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Rotary Leaders from Across Missouri to Convene in Columbia for the 47th Annual Show Me Rotary Leadership Training

Columbia, MO — More than 300 Rotary Presidents-Elect, President-Nominees, and Assistant Governors from across Missouri will gather for the 47th Annual Show Me Rotary Leadership Training on Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the Holiday Inn Executive Center – Columbia Mall in Columbia, Missouri.

For over 40 years, Show Me Rotary Leadership Institute has been one of Rotary's first and premier events dedicated to preparing and inspiring incoming club leadership. By uniting experienced Rotary leaders with incoming club officers, the seminar fosters knowledge sharing, equips attendees with crucial leadership skills, and helps clubs build more impactful community service projects.

### **Keynote Speakers and Highlights**

- Friday, March 28 (Morning): Drew Kessler
  Past Director of Rotary International (2022-2024)
  Senior Vice President, Commercial Real Estate Division, M&T Bank
- Friday, March 28 (Lunch): Brian Hall
  Director-Elect, Rotary International (2025-2027)
- Friday, March 28 (Dinner): Mário César Martins de Camargo 2025-26 President of Rotary International
- Saturday, March 29 (Lunch): Martha Peak Helman The Rotary Foundation Trustee (2022-2026)

#### A Premier Training Experience

Show Me Rotary Leadership Institute, hosted by Districts 6040, 6060, and 6080, has become one of the largest multi-district Leadership events in the United States. Offering dynamic speakers, informative workshops, and invaluable networking opportunities, the seminar aims to:

- Equip incoming club officers with practical strategies to lead effectively in their communities.
- Share insights from successful Rotary clubs to foster growth, service impact, and member engagement.

- Highlight the life-changing work of The Rotary Foundation and how it empowers clubs worldwide.
- Emphasize the importance of Rotary in local and global communities.

"We want to make sure that all Missouri Presidents-Elect and President-Nominees have the knowledge they need to lead their clubs. Our focus is to spotlight what successful clubs are doing, how to create engaging and growing membership, and how to leverage the extraordinary impact of The Rotary Foundation."

— John Vietmeier, Show Me Rotary Council President

#### **Event Details**

- What: 47th Annual Show Me Rotary Presidents-Elect Leadership Training
- When: Friday, March 28 & Saturday, March 29, 2025
- Where: Holiday Inn Executive Center Columbia Mall 2200 Interstate 70 Dr. SW, Columbia, MO 65203

## **Media Inquiries and Interviews**

Members of the media interested in covering Show Me Rotary 2025 or requesting interviews with keynote speakers are encouraged to contact:

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#### **About Show Me Rotary**

Formed through the collaborative efforts of three Missouri Rotary Districts, Show Me Rotary Presidents-Elect Leadership Institute has been a leading resource for building leadership skills and inspiring effective club administration for more than four decades. Attendees benefit from robust training sessions, fellowship opportunities, and access to nationally and internationally recognized Rotary leaders, making Show Me Rotary Leadership Training a cornerstone event for Rotary clubs throughout the state of Missouri.