

**Rotary**  
Big West



## Information for Big West District Governors 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2019-20

We are looking forward to the Big West Rotary Institute to be held virtually November 12 - 14, 2020!

**Fabulous Speakers - Rotary International Senior Leaders - Special Sessions  
Rotary Fellowships - Top Gov Lounge - Class Reunion Parties - Rotaract Forum  
House of Friendship - District Celebration Parties - Senior Leader Dinner  
District Showcase - Rotaract Happy Hour - Top Gov Gala**

**Come experience the best virtual Rotary event of the year!**

We want to leverage the Institute opportunity to view our Rotary world through the lens of change, focusing on new ideas, new perspectives and new ways of doing things, with the ultimate goal of strengthening our leadership which in turn will strengthen our clubs and Grow Rotary. We also want to connect with each other so look forward to a myriad of fun friendship events, including the Top Gov Lounge and Senior Leader 'Dinner' with RID Johrita and Bruce!

**This letter is intended to give you needed information all in one place!  
Let's start with Action Items...**

- **Registration** is open to everyone: Rotarians, Rotaractors, guests, other interested people, including non-Rotarians. All Registered attendees will receive links to our General and Plenary Sessions, Special Sessions offerings, Fellowship gatherings and events. Invite everyone to Register at <https://zone2627.org/2020-rotary-institute/>. Cost is \$49 per person; \$30 for Rotaractors
- The **Emerging Rotary Leader (ERL) Program** is on Wednesday, prior to the Opening Session of the Institute. We encourage you to personally invite two (2) Rotarians and/or Rotaractors who are open to exploring district leadership roles, including service as District Governor. Although the ERL Program is open to anyone who wishes to attend, the vast majority of the attendees will be those invited by the DG Line. We hope to have all ERLs registered by October 15, 2020 for pre-Institute communication. ERL invitation is on **page 6**.
- The **District Trainer** program under the leadership of PRID Brad Howard and PDG Rosemary Aragon provides an exceptional opportunity for your current and incoming District Trainers. It will run over several virtual sessions during the fall, focusing on elevating training experiences and alignment of

curriculum. Please invite your current and incoming District Trainers. We hope to have all District Trainers registered by [October 15, 2020](#) as there will be pre-Institute communication and sessions.

- **Special Sessions** – Thursday and Friday afternoons  
There is a wealth of exciting, inspiring and valuable Special Sessions programming that includes both training and professional development. Please share with your District leadership, Rotarians and Rotaractors and invite them to register. For more information, please contact Chairs PDG Doug McDonald [dougmcdonald49@gmail.com](mailto:dougmcdonald49@gmail.com) and PDG Susan Brints [susan.brints@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brints@gmail.com)  
Full session descriptions will be posted on the Zone website [here](#).
- **COVID-19 Projects**  
District COVID-19 projects will be shared during a General Session of the Institute. Video Master PDG Ron Gin will be building on the images and video clips that were gathered for the Rotary Foundation Telethon in May. Please upload photos or videos clips – your 10 best would be a great start. Due Date [August 31, 2020](#). Upload [here](#).  
Images should be **high quality** (high resolution with good lighting, not blurry), taken HORIZONTAL / LANDSCAPE orientation. People of Action images "tell a story". NO captions or editing. Send raw images / video. Include a list with the title of the project and club if possible. Please contact PDG Ron Gin with any questions: [rongin1@gmail.com](mailto:rongin1@gmail.com)
- **Top Gov Gala and District Celebration Parties** Saturday, November 14th  
There will be a live via Zoom virtual graduation ceremony in the late afternoon as part of General Session 3. In addition to encouraging fun 'celebratory accessories' to help recognize your DGE as he or she is announced, each District is invited to celebrate their DGE with a party after the graduation. It's up to you how this party will happen but please consider a virtual event by Zoom. We will ask you to share your link information by [October 2, 2020](#), so we can include it in our Zone Zoom Master list. RIVP Johrita, RIPE Shekhar, Trustee Geeta, RIDE Vicki, other Zone leadership and GETS/GNTS team may want to pop into your party to help celebrate, virtually of course.  
A few ideas – invite your Governor Elect's home club to participate, hold a roast or Governor Elect trivial pursuit or jeopardy game to keep the party fun. Please contact PDG Sandi Schwartz at [sandischwartzdg1819@gmail.com](mailto:sandischwartzdg1819@gmail.com) if you have any questions.
- **Innovation Award 2019-20**  
We are excited to announce the Innovation Award for 2019-20! The Innovation Award recognizes Rotary Districts in Zone 26 & 27 that have adapted to create an impactful, innovative and positive change within their Districts. Thank you to D5100 for sharing their Innovation Award material!  
Each District Governor 2019-20 may submit one entry by [September 10, 2020](#). Winners will be asked for a pre-recorded video by October 2, 2020. See page 7 for the application. For questions, please contact Glenn [rotaryglenn@outlook.com](mailto:rotaryglenn@outlook.com) and Wyn [wyn.spiller@gmail.com](mailto:wyn.spiller@gmail.com)
- **House of Friendship District Showcase**  
Every District has the opportunity to showcase their District in a virtual format in the House of Friendship. The platform is the same one as used by the RI Convention. The viewer can click on the

District 'booth' and be taken to a video of highlights from that District or your District website. Attendees will also be able to access uploaded printed material. Booth completion [October 2, 2020](#).

A few ideas – drone footage of your District's tourist attractions showing off the beauty of your area. Video of the people and the projects that make your District special. A welcome address from the Governor or District Leadership. The viewer will see the District banner that the Zone procured last year for the lobby in Denver.

Please contact PDG Sandi Schwartz at [sandischwartzdg1819@gmail.com](mailto:sandischwartzdg1819@gmail.com) if you have any questions. You will also receive specific HOF booth instructions from HOF Chair PDG Ian Hicks. [ianhicks@icloud.com](mailto:ianhicks@icloud.com)

- **Celebration of Life Video**

PDG Ron Gin will again be putting together the Celebration of Life video and everyone's name will be included in the *In-Memoriam* section of the Directory. Please send information and a photo or two to PDG Christine Montan: [cmontan@hotmail.com](mailto:cmontan@hotmail.com) Submissions are due by [October 15, 2020](#)

### Now Great Information to Have...

- **Schedule-at-a-Glance** is on **page 4**.

- **Frequently Asked Questions**, **page 5**.

- **Reunion Parties – Friday night**

Governor Classes are invited to schedule Governor Reunion parties on Friday night. There will be one DG-line contact for each class. For more information, please contact Special Event Chairs PDG Linda Woodward [lwoodward6@gmail.com](mailto:lwoodward6@gmail.com) and PDG Nina Clancy [ninaclancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ninaclancy@sbcglobal.net).

- **Rotary Fellowships** – Thursday and Friday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm (subject to change)

Wine Appreciation  
Quilting and Fiber  
Photographers  
Public Health  
Caravanning

BREW – Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide  
Past District Governors  
Wellness and Fitness  
Computer Users

- **Special Sessions** – Thursday and Friday afternoons - Various times until 4:30 pm (subject to change)

District Trainers  
Rotary-Rotaract Partnership  
Creating Impactful Events  
Public Speaking/Toastmasters  
Big West District Best Practices and Innovation  
Positive Peace Workshop  
Rotaract Forums

Servant Leadership  
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
Council on Legislation Idea Exchange  
Facilitation Skills  
Big West Think Tank – Membership, Foundation,  
Public Image  
Rotary Youth Program Insights

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## Leaders Innovating and Growing Rotary

### Schedule-At-A-Glance

- **Wednesday, November 11:** ERL (Emerging Rotary Leaders) Program
- **Thursday, November 12:** The Institute kicks off at 9:00am PST with a spectacular Opening General Session #1 that includes special guests Rotary International President Holger Knaack and travel legend Rick Steves. At 10:30am PST is Plenary Session #1 - New Clubs, then coffee with Rick Steves. All afternoon you can enjoy the World Map Activity, Rotary Fellowships, Special Sessions, Big West District Best Practices, Positive Peace, District Trainer Workshop and much more! Early evening join us in the Top Gov Lounge, Senior Leader Dinner and Rotaract Forum.
- **Friday, November 13:** General Session #2 begins at 9:00am PST with an inspiring program that includes special guests Rotary Foundation Trustee Geeta Manek and leadership guru Steve Farber. At 10:30am PST is Plenary Session #2- Senior Leader Forum, then meet Steve Farber for Q&A. The afternoon continues with the World Map, Special Sessions, Rotary Fellowships, including Think Tank for Membership, Foundation and Public Image. Friday evening relax in the Friendship Lounge, participate in the Rotaract Forum or get together in your Class Reunion Online Party!
- **Saturday, November 14:** Start the morning with the Rotaract Legislative Assembly; late afternoon shift to General Session #3 LIVE on Zoom at 4 pm: Top Gov Gala featuring 2021-2022 District Governors with special guest Rotary International President Elect Shekhar Mehta. Saturday evening enjoy the Big West Rotaract Happy Hour and Top Gov Gala Celebration Parties for each District.

*Join us for inspiration, education and fun at the Big West Rotary Virtual Institute!*

### REGISTRATION FEE

**Cost is \$49 per person; \$30 for Rotaractors; spouses/partners welcome**

required at the time of registering



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### What, When & Where:

**Rotary Zones 26/27 Big West Institute:** <https://zone2627.org/2020-rotary-institute/>  
**November 12 – 14, 2020**

### **What is a Rotary Institute?**

The Rotary Institute traditionally has been an opportunity for past, present, and future Rotary District leadership to receive training and inspiration, share ideas, and engage in fellowship. The Institute is now open to all Rotarians, Rotaractors and guests.

### **What is a virtual Institute?**

A virtual institute is similar to an in-person Institute but online instead! Registrants are able to attend as few or as many of the sessions as they desire.

### **What type of activities will be included?**

The Institute will feature inspirational presenters from within Rotary and outside, relevant and thought-provoking topics, and top-notch entertainment to enhance your Institute experience. There will also be special training sessions for many Rotary topics that are always evolving (especially during the pandemic). There will be fellowship activities, a House of Friendship, and group sessions for the various categories of leadership attendees.

### **Will there be a House of Friendship?**

Yes absolutely! Similar to the RI Convention, our vendors and exhibitors will have virtual booths to display products, services, projects and events. Some vendors and exhibitors you can meet online or watch video presentations during the Institute. In addition there will be District Showcases displaying all the wonderful things our 30 Districts in Rotary Zones 26 & 27 Big West are doing.

### **Is there a cost to register?**

Yes. There are costs associated with the Institute that include, for example, enhanced technical support to create the best possible attendee experience and compensation for professional speakers. A nominal fee of \$49 has been set to cover these costs.

### Institute Schedule:

### **What is the schedule for the Institute?**

See Institute Schedule-at-a-Glance and Program information provided on the Zone website.

### **Where do I find log-in information for the sessions I want to attend?**

Attendees will receive a master Zoom Directory for all of the sessions. It will include the meeting ID and Password information, along with a help desk available by phone or email.

### **Will Institute sessions be recorded?**

Special Sessions options as well as the Celebration of life will be recorded and accessible to all registrants. Other portions of the Institute may not be available due to copyright and content restrictions.

### **Will there be a Zone Directory of past, current, and future district leaders available?**

Yes! A down-loadable directory will be provided free of charge to all registrants. Hard copy directories can be ordered and will be shipped to you. Orders will be taken at time of registration; you do not have to register to purchase a directory.

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Emerging Rotary Leader  
Program  
Rotary Institute 2020

### ERL Program 2020 via Zoom

#### Purpose/Objective of the Emerging Rotary Leaders:

The objective of the program is to expose the District's Emerging Leadership to a wider range of thinking, resources, and communication in Rotary, and to connect them with other Rotary leaders throughout Zones 26 and 27. The program is focused on inspiring and strengthening leadership at the district level, including serving as District Governor, and is open to Rotarians and Rotaractors.

For questions and more information, please contact Special Session Chairs, PDG Doug McDonald [dougmcdonald49@gmail.com](mailto:dougmcdonald49@gmail.com) and PDG Susan Brints [susan.brints@gmail.com](mailto:susan.brints@gmail.com)

#### ERL Program in Brief:

- Pre-Meeting Survey prior to the program
- Welcome Party, Tuesday, November 10 4:00-4:30 pm PST
- ERL Session – Wednesday, November 11, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm PST
- Full Institute Attendance – Grand Opening Session Thursday, November 12th through Top Gov Gala, Saturday, November 14th. See Schedule at a Glance on page 4 and on the Zone website. Click [here](#).

### Institute Registration

#### **Registration Question – Your Role July 2020:**

Select *ERL – Emerging Rotary Leader*

**Please register by October 15, 2020 to receive important Pre-Institute Information**

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[Register](#) here

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**2019-2020**

## **ROTARY ZONE 26 & 27 INNOVATION AWARD**

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Describe the Project, Program, Activity or Event.

Describe the Impact, the positive change, the innovation.

Describe the Sustainability. Will this create a lasting positive change in your District? If so, how?

Please attach any supporting documents or photos.