



Governor Mike Dunleavy
STATE OF ALASKA

May 1, 2025

Dear Alaska Rotarians,

Welcome to the 2025 Rotary 5010 District Conference and Assembly.

It is my pleasure to extend a warm greeting to all members as you come together to share your passion for enhancing communities and transforming lives across the globe. Rotary is far more than a service organization benefiting our communities; it is a global network of individuals united by a shared dedication to strengthening communities and creating lasting change worldwide.

This year's District Conference presents a unique opportunity to reflect on Rotary's remarkable programs, including Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Exchange, the Polio Plus Program/Flight to End Polio, and International Peace Centers, as well as initiatives dedicated to protecting endangered rhinos in Kenya and numerous other local and international service efforts.

As you convene to celebrate your achievements and chart the future of service, I hope you take pride in and feel truly inspired by the incredible difference you have created. I am grateful for your committed dedication to fostering a world where people come together, take meaningful action, and drive impactful changes within Alaska, across the globe, in our communities, and within ourselves.

Sincerely,

Mike Dunleavy, Governor

Office of the Mayor City and Borough of Juneau

PROCLAMATION WELCOME ROTARIANS

WHEREAS, Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change; and

WHEREAS, in 1905, Paul Harris, a man with a vision started Rotary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris believed it was important for professionals with diverse backgrounds to exchange ideas and form meaningful relationships and lifelong friendships; and

WHEREAS, over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service with Rotarians showing a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Rotary District 5010 encompasses all of Alaska and over 1,400 Rotarians, including the four clubs in Juneau that have provided numerous community benefits, including picnic shelters and school playground installation; and

WHEREAS, Rotary has a strong commitment to our youth through the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and the Rotary Exchange Student Program; and

WHEREAS, Rotary is a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Project, that has reduced polio cases by 99.9% since the first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Rotary members have contributed well over \$2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect over 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Rotary District 5010 Conference is held in Juneau, Alaska from May 1 - 4, with keynote speakers Peter Teahen and John Ockenfels, both pilots who flew a Cessna T21 OM around the world to raise awareness for polio eradication and raised funds for Rotary's End Polio efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Beth A. Weldon, Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the City and Borough Assembly, do welcome Rotarians to the City and Borough of Juneau for your 2025 District 5010 Conference and wish them a successful conference and encourage them to visit our community while they are here.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska to be affixed this 28th day of April 2025.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor



5010 District Conference 2025 in Juneau Alaska

"The Rotary clubs in District 5010 will strive to be the change we want to see in the world, embody the goodness we seek, and celebrate as we transform the world around us."

— **District Governor Brenda Shelden**
District Conference 2025

District Conference Chairs

Denny DeWitt, *Juneau Rotary*
Eleanor Oydna, *Glacier Valley Rotary*

Conference Planning Committee

Rotary Club of Juneau, President Jeffrey Hart
Juneau-Gastineau Rotary, President Alice Edwards
Juneau Glacier Valley Rotary, President Dan Holt
*Rotary Club of Juneau 58*Innovators*,
President Trinity Letterman

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Dinner in the Home

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2025

Conference & Assembly

Rotary District 5010
Juneau, Alaska



May 1-4

Conference Schedule

Thursday, May 1st

1:00 PM–3:00 PM District Conference Check-in, *Juneau Rotarians*
 2:00 PM–5:00 PM District Assembly, *Marty Metiva*
 4:45 PM–8:45 PM Lighthouse & Whale Watching Tour, See registration desk for details.

Friday, May 2nd

7:00 AM–12:00 PM District Conference Check-in, *Juneau Rotarians*
 7:00 AM–8:00 AM Breakfast
 8:00 AM House of Friendship and Youth Exchange Silent Auction Open, *AG Michelle Strickler and Alice Edwards*
 8:00 AM–9:00 AM Begin Conference–Ring Bell, *Juneau 58* Innovators President Trinity Letterman*, Singing of the National Anthem and Alaska Song, *Nora Fortier*
 Land Acknowledgement and Welcome from Juneau Mayor, *Juneau Mayor Rotarian Beth Weldon*
 Thought for the Day, *Juneau Glacier Valley President Daniel Holt*
 Welcome by Rotary International Representatives *PDG Bruce and Sue Goldsen*,
 Welcome by District Governor Brenda Shelden
 D5010 a Year in Review, *District Governor Brenda Shelden*
 9:00 AM–10:00 AM Istanbul, Turkey–Rotary International's Newest Peace Center, *PDG Gale Knepper*
 Introduction of the Past District Governors, *PDG Gayle Knepper*
 10:00 AM–10:15 AM Assistant Governor Presentation, *Assistant Governor Matt Stielstra*
 10:15 AM–10:30 AM Break
 10:30 AM–11:30 AM Interact and RYLA–Celebrate with Future Rotarians, *Juneau Douglas High School Interact Club and Cassie Lumba*, *Interact Club President and 2025 RYLA Alumni*
 11:30 AM–11:45 AM Assistant Governor Presentations *Assistant Governors Kim Zook & Michelle Strickler*
 11:45 PM–1:15 PM Lunch
 Community Awards, *Juneau Rotarians*
 Foundation Award, *District Governor Brenda Shelden*
 1:15 PM–2:00 PM Impact of Hurricane Helene and Our D5010 Rotary Response, *Patrick Longano, DGE Marty and PDG Cheryl Metiva*

2:00 PM–3:00 PM South Africa and Kenya–The Impact of a Changemaker, *District Governor Tom Tochterman*
 3:00 PM–4:00 PM D5010 Business Meeting, *District Secretary Becky Erickson*
 3:00 PM–5:00 PM Juneau tours/excursions
 See registration desk.
 6:00 PM–8:00 PM Dinner in the Home
 See registration desk.
 6:00 PM–10:00 PM Rotarian Night at the Red Dog Saloon
 See registration desk.

Saturday, May 3rd

7:00 AM–8:00 AM Breakfast and E-Club Meeting
E-Club President Ariel Talen-Keller
 8:00 AM–9:00 AM Thought for the Day, *Juneau Rotarian Jeffery Hartman*
 One Summit, the Rotary Action Plan and the D5010 Strategic Plan, *District Governor Brenda Shelden*
 9:00 AM–10:00 AM National Immunization Days and a Dam Project–Being a Part of Peacebuilding, *District Governor Nominee Paul Paslay*
 10:00 AM–10:15 AM Assistant Governor Presentations
Assistant Governors Bill Wright & Bruce Erickson
 10:15 AM–10:30 AM Break
 10:30 AM–11:00 AM D5010 Youth Exchange–Meet our Students!, *Youth Exchange Committee Chair Alysha Childs*
 11:00 AM–11:15 AM HUFT–Hands Up for Tomorrow and Camp Hope, *YE Exchange Student Arda Buluc*
 11:15 AM–11:45 AM Service Projects–The Value in Rotary Volunteerism, *Soldotna Club President Brian Erwin*
 How the Mobile Food Pantry Keeps Giving
Anchorage East Rotary – Jennifer Snodgrass
 11:45 PM–12:00 PM Ketchikan 2000–Celebrating a 100th Anniversary, *Ketchikan 2000 Rotarian Fred Monrean*
 12:15 PM Youth Exchange Silent Auction Closes See registration desk to pick up items
 12:00 PM–1:30 PM Lunch
 Community Awards, *Juneau Rotarians*
 Rotary international Message from Stephanie Urchick, *RI Representatives PDG Bruce and Sue Goldsen*
 District 5010 Awards and Recognitions, *District Governor Brenda Shelden*

2:15 PM–4:30 PM Aviation Event at Alaska Seaplanes Hangar – transportation provided, See registration desk for details.
 2:30 PM–4:30 PM Juneau Tours, See registration desk for details.
 6:00 PM–6:45 PM Major Donor Reception, Governor's Residence – by invitation only, *PDG Gary Stevens & PDG Diane Fejes*
 7:00 PM–9:30 PM Dance Troup, *Juneau Dance Theatre*
 Banquet, Centennial Hall
 Youth Exchange Auction, *DGE Marty Metiva*
 Service Above Self Award, *District Governor Brenda Shelden*
 Flight to End Polio Presentation, *Peter Teahen and PDG John Ockenfels*
 Passing of the Gavel, *District Governor Brenda Shelden & DGE Marty Metiva*
 9:30 PM–11:00 PM Music and Dancing, *TBD*

Sunday, May 4th

7:00 AM–8:00 AM Breakfast
 8:00 AM–8:30 AM Memorial Program, *Assistant Governor Michelle Strickler*
 8:30 AM–10:00 AM Thought of the Day, *Juneau Gastineau President Alice Edwards*
D5010 TED Talks
 Club Visioning–Let's Discuss the Program, *Assistant Governor Bill Wright*
 Ignite App–What Clubs Can Do With It, *District Secretary Becky Erickson*
 Foundation Giving–Inspiring Clubs, *PDG Diane Fejes*
 What does an Assistant Governor Do?, *Assistant Governor Bruce Erickson*
 Information on the Leadership Academy, *PDG Gayle Knepper/PGD Alana Berg*
 New Club Types–Let's Grow Rotary, *Patrick Longano*
 D5010 Committees and Why You Should Join One, *District Governor Delegate Lindsay Knight*
 The Rotary International Conference in Calgary–Let's Go!, *District RI Conference Chair Cindy Wright*
 10:00 AM–10:30 AM Final Comments
District Governor Brenda Shelden
 Passing of the District Conference Paddle
District Conference Chairs Denny Dewitt and Eleanor Oydna
PDG Cheryl Metiva and Incoming Lt Governor Denise Kipke

Conference Speakers

PDG Sue Goldsen has held numerous leadership roles within Rotary District 6400, including Past District Governor, District 6400 Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, and Zones 28 & 32 Communications Chair. She has also been involved in training seminars and international service projects.

PDG Bruce Goldsen is a 35-year Rotarian and Past District Governor of District 6400. He chairs the Rotary International Strategic Engagement Workgroup and has held various leadership positions within Rotary, including chairing the Rotary International Youth Exchange committee.

DG Tom Tochterman is the founder of Rhino Mercy, a US 501c3 non-profit organization established in 2012. With his partner **Craig Spencer**, Director of Transfrontier Africa, they co-authored the Balule Rhino Conservation Plan.

Since the implementation of this Conservation Plan, poaching has decreased 86% within the Balule Nature Reserve. In April 2022, his work in South Africa was the cover story in the Rotary magazine.

Learn more about the efforts of The Black Mambas



"Around the World: Flight to End Polio"

Peter Teahen and **John Ockenfels** embarked on an extraordinary journey in 2023, piloting a single-piston-engine airplane around the world to raise awareness and funds for Rotary's End Polio Now program. Over 90 days, they made 37 landings in 19 countries and held 24 fundraising events, demonstrating the power of perseverance and dedication. Only 702 pilots in history have ever achieved this feat, and less than 270 are alive today.

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