

Thursday, March 19, 2026

03:00P to 05:00P	Evaluator Training	Hotel - Judge Parker
03:00P to 06:00P	Registration	Convention Center - North Rotunda
03:30P to 05:00P	Pre-event Workshop	ClubRunner: Hotel - Belle Star DGE Mukesh (Mack) Patel
	DACdb & ClubRunner	DACdb: Hotel - Dallas/Little Rock Anthony Tocci
06:00P to 08:00P	District Dinner	Each District Planned Location DGEs Buie, Cooper, Garrett, Patel
08:00P to 10:00P	DGE Hosp.“Let’s Go to the Hop” 50s theme, dress accordingly	Wyndham Hotel - Memphis & Tulsa Rooms DGEs Buie, Cooper, Garrett, Patel; DGE, Olgesby, Party Host

Friday, March 20, 2026

07:00A to 09:00A	Registration	Convention Center - North Rotunda
08:00A to 08:45A	Breakfast	Wyndham Hotel - Dallas/Little Rock Rooms
08:45A to 09:00A	Transition to General Session	Convention Center Foyer
09:00A to 9:45A	Opening General Session I	Convention Center - Hall B Presiding:DGE Mukesh (Mack)Patel
	Ring the Bell	
	Pledge of Allegiance	DGN Jamie Crowe
	Moment of Inspiration	DGND James “Chili” McQuillar PDG
	Welcome to MAPETS	Angela Rickman,General Chair PDG
9:05A to 9:45A	Panel Discussion	J. Higgins, RPIC Moderator;
	Integrated Impact: Building Strong Clubs Through Public Image, Membership, and Foundation Alignment	PDG A. Rickman ARPIC, J. Stotts RMC; PDG T. Huffhines, RRFC
09:45A to 10:00A	Break	Convention Center Foyer Vendors and Exhibitors
10:00A to 10:55A	District Session I - Your Rotary Year	
	District 5750 Session I - Your Rotary Year	Hotel - Belle Star DGE Mukesh (Mack) Patel
	District 6110 Session I - Your Rotary Year	Convention Center - A1 DGE Laura Garrett
	District 6150 Session I - Your Rotary Year	Convention Center - A3 DGE Matt Buie
	District 6170 Session I - Your Rotary Year	Convention Center - A2 DGE Shawnee Cooper
10:55A to 11:10A	Break - House of Friendship	Convention Center Foyer Vendors and Exhibitors
11:10A to 12:30P	Ideas Exchange Session I - Leading Rotarians and Planning Your Year	
	See Room Locator Chart	(For Presidents Elect and Nominees Only)

HOTEL FACILITIES
AND ROOM
LOCATOR

See Name Badge for
Idea Exchange Room

Code	Room
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
6	5/6
7	7
8	8
H	Hot Springs
J	Judge Parker
B	Bentonville

AGENDA LEGEND

Breaks / Transition
District Session
General Session
Idea Exchange

VENDORS &
EXHIBITORS

ABC Printing & Signs
DACdb Member Minder Pro
Medical Supplies Network
Disaster Aid USA
Shoes for Orphan Souls
End Pollo Now
RTC Human Trafficking
Russell Hampton Company
ShelterBox

DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS

www.midamericapets.org
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www.rotary5750.org
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PROGRAM GUIDE

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PRESIDENTS-ELECT
TRAINING SEMINAR

Angela Rickman, Convener

March 19-21, 2026
Wyndham Hotel & Fort Smith Convention Center
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Friday, March 20, 2026 (cont.)

12:30P to 12:40P	Transition to Luncheon	Convention Center Foyer
12:40P to 01:35P	Luncheon	Convention Center - Hall B Presiding: DGE Laura Garrett Jenny Stotts, RMC
	Keynote Address - “Rotary Happy!”	
01:35P to 01:45P	Transition to District Rooms	Convention Center Foyer
01:45P to 02:40P	District Session II - Your Year As President	
	District 5750 Session II - Your Year As President	Hotel - Belle Star DGE Mukesh (Mack) Patel
	District 6110 Session II - Your Year As President	Convention Center - A1 DGE Laura Garrett
	District 6150 Session II - Your Year As President	Convention Center - A3 DGE Matt Buie
	District 6170 Session II - Your Year As President	Convention Center - A2 DGE Shawnee Cooper
02:40P to 02:55P	Break	Convention Center Foyer Vendors and Exhibitors
02:55P to 04:15P	Idea Exchange Session II - Membership	
	See Room Locator Chart	(For Presidents Elect and Nominees Only)
04:15P to 04:25P	Break	Convention Center Foyer Vendors and Exhibitors
04:25P to 05:20P	District Session III - Growing Rotary - Membership	
	District 5750 Session III - Growing Rotary - Membership	Hotel - Belle Star DGE Mukesh (Mack) Patel
	District 6110 Session III - Growing Rotary - Membership	Convention Center - A1 DGE Laura Garrett
	District 6150 Session III - Growing Rotary - Membership	Convention Center - A3 DGE Matt Buie
	District 6170 Session III - Growing Rotary - Membership	Convention Center - A2 DGE Shawnee Cooper
05:20P to 06:00P	Free Time	
05:20P to 06:30P	Cash Bar Reception	Convention Center - North Rotunda
06:30P to 08:15P	Dinner	Convention Center - Hall B Presiding: DGE Matt Buie
	Keynote Address - Michael Bliss - “ Master of Variety”	Michael Bliss
08:30P to 11:00P	Hospitality-Sports Madness	Wyndham Hotel DGEs Buie, Patel, Cooper, Garrett
	Wear your favorite jersey or sports attire	Memphis & Tulsa Rooms DG Olgesby, Party Host

Saturday, March 21, 2026

07:00A to 08:00A	Breakfast	Wyndham Hotel - Dallas/Little Rock Rooms
08:00A to 08:15A	Transition to General Session	Convention Center - Hall B
08:15A to 08:45A	Presidential Msg & Intro of DGEs	Conv. Center - Hall B DGEs Buie, Patel, Cooper, Garrett
08:45A to 09:00A	Transition to Service Project	Wyndham Hotel
09:00A to 09:30A	Service Project - Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls	Wyndham Hotel - Outside of Manager Dallas/Little Rock Rooms Emily Ayars, Engagement Mgr, Contact: AG Wally Bloss
09:30A to 09:45A	Break & Hotel Check Out	
09:45A to 11:00A	Idea Exchange Session III - Fundraising & Service Projects	
	See Room Locator Chart	(For Presidents Elect and Nominees Only)
09:45A to 10:45A	PDG Reunion	Convention Center - A1 Presiding: PDG Angela Rickman, General Chair
	“What is Happening in Rotary Now”	Greg Podd, The Rotary Foundation Vice Chair
11:00A to 11:10A	Break & Hotel Check Out	Convention Center Foyer
11:10A to 12:05A	District Session IV - Rotary Programs	
	District 5750 Session IV - Rotary Programs	Hotel - Belle Star DGE Mukesh (Mack) Patel
	District 6110 Session IV - Rotary Programs	Convention Center - A1 DGE Laura Garrett
	District 6150 Session IV - Rotary Programs	Convention Center - A3 DGE Matt Buie
	District 6170 Session IV - Rotary Programs	Convention Center - A2 DGE Shawnee Cooper
12:05A to 12:15P	Transition to Luncheon/Hotel Checkout	
12:15P to 01:30P	Luncheon	Convention Center - Hall B Presiding: DGE Shawnee Cooper.
	Keynote Address - “Why our Rotary Foundation”	Gregg Podd, Rotary Foundation Vice Chair 2025-26 Rotary Foundation Trustee 2025-26
1:30P to 1:45P	Wrap-up and Thank You	PDG Angela Rickman General Chair
	Final Thoughts / Adjournment	PDG James Arbuckle General Vice-Chair



MUKESH (MACK) PATEL

District 5750 - District Governor Elect, Rotary Club of Midwest City, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mukesh Patel has been a dedicated member of the Midwest City Rotary Club for nearly 20 years, serving in various leadership roles, including President and Assistant District Governor. A local business owner, he is also involved in philanthropy, raising funds for water wells in India and other causes. Mukesh is a Major Donor and a member of the PolioPlus Society. He considers it an honor to serve as District Governor Elect, with the support of his wife, Bhavana, and their two sons.



SHAWNEE COOPER

District 6170 – District Governor-Elect, Rotary Club of Saline County Afterhours, Benton, Arkansas

Shawnee Cooper began her Rotary journey in 2015, and is a member of Saline County After-Hours. Shawnee has served Rotary in numerous leadership roles including Club President, District Conference Chair, District Grants Chair, District Trainer, and Assistant Governor. She is especially passionate about her work as an Ambassador for the Arkansas Rotary Action Group Against Slavery, raising awareness and training others to combat human trafficking.



MIKE BLISS

“Master of Variety”

Mike has been performing his Award-Winning Comedy, Magic, and Pick-Pocketing Show for over 35 years all across the country from Miami, FL, to the World-Famous Magic Castle in Hollywood, to Cancun, to Australia, to Headlining his own show in Branson, MO!

He has performed at 39 Air Force bases across the US for our Troops

and their families. Mike was also voted “Branson’s Specialty Act of the Year” and “Best Stage Act” for the Midwest Magic Jubilee!

Mike’s TV credits include Fox’s 30 Seconds to Fame, The Game Show Network, America’s Got Talent, Ozarks FOX AM, The Huckabee Show, and Penn & Teller: Fool Us!



LAURA GARRETT

District 6110 - District Governor Elect, Rotary Club of Will Rogers Tulsa, Oklahoma

Laura is from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is District 6110 District Governor-elect. Laura is a member of the Will Rogers Rotary Club. A third-generation Rotarian with more than 25 years of service. Laura has served as an Assistant District Governor and District Youth Protection Officer. She has been active in supporting youth programs and strengthening club engagement across the district.



MATT BUIE

District 6150 - District Governor-Elect, Rotary Club of Little Rock Afterhours Little Rock, Arkansas

Matt is a charter member of RC of Little Rock Afterhours. He is a Solutions Architect group leader with Vestcom, where he designs digital shelf solutions for clients.

Matt has served Rotary as District Membership Chair and Assistant District Governor. Matt’s wife, Jennifer, also a Rotarian serves as D6150 Membership Chair.



TED HUFFHINES

District 5830, RRFC Rotary of Club of Marshall Marshall Texas

Ted joined the Marshall Rotary Club in 2008 to connect with community leaders. He served as club president in 2013-14. He later served as District 5830 Governor in 2017-18. His passion for The Rotary Foundation and the service opportunities it provides has allowed him to serve in various district and Zone roles. He is currently the Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 31.



BRIAN REGA

EMCEE, PDG District 6150, Rotary Club of Jonesboro, Arkansas

Brian served as club president during its 2019 centennial year and has been involved with MidAmerica PETS since 2016 as a facilitator and steering committee member. He has also served the district as Membership Attraction and Engagement Chair, Club Visioning committee member, and District Trainer. A graduate of Arkansas State University, Brian works in senior housing. He and his wife Jennifer, a Rotarian and nurse manager, enjoy estate sales and collecting presidential campaign buttons and Santas..



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JENNY STOTTS

District 6690, RMC Rotary Club of Athens Sunrise Athens, Ohio

Jenny serves as Rotary Membership Coordinator for Zone 30, supporting 14 districts with sustainable membership strategies that strengthen Rotary’s impact. A charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Athens Sunrise, she has also served as Assistant Governor and District Membership Chair, creating tools now used by Rotary clubs worldwide.

A licensed social worker and trauma specialist, Jenny

is passionate about youth voice, leadership, and resilient communities. She is also a wife, mother, Rotarian, and proud “trouble-making millennial.”



GREG PODD

District 5450, The Rotary Foundation Vice Chair, Evergreen Rotary Club Evergreen Colorado

Greg is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Personal Financial Specialist (PFS) who has operated his own practice since 1979. A Rotarian since 1982 and member of the Evergreen Rotary Club, Greg has served Rotary International as Vice President (2015–2016) and Director (2014–2016). He has also served as Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Regional Membership Coordinator, and

chaired multiple Zone Institutes. Greg currently serves as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation and is a recipient of Rotary’s Service Above Self Award. Greg and his wife Pam, married 50 years, are Arch C. Klumph Society members and Major Donors.



ANGELA RICKMAN

District 5750, General Chair, ARPIC Rotary Club of Ponca City Trailblazers Ponca City, Oklahoma

Angela Rickman joined Rotary in 2011 and has served in numerous leadership roles. She co-founded the Ponca City Trailblazers Rotary Club, chartered three years ago. Angela served as District Governor of District 5750 in 2020–2021 and has spent the past three years as an Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator at the zone level. She will become Rotary Public Image Coordinator in July 2026. A Major Donor and Paul Harris Society member, Angela is passionate about forming new clubs, strengthening

public image, and creating engaging Rotary experiences that support strong clubs and leaders. Angela lives in Ponca City, Oklahoma, with her husband, Charles, and their son Gavin.



JAMIE HIGGINS

District 6150, Registrar, RPIC Rotary Club of Searcy Searcy, Arkansas

Jamie Higgins serves as Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zone 31 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Searcy in District 6150. He served as District Governor for District 6170 in 2020–2021 and previously led the Rotary Club of Morrilton as president in 2014–2015. Jamie has served as a Learning Facilitator at the Rotary International Assembly in 2025 and 2026 and co-chaired the Heart of America Summer Leadership Seminars in 2025. He

is a Paul Harris Society member and Bequest Society Level 2 member. Professionally, Jamie is Executive Director of the Unity Health Foundation in Searcy, Arkansas.