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District 6900 Opportunity

Showcasing Rotary International at the 2026 FIFA World Cup



Rotary District 6900 has an exciting opportunity to play a visible and meaningful role in one of the world's largest global events—the **2026 FIFA World Cup**, coming to North America from **June 11-July 19, 2026**.

Rotary International is exploring ways to strengthen **Host City Leadership** in key areas that align closely with Rotary's mission, including **hospitality, human trafficking prevention, housing support, event services, and public image**. This effort positions Rotary to demonstrate *Service Above Self* on a global stage.

At the **Rotary Zone Institute 33/34 in Jacksonville**, Rotary International President-Nominee **Larry Lunsford** met with Rotary leaders to learn more about the work of the **Rotary Action Group Against**

Slavery (RAGAS) and to discuss Rotary's potential involvement in addressing increased human-trafficking risks and broader community needs during the World Cup.

Following these discussions, Rotary International leadership connected project organizers with key members of the RI staff. Collaborative conversations are now underway to explore how Rotary can take a leadership role in:

- Human trafficking awareness and prevention
- Hospitality and visitor engagement
- Housing coordination and community support
- Event service initiatives
- Public image and media outreach

In coordination with **PDG Stephanie Meyer (Kansas City)**, a **one-page overview** has been developed outlining several **subcommittee leadership and service opportunities** for Rotarians across North America. The goal is to ensure that Rotary has a strong, coordinated presence in **every World Cup host city**, as well as to organize **Rotary-led events in host cities prior to the tournament**. These events will bring together Rotarians, community leaders, and anti-trafficking partners to raise awareness and coordinate local action.

For **Rotary District 6900**, this represents a unique opportunity for clubs and individual Rotarians to contribute leadership, expertise, and service—whether through advocacy, education, logistics, or public-facing initiatives. Your involvement can help shape how Rotary is seen and experienced during this historic event.

Get Involved

Rotarians interested in learning more or serving on the **World Cup Host City Leadership Committee** are encouraged to complete the [**World Cup Volunteer Google Form**](#)

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact [**Mary Lyn**](#) or [**Dave McCleary**](#).

Together, Rotary District 6900 can help demonstrate Rotary's impact, values, and commitment to protecting vulnerable populations—while welcoming the world with service and integrity.

With appreciation and Rotary fellowship,

Mary Lyn

Dave McCleary

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Club News

North Cobb Rotarian Serves City of Acworth



The **North Cobb Rotary** year kicked off with an inspiring celebration of service as North Cobb Rotarian Judge Jaret Usher proudly swore in fellow Rotarian Kimberly Haase to the office of Alderwoman for the City of Acworth. Judge Usher, whose decade-long commitment to the Cobb Superior Court exemplifies the very spirit of “Service Above Self” helped mark a historic moment on January 2nd in the heart of Acworth, GA. This milestone not only highlights the leadership rising within our clubs, but also showcases how Rotarians continue to shape our communities with integrity, dedication, and purpose. Cheers to a year of impact, fellowship, and bold new beginnings!

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