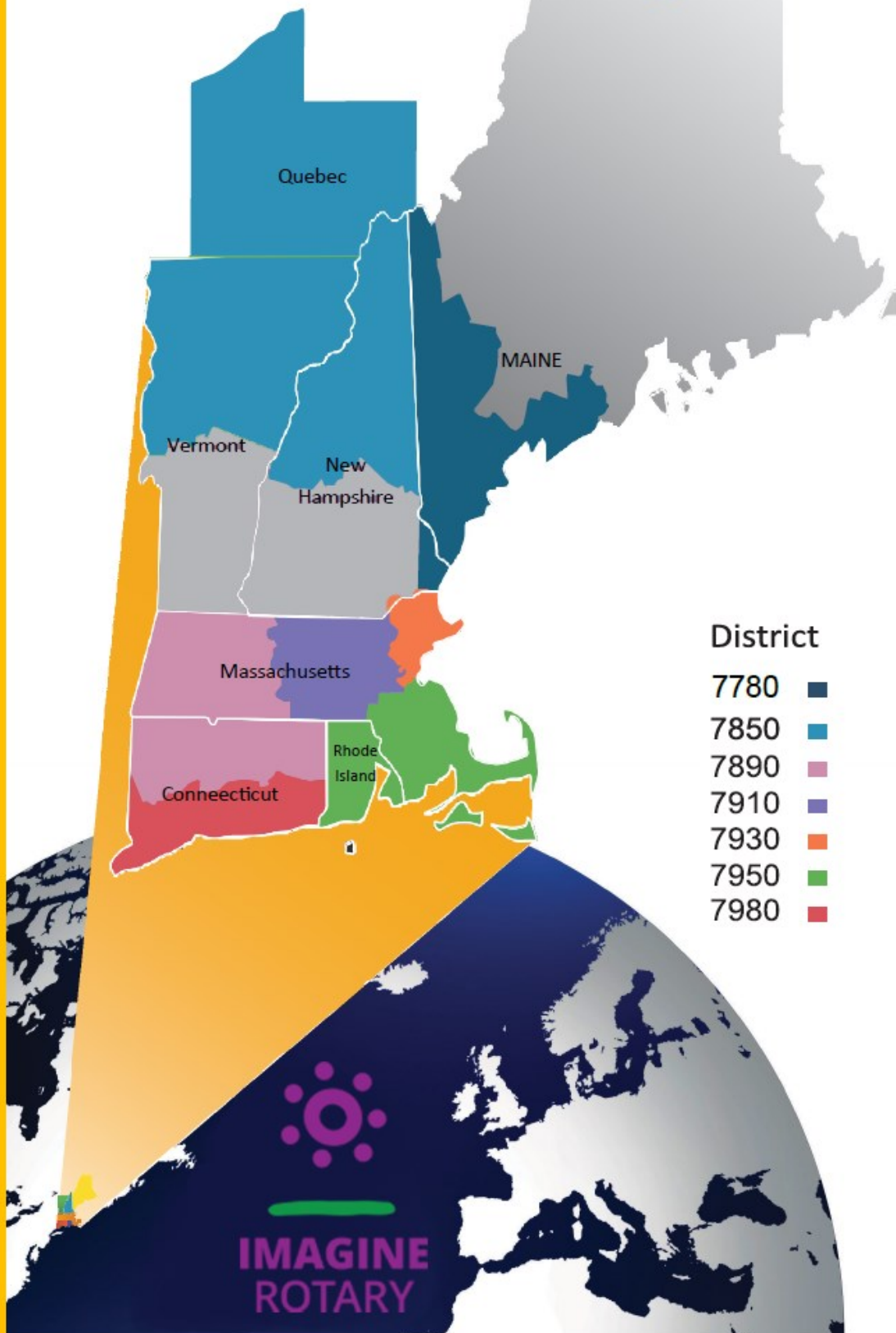


# NORTHEAST PETS

# Rotary

March 4 & 5, 2022



  
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Congratulations and Welcome to Northeast PETS!

On behalf of the District Governors-elect for 2022/2023, we welcome all incoming Club Presidents, as well as all of the Assistant District Governors of our combined area!

If you are an incoming Club President, we want you to know how rewarding and exciting your role will be! If you are an Assistant Governor, new or returning, you already know (or suspect!) how rewarding it is to nurture Rotary clubs so that they achieve greater success!

We have an excellent program planned and you will have many opportunities to connect in breakout sessions with other incoming presidents and assistant governors. This will allow you to share service project and fundraising ideas as well as challenges you may be facing. We encourage you to reach out and take the opportunity to develop relationships with peers from all seven districts.

The theme for the Rotary year 2022-2023 is **"Imagine Rotary"**. You may look back on all of the opportunities Rotary has afforded you to this point. There are, and continue to be, opportunities to serve, opportunities for personal and professional development, and opportunities for sincere and lifelong friendships, as well as many other opportunities. We must now assure those same opportunities for others, Rotarians and non-Rotarians, alike.

So, join us in celebrating the fact that we as Rotarians can look beyond where we are today and **"Imagine Rotary"** and where we can go and what we can look like in the future.

## 2022-2023 District Governors (w/Paul Harris)





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Northeast PETS

Dear Club President-elect,

Welcome to your President-elect Training Seminar, one of the most important and enjoyable training events you will ever attend in Rotary.

As a club president, you play a vital role in the success of your club. Your guidance and your example, are essential in getting the members of your club to be enthusiastic, engaged and excited to make a difference in their community, their world, and themselves.

We all feel the impact that Rotary service and Rotary values have on us... now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others. This is a year to Imagine Rotary by envisioning a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing we can make a difference. We don't imagine yesterday, we imagine tomorrow. We imagine a world without polio, with clean water for everyone. We imagine a world free of disease and where every child learns to read. We imagine kindness, hope, love and peace.

Imagine how each of us, as leaders, can create a club experience that is welcoming, inclusive and enjoyable for each and every member, and attractive to those who have yet to join us. The comfort and care of our members is the single greatest driver of member satisfaction and our most powerful tool to keep our members engaged in our clubs.

If we serve our members, we serve our communities. If we provide comfort and care for our members, we help them to truly "get" the power of Rotary.

This training seminar will provide you with the information and skills you'll need to succeed as president of your club and to help create the greatest impact in our clubs and in the world. I hope that you will leave this seminar feeling full of confidence, knowing that you are prepared to guide your club in setting and achieving ambitious goals for the Rotary year to come. With your leadership, your club can and will strengthen your community, make the world a better place for all who live in it, and make a difference in the lives of your members.

Congratulations on your election as club president. I look forward with you to a year of great accomplishments as we **Imagine Rotary**.

Warm Regards,

Jennifer Jones

President, Rotary International, 2022-23



# MAKING THE MOST OF NORTHEAST PETS

## General Sessions:

Full group sessions will be held via Zoom. A complete list of your links will be sent to you after you have registered. You can also find your personalized Zoom link for your breakout sessions by going to the NEPETS website at [rotarynepets.org](http://rotarynepets.org) and click on the program menu. Then select Personalized Zoom Link Schedule and click on the underlined blue link. BE sure to use the email address that you registered with or your confirmation number to access that page.

## Breakouts:

Breakout sessions are topic specific. Participants will work with Presidents-elect of other clubs from the seven districts. This enables you to benefit from the experiences of others with similar challenges and successes.

To help you make contact after the breakouts, your daily email will include the names and contact information for all in your breakout session.

## Making the most of your PETS:

General sessions will begin promptly at 12:00 pm on Friday March 4 and 8:00 am on Saturday March 5. The Zoom room will open 15 minutes before to check connectivity and allow networking before the official start. Be ready to start at 5 minutes before the beginning of the General Sessions. Please be respectful of the other participants and keep yourself on mute during breakouts when not speaking. Make the most of your time at PETS! You will never have a better opportunity to:

- Learn more about Rotary
- Compare ideas
- Network with other club Presidents-elect
- Virtually see future, present, and past officers of Rotary International

Discussion Leaders are the backbone of PETS. They are great resources, willing and eager to share ideas. Be assertive in contacting them after your session or after PETS to ask for their suggestions or benefit from their experience. Be sure to thank them for volunteering their time at PETS. This event and its entire staff have but one goal – to help you make the most of your year as president and to improve and strengthen your Rotary Club!

## Networking and Hospitality:

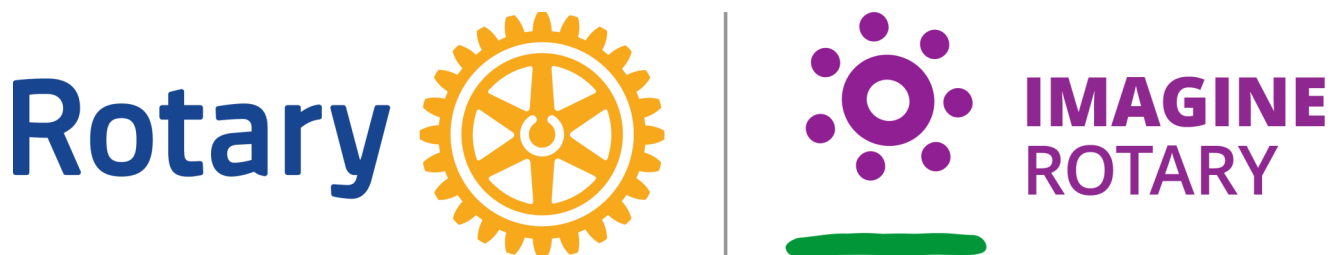
Meeting and establishing relationships with your counterparts are important parts of the NEPETS experience. You will get to know other fine people whose goals are identical to yours. There are opportunities built in to the NEPETS experience to help you do so.

- For each breakout session, you will be given a list of all attendees and their contact information. Reach out and expand your connection after the session.
- All Presidents-elect will also be given contact information for all the attending PEs, AGs, and other leaders after PETS is over.
- Visit neighboring Clubs and continue any relationship that you have developed.

## Contact your District Governor Elect:

The District Governor Elect is always available to support you and your club. Feel free to contact them at any time, during PETS, after PETS or any time through the year when you need information, help and support.

In addition, utilize the Assistant District Governor in your District that has been assigned to your club. They have a wealth of knowledge and are there to help you and your club succeed.







**Stephen Albright**  
**2022 NEPETS Chair**



**Richard Fox**  
**2022 NEPETS Co-Chair**

When we began planning for Northeast PETS 2022 back in March 2021 we were hopeful that we would be able to get together and have an in person event again, where we could meet old friends, make new friends and enjoy the fellowship that these events always provide. Unfortunately that was not going to be the case. COVID continued to play a major part in our lives with variants such as Delta and Omicron popping up. So we decided the hard but correct decision, that the best and safest way to conduct Northeast PETS this year was to forgo the in person event and continue for hopefully only one more year with a virtual event. We have become masters of Zoom during the last two years and it has enabled us to continue to meet and continue to do the great work that we do as Rotarians in our communities and around the world. We are survivors and we are change makers and we imagine new and better ways to make things happen. How appropriate is the theme that Rotary International President Elect Jennifer Jones has selected for the coming year, **“Imagine Rotary”**

With that, we want to extend a warm welcome to each of you who will be joining us for the Rotary Northeast PETS 2022. It is an honor and a privilege for us to welcome the 2022-23 class of Club Presidents and Assistant Governors from the seven districts of Northeast PETS which are comprised of portions of all of New England (excluding the northeast part of Maine) and part of Quebec. This is our 35th year of bringing districts together, albeit this year will again be virtual, it will not interfere with our objective to provide an opportunity of learning, sharing and networking.

The orchestration and planning that has gone into this event has been the responsibility of your District Governors-elect who have worked tirelessly to create both an inspiring program but also converting this historical on site event to a virtual reality. The District Governors elect were not alone in this planning, as they were assisted by the sitting district governors, the district governor nominees, nominee designates and a handful of other volunteers. This team has been working since last March, to make this an exceptional experience for you.

This year the program will embrace two days of energized, educational, and enlightening events focusing on Leadership; the Foundation; Public Image; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Membership, all with the theme of “Imagine Rotary” in mind. These sessions will be led by a group of outstanding speakers from around the world who will ensure a memorable and worthwhile experience to kick off your year. Joining our speakers, it is an honor and a privilege to have Jennifer Jones RI President 2022-23 be our keynote speaker on Friday afternoon. Joining Jennifer will be Evan Burrell from Australia, Carolyn Jones from Alaska, Dr. Tunji Funsho from Nigeria and Herb Klotz and Karin Gaffney from our own Zone 32. Additionally, we have selected expert facilitators from our combined districts to lead the discussions following each speaker regarding these topics. We encourage you to actively participate in these sessions in which you will benefit from the experiences and views of your fellow Presidents-elect and other fellow Rotarians.

In closing, being a Club President is an honor and a privilege and most Rotarians, even those who have risen to significant positions in our organization, would say, this is the best job in Rotary. Thank you for sharing these two days with us and remember that the Northeast PETS committee is here to support and encourage your success. Each member of this team is a resource for you during and after your year of service. Your District Governor, District Governor-elect, District Governor-nominee, District Governor-nominee-designate, Assistant Governor and everyone on the Northeast PETS committee are here for you. Thank you for being an important part of Northeast PETS 2022-23.

On behalf of the 2022-23 Northeast PETS Committee

Stephen Albright  
Chair, NEPETS 2022

Richard Fox  
Co-Chair, NEPETS 2022

## NEPETS PRESIDENTS-ELECT & ASSISTANT GOVERNORS AGENDA

**Friday, March 4, 2022**

11:45 am Video of District Leadership Teams  
12:00 pm NEPETS 2021 Opening  
12:15 pm Jennifer Jones—Rotary International President 2022-23  
12:45 pm Herb Klotz & Karin Gaffney—Membership (PEs & AGs Attend)  
1:45 pm Presidents Elect Breakout Session #1 Please see your Zoom Link Schedule  
**1:45 pm Assistant Governors Breakout Session #1 with Herb & Karin (MEMBERSHIP and the AG ROLE)**  
**(AG's Stay in the Original Zoom Room)**  
3:00 pm Break—10 minutes  
3:10 pm Training Session #1 (PEs & AGs Attend) Tom Thorfinnson—Strategic Planning  
4:00 pm Training Session #2 (PEs & AGs Attend) Megan Timmons & Sophie Dangerfield—My Rotary/RCC/Learn Center  
4:50 pm Thank you to PEs and Instructions (NEPETS ends for the day for PEs)  
4:50 pm Break—10 Minutes  
**5:00 pm Assistant Governors Specific Extension - (AG TOOLS for a successful collaboration and assist to clubs)**  
**(AGs Stay in the Original Zoom Room)**  
**5:30 pm thank you to AGs (NEPETS ends for the day for AGs)**

**Saturday, March 5, 2022**

7:45 am Video of District Leadership Teams  
8:00 am Welcome to NEPETS Day 2 (PEs & AGs Attend)  
8:07 am Evan Burrell - Zone 8 Assistant Public Image Coordinator—Public Image (PEs & AGs Attend)  
8:45 am Presidents Elect Breakout Session #2 Please see your Zoom Link Schedule  
**8:45 am Assistant Governors Breakout Session #2 with Evan Burrell (PUBLIC IMAGE and the AG ROLE)**  
**(AGs Stay in the original Zoom Room)**  
9:55 am BREAK—20 minutes—(Please be back on the Main Zoom Link no later than 10:15 am)  
10:15 am Dr. Tunji Funsho, 2020 Member of TIME 100—The Rotary Foundation (PEs & AGs Attend)  
10:45 am Presidents Elect Breakout Session #3 Please see your Zoom Link Schedule  
**10:45 am Assistant Governors Breakout #3 (AG INEFFECTIVE CHAT ACROSS DISTRICTS)**  
**(AGs Stay in the original Zoom Room)**  
11:55 am LUNCH BREAK—35 minutes (Please be back on the Main Zoom Link no later than 12:30 pm)  
12:30 pm Carolyn Jones Past Rotary Foundation Trustee—Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (PEs & AGs Attend)  
1:00 pm Thank You  
1:05 pm Presidents Elect Breakout Session #4 Please see your Zoom Link Schedule  
**1:05 pm Assistant Governors Breakout #4 with DG Dr. Billy Roberts (DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION in ROTARY and the AG ROLE)**  
**(AGs Stay in the Original Zoom Room)**  
2:15 pm NEPETS 2022 Comes to an End

***Another great NEPETS comes to an end. We wish all of you a great year ahead.***

## **President Elects Discussion Group Breakouts**

### **Presidents-Elect**

The 70-minute discussion groups are intended to permit our Presidents-elect to have a group discussion about various topics that were presented during the general sessions each evening. This will be an opportunity for all PE's to drill down on a specific topic or topics so that they will carry away ideas and tools that they can use to enhance their club's ability to become a positive asset in their communities.

## **PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING and BREAKOUTS**

### **Friday March 4, 2022**

#### **Membership**

Rotary Zone 32 Coordinators and Innovative Club Advocates Herb Klotz, and Karin Gaffney will help you to examine membership data and create a personalized growth plan for your club. They will present positive stories on successes in membership development throughout our area, including strategies for virtual club engagement.

#### **Strategic Planning Training**

Tom Thorfinnson will give you tips on building a strategic plan and how it will help you build a road map for a stronger, healthier club.

#### **My Rotary/Rotary Club Central/Learning Center Training**

Megan & Sophie will refresh your memory, teach you new tricks to help you in your job as Club President and AG. This will also assist you to get your club members and officers more involved in your club and in Rotary.

### **Saturday March 5, 2022**

#### **Public Image**

Hold on to your socks! Evan Burrell, RC Turramurra, Sydney, Australia has a track record of reshaping new ideas about how to expand the visibility of Rotary in the world. Evan is an engaging presenter who brings concrete examples that can be applied to club and district efforts to promote Rotary and the great things that we do.

#### **The Rotary Foundation**

Dr. Funsho, a cardiologist based in Lagos, Nigeria, is the first Rotarian to be honored as one of TIME's 100 Most Influential People in the world in 2020. He will bring The Rotary Foundation to life through his stories of bringing aid to the neediest children, especially polio eradication.

#### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

With her intimate knowledge of the importance of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Carolyn Jones will speak to you from her home in Anchorage, Alaska. Carolyn joined Rotary in 1987 after retiring from the State of Alaska Attorney General's Office. Her dedication to Rotary included serving as club president, District Governor, and a 4-year term as Rotary's first female Trustee the Board of Directors of The Rotary Foundation.

## Assistant Governors Discussion Group Breakouts

### Assistant Governors Program

After joining with the Presidents-elect for an enlightening series of talks from the experts, including Jennifer Jones, RIPE, Assistant Governors will then have an opportunity to meet directly for questions and answers with the specialists in the areas of Public Image, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Membership. In addition you will learn new tools to help you assist your clubs and chat with other AGs across seven Districts.

## ASSISTANT GOVERNORS BREAKOUTS

### Friday March 4, 2022

#### Membership and the AG Role

A moderated, interactive and organic discussion with Herb Klotz and Karin Gaffney. How the role of AG can be instrumental in the Membership assist to Clubs from promoting innovative Clubs, distilling community needs, encouraging smaller clubs and even being cheerleaders if two Clubs decide to merge. Offering tools such as Club Health Check and other available tools.

#### AG Tools for a successful collaboration and assist to clubs

Review of unique access that AGs have to their AREA designated Clubs. Reports that can be accessed and run. Assisting Clubs with issues in My Rotary.

### Saturday March 5, 2022

#### Public Image and the AG role

Evan Burrell will lead an interactive and organic moderated discussion with AGs following a short AG directed presentation to compliment his prior presentation. Topics will include the importance of a unified voice from Leadership on branding. Deep dive into understanding the concept of promotion and some open forum Q&A.

#### AG Interactive Chat Across Districts

Parallel breakout sessions exploring various topics to assist you in your AG role.

- Time management and prioritizing as an AG—good and innovative practices
- Communications with clubs—good and innovative practices
- Shifts in Rotary culture from the more traditional club—how is membership adapting? How can AGs help make it a smoother transition, managing conflict in a changing Rotary. (Items such as attendance vs. engagement, inclusive and exclusive practices, rituals, Rotaractors with much more autonomy, increased use of technology.

#### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Rotary and the AG Role

Lead Facilitator, DG William (Billy) Roberts will apply his expertise to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Rotary and how an AG can best assist Clubs to exemplify and embrace these core values. Followed by a question and answer period.



## KEYNOTES AT A GLANCE

### **Rotary International President Elect Jennifer Jones**

An enthusiastic presenter, RI President elect, Jennifer Jones, who will be the first female to serve as President of Rotary International in its 105 year history is an experienced leader and part of Rotary. Her talents have strengthened Rotary's reach and impact, through her many roles including Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, RI Vice President and co-chair of the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign.

She Imagines Rotary, where you and your clubs can strengthen your community, make the world a better place for all and make a difference in the lives of your members. Join Jennifer and catch her energy, enthusiasm, passion and **Imagine Rotary**.

### **Rotary International Tom Thorfinnson**

Tom, the Rotary International Chief Strategy Officer will discuss the Strategic Plan for Rotary International and will discuss how a strategic plan can benefit your club. Strategic Planning will help your club create the road map for a stronger, healthier club which can focus on what is most important for your club, your members and your community.

### **Rotary International Megan Timmons & Sophie Dangerfield**

Join Megan and Sophie, both part of the Rotary International support team in Evanston. They will help you understand and find your way through the many tools that Rotary has provided for all of our use. From MyRotary, Rotary Club Central to the Learning Center, Megan and Sophie will show you the benefits of each of these and how to maneuver through them.

### **Zone 32 Coordinator Herb Klotz & Assistant Coordinator Karin Gaffney**

Herb and Karin, both members of the Zone 32 membership team will help you understand where your club stands in membership and help you better understand it. In addition, they will discuss ways to help improve your clubs membership through innovative and new ways.

### **Zone 8 Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator Evan Burrell**

This presentation will knock your socks off! Mr. Burrell, RC Turramurra, Sydney Australia has a track record of reshaping ideas about how to expand the visibility of Rotary in the world. An engaging presenter who brings concrete examples that can be applied to club and district efforts to promote Rotary and its aims.

### **Dr. Tunji Funsho, Chair—Rotary International's Nigeria National Polio Plus Committee**

Having played a crucial role in eradicating the wild polio virus from the African continent, Dr. Funsho will share his experience and expertise on this vital subject matter and what we must do to finish the task at hand. Recognized by TIME as an individual who has made our world a better place, Dr. Funsho will also discuss how important it is to continue to support the Rotary Foundation and the PolioPlus effort.

### **Past Rotary Foundation Trustee Carolyn Jones**

Join Carolyn for an interesting presentation and talk on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Having been the first woman appointed as a trustee to the Rotary International Foundation, she has first hand knowledge of change making, making a real difference and being included in something that made a significant change in the leadership of our organization.

### **District Governor D7950 Dr. Billy Roberts**

District Governor Billy Roberts will spend time with the Assistant Governors, helping them to become more involved with Rotary International's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative. He has been a leader in his District encouraging clubs to look more like the community they serve and will lead the AG's on an inspired discussion.



**Jennifer Jones**  
**PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**  
**2022-2023**

Jennifer is the Founder and President of Media Street Productions Inc., a twenty-five-year old, award-winning media company in Windsor, Ontario. She is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland.

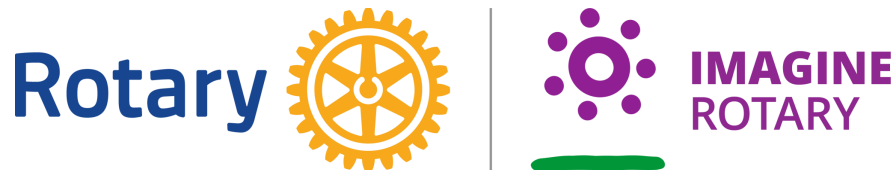
Her talents have strengthened Rotary reach and impact, through many roles including as Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, RI Vice President, and co-chair of the *End Polio Now: Make History Today* campaign, raising funds alongside Bill and Melinda Gates and their Foundation.

Jennifer is a leader in cultivating “experiential fundraising” opportunities such as Rotary’s Polio Golf Day with Jack Nicklaus in Jupiter, Florida, USA, which raised over \$5.25 million for polio eradication in one day. Or, the innovative, virtual COVID-19 #RotaryResponds event that raised money for COVID-19 relief projects and showcased Rotary’s response across the globe.

Working alongside political figures, celebrities and global leaders, she uses her voice to raise *awareness* and *hundreds of millions* of dollars to eradicate disease, support peace and provide clean water and sanitation in developing areas of the world. Her skill as an expert storyteller inspires hope and promise and motivates people to take action.

She has received many honors and recognitions including Rotary’s Service Above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service, the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University’s Peacemaker of the Year Award – a first for a Canadian.

Jennifer is married to Rotarian Nick Krayacich, a local family physician. They share a love for many things including travel, cycling, golf and relaxing at their family cottage; and they share a thirst for adventure, which has included cresting the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa.





**Herb Klotz**

**Zone 32 Rotary Coordinator**

Herb joined Rotary in 2011 and is a member of the Allentown West Rotary Club near Allentown, PA. He is currently the Zone 32 Rotary Coordinator which covers the Northeast United States and is responsible for promoting membership growth. Herb was the 2019-20 District Governor and the 2016-18 District Membership Chair from District 7430 in Eastern Pennsylvania. He played a key role in developing and implementing a strategic action plan to grow their district membership which included both building vibrant existing clubs and adding new innovative clubs. From 2016-19, District 7430 increased its membership in 3 of the 4 years, added 4 new clubs, 4 satellites and had a net gain of nearly 100 members.

Herb is a retired chemical engineer and a charter member of Engineers without borders—Leigh Valley Professionals and has been actively involved in partnering with Rotary on global and district grant projects in Sierra Leone, Africa and the Dominican Republic. He has traveled to both locations on multiple occasions.



**Karin Gaffney**

**Zone 32 Area Regional Coordinator**

Karin joined the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley as a charter member in February 2012 and served as President in its charter year, successfully leading her club to receive numerous RI and District awards, including *Best Club*. In 2021, Karin transferred her membership to the Rotary Club of Westborough and serves as the Club Secretary. Karin served 3 years as Assistant Governor and Trustee for District 7910. She is a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation and an RLI graduate. In 2014, she was honored as *Rotarian of the Year*. Karin served as District Governor in 2018-19. In 2020, she became an Area Regional Coordinator for Zone 32, supporting 4 Districts in the Northeast with their membership growth efforts.

Karin's professional career spans over 30 years as a commercial lender, currently for Bay State Savings Bank in Worcester. Her hobbies include hiking, biking and gardening. She is active in her community and in addition to her commitment to Rotary, she holds the position of Board Chair for *Gifts of Hope Unlimited*. Karin graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in English. She resides in Littleton, MA with her husband, Dana. She has three grown children, Christopher, Caroline and Connor.



**Tom Thorfinnson**  
**Chief Strategy Officer, Rotary International**

Tom Thorfinnson currently is employed as the Chief Strategy Officer for Rotary International. He is and has been an active Rotarian and has served Rotary in a number of volunteer capacities, including serving as President of the Hopkins, MN Rotary Club in 1992-93. Over the last 15 years, Tom has been actively involved in both raising money and helping develop projects and Rotary Foundation grant activities in the area of water and sanitation.

As a Rotarian, Tom served as a member of the Rotary International Board of Directors from 2009-11 and served as Rotary's Vice-President in 2010-11.

In 2015 Tom was selected to serve as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation and in 2016 was selected to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees for The Rotary Foundation.

In October 2016 Tom resigned from the Trustees to take on the Chief Strategy Officer position. Previously Tom was employed for over 30 years in the private practice of corporate law in the greater Twin City area of Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN. Tom combines his over 3 years of corporate law and corporate governance practice with his extensive volunteer experience to bring a fresh volunteer perspective to the position as Chief Strategy Officer for Rotary.



**Megan Timmons**  
**The Learning Center, Rotary International**

Megan has worked with non-profits and associations for over 16 years in the Chicago area, with 6 of those years at Rotary International. Megan started working at Rotary International on 1 June, 2015 to support the launch of the members benefits program. While Megan was working on the members benefits program, she created several training videos for the Learning Center and discovered an interest in the Learning and Development field.

She started a master's degree program in Instructional Design & Technology in the fall of 2019 and also completed an over one year stretch assignment with the Talent & Organization Development team,

Megan is thrilled to support the development of new leaders and to provide technical support for the Learning Center.

In her spare time, she likes to cook and attend concerts.



## **Sophie Dangerfield**

### **Club & District Support, Americas North**

With Rotary since 2016, CDS Officer Sophie Dangerfield is passionate about training governors to navigate their DGND, DGN, DGE, and DG years with ease, by being or finding the resource they need. She currently represents 40 districts, including almost all of Canada, and the Northeast and Midwest of the USA. Sophie and the CDS team offer personalized service, training, and strategic guidance on board policy and Rotary constitutional documents, interpreting them for each club, district, or regional situation. CDS handles process navigation for cases of adult harassment and disputes, as well as guidance on diversity, equity, and inclusion within clubs and districts. Additionally, they are at the forefront of operational procedures, in managing the creation of Rotary, satellite, Rotaract, and merged clubs, name changes, resignations, as well as tax determinations and incorporations for districts and clubs. Some of Sophie's areas of specialized interest are the training of incoming leaders, governor financial responsibilities, and support of francophone clubs.

A native French speaker, Sophie obtained a Baccalauréat A1 in Languages, Mathematics, and Philosophy in Paris, France, a BA Honours in Theatre Arts & English Literature from Goldsmiths' College, University of London, England, and an RSA Cambridge teaching certificate in the UK. Born in Casablanca, Morocco, she is French, English, Canadian, and American, and feels she truly fits in with Rotary International. Sophie lives in Chicago with her husband and four cats and is an avid Lake Michigan swimmer. In her spare time, she runs a school for vintage dances, offering instruction and choreography for large festivals and charity events.



## **Evan Burrell**

### **Zone 8 Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator**

As a digital media consultant in the non profit community volunteer sector, Evan has expanded his skills to educating local professionals, businesses and community groups across Australia and around the world to focus on the practical use of social media and how to develop it to brand and market their stories.

Evan is an accomplished public speaker, emcee, trainer, social media advocate and hardworking volunteer with over 20 years of volunteer experience with Rotary International. You may recognize Evan best as a service minded superhero. You see, for Evan, it's easy to be a Rotary hero because as he sees it, all Rotarians are superheroes and we all need to promote the heroic acts we do in the community and around the world.

In whatever way, Evan is proving that Rotary isn't all business. His message is "Let's have fun in Rotary," and with that message he's engaged in telling Rotary's digital story.





## **Dr. Tunji Funsho**

### **Chair, Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee**

A Rotarian for 35 years, Dr. Funsho is a member of the Rotary Club of Lekki, Nigeria, past governor of District 9110, and serves on Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. Dr. Funsho is a cardiologist and a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London. He lives in Lagos, Nigeria with his wife Aisha. They have four children; Habeeb, Kike, Abdullahi and Fatima; and five grandchildren.

TIME 100 comprises individuals whose leadership, talent, discoveries, and philanthropy have made a difference in the world. Past honorees include Bono, the Dalai Lama, Bill Gates, Nelson Mandela, Angela Merkel, Oprah Winfrey, and Malala Yousafzai.

"I'm honored to be recognized by TIME for my part in ensuring that no child in Africa will ever again be paralyzed by wild polio, a disease that once disabled 75,000 African children every single year," said Dr. Funsho. "Eradicating the wild poliovirus in Africa was a team effort that required cooperation and dedication of governments, partners, Rotary members, hundreds of thousands of health workers, and countless parents who chose to have their children vaccinated against polio."

As the chair of Rotary's Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, since 2013 Dr. Funsho has led PolioPlus efforts in the country, building upon the work of his predecessors. He has worked alongside Rotarians in Nigeria to raise awareness about the importance of polio immunization, encouraged governments and public figures to support polio eradication, and served as a vocal leader and advocate for Rotary and its fight to end polio. He works closely with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative partner organizations: the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO), [UNICEF](#), the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), and [Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance](#).

As a member of Nigeria's Presidential Task Force on Polio, he has coordinated immunizations and advocacy campaigns with the Minister of State for Health and the Inter-Agency Coordination Committee for Polio Eradication. He has also worked closely with the Sir Emeka Ofor Foundation, the Dangote Foundation, the Traditional Leaders Council and the Federation of Muslim Women's Association of Nigeria.

In August 2019, Nigeria reached three years without a case of wild poliovirus. Nigeria's progress, [led by Rotary](#), its partners and local and national governments, was the result of decades of sustained efforts, including domestic and international financing, the commitment of hundreds of thousands of health workers, and innovative strategies to immunize children who previously couldn't be reached due to insecurity in the country's northern states.

On 25 August, the African region was certified wild polio-free. This historic announcement means that five of the WHO's six regions, representing more than 90 percent of the world's population, are now free of the wild poliovirus. The [virus is still endemic](#) in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

With Africa's milestone, Rotary and its partners took a major step forward toward their goal of global eradication. Funsho told TIME magazine of the achievement: "The polio eradication program in Nigeria has gone through some difficult times, but I never once doubted that this day would come. Any time that we've experienced a setback, Rotary and our partners have been able to find solutions and develop strategies for reaching vulnerable children."

He added: "One thing I know for certain, is if Nigeria could eliminate the wild poliovirus, any country can eliminate it."



## **Carolyn Jones**

### **Past Rotary Foundation Trustee**

Carolyn is recognized for her distinguished 25 year leadership role in Rotary International, from President of her Anchorage, Alaska club to the first woman to be appointed as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation. She has been recognized for her lasting humanitarian contribution as a Rotary volunteer with children in eastern Russian orphanages by both the Alaska State Legislature and the Tomsk Russian Duma, Carolyn's career as an attorney in Alaska, litigating laws to make more opportunities for all Americans, has been recognized by the State of Alaska Commission for Human Rights. Carolyn has traveled to Russia 35 times in her service to Rotary—five of those trips as a Rotary volunteer. Her story "The Children of Russia" was published in July 2002 issue of the Rotarian Magazine and in "Chicken Soup for the Volunteers' Soul".

Carolyn grew up in Tarrytown, NY and graduated from Stamford University and received her law degree from Yale Law School. Quoting Carolyn; "Her activities are too numerous to mention and so she won't. All in all, she has received a lot of awards and recognitions in her lifetime for which she is honored and too embarrassed to enumerate."

Carolyn continues to serve humanitarian needs in several capacities through Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, and is sought after as a speaker in many areas, including Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.



## **Dr. Billy Roberts**

### **Rotary District Governor, District 7950**

Dr. Roberts is a member of the Rotary Club of Barnstable Sunrise in MA and is one of the first African American to serve as District Governor in the NEPETS region and the first Person of Color to serve as District Governor in District 7950 (which covers Rhode Island/ Southeastern Massachusetts/ Cape Cod and the Islands – 65 clubs). In addition, Dr. Roberts served as an Assistant Governor for 3 years in Area 2 of his District.

Dr. Roberts has visited and provided support to social and economic development projects in 75 countries. He has a master's degree in Educational Administration and a Doctoral degree in Counselling/Clinical Psychology. His clinical practice is focused on diverse populations and his consulting practice focuses on coaching leaders in organizations engaged in making change.

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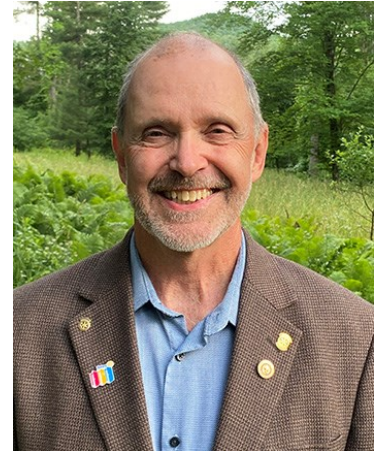
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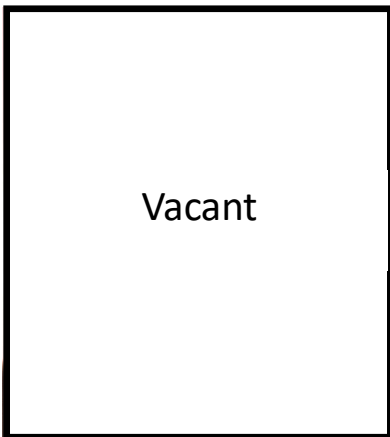
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CAG	Coordinator of Assistant Governors	RC	Rotary Coordinator
DG	District Governor	RID	Rotary International Director
DGE	District Governor-elect	RIDE	Rotary International Director-elect
DGN	District Governor-nominee	RIP	Rotary International President
DGND	District Governor-nominee designate	RIPE	Rotary International President-elect
DT	District Trainer	RIPN	Rotary International President-nominee
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PDG	Past District Governor	RPIC	Regional Rotary Public Image Coordinator

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