was a place he knew. He raised his hand. “People turned and looked at me, thinking this guy must be crazy,” he remembers.

Salma Ibrahim Anas, the commissioner

of health in the northeastern state of Borno in 2011-15, recalls one time when Babalola met her in her office in the state capital, Maiduguri. She told him she’d be traveling to a remote community several hundred kilometers away to launch an immunization campaign. There was a security lockdown; civil society partners were not traveling because of the risks. But, says Anas, now the special adviser on health to the Nigerian president, she couldn’t believe it when the next day she saw Babalola in that same remote community delivering vaccines. “I was speechless,” she recalls. “This was the highest level of dedication, commitment, and trust. He sacrificed whatever he had for these children in remote communities despite the security challenges of Boko Haram.”

Within the decade, in 2020, the World Health Organization certified Nigeria — and with it the entire African region — free of wild poliovirus, largely thanks to the efforts of Rotary members.

From his time as a district governor, Babalola quickly rose through the Rotary ranks. “I could see then that he was an up-and-comer — he had that talent,” says Bryn Styles, who met Babalola when he was a governor and Styles was an RI director-elect. He is now serving as Babalola’s presidential aide. “I was so impressed with him that I wrote a note to the sitting RI president and president-elect saying this is someone that we have to move along.”

In 2017, Babalola was preparing to serve as an RI director himself. His term was to coincide with the year that Sam F. Owori of Uganda was to serve as Rotary

president. But the unthinkable happened: Owori died of complications from surgery before he could take office.

Refusing to believe it, Babalola tried to call Owori, whose wife answered and confirmed the news. He called Past RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe and Past Director Sam Okudzeto, among the only living senior leaders from Africa at the time, to ask them what to do. Both deferred to Babalola as the leader now. As he pondered that, he got a call from Ugandan Rotarians asking him what's next. "Suddenly it dawned on me," he says. "I said to myself, 'Yinka, your role has changed. This whole continent is looking in your direction, and you need to step up.'"

Babalola and Owori had already discussed plans for their time together on the RI board. Now, it fell to Babalola to execute them. "It was not an easy time," he says, "but it was a serious moment of growth."

One of those plans involved membership growth on the continent, an area that Babalola had excelled at during his time as club president and district governor. When Owori died, Africa was home to 29,000 Rotarians. Today, there are 48,000.

"There's something about Yinka and membership," says Virginia Major, a past district governor from Port Harcourt and one of many whom Babalola has mentored. "Oh, my goodness. He almost drives you crazy because of membership. He gives you figures. 'This is where we need to be.' 'We need to do this, and we can.' I call him the father of membership in Africa."



After the flag ceremony, Babalola hustles backstage to wait while Styles, his aide, introduces him. Babalola swaps his green-and-white hat for one in the same fabric as the presidential ties and scarves the district governors-elect will receive after the morning session. Someone fortuitously tracks down a pocket square in the same fabric and Babalola tucks it in just as Styles is announcing his name. With that, he strides onstage.

The audience applauds as Babalola tells the story of how he was finally able to join Rotary. He talks about the impact of Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria, a massive maternal and child health program funded by The Rotary Foundation. And he dramatically announces this year's

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presidential message, Create Lasting Impact, while spreading his arms wide and soaking in the enthusiasm of the crowd, which is standing and taking photos.

Babalola may be only the second president from Nigeria, the second from Africa. But true to Rotary's values, he will build peace as he travels, promoting understanding of the people of a country, beyond the headlines. He himself will be creating lasting impact, on Rotary, on the world ■

Babalola announces the 2026-27 presidential message. "He has Rotary at heart," says incoming Rotary Foundation Trustee Francis Tusubira of Uganda. "You can feel his passion for Rotary well beyond Africa."



THE YINKA EFFECT



Rotary's new president is galvanizing members across Africa. We visited to see their enthusiasm in action.

Photography by Andrew Esiebo

TOP : Babalola visits a clinic where children receive polio vaccines.

BELOW: Joshua Hassan (right), chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee, shows Babalola around the facility.

On a Tuesday in February,

the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi is holding its regular weekly meeting in the bustling commercial hub of Port Harcourt, Nigeria. The audience is listening politely to their guest speaker as a late-arriving member suddenly enters. It's Olayinka Babalola. Heads turn. And in a sudden, joyful swell, some 70 members rise to their feet, breaking into song and applause.

It's what friends and admirers call the "Yinka effect," and it's propelling membership, Rotary Foundation contributions, and more.

"When Yinka walks into a room, he's like a magnet," says Ibim Semenitari, who has known him since 1999. "I've seen Rotary clubs in Africa and beyond gravitate toward him. He is a leader whose charisma cuts across boundaries."





Clockwise from top left:

Babalola with his sisters (from left) Muibat, Salimot, and Ganiyat, and daughter Aminat; with son Malik; and with his mother, Rianat Babalola; Babalola on a bird-watching tour with his sisters (from left) Ganiyat and Muibat in his hometown of Ibadan; visiting with his mentor Past District Governor Gabriel Toby; and returning to his former high school, which he and other alums generously support.

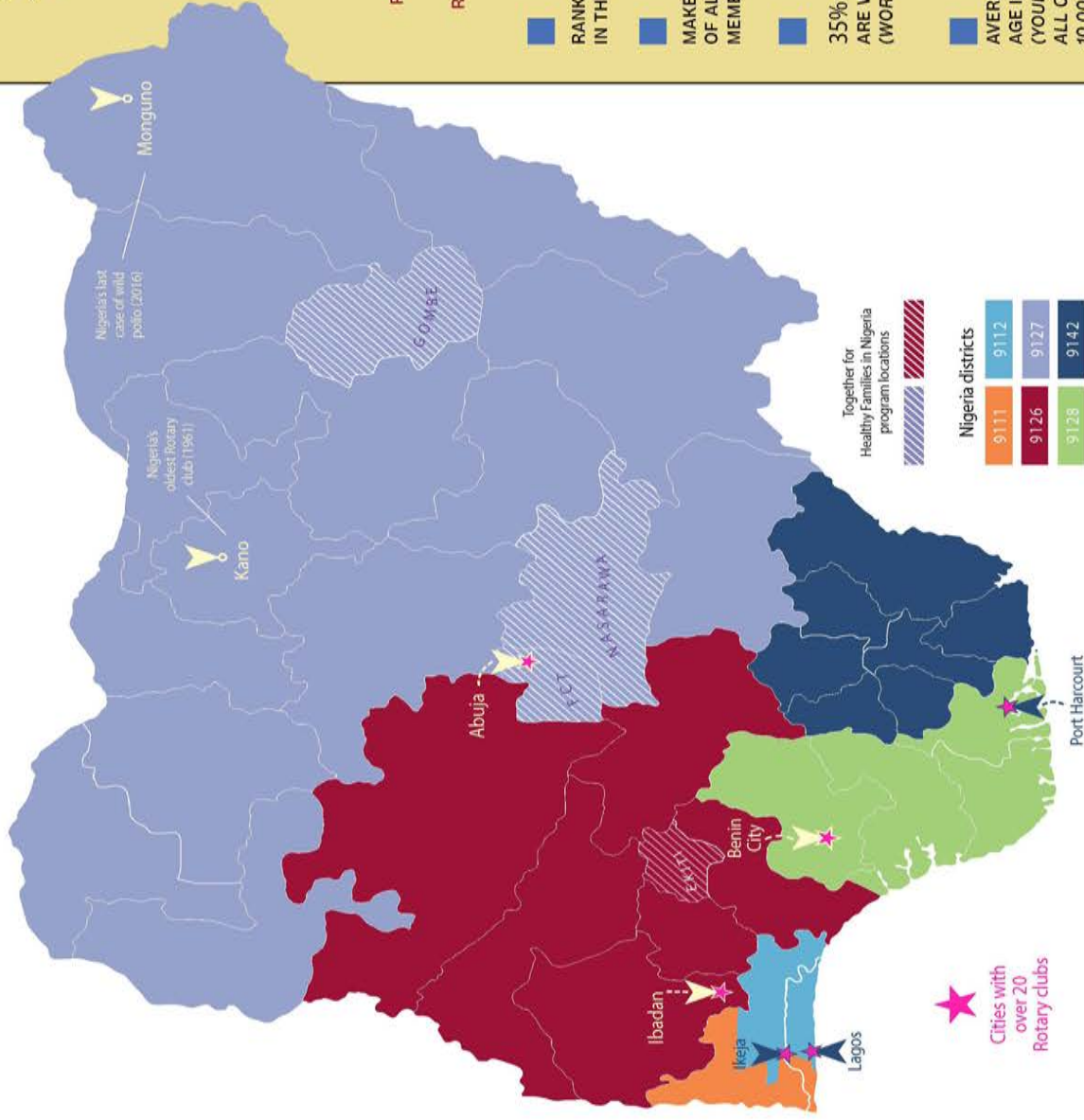
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I’ve seen Yinka literally change the game as district governor. Every position Yinka has held, he moves one notch higher.

– Gabriel Toby,
Past District Governor from Port Harcourt



ROTARY in NIGERIA



By the numbers

(As of 1 May)

20,156 MEMBERS

15,576 ROTARIANS IN 605 ROTARY CLUBS

4,580 ROTARACTORS IN 434 ROTARACT CLUBS

RANKS 13th IN THE WORLD

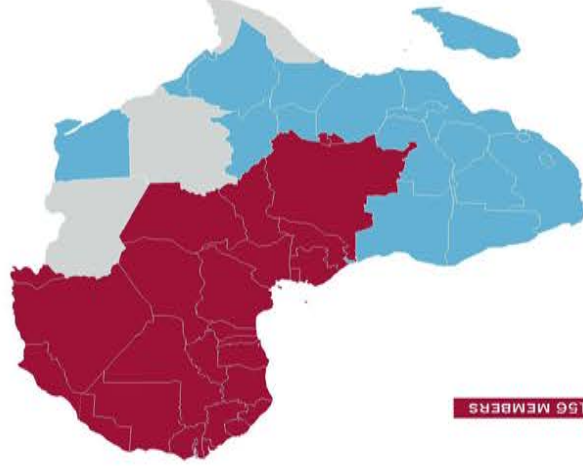
MAKES UP 29% OF ALL ROTARY MEMBERS IN AFRICA

35% OF ROTARIANS ARE WOMEN (WORLDWIDE: 28%)

AVERAGE ROTARIAN AGE IS 48 (YOUNGEST AMONG ALL COUNTRIES WITH 10,000+ ROTARIANS)

Until this year, all Rotary countries in Africa except for Sudan were in a single Rotary International zone.

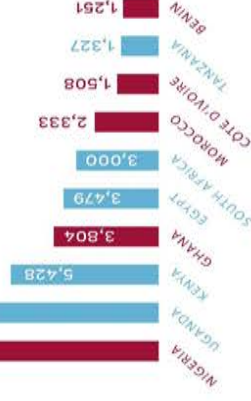
Due to recent membership growth, the RI Board split it into two: **ZONE 22** (northern and western Africa) and **ZONE 23** (eastern and southern Africa).



20,156 MEMBERS

14,644

There are about 70,000 Rotary members across Africa. About half can be found in two countries: **NIGERIA and UGANDA.**



Board of Directors

2026-27

The RI Board of Directors manages Rotary International affairs and funds in accordance with the RI Constitution and Bylaws. Directors are nominated by their zones and elected to two-year terms. Eight new directors, along with the president-elect, join the Board on 1 July.



Olayinka H. Babalola
President
Rotary Club of
Trans Amadi,
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DG Dr. Chatchawal Wongwiwatwaitaya

District Governor 3330



With a humble, respectful disposition that always leaves a positive impression on those he meets, this is a key characteristic of District 3330's leader for 2026-27, DG Dr. Chatchawal Wongwiwatwaitaya. Rotary Thailand magazine is pleased to introduce his brief biography as follows:

He graduated with a Second-Class Honors from the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University. He also holds a diploma as a dermatology specialist. Despite his demanding studies during his university years, he actively participated in sports and served as a football player for the Faculty of Medicine for six years.

After graduation, he served as a resident physician at Kantharalak Hospital in Si Sa Ket province and married PP Rachanee Wongwiwatwaitaya, and together they have four children.

Later, he became the director of Khukhan Hospital in Sisaket province, before returning to work as a resident physician in the internal medicine department at Nakhon Pathom Hospital. He also worked part-time at Sanamchan Hospital. (now Bangkok Hospital Sanam Chan) He resigned from government service in 1997.

The Rotary Journey

A dedicated member of the Nakhon Pathom Rotary Club for 33 years,

served as club president in Rotary year 2021-22, undertaking several notable projects such as the 12-million-baht Hemodialysis Center Project for Dontum Hospital, which earned a national award, the Phraya Srivisarnvacha Trophy. In 2023-24, he successfully led another Hemodialysis Center Project for Nakhon Pathom Hospital, Valued at 19 million baht.

Social Contribution

Driven by his lifelong passion for football, he volunteered as manager of the Nakhon Pathom provincial football team.

His commitment to public service includes serving as President of the Chulalongkorn University Alumni Association and President of the Chulalongkorn University Alumni Foundation of Nakhon Pathom Province. He also served as deputy mayor of Nakhon Pathom Municipality for one term and was a member of the Nakhon Pathom Municipal Council for five terms. He currently serves as an advisor to the Nakhon Pathom Municipality.

Guided by a heart that is always ready to uplift the underprivileged and improve society without expecting anything in return and supported by senior leaders in his club—alongside the fact that the Rotary Club of Nakhon Pathom has not had a district governor for 30 years— this is how things have come to this point ■





Itthipol Kanjanapimol

District Governor 3340

"Leader: An Inspiration for Lasting Peace"

District Governor Itthipol Kanjanapimol is a native of Ubon Ratchathani province. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Ramkhamhaeng University and two Master's degrees: a Master of Public Administration from Ramkhamhaeng University and a Master of Political Science in Local Government from Khon Kaen University. These qualifications provide a strong foundation for his executive work, both in his professional duties and in various organizations, particularly within Rotary.

Family Life: He is married to Mrs. Nuanprang Kanjanapimol and they have four children, who are a significant source of encouragement for his dedication to working for society.

DG Itthipol is the licensed operator and manager of Charoenwittaya School in Amnat Charoen Province, a private school that focuses on developing life skills and academics.

His Best Practices: In 2025, he received the Outstanding Award for Early Childhood Education Management from the Ministry of Education for his work entitled "Early Childhood Education Management to Enhance Mathematical Skills using the STR Process." He has implemented innovative international curriculum and concepts in the school, including "Leader in Me" to develop leadership potential in students, and the Vipassana meditation curriculum based on the principles of the Institute of Mental Power.



The Rotary Journey

District Governor Itthipol entered the Rotary path as a member of the Rotary Club of Amnat Charoen on 4 July 2014. After three years of membership, he was entrusted with the position of president of the Rotary Club of Amnat Charoen, Class 113 (2017-18), and returned to serve as president again in Class 116 (2020-21). This is a source of pride for him, having received trusts from his fellow members.

In 2022-23, he was entrusted with the position of Assistant Governor for Zone 12 of District 3340, and in 2026-27, he received the highest honor of being the Governor of Rotary International District 3340.

His mission and vision for his work in the Rotary club is the heart of giving. He is committed to building strength through strong relationships within the club. All members participate in a variety of activities to unite their efforts in creative activities and service to improve the lives of the community, guided by the promise: "Because we are a part of Rotary." "To serve fellow human beings, foster goodwill, and bring peace to the world" ■

Srifa Siriudomseth

District Governor 3350

**"Lasting change begins with
changing ourselves."**

Srifa Siriudomseth, a member of the Rotary Club of Bangkok Ratchadapisek, has dedicated more than two decades of her life to the ideals of Rotary. She firmly believes that service is not merely a responsibility, but a way of life that inspires hope, transforms lives, and creates lasting value for society.

Born and raised in Bangkok, She is the youngest of five children in a Chinese-Thai family. Although she lost her mother at the age of eight, the love, sacrifice, and guidance of her father and elder sisters shaped her into a resilient individual who values integrity, diligence, gratitude, and generosity—principles that have guided her throughout her life.

She graduated from Benjamachalai School under the Royal Patronage, ranking among the top 50 Arts Program students nationwide. She then entered the Faculty of Arts at Chulalongkorn University (Arts Class 41), during the auspicious year in which she had the honor of studying in the same faculty and same year as Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. This remains one of the greatest honors and proudest memories of her life.

Majoring in English with minors in French and History, her education in the humanities broadened her perspective, nurtured her appreciation for diversity, and strengthened her belief that genuine friendship begins with listening and understanding others.

After graduation, She began her professional career with Advance Pharma Co., Ltd., a distributor of veterinary pharmaceuticals and animal health products. It was there that she met Dr. Sompol Siriudomseth, a veterinarian and graduate of Kasetsart University, who later became her husband, trusted partner, and unwavering source of encouragement.

She subsequently joined the Expressway Authority of Thailand, where she worked for more than seven years on the Dao Khanong–Port Expressway Project. After the project's completion, she resigned to establish a family business together with her husband. They founded Giss Marketing Co., Ltd., specializing in the import and distribution of livestock farm equipment, veterinary instruments, liquid nitrogen, liquid oxygen, and veterinary supplies. They later expanded their business by establishing GIZE Co., Ltd., supplying veterinary equipment, medical devices, rehabilitation equipment, and healthcare products for the elderly. From a modest beginning, both companies have grown steadily for more



than four decades. Today, with the second generation assuming management responsibilities, Srifa and her husband are able to devote more of their time and energy to community service and Rotary.

Srifa's Rotary journey began through the encouragement of her husband, then a member of the Rotary Club of Lumpini, who introduced her to the Rotary Club of Bangkok Ratchadapisek. Inspired by the warm fellowship among members and Rotary's enduring motto, Service Above Self, she accepted the invitation to join, never imagining that Rotary would become such an integral part of her life.

Throughout her Rotary journey, She has served in numerous leadership positions at both the club and district levels, including Club Secretary, Club President, Club Rotary Foundation Chair, Assistant Governor, District Event Chair, and District Rotary Foundation Committee member.

Among her most distinguished roles was serving as District Grants Subcommittee Chair (DGSC) for more than six consecutive years. In this capacity, she oversaw the administration of District Grants and Global Grants for District 3350 and became a respected trainer and speaker on Rotary Foundation grants throughout the district. She also served as District Secretary under DG Alex Marvalo, an experience that deepened her understanding of district administration and strengthened her leadership capabilities.

Recognized for her experience, commitment, and vision, She was elected District Governor of Rotary International District 3350 for Rotary Year 2026–2027. Guided by Rotary International President Olayinka H. Babalola's theme, Create Lasting Impact, she is committed to building stronger clubs, increasing and retaining membership, developing future leaders, expanding impactful Global Grant projects that address community needs, and strengthening international partnerships so that every Rotary project creates sustainable and meaningful change.

Despite her achievements in business and Rotary, Srifa considers her family to be her greatest source of strength. She believes that love, perseverance, and selfless sacrifice are the foundations of success in every aspect of life, just as Rotary flourishes through friendship, mutual understanding, and service without expectation of reward. She lives by the philosophy:

"There is no need to imitate anyone or become someone else. Simply be yourself and give your very best in every responsibility, because that is the finest version of who you are."

And she remains deeply convinced that:

"Lasting change begins with changing ourselves."





Paya Tharawut

District Governor 3360

"The Heart of a Giver: A New Journey for the Governor of District 3360"

Looking back at the beginning of District Governor Paya Tharawut's life, it becomes clear that her journey didn't start with a high position or business success. It began in an ordinary family that instilled in her the values of responsibility, diligence, honesty, and serving others as the foundation of her life. Her father, a railway station master, forced the family to relocate frequently, from Phitsanulok, Phichit, Nakhon Sawan, to Chiang Mai. Growing up amidst these changes taught her adaptability, perseverance, and responsibility from a young age. These qualities became crucial foundations for her work and life.

Her educational journey reflects her unwavering commitment to continuous self-development. It began with a degree in Economics from the Faculty of Social Sciences at Chiang Mai University, followed by a Master of Business Administration (MBA) at Naresuan University. She consistently develops her senior management skills to prepare for leadership roles in both the business and social sectors.

In her career life, DG Phaya worked in credit analysis at a financial institution before rising to a business executive position. Currently, she serves as Managing Director of an infrastructure construction company and an environmental management company, reflecting her philosophy of sustainable development encompassing both economic and environmental aspects. Despite her business success, she believes that "true success" lies in creating value for society. Therefore, she dedicates her time to public service in various roles, including as an associate judge in the Juvenile and Family Court, a court mediator, secretary-general



of the Business and Professional Women's Association, president of the Phitsanulok Provincial Industrial Council for two terms, and serving in several other charitable organizations.

Over the years, DG Paya has continuously contributed to social projects, ranging from community economic development and farmer support to tourism promotion, assistance for those affected by the COVID-19 situation, support for medical equipment, the construction of patient rooms and child development rooms, and improving the quality of life for underprivileged people in Phitsanulok province.

Even with the challenges of administrative work, she still finds time to recharge through her hobbies, such as traveling to broaden her perspectives, meeting and exchanging experiences with colleagues from different professions, participating in volunteer activities and Rotary activities, and showing interest in urban development, the environment, and community economics, as well as exercising like playing table tennis. For her as a District Governor, every trip is a learning experience, and every conversation is an opportunity to inspire others.

The Rotary Journey

2012 marked the beginning of her journey in Rotary, when she decided to join the Rotary Club of Wang Chan. She had been serving as Club Secretary, Club President, Assistant Governor, Chair of the PolioPlus Subcommittee, and was eventually entrusted with the position of District Governor. Her service was not solely based on positions, but on her unwavering belief in Rotary's ideal of "Service Above Self," a principle she has upheld throughout her career, both as a businesswoman, social developer, and Rotary leader. As DG Phaya stated:

"The greatest goal in my work is not merely business success, but creating value, giving, and passing on opportunities to society so that everyone can grow together sustainably." ■

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
- 5) Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.



Trustee message

July-2026

Leading with gratitude

I love the idea of a gratitude journal. The practice is simple: Write down three things each day that you are grateful for, and watch how it shifts your mindset, your energy, and even the way you move through the world.

To me, gratitude is more than a feeling; it is a force.

And in Rotary, gratitude is a reflection of who we are. When we thank our donors, we are acknowledging their contribution and honoring their belief in a better world.

I write in my gratitude journal often — not every day but enough to keep me grounded. I want to share with you an entry from January, written during the International Assembly. The assembly is more than our annual learning event for district governors-elect; it's a gathering filled with inspiration and moments that stay with you long after the lights dim.

My first entry was in gratitude to Debbie and Russell Doby.

In 2022, Debbie, then a district governor-elect, missed out on that inspiring assembly experience because of the pandemic. Then, a year later, just a few days before the district conference she was excited to host, Debbie and her husband were in a head-on collision. The other driver was killed; Debbie and Russell survived, miraculously.

Out of tragedy, they found grace. They created an endowment fund for their district at the Arch Klumph Society level, choosing to transform pain into purpose.



My second entry reflected on Ravishankar and Paola Dakoju from the Rotary Club of Bangalore, India. At the assembly, the couple pledged \$50 million to The Rotary Foundation, an extraordinary gift representing 85 percent of their wealth. Ravishankar said, “When you give more than you think you can, life returns to you more than you can ever imagine.” That single sentence captures the heart of Rotary.

My final entry was in gratitude to Moh Eid and Chuck and Carol Stocking. After Moh’s brother, Ibrahim, a

humanitarian aid worker, was killed while helping victims of war, Chuck was moved to create the Ibrahim Eid Fund to support Rotary Peace Fellows. Their leverage gift was \$100,000 toward a million-dollar goal. That is what it looks like when grief becomes hope.

And today, my gratitude entry is for you. For longtime members and brand new faces, for those who give year after year and those preparing to make their first gift. Thank you.

Let gratitude be our compass this year ■

August-2026

Care without borders

As I sit beside my father in the hospital, listening to the quiet rhythm of machines that now speak more steadily than his own voice, life feels stripped down to its essentials. Serious illness has a way of doing that. It reveals what matters most, and it reminds us — sometimes gently, sometimes painfully — of what should matter to all of us.

My father is facing advanced cancer. The path is uneven and often cruel, yet even in this difficult space I am struck by a simple truth: Every person, everywhere, deserves access to care that honors their dignity. Not just treatment but compassion. Not just medicine but the assurance that their life holds value.

Watching nurses move with practiced grace and doctors offer both honesty and hope, I am struck by the thought that millions will never experience this level of support. Not because their lives matter less but because access to care remains uneven across countries and communities. This is not a political argument; it is a human one.

Every family deserves the same chance at healing. Through my years in Rotary, I have come to understand that The Rotary Foundation shows us how this belief is shared across cultures and nations.

At a time when international development funding for disease prevention and treatment is contracting, vital health projects

risk losing momentum. Our Foundation — and you, our members — provide the steady, community-driven support needed to keep that from happening.

We are funding vaccines in Pakistan, training health workers in Mozambique, and strengthening fragile health systems in Guatemala. Through the Foundation, international cooperation is not an abstract ideal. It is a responsibility, achievable when people choose to act with generosity, partnership, and shared humanity. I am so proud of our collective leadership.

Sitting here, holding my father's hand as he drifts in and out of sleep, I am reminded of how fragile and precious life is. The measure of a just world is not found in its wealth or its power but in how fiercely it protects the vulnerable.

My father's fight is personal. But the fight for equitable, compassionate health care that honors every life with equal value is universal. It belongs to all of us. Through your generosity and commitment to our Foundation — and through the simple act of caring across borders — we move closer to a world where no one is left behind ■

JENNIFER JONES

Foundation trustee chair

Apply yourself



As part of the family of Rotary, members are invited to lend their professional expertise on committees that support Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. Each year, those committees focus on putting Rotary's strategic priorities into action, challenging clubs to increase their impact, expand their reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase Rotary's ability to adapt.

Would you like to contribute to Rotary's success?

RI and the Foundation are searching for qualified Rotarians and Rotaractors

to serve on committees in the 2027-28 Rotary year. These positions offer an opportunity for you to apply your leadership skills, share your vocational experience, and help ensure diverse perspectives within each committee.

Rotarians and Rotaractors with expertise in the areas detailed in the chart are encouraged to apply. The number of openings is limited. If you're not selected this year, you are welcome to apply again next year.

All committees correspond through email and on virtual platforms, typically with one mandatory in-

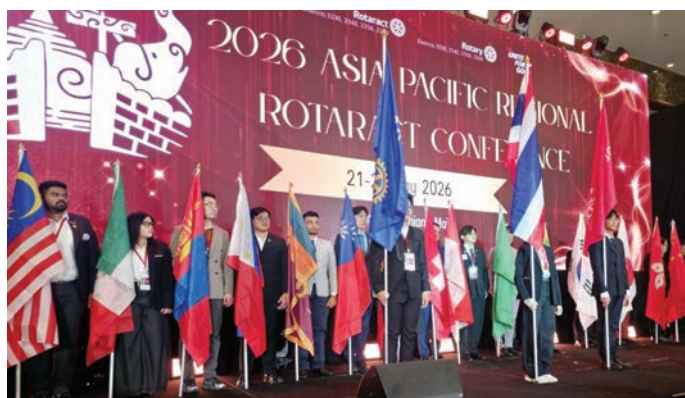
person meeting a year. Rotaractors are encouraged to apply to any area based on their background, skills, and experience. Dual members of Rotary and Rotaract are especially welcome to apply.

To be considered for committee membership or to recommend a Rotarian or Rotaractor for an appointment, visit **on.rotary.org/application2026**. Applicants must be registered on My Rotary at my.rotary.org and should make sure their My Rotary profile includes current contact information. Applications are due **15 August**.

AREA OF EXPERTISE	FUNCTION	PREREQUISITES	OPENINGS
AUDIT	Advises leadership on audited financial reports, internal and external audits, and internal control systems	Independence, appropriate business experience, and demonstrated financial literacy in accounting, auditing, banking, insurance, investment, risk management, executive management, or audit governance	One position with a four-year term
COMMUNICATIONS	Advises leadership on Rotary's overall public image, branding, communications, content strategy	Professional background and experience in internal and external communications, marketing, public image, brand, public relations, media, and content strategy	Two positions with three-year terms
ENHANCING PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT	Advises leadership on enhancing participant engagement and fostering a welcoming and accessible club culture rooted in respect that values different perspectives and voices	Professional or educational experience related to shaping a culture of respect and positive engagement, facilitating difficult conversations, and uniting individuals to solve problems	Two positions with three-year terms
FINANCE	Advises the RI Board on Rotary's finances, including budgets and sustainability measures	Professional background in a finance-related field; nonprofit experience preferred. Candidates should have experience in financial matters at the club and district levels.	Two positions with three-year terms
FUND DEVELOPMENT	Advises The Rotary Foundation Trustees on all aspects of fundraising	Significant experience in nonprofit fundraising. Committee members actively fundraise and support the Foundation.	Two positions with three-year terms
INVESTMENT	Oversees the management of Rotary's investments and the implementation of investment policies by the office of investment. Makes investment policy recommendations to the respective boards of governance.	Institutional investment experience or equivalent	One position with a four-year term
LEARNING	Advises leadership on creating effective learning opportunities for Rotary leaders and members	Adult learning expertise within or outside Rotary. Experience in the professional learning field (including e-learning) or with planning and implementing learning events at the member, club, district, zone, and international levels.	Two positions with three-year terms
OPERATIONS REVIEW	Advises leadership on the effectiveness of operations, administrative procedures, and standards of conduct. Serves as the advisory compensation committee to the Executive Committee of the RI Board.	Experience in management, leadership development, or financial management, and thorough knowledge of Rotary's operations. Appointments are limited to past RI directors and past Foundation trustees.	One position with a six-year term
STRATEGIC PLANNING	Advises leadership on matters regarding the strategic plan	Significant experience in long-term planning, financial management, and RI and Foundation program activities	Two positions with four-year terms
TECHNOLOGY	Advises leadership on enhancing technology practices, products, and strategy to improve the member and participant experience	Expertise in technology development, security and data privacy, product management, and user/participant experience. Non-Rotarian technology experts may be appointed.	Two positions with three-year terms

From Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia to Chiang Mai, Thailand

Thailand's Four Rotaract Districts Join Hands to Host the Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference 2026



The journey of the Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference (APRRC) from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, to Chiang Mai, Thailand, represents far more than a change of venue. It marks the passing forward of friendship, collaboration, and the spirit of service among Rotaractors across the Asia-Pacific region—a network that continues to grow stronger and more connected each year.

From 21–24 May 2026, Chiang Mai had the honor of hosting the Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference 2026 (APRRC 2026). Rotaract's four districts in Thailand—Districts 3330, 3340, 3350, and 3360—joined together as co-hosts to welcome Rotaractors, Rotary leaders, and distinguished guests from countries across the Asia-Pacific region. The conference provided a platform for participants to exchange knowledge, build networks of friendship, and strengthen international collaboration through the ideal of Service Above Self.

For Thailand, being entrusted to host this regional conference marked another important milestone, reflecting the capabilities of Thai Rotaractors, their readiness to work together, and Thailand's role as a center of friendship and service within the Asia-Pacific Rotaract community.

The conference began with the “Kad Mua Welcome Dinner,” inspired by Kad Mua, a traditional Lanna-style market where people, food, arts, culture, and diverse ways of life come together

“APRRC 2026 demonstrates that diversity is not a barrier to working together, but rather a strength that fosters friendship, understanding, and collaboration among Rotaractors throughout the Asia-Pacific region.”

in one place. The concept beautifully reflected the Asia-Pacific Rotaract community. Although members came from different countries, spoke different languages, and represented different cultures, they all gathered with the same spirit: friendship, service, and unity within the Rotaract network.

During the event, participants experienced the charm of Chiang Mai through Lanna market-inspired decorations, local cuisine, cultural performances, and the warm hospitality of the organizing committee. The welcoming atmosphere created a memorable impression from the very first evening, while giving participants

from many countries the opportunity to get to know one another, exchange cultures, and begin new friendships that would continue to grow throughout the conference.

Throughout the four-day conference, participants from various countries took part in activities designed to develop leadership potential, promote knowledge exchange, and build international networks of collaboration. These included academic and learning



“Kad Mua is more than a marketplace that brings people and cultures together; it also symbolizes APRRC 2026—a gathering that brings Rotaractors from across the region together to exchange ideas, learn from one another, and build friendships that transcend borders.”

sessions, panel discussions, cultural exchange activities, and fellowship activities among members from across the region.

Another activity that clearly reflected the identity of Rotaract was the service project “Safe Roads Save Lives.” Participants from Thailand joined together in a public service activity while campaigning to raise awareness of road safety. This demonstrated that the conference was not merely a platform for learning, but also a platform for taking action to create a positive impact on society.

Throughout the conference, perhaps the most valuable outcomes were not only the knowledge gained, but also the friendships, trust, and networks of collaboration developed

through the time participants spent together. Members from different countries shared their experiences, ideas, and inspiration, laying the foundation for future service projects and international cooperation.

As hosts, the four Rotaract districts of Thailand were deeply honored to welcome fellow members from across the Asia-Pacific region. The success of the conference was made possible through the collective efforts of the organizing committee, Rotaractors, Rotary District Governors, Rotarians, volunteers, sponsors, and all sectors involved, who worked together to create a memorable experience for every participant.

“Although we come from different countries, speak different languages, and represent different cultures, when we come together in Chiang Mai, we are one Asia-Pacific Rotaract family—united by friendship, service, and collaboration to create sustainable change.”



As APRRC 2026 came to a close, the journey of friendship continued, with the hosting responsibility being passed on to the Philippines for the next conference in Cebu. There is every confidence that the friendship, collaboration, and inspiration fostered in Chiang Mai will continue to flourish and become an important force in advancing Rotaract service throughout the Asia-Pacific region.



Finally, the four Rotaract districts of Thailand would like to express their sincere appreciation to the governor of Chiang Mai province, Rotary district governors, Rotary leaders, sponsors, organizing committee members, volunteers, Rotaractors, and distinguished guests from across the Asia-Pacific region for contributing to the remarkable success of the Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference 2026.

This conference was not only a platform for exchanging knowledge; it also reaffirmed that “friendship, diversity, and service to society” lie at the heart of Rotaract—and that these shared values have the power to connect people across cultures and inspire them to work together toward sustainable positive change for our global community ■



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From Crisis...to Hope

Rotary District 3330 and community recovery after the devastating floods in southern region of Thailand



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The Rotary Foundation sparked
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What is more valuable than these numbers is the hope that Rotary has collectively passed on to people on the day they need it most.

At the District 3330 Conference, District Governor Takrit Budrungrorge, with a trembling voice and tears welling up in his eyes, said, "When I learned of the severe flooding in Hat Yai, my hometown, and the devastating suffering of Rotary members, I, as the district leader, decided not to attend the Rotary Institute conference in Malaysia. I couldn't leave the members behind."

This short quote deeply reflects the heart of Rotary, because for Rotarians, leadership means being present for



members and the community when they most need assistance rather than attending meetings.

Towards the end of 2025, persistent severe monsoon rainfall caused major flooding in several southern provinces, particularly Songkhla province. Hat Yai District was severely affected, with homes, schools, hospitals, businesses, and public utilities inundated. Many people were forced to evacuate, facing shortages of food, clean water, and electricity. Numerous families lost their possessions and had to start over after the disaster.

When a crisis strikes, District 3330 Rotary members take prompt action rather than waiting for assistance to arrive. Rotary clubs throughout the district work together to provide food, water, survival kits, medicine, medical supplies, and other necessities; support the evacuation of victims; and work alongside government agencies, local organizations, and volunteers in the area. This assistance comes from the generosity of members, clubs, the District 3330 Natural Disaster Reliefs Fund, as well as fellow Rotarians from across the country and overseas who consistently donate and offer their support.

As the floodwaters receded, the damage remained, and we found that those affected were not only the general public but also our fellow Rotarians. Many lost their houses, possessions, and means of subsistence. District 3330 therefore allocated assistance to 271 affected members from 24 Rotary clubs,



HATYAI FLOOD 2025

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totalling THB 1,626,000. This was managed through the local Rotary clubs based on the Four-Way Test Principles to ensure transparency, fairness, and access to assistance that truly reached those in need.

However, Rotary believes that our mission doesn't end when the floodwaters recede. Restoring people's quality of life and helping communities recover is just as important as providing relief during a crisis. Therefore, District 3330 applied for a US\$ 25,000 Disaster Response Grant from The Rotary Foundation to implement post-disaster recovery initiatives in Hat Yai District, categorized into US\$18,000 for the School Supply Voucher Program and US\$7,000 for the Medical Supply Voucher Program.

At the core of both projects is returning "the power to choose" to those receiving assistance, through a voucher system instead of distributing ready-made items. Schools can procure essential educational resources for students according to their needs, while local Rotary club members can facilitate appropriate medical supplies and equipment for individual patients. Besides addressing the specific needs of each school, this also helps local businesses recover revenue and boosts the local economy. Every step of the initiative is designed to be transparent and verifiable, from recording voucher codes and tracking redemption to reporting results to The Rotary Foundation, ensuring that every dollar goes as far as possible toward the affected community to the greatest extent.



This flood disaster has demonstrated that Rotary is more than just a crisis response organization; it is an organization that supports communities until they are able to recover. From initial relief efforts to restoring education, caring for the sick, stimulating the local economy, and caring for our own members, every step reflects the power of friendship, sacrifice, and service. In addition to being Rotary is motto, "Service Above Self" is a commitment that all members embrace, especially at times of extreme need, and a testament that despite the severity of the crisis, together we can always create hope ■



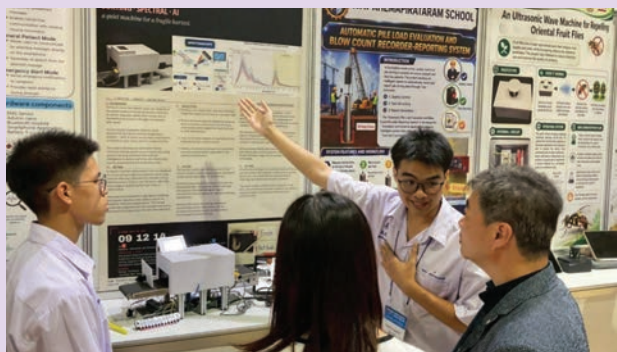
Rotary Club of Nakhon Pathom organized its inauguration ceremony for the president and board of directors and committees for the 2026-2027 Rotary year, along with 10 other Rotary clubs in Nakhon Pathom province. This marked the first collaboration such a joint inauguration ceremony was held, at the Sawasdee Room, River Hotel, Nakhon Pathom province. It reflects the cooperation, unity, solidarity, and development of positive relationships among the Rotary clubs in the province, aiming to collectively drive community service in the upcoming Rotary year. The ceremony was presided by Club President Paiboon Pattanavanichkitkul on 1 July 2026.



A training seminar for the board committees of 65 Interact Clubs from across the Rotary District 3330, area 1-30, was held at Benjarachutit School, Ratchaburi Province on 4 July 2026. The event, presided by DG Dr. Chatchawal Wongwiwatwaitaya, aimed to foster leadership skills, awareness of roles and responsibilities, and unity among youth.



The Phra Pathom Chedi Rotary Club participated in the opening ceremony of the "Prasittiporn Special Ward by Pra Pathom Chedi Rotary Club" at Bang Len Hospital, Nakhon Pathom province. The support covered the renovation of six rooms, including one special private room, using a budget of 1.8 million baht from the club and 2.7 million baht from the Bang Len Rotary Club and the communities, in Bang Len District, for a total of 4.5 million baht. DG Dr. Chatchawan Wongwiwatwaitaya and IPDG Thakrit Budrungrorge were present at the handover ceremony on 8 July 2026.



Rotary Club of Phrapradaeng, in collaboration with Rotary Clubs of Phrasamutjadee, Ladluang, Teparak, and Samutprakarn, sponsored eight Thai youth teams (40 people) to compete in the World Invention Creativity Olympics (WICO 2026) in South Korea. The Thai youth demonstrated their potential, winning medals in all

eight teams: four first-place teams (gold medals) and four second-place teams (silver medals). This accomplishment reinforces the Presidential message "Create Lasting Impact" of Rotary International implemented by Rotary clubs. Supporting young people today involves more than just sending them to compete for medals; it also entails making a long-lasting positive impact by giving Thai children the chance to broaden their horizons, develop their creativity, and grow to be innovators, who will contribute to positive change in society and the nation in the long term (14 July 2026).



Rotary Club of U-thong, together with 5 Rotary Clubs in Suphanburi province and 16 Interact Clubs, organized a blood donation event under the project "Young Generation Unites to Donate Blood with a Spirit of Service" at Kanchanaphisek Wittayalai School, Suphanburi province. The event was attended by 291 young people and charitable individuals. 97 individuals fulfilled the requirements for blood donation and a total of 97 units of blood (43,650 cc) will be given to hospital. (16 July 2026).



1 Year of Rotary Club of Utapao International: Soaring into the Skies of Giving Powered by the Lift of Fellowship

By Rotary Club of Utapao International

If founding a new Rotary club is like building a new aircraft, today the Rotary Club of Utapao International—the newest addition to District 3340—has elegantly completed its first full year of service, powering its engine of faith up from the runway into the skies of humanitarian action. Starting from our coordinates at Utapao, our birthplace inspired us to adopt the aviator's spirit as our core principle: precision, determination, and standardizing human safety above all. Over the past 365 days, our fellow Rotarians have acted as crew members and air traffic controllers, guiding this aircraft to deliver relief across various target destinations. Our initiatives include the Bond of Love Project focusing on Maternal and Child Health, which served as a warm, small passenger lounge for mothers who have recovered to stay, hold, and care closely for their infants still under medical supervision before safely heading home. We also launched the Happiness Restroom Project to improve water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in underserved areas, alongside hands-on community service delivering essential relief items and encouragement to homebound patients in Samaesan subdistrict, Sattahip district, Chonburi province.

However, in the science of aviation, an aircraft cannot ascend steadily into the sky by engine power alone. The grand and beautiful achievements of this past year could not have happened without the powerful "Lift"—the warm support and unity of all our community partners. The club is deeply honored by the exceptional cooperation of Utapao International Airport, acting as our local air traffic control



tower to clear flight paths and facilitate strategic operations. Swan Lake Hotel has served as a welcoming terminal for fellowship and hospitality, while the united strength of Rotary clubs in Zone 3 and the Pattaya Area flew alongside us as a strong formation, sharing experience and willingly joining our service projects. This collaborative synergy transformed into immense momentum, carrying us through every obstacle to land happiness precisely in the hearts of the community. This flight of service is not any single person's mission, but the convergence of all sectors to safely deliver hope and smiles to those in need.

On our 1st Anniversary, the Rotary Club of Utapao International expresses our sincere gratitude to the district governor, district leadership team, Sponsor club, fellow Rotarians, and all partners who helped fuel this flight of goodness. Most importantly, we thank all club members who embody the spirit of "Service Above Self". The seatbelt sign remains illuminated as we throttle up to climb confidently into our second year. The Rotary Club of Utapao International and our partners stand ready to fly to every coordinate requiring aid, advancing the cause of "Doing Good in the World" so the engine of giving echoes sustainably within our communities. ■



Reflections on Serving as President of the Rotary Club of Khon Kaen, Rotary Year 2025-26



PP Kannikar Udomwongkul

Over the past year, having had the privilege of serving as President of the Rotary Club of Khon Kaen has been one of the greatest honors and most meaningful experiences of my life. I have learned that the power of Rotary does not come from any one individual, but from the hearts of every member who embraces the spirit of “Service Above Self” and works together to make a positive difference in society. Throughout this Rotary year, there are four experiences that have left the deepest impression on me.

First, the growth of our club.

When the Rotary Club of Khon Kaen had only 10 members, we could hardly have imagined that, one year later, we would grow to 36 members and build a stronger foundation for the club’s future sustainability. This number represents far more than an increase in membership. It represents dozens of people who have chosen to share their time, talents, and hearts in service to others. It is a testament to the power of friendship, sincerity, and teamwork—and to the ability of a united team to restore energy, strength, and hope to a Rotary club.

Second, the “Moo Kratha Heal Jai Nong” project.

This project was inspired by the belief that “One meal may satisfy the stomach, but love and warmth nourish the hearts of both the giver and the recipient.” Seeing our visually impaired young participants experience a new way of enjoying a meal—sharing laughter, conversation, and food together with genuine happiness—reminded me that one of the greatest gifts we can give is the opportunity to experience joy and the feeling that they are not walking through life alone. The smiles we saw that day will remain in my heart as a cherished memory for the rest of my life.



Third, the “Portraits of Parents as a Blessing for Their Children and Grandchildren” project.

This was one of the projects that touched me most deeply. We gave senior citizens the opportunity to have beautiful portraits taken—portraits filled with dignity, warmth, and smiles—to preserve and pass on as precious memories for their children and grandchildren. Many families told us that these were the



best photographs they had ever had of their parents. Some were moved to tears of happiness, because a single photograph can become one of the most meaningful gifts a family will treasure for a lifetime. This project made me believe that “Love can be preserved through photographs”.

Finally, our international grant partnership.

Another source of great pride was the collaboration between the Rotary Club of Khon Kaen, the Rotary Club of Garden City, Singapore, and Crocodile Foundation Ltd., Singapore. Through this partnership, we secured funding of more than THB 3.47 million to provide medical equipment and supplies to Khon Kaen Hospital.

This project reminded us that Rotary has no boundaries. Although we may live in different countries, we share one heart and one common purpose: to serve and improve the lives of our fellow human beings. Seeing these medical devices and equipment put into use to help countless patients has brought us immeasurable happiness and pride.

Looking back on this remarkable year, I will remember not only the achievements of our various projects, but also the friendships we built, the smiles we shared, the tears of gratitude and joy, and the encouragement that we gave one another throughout our journey of service.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the board of directors and members of the Rotary Club of Khon Kaen, the district governor, fellow Rotarians in Thailand and around the world, our supporters and partners, and all of our families whose encouragement and support helped make this a truly meaningful Rotary year. Although my term as club president has come to an end, the heart of being a Rotarian will remain with me forever.

“We may not be able to change the whole world, but we have changed the world of many people—and that is the greatest value of being a Rotarian”. ■

During the opening of the 2026-27 Rotary year, DG Ittiphon Kanchanapimont attended the installation ceremonies of Rotary clubs throughout District 3340, having visited almost all clubs. This year's club presidents and board members are all deeply committed to serving underprivileged and underserved people in their communities. The installation ceremonies this year have been warm, dignified, and reflective of the spirit of Rotary. Many clubs celebrated their installations together on a large scale, demonstrating the strength of the Rotary family and the solidarity that comes from working together. At the same time, many clubs have developed their own distinctive identities and traditions of which they can be proud of.

On behalf of Rotary District 3340, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to all club presidents for demonstrating such dedication, sacrifice, and the true spirit of “Service Above Self” This year, we, as Rotarians and friends in Rotary, will work together to harness the power of giving under the theme “Create Lasting Impact” Every one of you is a leader of change and will play an important role in initiating projects that address people's needs, alleviate hardship, and improve the quality of life in our communities. Our focus should be on creating projects that do more than produce immediate benefits. We should develop initiatives that create lasting value, leave a legacy of positive service, and generate sustainable impact for future generations. Being a Rotary club leader comes with challenges. Each club has the opportunity this year to demonstrate leadership, unite its members, and bring out the strengths, talents, and potential of every member. By working together with unity and purpose, we can create meaningful and lasting good in our communities throughout the Rotary year.





Rotary Club of Surin and Rotary Club of Charoen Nakorn jointly awarded scholarships to nursing students at Boromarajonani College of Nursing Surin. A total of 15 scholarships, each worth THB 20,000 were presented. The two Rotary clubs have collaborated on this project for four consecutive years. The project was initiated by PP Patthama Triyakul of the Rotary Club of Charoen Nakorn, who recognized the importance of the nursing profession and its vital role in caring for and assisting patients. The scholarship presentation was led by P Darat Phithaksit, President of the Rotary Club of Charoen Nakorn, and P Phi Phanikulawat, President of the Rotary Club of Surin, together with members of both Rotary clubs, on 10 July 2026.



Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon, in partnership with Sakon Nakhon Phatthanasilp Vocational College, established the Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon Classroom, "Teachers Who Give and Share Knowledges." The classroom provides a place for learning and life-skills development. Members and supporters of the Rotary Club of Sakon Nakhon regularly visit to share knowledge and practical vocational skills that can help students generate income and pursue future careers.



The Rotary Family of Udon Thani, comprising the Rotary Clubs of Udonthani, Magkang, Banchiang, Silpakom-Udon Thani and Udonusadee, collaborated with Udon Thani province to organize a dental service project for youth under a program promoting oral health and youth development. The activity was held at Municipal School 6 in Udon Thani. The project provided young people with dental care and knowledge about maintaining good oral health, with mobile dental units from various organizations across Udon Thani province providing services on 16 July 2026.

25 Years of Organizing District 3350 Joint Installation of Club Officers



APG Trong Sangswangwatana
Rotary Club of Suan Luang

The establishment of District 3350 Joint Installation of Club Officers was first held in the year of Past District Governor Vuttichai Wanglee, with Past District Governor Chow Nararidh as the governor-elect. Chow was a progressive leader who had made many new initiatives, with many dissenting voices that undermined the unity of the club, it had to be understood for several months before it could be held, and Apa Attaboonwongse Tansod was appointed to preside over the event, if the first year was unsuccessful, he would be reinstated. However, 57 Rotary clubs were finally interested in joining the ceremony. The event had to be separated into two periods: the ceremony and the celebration at BITEC Convention Center, Bangkok on Saturday, 24 June 2000, with a total of 1,243 participants.

The second time, therefore, was held the following year when Past District Governor Kriengpetch Thongborisoot was the governor-elect. The event was held at Bangkok Convention Center, Central Plaza on Saturday, 16 June 2001, with a total of 858 participants.

The 3rd time was held during Past District Governor Somsak Durongphan was the governor elect. The event was held at the Imperial Queen's Park Hotel, Bangkok on Saturday, 15 June 2002, with a total of 671 participants attending.

The Joint Installation Ceremony continued to be held annually. By its **9th** edition, under the Rotary International theme "Make Dreams Real," the event took place during a period when fuel and food prices had risen sharply. In response, District Governor-elect Krai Tangsanga encouraged Rotary clubs throughout the district to embrace the Sufficiency Economy Philosophy, following the royal initiative of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. As a result, 58 Rotary clubs united to serve as co-hosts. Past District Governor Wuttichai Wanglee graciously accepted the role of chairman of the coordinating committee. The ceremony was held on Sunday, 29 June 2008, at the BITEC, Bangkok, with a total attendance of 994 participants.

Following the event, the organizing committee finalized the financial statement and reported a surplus of 266,554 baht. The committee therefore resolved to 1) Allocate 50,000 baht as seed funding for the 2009–10 Joint Installation Ceremony. 2) Donate the remaining 216,554 baht to The Rotary Foundation in the name of the co-host Rotary clubs. The donation was apportioned among the participating clubs according to the number of members each club had registered for the event.

The 10th "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands" year, 52 Rotary Clubs in District 3350 joined together to organize an economic event that everyone knew would help reduce financial burden and time. Therefore, the event was held on Saturday, 4 July 2009 at Centara Grand Hotel at Central World. 856 people attended the event.

For **the 15th** Joint Installation Ceremony, District Governor-elect Chaiwai Poonlapmongkol placed great importance on organizing the event as a joint installation ceremony. For the first time, he invited the Rotary Club of Pathumwan, of which he was a member, to serve as a co-host. He also encouraged Rotary clubs throughout District 3350, both in Bangkok and the provinces. Of the district's 101 clubs, 51 accepted the invitation to become co-hosts. The ceremony was held on Saturday, 20 June 2015, at the Grand Diamond Ballroom, IMPACT Forum, Muang Thong Thani. Under the theme "Light Up Rotary", Rotarians united to bring hope and light to their communities, reflecting the Rotary International presidential theme "Be a Gift to the World." A total of 648 participants registered.

The 19th Ceremony, Past District Governor Thanongsak Pongsri successfully invited 52 Rotary clubs in District 3350 to serve as co-hosts. The ceremony was held on Sunday, 7 July 2019, at the Pathum Thani Vocational College.

Although the annual ceremony was suspended for one year during the COVID-19 pandemic, the tradition resumed the following year and has continued ever since. Many still remember attending the event wearing face masks as a precaution during the post-pandemic period.

This year marks the 25th Joint Installation Ceremony, with Past District Governor Apa Attaboonwongse Tansod once again serving as Chairman of the Organizing Committee. The ceremony celebrates the transition of district leadership from Past District Governor Tawatchai Chatvittayanon to District Governor Srifa Siriudomseth. The event was held on Saturday, 27 June 2026, at the Miracle Grand Convention Hotel on Vibhavadi Rangsit Road. A total of 58 Rotary clubs participated in the joint installation ceremony, with 720 registered attendees ■

2026-27 Joint Installation Ceremony of Club Board of Directors for 58 Clubs at Miracle Grand Convention Hotel on Saturday, 27 June 2026.



Atmosphere of the **installation ceremonies for the board of directors of various clubs**, held from late June to mid-July 2026.





Rotary Club of Wat Sing and the Makham Thao Subdistrict Administrative Organization (SAO), Chainat Province, visited and provided financial assistance to two households affected by a windstorm disaster on 30 June 2026. The assistance was intended to help the affected families recover from the damage caused by the disaster.



Rotary Club of Suan Luang organized the online preliminary round of the 5th National Vedic Mathematics Competition on Sunday, 5 July 2026. The examination was conducted using an Auto Proctor system, which provided virtual invigilation by monitoring candidates' behavior throughout the exam to ensure fairness and integrity. This year's first round featured four competition levels, a total of 2,175 participants from across the country.



Rotary Club of Srinakarin celebrated its Charter Presentation and Board Installation Ceremony at The Banquet Hall at Nathong on Sunday, 12 July 2026. The club holds the distinction of being the first Rotary club chartered in the Rotary year 2026–27. A highlight of the ceremony was the signing of Twin Club Agreements with three Rotary clubs from other districts.



2026-27 District Governor Installation Ceremony District 3350 held on Saturday, 23 May 2026 at Impact Forum, Muang Thong Than. PRID Dr. Saowalak Rattanavich honored the governor's medal to District Governor Sifa Siriudomseth.



District 3350 Grant Management Seminar was held at the Miracle Grand Convention Hotel on Saturday, 11 July 2026. A total of 182 participants from 72 Rotary clubs registered to attend.

More Than Awards Is The Value of Taking Action

Rotary District Awards 2025-26 UNITE FOR GOOD



IPDG Dr. Jaruwat Techawut

Throughout the past year, all 65 Rotary clubs in District 3360 worked together to create change in their communities through hundreds of projects. Their work embraced education, health promotion, community economic development, environmental conservation, youth development, support for The Rotary Foundation, and the eradication of polio. Clubs supported hospitals, protected natural resources and the environment, strengthened membership, enhanced Rotary’s public image, and contributed to The Rotary Foundation so that service could create sustainable results. Every project began by recognizing a community need and then taking action. The year also saw more than 30 global grant projects. Every effort had value, and every effort created positive impact in the community.

The Rotary Foundation: Every Gift Can Change a Life
The Rotary Foundation awards reflect the spirit of giving and the truth that every contribution can transform lives. Every US dollar donated supports projects that respond to community needs. During the year, contributions to the PolioPlus Fund exceeded US\$10,000, while donors also supported The Rotary Foundation at levels in which the district can take great pride. Every act of giving helps change the lives of people around the world.



Public Image: Good Work Must Be Seen and Shared
The public image awards affirm that doing good alone may not be enough if society never hears the story. Clubs therefore shared their work through photography, video, publicity signs, and

online media, enabling people to see how Rotary creates positive impact in communities. This was also the first year in which District 3360 received three public image awards at the Zone 10B and 10C level.

Service Projects: Rotary’s Heart in Action
The service project awards reveal the true heart of Rotary. Every project begins by listening to the community before turning that understanding into action with tangible outcomes. When all these stories are viewed together, one truth becomes clear: no award is ever achieved by one person alone. Every success is made possible by members joining forces, clubs supporting one another, and government agencies, private-sector partners, and communities working together as a driving force for change.

This is why the District 3360 Awards ceremony is more than a moment of congratulations. It is also a platform for sharing inspiration. One club learns from another. One club’s



success becomes a model for many others. And a small story that begins in one community may one day grow into a project with far-reaching impact.

A Message from the Immediate Past District Governor to District 3360 Rotarians

“My fellow Rotarians, today’s District Awards marks the final milestone of my service as district governor in Rotary year 2025–26. Deep in my heart, I must admit that this moment brings a real sense of sadness. Throughout the year, the bonds of fellowship and friendship I share with Rotarians in our district, in other districts, and overseas have been woven more closely and have grown stronger with every passing day. Meeting, talking, and working together to advance Rotary has been deeply meaningful. At times, I cannot deny the physical fatigue of travel or the weight of the many responsibilities that came all at once. Yet one thing continually warmed my heart and renewed my strength: the support offered without my ever having to ask from club presidents and their teams, assistant governors, district committee members, and every member of the Council of Past District Governors. The smiles of fellow Rotarians, and the happiness in the eyes of those who benefited from our projects, are the most precious rewards of all. They will remain in my heart forever.

In the past, I had opportunities to attend events in other districts and saw several district governors shed tears on stage. At the time, I quietly thought that I would be strong enough not to cry. But when the final day of leadership truly arrived, the emotion and pride rose within me. Now I understand those tears



profoundly. They were not tears of sorrow, but tears of happiness and fulfillment born from seeing the results of everything we created together, wholeheartedly, over the course of an entire year.

To every club president, assistant governor, district committee member, and member of the Council of Past District Governors: you were not merely a team that overcame challenges together. You were the power that sustained and carried the Unite for Good year, helping it become as complete and successful as possible. Although my term as district governor ends today, the bonds and great friendships we share will remain firmly engraved in our hearts. Today, I pass the baton with complete confidence and faith that, under the leadership of District Governor Phaya Tharawut, District 3360 will continue to move forward with strength and dignity, and will achieve even greater sustainable growth.

Finally, thank you for every smile. Thank you for every word of encouragement. And thank you for every drop of sweat you devoted to Rotary. Thank you for completing Rotary year 2025–26 together and making it one of the most beautiful, memorable, and meaningful chapters of my life. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

“The success of our district is not the achievement of one person. It belongs to everyone who joined hands, united in purpose, and moved forward together.” Together, we Unite for Good to Create Lasting Impact ■



What Is District 3360 Building for the Future?

When this year’s goals are not merely about the numbers – they are about creating lasting value

Written by: DG Phaya Tharawut
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Every Rotary year begins with the announcement of goals: new-member targets, contributions to The Rotary Foundation, the number of service projects to be delivered, and awards that clubs aspire to achieve. Some may see these simply as numbers to be reached. For District 3360, under the leadership of DG Phaya Tharawut, however, these figures mean much more. Behind every goal lies a determination to create lasting impact for Rotary and for our communities.

Inspired by the message of Rotary International President Olayinka Hakeem Babalola “Create Lasting Impact” - District 3360 is not merely working to meet its targets. It is laying a strong foundation for Rotary to grow with confidence in the future. Three inseparable pillars support this work: Membership, The Rotary Foundation, and Rotary’s Public Image.

Membership: The Heart of Every Club

Under the leadership of PDG Dr. Waewdao Limlenglert, the membership policy is to create “clubs that everyone wants to join.” The aim is not only to achieve a net gain of 100 members or establish three new clubs, but also to build clubs in which members genuinely want to stay. Key priorities include:

- Strengthening member engagement and a sense of belonging
- Energizing members and developing their potential
- Creating opportunities for younger generations to take leadership roles
- Advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), so everyone feels they belong
- Maintaining a member-retention rate of at least 94 percent

District 3360 therefore places a strong emphasis on building stronger clubs: welcoming new members, developing the next generation of leaders, nurturing fellowship, and retaining existing members to continue their Rotary journey with pride. The goal is to create vibrant clubs where members are happy and everyone feels valued in service.



The Rotary Foundation: Creating Projects That Change Lives
The Rotary Foundation is another vital force that transforms members’ intentions into large-scale and meaningful projects. This year, PDG Apisak Jompong continues to provide strong leadership in setting the district’s Foundation goals:

- Annual Fund: US\$170,000
- PolioPlus Fund: US\$10,000
- Endowment Fund: US\$35,000
- greater understanding of grant management and encourage members to implement more global grant projects, with a target of at least 10 projects, together with expand the use of district grants to create sustainable benefits. Every dollar we contribute to The Rotary Foundation may become clean water for a village, a new classroom for children, or access to medical care that transforms many lives.

Rotary’s Public Image: When Good Stories Are Shared

Rotarians have long carried out excellent work, yet sometimes those stories never reach the public. It is rather like leaving a beautiful picture unframed and never displaying it. In an era when communication has immense power, public image is not simply publicity; it is the process of helping people understand that Rotary is an organization of people who truly take action.

This year, District Public Image Chair PP Sanguan Sonklinsakul is placing particular emphasis on storytelling through photography, video, and digital media. Guided by the People of Action concept, and will share stories of members addressing

real community needs, while ensuring that Rotary’s visual identity is used correctly and consistently. When people recognize the value of our work, they will better understand Rotary and be more open to becoming our partners, members, or supporters in the future.



This year Rotary public image is not a public relations but we are promoting the “Good work deserves to be seen.”

- Encouraging wider use of the Rotary Brand Center and ensure the correct use of Rotary logo consistently
- Strengthening District 3360’s Facebook presence and encouraging members to share photos of their activities
- Using AI to create effective communications including People of Action imagery and video, and improving outreach across online channels and outdoor media

These three pillars do not stand apart; they sustain one another. Strong members lead to high-quality projects. High-quality projects create stories that inspire pride. Those stories strengthen Rotary’s public image, and a strong public image attracts new members and supporters who bring fresh energy to Rotary.

The final area is service projects, led by PP Adisorn Seksanviriyaa, with an emphasis on responding sustainably to community needs across Rotary’s seven areas of focus. The district also promotes innovation through outstanding-project awards, creative project presentations, and collaboration among clubs and partner organizations. A special award introduced this year, the “Three Close Friends Award,” recognizes initiatives involving at least three Rotary clubs working with one external organization. The district will also continue expanding the Safe Roads Save Lives initiative to more schools and agencies.

The Answer to the Question: What Is District 3360 Building for the Future?

We are building a Rotary that grows through values, develops leaders ready to serve society, and creates lasting impact in every community we touch. Ultimately, what we leave behind is not merely a performance report, a set of statistics, or a collection of awards. It is people enjoying a better quality of life, stronger clubs, deeper friendships, and inspiration passed from one generation of Rotarians to the next.

One day, this year’s numbers will become only a page in history. What will remain is the value we created together for our communities this year: Create Lasting Impact.

The Starting Point for Rotary District 3360 in 2026–27

This journey began with the Presidents-Elect Learning Seminar (PELS), District Team Learning Seminar (DTLS), and Club Leadership Learning Seminar (CLLS), held in Phitsanulok. These important learning events brought District 3360 club leaders together to learn, exchange experience, and prepare fully for the Rotary year ahead. Throughout the seminars, participants gained the knowledge, ideas, and practical tools required to manage clubs in today’s environment from strategic planning, team building, and the use of digital technology to project management, membership growth, and aligning the organization with Rotary International’s Action Plan.

When leaders have vision, clubs are prepared, and members work together with shared purpose, District 3360’s



goals become tangible results. Every project we create, every member we develop, and every life we touch becomes value that endures.

Awaken the Giant Within You: Leadership begins by discovering the power within.

The greatest “giant” may not live in a legend or a film; it may be hidden within each of us. This idea was at the heart of Coach Sirilak Tansiri’s session, “Awaken the Giant Within You,” which inspired and energized everyone attending the training.

Leadership in Rotary does not begin with a title. It begins with belief in one’s own potential. A true leader is not always the person walking at the front, but someone who can ignite the people around them and inspire everyone to move toward a shared goal. Coach Sirilak invited participants to look inward through a simple but powerful question: “Are we using our full potential?” Often, the greatest obstacles to success are not external limitations, but beliefs we have created ourselves. Fear, self-doubt, or the thought that we are “not ready” can keep our true power asleep within us. Awakening the giant means finding the courage to think differently, to take action, and to lead change even when doing so requires us to step beyond what feels familiar.



When leaders discover their own strength, they can awaken the strength of their teams as well. A club in which members are recognized, given opportunities, and inspired will become vibrant—ready to create projects that meet community needs and ready to move toward success. The message of this session was therefore more than encouragement. It reaffirmed that profound change begins with transformation within ourselves. When one leader “awakens,” an entire club is ready to move forward. And when every club in the district awakens its own giant, Rotary can truly create lasting impact for society.

“The giant within you is not asleep because it lacks power. It is waiting for the day you believe in yourself and dare to awaken it” ■

From Taipei...to Borderless Friendship

Rotary International Convention 2026: The Meeting Point for Worldwide Rotary Members

By PDG Anurak Napawa



The morning of the Rotary International Convention opening day at the Taipei Dome was filled with hundreds of colorful flags from around the globe. Greetings from old friends who hadn't seen each other in years mingled with introductions among new acquaintances meeting for the first time. The atmosphere was filled with smiles, laughter, and excitement from people who had traveled from every continent.

This reflects the grandeur of the Rotary International Convention 2026, held from 14-17 June 2026, in Taipei, Taiwan. Attended by more than 38,000 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and members of the Rotary family, it is considered one of the most successful Rotary conventions in recent years.



When the Whole World Comes Together

The opening ceremony made an impression from the very first moment. Taiwan's cultural performances seamlessly blended modernity with the beauty of local traditions before the flags of various countries entered the stadium amidst thunderous applause.

One of the most talked-about moments took place the following day during a keynote address by Malala Yousafzai, the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate. She shared stories of education, equality, and the power of youth to change the world. Her connection as a Rotarian's daughter made her message even more inspiring, prompting the audience to rise in thunderous applause.



Thailand's Vibrant Presence at the House of Friendship

While the main plenary hall served as the event's heart, many felt the House of Friendship best captured Rotary's true spirit and fellowship.

More than 100 Thai Rotarians from Districts 3330, 3340, 3350, and 3360 attended the convention. They brought a touch of Thai identity to share with fellow Rotarians worldwide through a Muay Thai demonstration at the House of Friendship.

As several Thai Rotarians volunteered to step into the ring as Muay Thai fighters, smiles, cheers, and laughter filled the area around the stage. Spectators from various countries actively gathered to take photos and join in, making it another memorable highlight of the event.

PDG Nakin Ratanakitsunthorn, head of the Muay Thai demonstration team, remarked, "The House of Friendship showed us that even an activity like a Muay Thai demonstration, can bring smiles and connect people from diverse cultures."



More than just a convention

Beyond the official session, Thai Rotarians had opportunities to meet and connect with fellow Rotarians worldwide, especially Taiwanese hosts, through sister-club fellowship receptions, cultural exchanges, sightseeing at key Taipei landmarks, tasting local food, and souvenir shopping.

Many participants agreed that they brought home not only knowledge from the seminars but also the warmth and enduring friendships forged by spending time together.

PDG Dr. Jaruwat Techawut, District 3360, expressed his impression, "What touched me most wasn't just the scale of the convention, but meeting Rotarians from all over the world who, despite speaking different languages, share the exact same heart for service."



See You in Barcelona

As the closing ceremony ended, many participants embraced old friends, shook hands with new ones, and captured final photographs before departing for their respective countries with a shared promise: "See you again."

While memories from Taipei remain fresh, Rotarians worldwide have begun focusing on their next destination... The Rotary International Convention 2027 will be held in Barcelona, Spain, from 26-30 June 2027. Registration will begin on 17 September 2026 at <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>. For Rotarians, the annual Convention is not just a gathering of members, but an endless journey of friendship.



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