

Zones 21b & 27 Institute Highlights!

The inaugural Zones 21b/27 Rotary Institute will be held 1-4 October in a truly renaissance city, the capitol of Oklahoma—Oklahoma City. Your OKC GETS/GNTS/Institute will have Billy Settles of south-central Texas as the General Chair, Jan Williams (southern Colorado) and Marilyn Spencer (south-central Texas) as Institute Co-Chairs, and Geri Appel (Wichita KS) as the lead trainer. Chuck Musgrave from OKC will head up a dynamite host committee, of which Tamie Babb, M.D., will be the host district governor. The GETS/GNTS will begin Tuesday evening with the “bonding dinners,” and run all day Wednesday and Thursday. The Institute will begin with a kick-off dinner on Thursday evening. Here are some special features already scheduled:

- President-Elect Ray and Judie Klingensmith will not only be our official Rotary representatives, they will host the “Sidekicks Reunion” all-day Thursday for ‘old-timers’ who served as governors five years ago or more. We’ll introduce the “Sidekicks” and spouses at our kick-off dinner on Thursday. What an opportunity to spend a full day with the incoming President of Rotary International and to share your Rotary wisdom with him! And then to garner applause for the work you did to bring us to today.
- Keynote Speaker on Thursday evening, Lt. Col. Steve Kiser, Ph.D., son of a prominent Rotarian and one of the acknowledged experts on terrorism in the world.
- The Number One expert on Polio epidemiology, Dr. Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization’s point person on polio eradication. This “outsider” will help us understand Rotary’s critical role in this highly successful effort.
- The incredible Peace Fellow and Ambassadorial Scholar (from Zone 27 So.Dakota), Jeanette Kroes, wants to come—but Interpol has just promoted her to world headquarters in Lyon. We agreed to keep working on her appearance in OKC.
- Our in-Zones experts on our Rotary Foundation, Ron Burton and Lynn Hammond, will join Trustee Ashok Mahajan in discussing the Future Vision Plan and transition issues.
- Artist/singer/GSE Team Leader/Large-club Past President, Monwilla Fumie ‘M’ Craig, will dazzle and inspire us with her talents and her passion for Rotary.
- RI Director, and Chair of the Board’s Executive Committee, Jose Alfredo Sepulveda and Mary Carmen of Pachuco, Mexico, will speak on Membership and will help us understand the upcoming Council on Legislation. Jose is an interesting speaker, but Mary Carmen es una belleza y divertida!
- And...don’t be surprised if that famous Oklahoman, Will Rogers, makes an appearance.

OKC will be uplifting and informative...and we will honor our Rotary past. Join us!