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2026-27 GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Rotary District 7600

District Grants

February 21, 2026 & March 16, 2026

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DISTRICT GMS OBJECTIVES

By the end of today, Participants will be familiar with

Stay for 11:30 to learn about Global!

- The types of grants that can be funded
- How the District receives the funding for grants
- How to apply for a District Grant
- Where to enter the Club's Foundation Goal on myrotary.org
- Observe a live grant application & reporting demonstration in DACdb.com

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SOME FOUNDATION BASICS

Mission: The Rotary Foundation helps Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

Financial Structure: The Rotary Foundation is organized as a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes and governed by a Board of Trustees. The operations of Rotary International, a member organization, are overseen by its Board of Directors.

Rotary International

The Board of Directors establishes policy for Rotary International and provides guidance that helps our clubs thrive. Clubs elect the members of the Board every year at the Rotary International Convention, and each director serves for two years.

Rotary Foundation

The Board of Trustees manages the business of The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of our organization that funds service activities. The RI president-elect nominates the trustees, who are elected by the RI Board to four-year terms.

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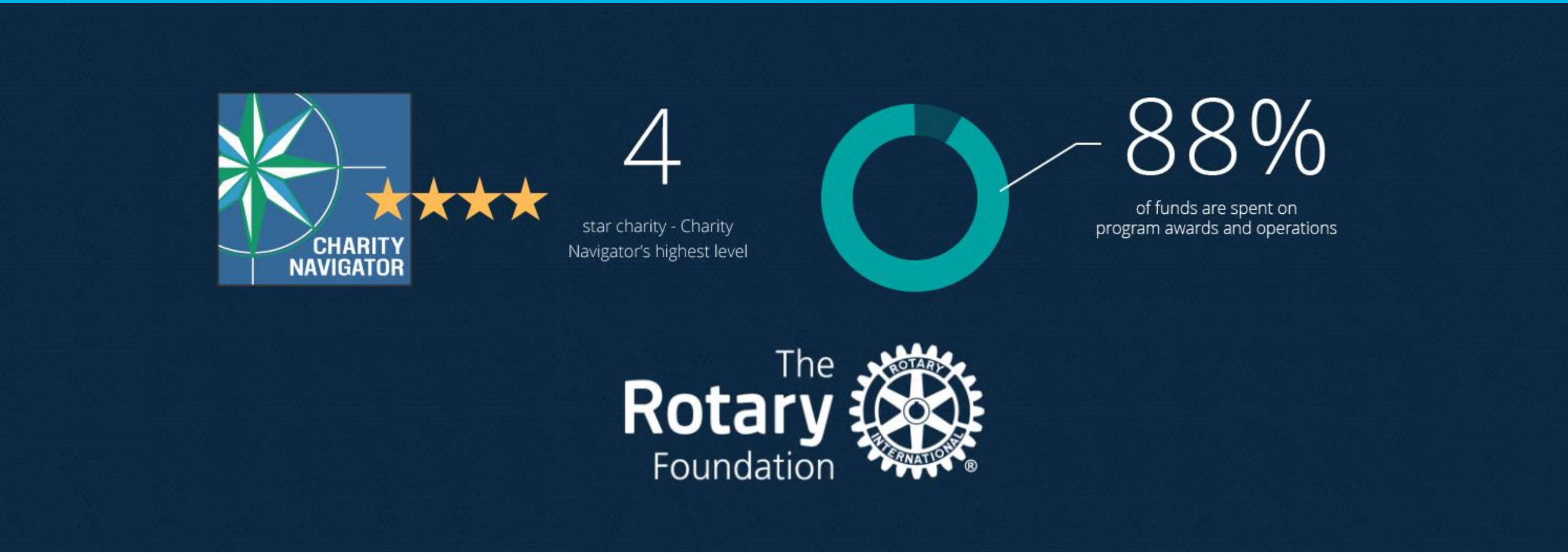
SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF



Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator for 16th consecutive year

Source: Rotary Foundation

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ROTARY FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

District Grants

- Projects

Rotary Peace Fellowship

Global Grants

- Projects
- Scholarships
- Vocational Training Team

Programs of Scale Grants

Disaster Response Grants

PolioPlus

Source: The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide

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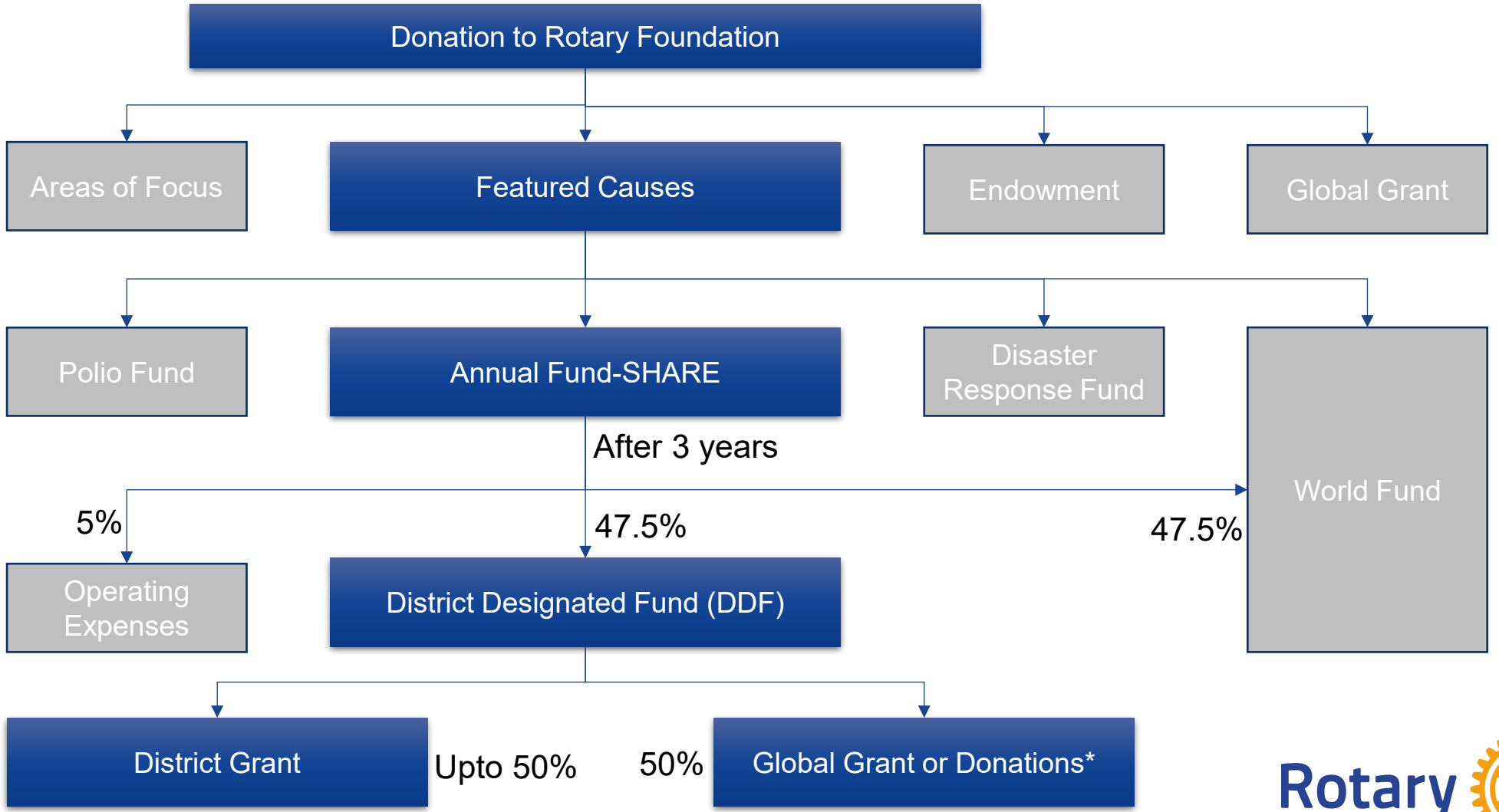
DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUNDS

HOW DOES THE DISTRICT GET THE FUNDING?

The DDF is based on the District contribution to the Rotary Foundation three years ago



*Donation options include PolioPlus, peacebuilding programs, pooled endowed funds, the World Fund, Disaster Response Fund, or another district.

DDF IN 2026-27 ROTARY YEAR

- 2023-24 Annual Fund Donations: ~$497,000
- 2026-27 DDF will be ~$236,000

- Available for District Grants: Up to $111,000
- Available for Global Grants: Up to $111,000 + *Carryover from prior years*

- Note: Significant drop from prior years!

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

- TRF Code of Policies includes a Rotary conflict of interest (COI) policy to, in part, assure integrity in the Foundation's grants program
    - Essential that all individuals involved in a program grant, and/or award, conduct their activities in a manner that avoids a COI, both real and perceived
- A COI exists when a Rotarian benefits financially or personally from a grant
    - Benefit can be direct to a Rotarian or indirect to an associate of the Rotarian
- If a COI exists, MITIGATE it. If it's a perceived COI, explain in your application why it's NOT a COI Consult with District Grants Committee or Stewardship Committee BEFORE submitting grant application
- Policies like these have helped TRF earn Charity Navigator's 4-star award for 16 consecutive years

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GRANTS

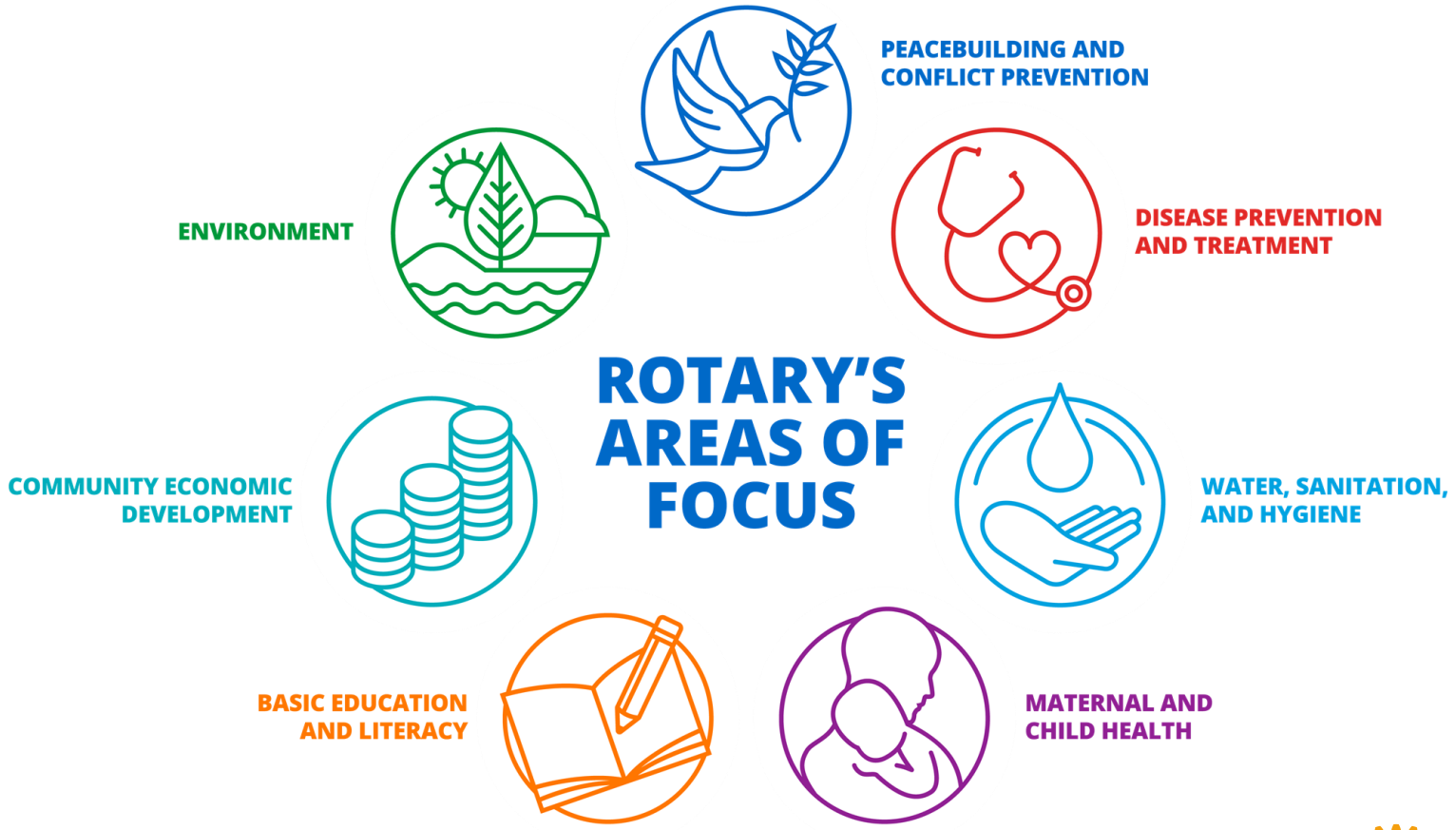
DISTRICT GRANT VS GLOBAL GRANT

District Grants

Fund smaller-scale, short-term sustainable projects that address immediate needs locally or abroad. Typically range < $30,000

Global Grants

Support large international projects with long-term, sustainable outcomes in one or more of Rotary's areas of focus. They range from $30,000 to $400,000



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DISTRICT GRANT

WHAT IS A DISTRICT GRANT

- Small scale, short-term activities in your communities and abroad
- Overall Project budget < $30,000
- 7 areas of focus
- Measurable and Sustainable Impact
- $5,000 per Rotary Club; $2,500 per Rotaract; $1,500 per Interact Club
- Max $25,000 DDF towards project

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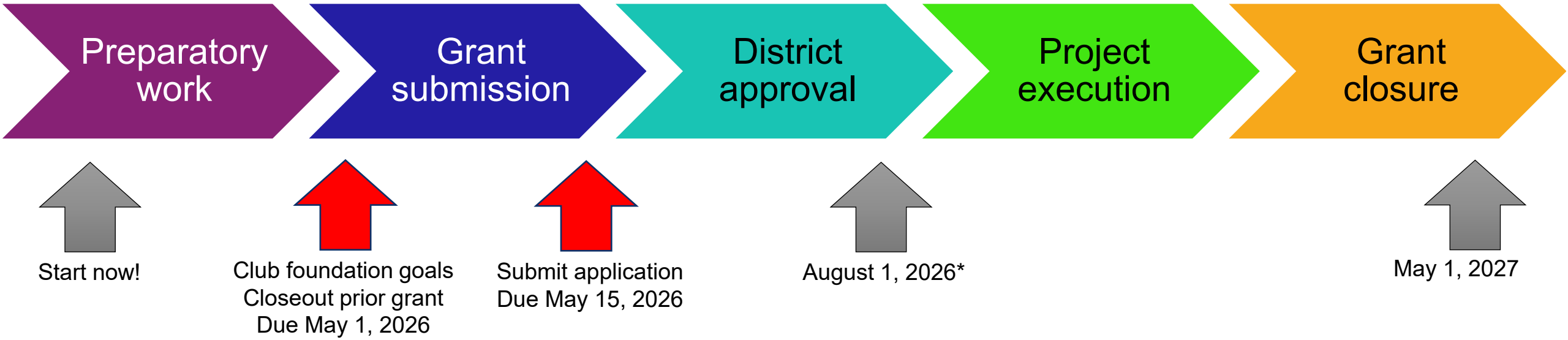
DISTRICT GRANT LIFECYCLE



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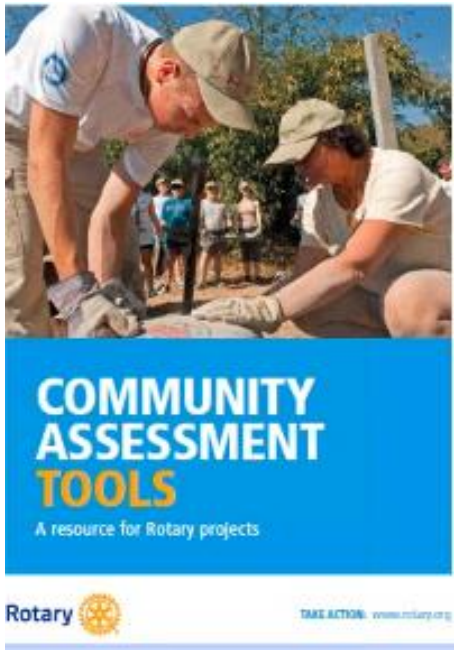
LIFECYCLE: PREPARATORY WORK

Preparatory work | Grant submission | District approval | Project execution | Grant closure

- Each Club must execute a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) AND upload the executed MOU(s) to DACdb
- The 2026-27 Rotary Club President (current PE) must submit 2026-27 Annual Fund Goals in Rotary Club Central before May 1, 2026
- Have at least **two club members** involved in planning and executing the grant attend a Grants Management Seminar (“GMS”)
- Develop a project based on an identified “**Community Need**”
- Use the **Grants Module in DACdb** to apply for the Grant. Add the required Email signatories for the year 2026-27 in DacDB
- Close out any open Grants from the past year
- No repeat projects



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LIFECYCLE: GRANT SUBMISSION

Preparatory work | **Grant submission** | District approval | Project execution | Grant closure

Project Budget = District Contribution + Club Contribution

- District contribution
  - $5000 limit per Rotary club
  - $2500 limit per Rotaract Club
  - $1500 limit per Interact Club
  - Maximum of 5 Rotary Clubs
  - Maximum of 2 Rotaract Clubs
  - $25,000 DDF max per project
- Club contribution
  - At least 10% of the DDF request

Plan a budget

Use Zero-based budgets and be sure to include estimates/documentation of requested expenses

CONSIDER PARTNERING with a Rotaract Club or Interact Club

Document how ALL CLUBS WILL BE ENGAGED IN THE PROJECT

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LIFECYCLE: GRANT SUBMISSION

Preparatory work | **Grant submission** | District approval | Project execution | Grant closure

- Target a project within the Rotary areas of focus
- Document how the project is sustainable
- All participating clubs are in good standing with RI
- Each Club must execute a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) AND upload the executed MOU(s) to DACdb.

  That means: Print, sign, scan, & upload (Rotary/ Rotaract/ Interact)
- Lead club completes Grant Module in DACdb before May 15th 2026

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LIFECYCLE: GRANT COMMITTEE REVIEW

- ~1/3 of score (9/25 Points) is related to budget and financing!
- 4 points for hands-on Rotarian involvement
- 3 points each for community need and publicity plan
- 2 points each: sustainable; measurable; collaboration with community

Grants Scoring Deep Dive: Learn more at DTA aka CLASS on April 18

District 7600 Grant Review Checklist

Project Title

Circle one > **Single Club** **Multi-Club**

Rotary/ Rotaract Club(s)

Dates of project within July 15, 2022 to May 01, 2023	Yes	No
MOU properly signed by all clubs?	Yes	No
Repeat Project? (see 1. below)	Yes	No

Seven Areas of Focus - check the major area(s) of focus:

Maternal & Child Health		Disease Prevention & Treatment	
Water & Sanitation		Basic Education & Literacy	
Peace & Conflict Resolution		Economic & Cmty Development	
Environment			

	Rate These Below	**Score**
Does project address a relevant cmty need?	0-3	
Sustainability (see 2. below)	0-2	
Measurability (see 3. below)	0-2	
Project Detailed Budget	0-6	
*are expenses defined & vetted? NO		
*is there a design drawing? NO		
Project Financing (identify all income)	0-3	
*includes a min of 10% club contributions/club		
Rotary Publicity Plan Included	0-3	
Rotarian Involvement - # of hands on Rotarians	0-4	
Collaboration with other community agencies?	0-2	
	Max = 25	0

Has this club received a District Grant in the last three years?

~~Does the club(s) contribute to the Foundation (per capita last year)?~~

Notes:

1. Will not support excessive or continuous support to any beneficiary.
2. Sustainable is defined as a cmty benefit long after the funds have been utilized.
3. How will you know that the project was successful?

District Policy is $5,000 max DDF to a club. A club can do more than one project within the $5K limit. District Policy for a multi-club project is no more than $25K DDF.

LIFECYCLE: DISTRICT APPROVAL

Preparatory work | Grant submission | **District approval** | Project execution | Grant closure

- District Grants Committee reviews each grant on a competitive basis and may approve a grant in full or in part
- A Spending Plan is created, noting each approved club grant, and sent to TRF for approval
- TRF sends District Grant funds to the District as a block grant
- District 7600 funds Club grants per the approved Spending Plan

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Do not start the Project before receiving the Grant money from the District

DDF contribution will be issued around August 1st

LIFECYCLE: PROJECT EXECUTION

Preparatory work | Grant submission | District approval | **Project execution** | Grant closure

- Wait to start the Project until TRF approves the District Spending Plan– generally around August 1st
- Contact the Grants committee if you need to change the scope of the project
- Keep records for audit purposes
- Do have a Public Image Plan using proper Rotary Branding.

  Publicity, publicity, publicity!

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LIFECYCLE: GRANT CLOSURE

Preparatory work | Grant submission | District approval | Project execution | Grant closure

- Clubs Submit final reports to District through DacDB
  - Copies of all Invoices & Receipts
  - Copies of both side of all checks
  - Pictures of the project
  - Details of Rotarian/ Rotaract/ Interact Engagement
- Maintain records for five (5) years
- District reviews the final report and closes the grant
- District submits final report to TRF

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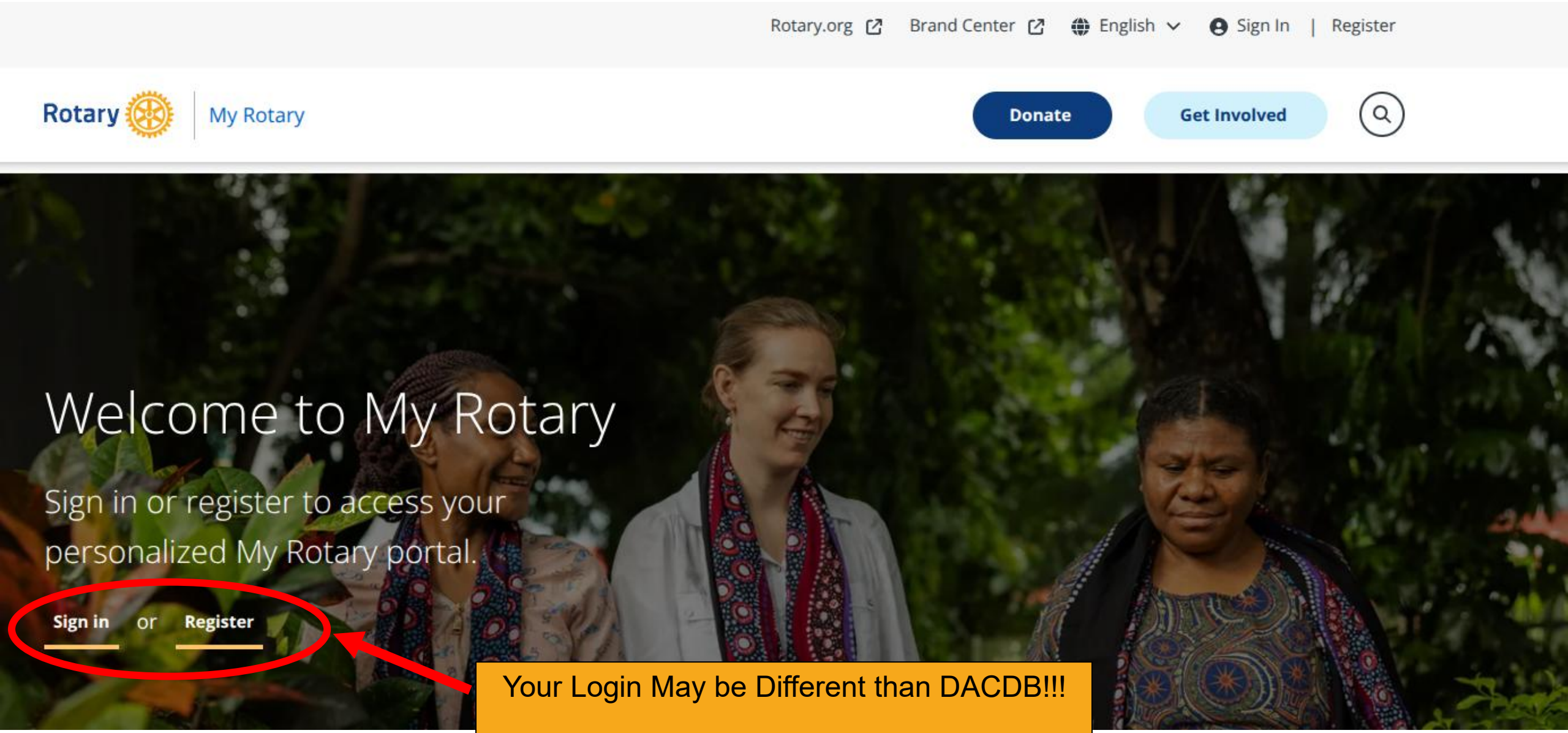
IMMEDIATE DEADLINE

Before May 1st	Close the 2026-27 District Grant
Before May 1st	Add club foundation goals in Rotary Club Central
Before May 15th	Submit the Grant application

DEMO: Entering Goals in Rotary Club Central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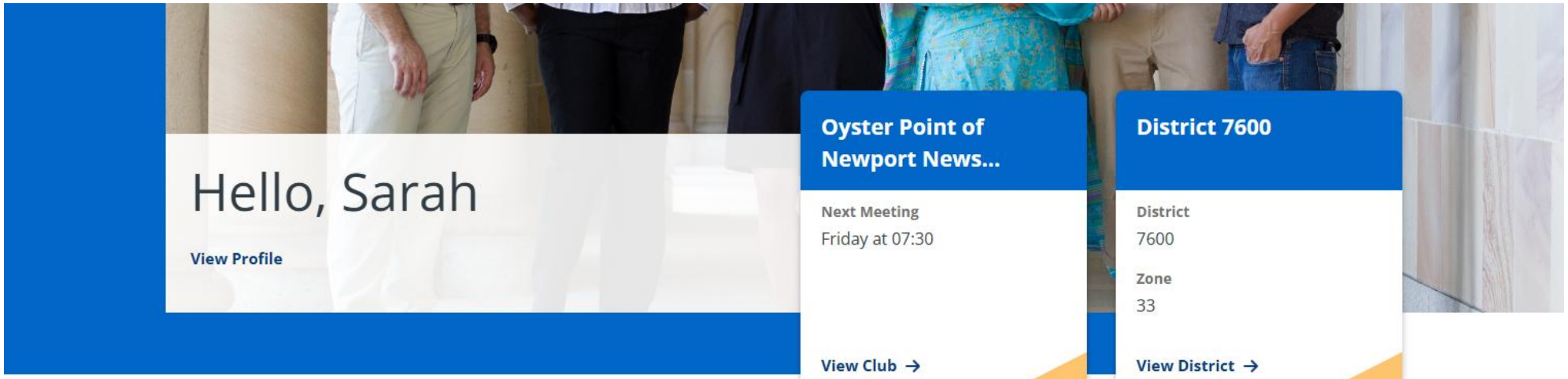

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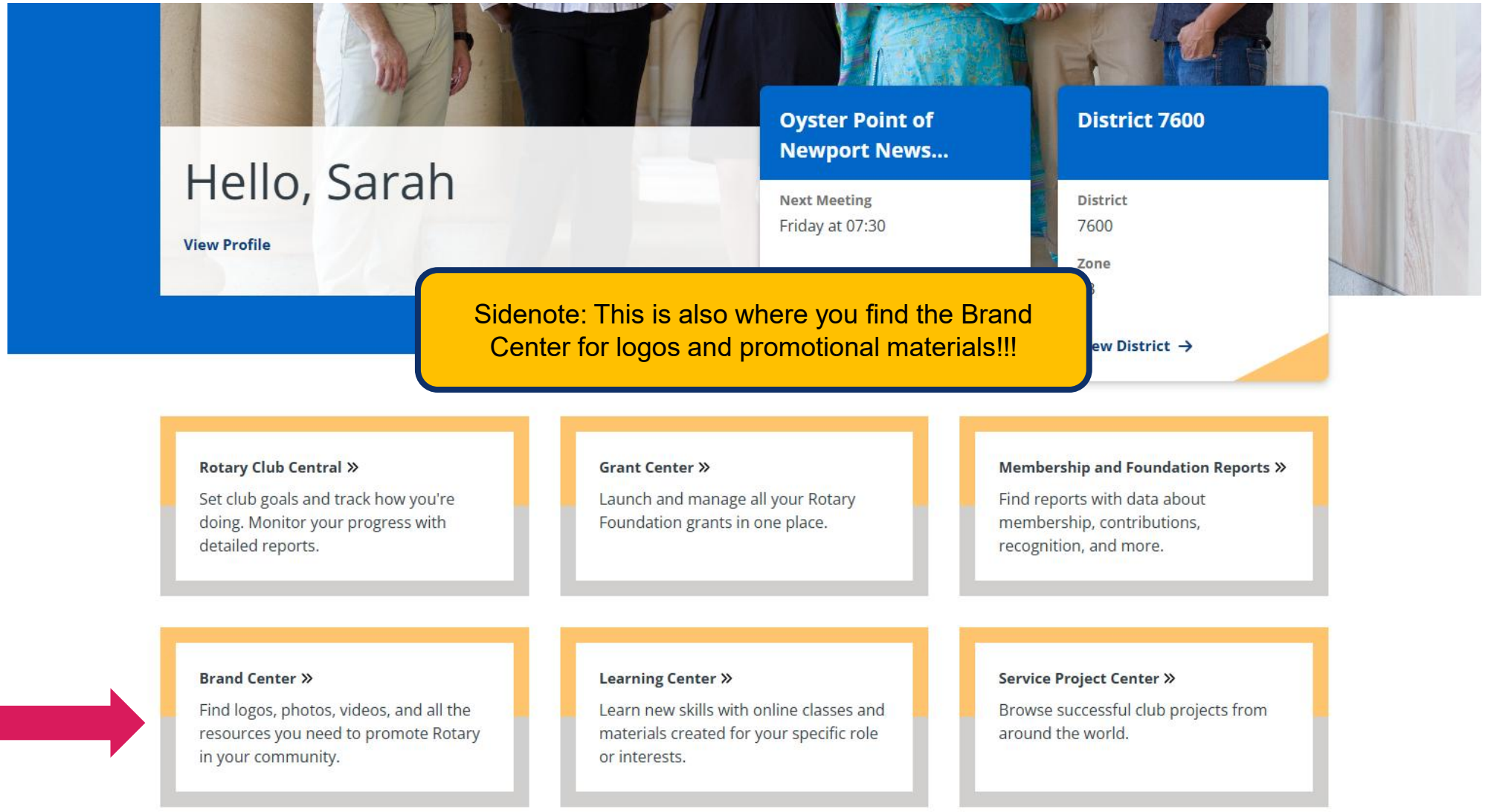
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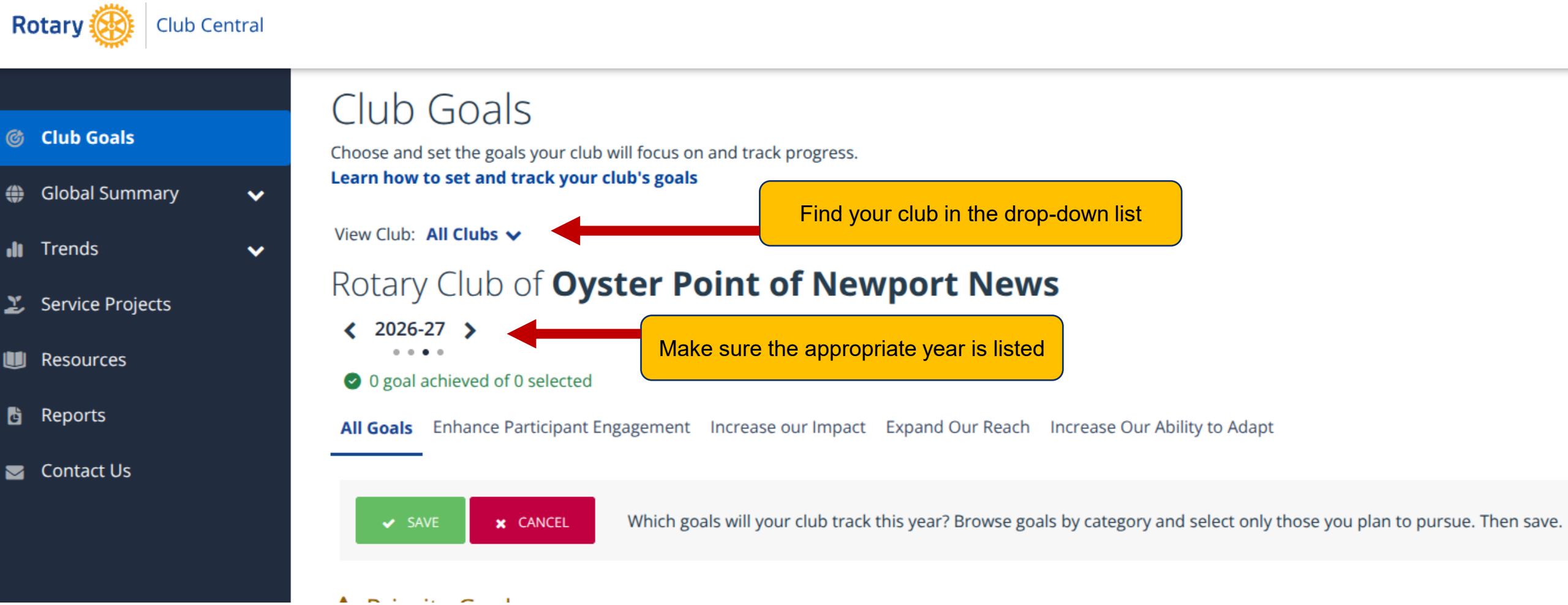
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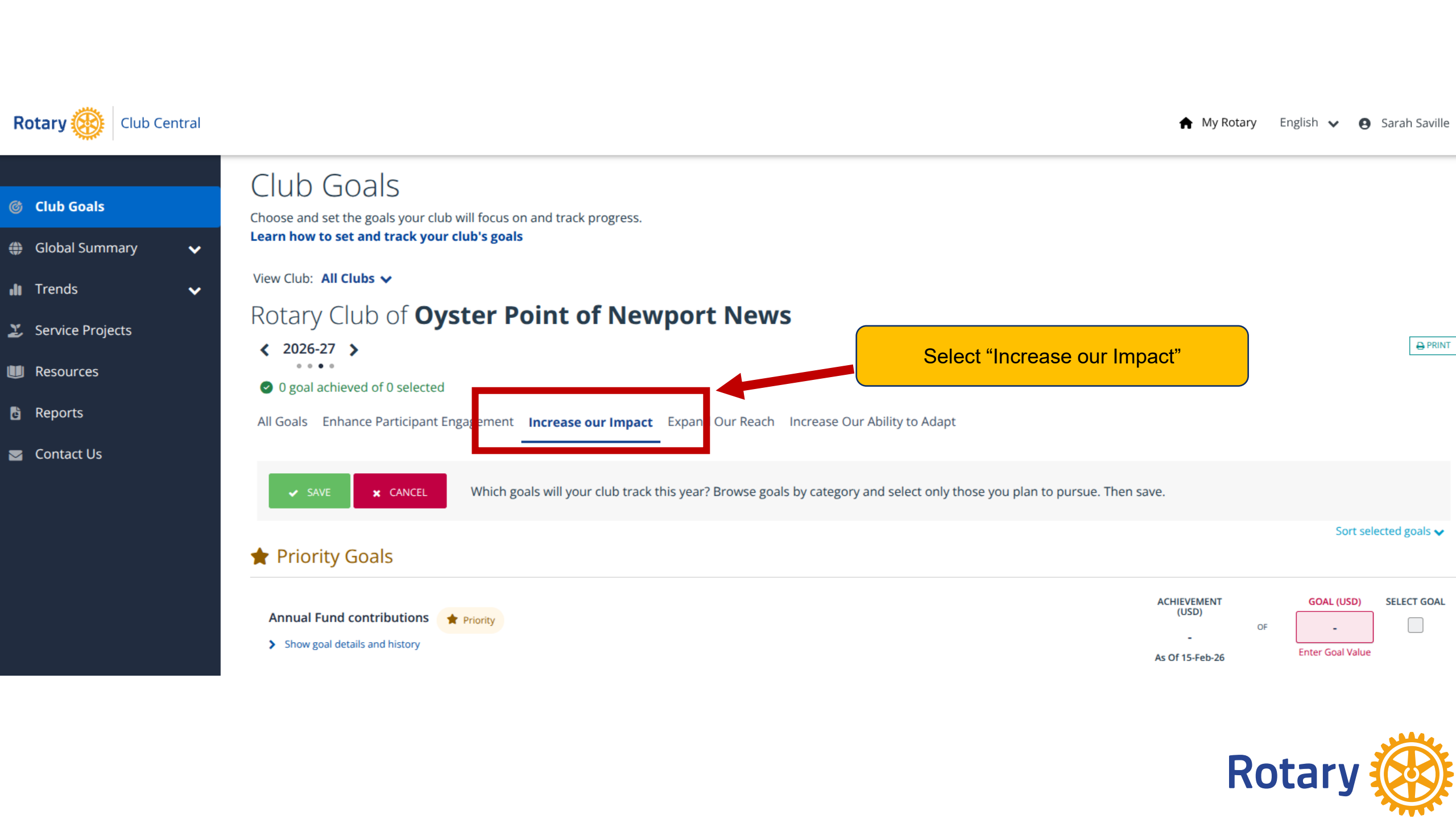
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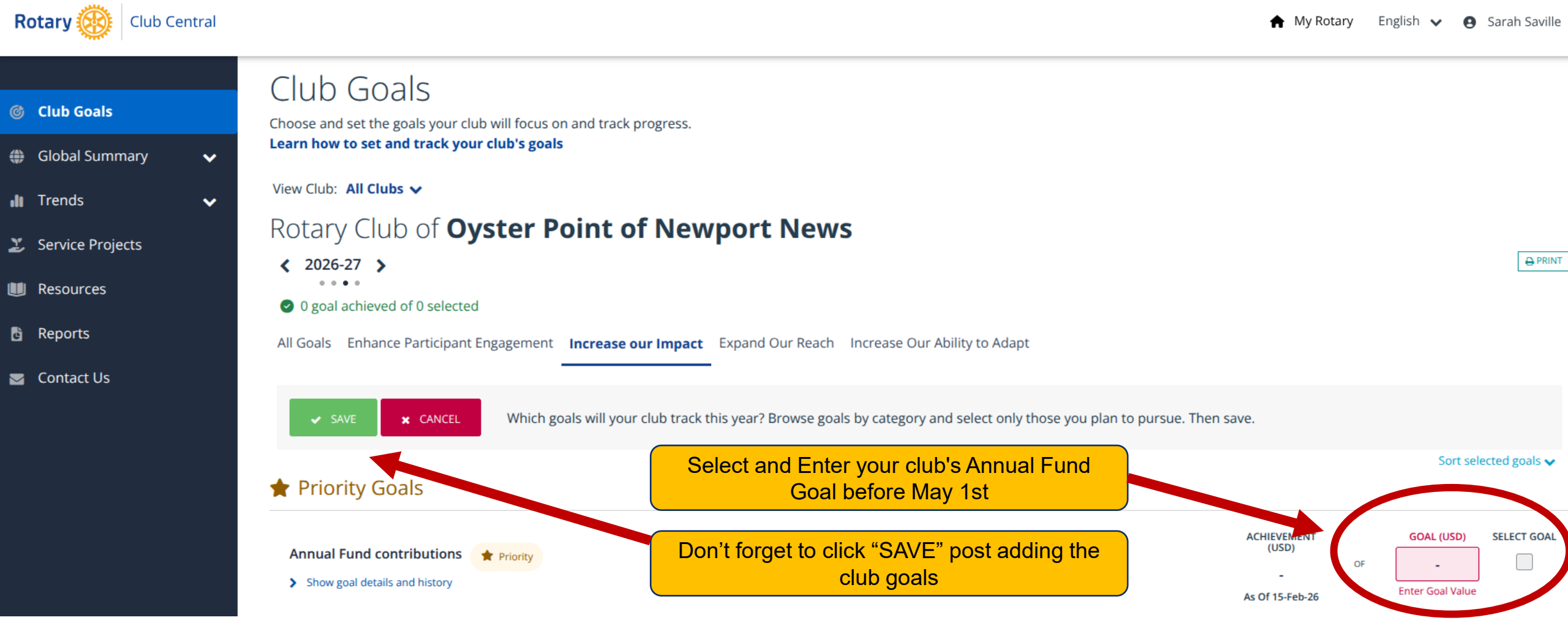
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Enter Goal Value
SELECT GOAL
Select and Enter your club's Annual Fund Goal before May 1st
Don’t forget to click “SAVE” post adding the club goals

DEMO: Live Grant Module on DacDB

Timeline for 26-27 District

Activity	Due date
Club on-line applications available on D7600 database DACdb	Available now
Final Reports for current grants due to District	Now till May 1
District Grant Policy & Timeline available on 7600 website	February
District Grant Management Seminars for Rotary/ Rotaract Clubs (Two club members involved in planning and execution of the grant must attend to be eligible for a District Grant)	February 21, 2026 March 16, 2026
District Grant - Q&A (District Grants team will be available to answer questions related to grant application)	**March 31 & April 15**
2026-27 Foundation Goals entered on MyRotary.org	May 1, 2026
Applications due to District Grants Subcommittee (no extensions of date)	May 15, 2026
District Grants Sub-committee review of club applications	May – June 2026
Submit spending plan to The Rotary Foundation (TRF)	June 2026
D7600 Foundation Stewardship 2025-26 Financial Review	July - August 2026
TRF Block Grant approval and receipt of funds from TRF (Timing contingent upon TRF)	July – August 2026
Announcement to clubs regarding Spending Plan	July – August 2026
Notify recipients of awards and issue checks to lead club upon receipt of block grant from TRF	August 2026
Implementation and completion of projects	Aug 2026 – May 2027
Final Reports for 26-27 grants due to District	May 1, 2027

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DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR GOALS, FINAL REPORT, OR APPLICATION!!!

Your club (not the district) is responsible for your access to, and settings in, MyRotary & DACdb. Please allow time for gathering signatures and to fix unexpected problems.

No extensions will be granted.

Resources:
District Webpage

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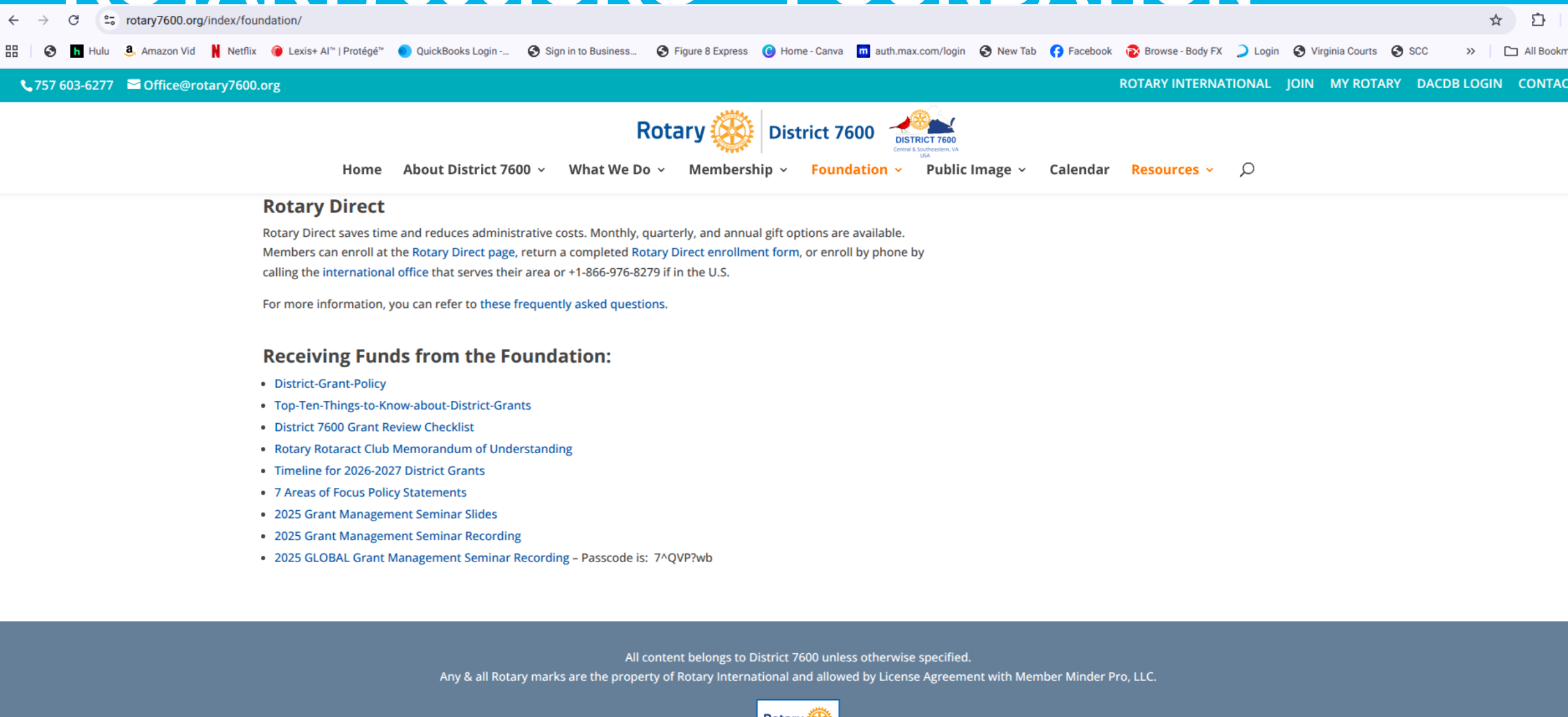

Rotary Direct

Rotary Direct saves time and reduces administrative costs. Monthly, quarterly, and annual gift options are available. Members can enroll at the Rotary Direct page, return a completed Rotary Direct enrollment form, or enroll by phone by calling the international office that serves their area or +1-866-976-8279 if in the U.S.

For more information, you can refer to these frequently asked questions.

Receiving Funds from the Foundation:

- District-Grant-Policy
- Top-Ten-Things-to-Know-about-District-Grants
- District 7600 Grant Review Checklist
- Rotary Rotaract Club Memorandum of Understanding
- Timeline for 2026-2027 District Grants
- 7 Areas of Focus Policy Statements
- 2025 Grant Management Seminar Slides
- 2025 Grant Management Seminar Recording
- 2025 GLOBAL Grant Management Seminar Recording – Passcode is: 7^QVP?wb

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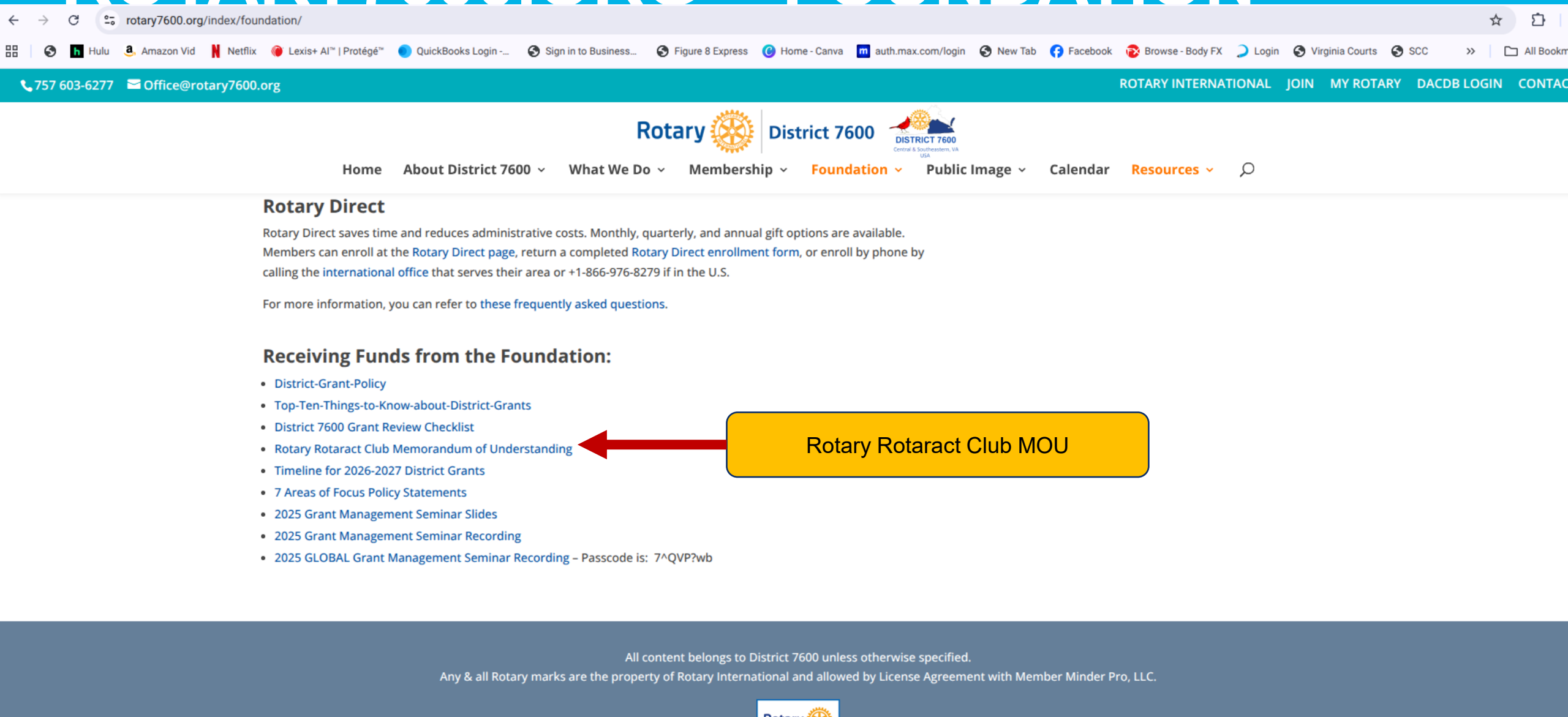

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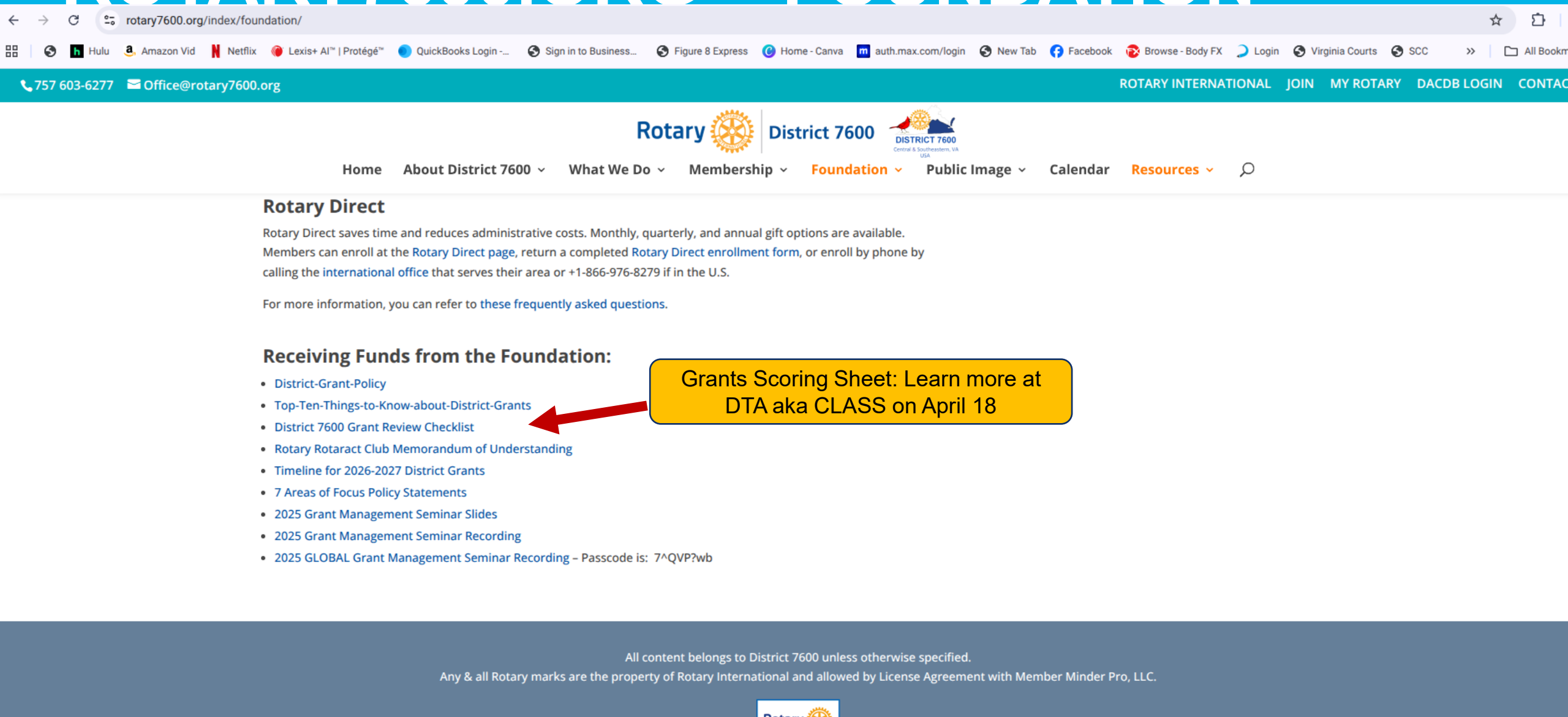

KEY TAKE-AWAYS FOR EACH CLUB

- 2 Members per Rotary or Rotaract Attend a GMS, or NO grant!
- Enter GOALS by MAY 1, or NO grant!
- Submit Final Report for 2025-26 grant by MAY 1, 2026, or NO grant!
- **A CLUB MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT BY MAY 1, 2026**
- Sign & Upload the “MOU” to application, or NO grant!
- Submit grant application with all signatures by May 15th,or NO grant!
- No repetitive projects, or NO grant!
- Plan sustainable projects, or NO grant!
- Do not start the Project before receiving the Grant money from the District
- **Use the Grant to create lasting change in your community**

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THANK YOU

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