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**DISTRICT CONFERENCE    ST. CLAIR COLLEGE  
MAY 30-JUNE 1, 2025    CENTRE FOR THE ARTS**

Dear Club President,

Thank you for all you doing to make this such a successful Rotary year in Super District 6400. And now.... we look forward to celebrating you and your clubs!

I am writing to request your club's support of our upcoming District Conference that will take place in beautiful downtown Windsor, at the St Clair Centre for the Arts, this May 30th to June 1st, 2025.

This annual event is a key gathering for Rotary members, featuring inspiring speakers, entertainment, and valuable networking opportunities.

The organizing committee has prepared a power-packed program crafted to inspire our members to go forward and create impact in our communities. I am thrilled to share that we will kick things off with a Friday night concert by Grammy award-winning artist, Gaby Moreno. It will also be an opportunity to celebrate Sylvia Whitlock's 90th birthday - a proud Rotary member who was at the forefront of a US Supreme Court case in 1987 which led to the admission of women into Rotary.

We would be honored to have your club as one of our esteemed sponsors for this year's event. Please review the roster of speakers and make your selection for sponsorship.

Thank you for considering this request and I ask that you confirm any sponsorships to me by April 15th.

Together, we can make this conference an unforgettable experience for all attendees and continue to drive positive change within our communities.

Warm regards,

Nick Krayacich,  
District Governor, Super D6400

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## OUR CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



**Gaby Moreno**, born in Guatemala City, is a Grammy-winning singer-songwriter celebrated for her soulful blend of blues, jazz, R&B, and Latin influences. Singing in both English and Spanish, she captivates audiences with her heartfelt lyrics and versatile voice. Since moving to Los Angeles in 2001, Gaby has earned international acclaim, including a Grammy for “X Mí (Vol. 1)”, and a Latin Grammy for Best New Artist. Her music reflects her Guatemalan roots while embracing global sounds, making her a true musical chameleon and cultural ambassador.

**Dr. Sylvia Whitlock** is a trailblazer and humanitarian, celebrated as the first female president of a Rotary Club. Born in New York City and raised in Jamaica, she pursued education and psychology, earning advanced degrees from institutions like Claremont Graduate School. Her leadership in the Rotary Club of Duarte broke barriers, following a landmark Supreme Court decision in 1987. Beyond Rotary, Sylvia has championed global causes, supporting education for girls in India and clean water initiatives in Nigeria.



**David Alexander** serves as the Chief Communications Officer at Rotary International, leading a global team to share Rotary’s story in 10 languages. With over 30 years of experience in communications, he has directed public relations campaigns, managed Rotary’s website, and overseen its magazine network. Before joining Rotary in 1999, David worked with Apple Inc. and the National Safety Council. His leadership earned recognition, including a PR News Platinum PR Award for the “End Polio Now” campaign.



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**Joe Berninger** is the co-founder and Executive Director of Cooperative for Education (CoEd), a Cincinnati-based NGO dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty in Guatemala through education. Since 1996, Joe has spearheaded initiatives like textbook programs, computer centers, and scholarships, impacting over 250,000 Guatemalan youth. Under his leadership, CoEd collaborates with the Guatemala Literacy Project and Rotary International to empower underserved communities. Joe's vision continues to inspire sustainable change and educational equity in Guatemala.



**Howard Lobb** is a dedicated advocate for education and literacy in Guatemala. As the Director of Partner Development for the Cooperative for Education, he has played a pivotal role in the Guatemala Literacy Project, which aims to improve education for underserved students. With over two decades of service, Howard has contributed to initiatives like textbook cooperatives, computer labs, and reading programs. His passion for empowering communities through education has left a lasting impact on countless lives in Guatemala.



**Brad Howard** is a distinguished Rotarian and Past District Governor of District 5170. He served on the Rotary International Board of Directors (2015-2017) and chaired the Executive Committee. Passionate about eradicating polio, Brad coordinated immunization efforts in Africa and India. A recipient of Rotary's highest honors, he also leads Howard Tours and supports UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business. Brad's dedication to service and leadership exemplifies Rotary's mission of making a global impact.

**Lena Mjerskaug**, a highly respected Rotarian from Norway, has been a member of the Enebakk Rotary Club since 1997. She has served in various leadership roles, including District Governor (2010-11) and Rotary International Director for Zones 17 and 18 (2022-24). With degrees in economics and teaching, Lena works at Defense Staff Norway and manages a farm. Her passions include sports, reading, politics, and travel, where she explores history and culture. Lena embodies Rotary's spirit of service and global connection.



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**Paul M. Katz** is a GRAMMY-nominated music executive, social entrepreneur, and founder of Entertain Impact, a leading social impact agency. With decades of experience, Katz has pioneered campaigns that merge entertainment and philanthropy, collaborating with celebrities like Kevin Bacon and John Legend. His work has raised awareness and funds for global causes, including social justice and health initiatives. Katz is also the author of “Good Influence” - a guide to creating impactful, influencer-led campaigns for positive change.

**Brian Rusch** is a well-known Rotarian and global advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion. A former Rotary Youth Exchange student, he has been instrumental in founding clubs like the Rotary Club of San Francisco Castro and the Rotary Club for Global Action. Brian serves on Rotary International’s DEI Advisory Council, shaping policies for inclusivity. Beyond Rotary, he has led organizations for Nobel laureates like Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama, inspiring youth to champion peace, equality, and forgiveness.



**Zara Janjua** is a multi-award-winning Scottish-Pakistani broadcaster, comedian, writer, and filmmaker. Known for her versatility, she has hosted national news, comedy, and cookery shows for BBC, ITV, and STV. Zara is a passionate advocate for diversity and philanthropy, dedicating half her time to charitable projects. She has been recognized as one of Britain’s top emerging talents and is a columnist for “The Scottish Sun.” Zara’s work spans journalism, comedy, and impactful storytelling.



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## SPONSOR OUR SPEAKERS

### By sponsoring a speaker, your club can:

- Introduce or thank your sponsored speaker (select a member)
- Participate in a private meet and greet with your sponsored speaker
- Receive four complimentary tickets to Friday night's concert
- Have your name included in the online event program
- Be part of special speaker signage with your name or logo
- Enjoy recognition from the stage for your sponsorship
- Inclusion on social media and district website

• Gaby Moreno, Grammy Award Artist	\$2,000
• Sylvia Whitlock, 1st Female Club President of Rotary	\$1,500
• Joe Berninger and Howard Lobb, Guatemala Literacy Project	\$1,000
• Zara Janjua, BBC Presenter	\$1,000
• Paul Katz, Author and multiple Grammy Award Nominee, entertainment insider and founder of Entertain Impact	\$1,000
• David Alexander, Rotary International, Chief Communications Officer	\$1,000
• Lena Mjerskaug, Past RI Director	\$1,000
• Brad Howard, Past RI Director	\$1,000
• Brian Rusch, Global Advocate	\$1,000