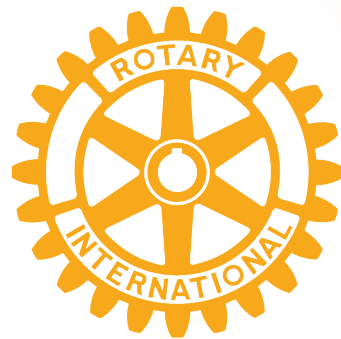
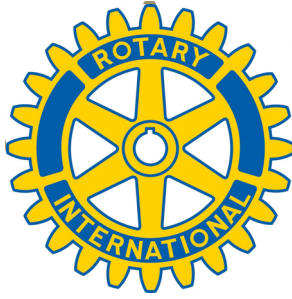


Rotary Club of Kona Membership Packet

Rotary
Club of Kona



Service Above Self



Rotary Club of Kona New Member Guide

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Kona!

What is Expected of You as A Rotarian

1. Attend meetings of your Rotary Club on a regular basis.
2. Stay current with your Club financial obligations.
3. Attend each meeting of the club committee to which you have been assigned. If not assigned to a committee, select one and volunteer.
4. Try to attend a District Conference, a Mid Year Review and District Foundation seminar during your first year as a Rotarian.
5. Become a Paul Harris Fellow or a Sustaining Member within one year of your induction.
6. Bring in a new member to the Club in your first year.
7. Wear your Rotary Pin on a Daily Basis.
8. Practice the Four Way Test in personal and professional life.
9. Put service above self.

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to "encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise"

There are four areas by which this "ideal of service" is fostered:

First: The development of acquaintances as an opportunity of service.

Second: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Third: The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to this personal, business and community life.

Fourth: The advancement of international service, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Avenues of Service

The five Avenues of Service represent the four elements of the Object of Rotary. They are:

Club Service: Providing service to the Rotary club to enable it to run efficiently in the spirit of fellowship.

Vocational Service: Putting high standards of conduct into practice in the business and professional lives of Rotarians.

Community Service: Identifying needs in the Rotary Club's community and addressing these needs with service projects.

International Service: Working for international understanding and peace by promoting goodwill among all people.

New Generations:

Each of these Avenues of Service is headed by a Director in each club, with various sub committees functioning in each area. Each member of the club should attempt to be a member of a committee or sub committee.

The Four Way Test

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary “4 Way Test”.

Most Rotary clubs close their meetings with the recitation of the 4-Way Test.

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Rotary Motto

The principal motto of Rotary is: “Service Above Self”

The Rotary Wheel Emblem



In 1923, Rotary adopted as its official symbol the present gear wheel with 24 cogs and six spokes. An Aggie engineer recognized it would not work if it did not have a “keyway” so later in 1923, the keyway was added to the official Rotary emblem.

The emblem is made into a lapel pin presented to new members of Rotary, and Rotarians are encouraged to wear the pin in their daily business activities.

Individual Rotary Clubs

A Rotary club is an organization of business and professional leaders in a well defined community. Each club is chartered by Rotary International with an assigned territorial boundary. The Purposes of the club are fellowship and service.

The club is governed by a president, vice-president president elect and Secretary/Treasurer as the officers and a Board of Directors.

Club members are to be adult persons of good character and good reputation who are proprietors, partners, corporate officer or managers of a business or profession or who hold important positions with an executive capacity. They must belong to a club in the community where their place of business is or where they reside.

All clubs are subject to the rules and regulations as laid down by Rotary International and District Rules. Clubs are required to adopt and abide by the Rotary International Standard Club Constitution. Each club has some voice in establishing its own By-Laws, but they must conform to the Rotary International Standard Club By-Laws.

History of Rotary

The first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago by a young lawyer named Paul P. Harris, and held its first meeting on February 23, 1905, with four business and professional men in attendance. The meeting was held in the Unity Building at 12 Dearborn Street, in the office of Gus Loehr, a mining engineer. In addition to Paul and Gus, the group consisted of Hiram Shorey, a merchant tailor and Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer. The men were trying to capture that sense of fellowship they had in the small towns from which they had originated. Soon they developed the higher purpose of service to others.

The men met in rotation at each other's places of business, hence the name Rotary. To make the club a representative cross section of the business and professional community, only one representative of each business or profession was admitted. This was the beginning of the classification principle of membership.

By 1910, there were 16 Rotary Clubs and a couple of years later, the movement spread overseas. In 1922, the organization was officially named Rotary International. Today there are over 35,678 clubs with over 1,200,000 members in 200 countries.

History of the Rotary Club of Kona

The Rotary Club of Kona was chartered as West Hawaii's first Rotary Club on February 7, 1948, through the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Hilo. The Rotary Club of Kona was the eighth club to be formed within District 5000 (then District 500) in the State of Hawaii.

When first chartered, the Club's territorial boundaries extended 50 miles in three directions from Kailua-Kona, and bordered the Pacific Ocean on its West side. Subsequently, with the addition of two more Rotary clubs in West Hawaii, the Kona Club's area now is limited to North Kona and the northern part of South Kona.

In the Kona Club's early days its 30-35 members were largely ranchers and agri-businessmen, reflecting the predominately agricultural/ranching economy of West Hawaii at that time. Meetings were on Thursday evenings. As the membership prospered and became more diversified the weekly Club meetings were moved to a luncheon format and we have grown to 90+ members. We presently meet at the Royal King Kamehameha Kona Beach Hotel in the Paddler Room.

CLUB PROJECTS

Throughout its 71 year history, the Rotary Club of Kona has been active in community, international and youth activities. Here is a brief historical list of the many programs the Club has sponsored or is currently sponsoring:

The Club regularly assists with such annual activities as: The International Billfish Tournament, the Ironman Triathlon, Keauhou-Kona Marathon, SuperKids Tournament, Kona Family Day, Community A-Fair, Meet 'N Eat Feeding Program, Konawaena Career Day, Community clean-up days, The Salvation Army's Christmas Bell-Ringing, Rotary District Youth Conferences/Seminars, and Rotary Group Study Exchange programs; and is the lead volunteer group for Kona's Annual Mitsubishi Electric Championship PGA Golf Tournament. Further, it has provided financial assistance to such local organizations as Boy Scouts, Big Brothers/Sisters, Girl Scouts, Hospice of Kona, Kona Adult Day Care Center, Kona Family YMCA, Kona Library, Kona Literacy Council, Kona Outdoor Circle, Sea Scouts, Little League, public schools, The Salvation Army's Kona Corps, University of the Nations, West Hawaii Crime Stoppers, West Hawaii Youth Soccer, Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build 2012 & 2017, Humane Society, Queen's Lei Walking and Jogging path, and other local, State and international human service groups. From 2009-16, the Kona Rotary Club has sponsored and organized, in cooperation with Denny's Restaurant, Project Compassion, which provides a much-appreciated fundraising opportunity to community non-profit organizations.

THE CLUB'S PRESIDENTS

Dick Fraser 1948-49*	Rick Merschdorf 1988-89
Garnett Watson 1949-50*	Rick Asbach 1989-90
Robert Greenwell 1950-51*	Ron Luizzi 1990-91
Homer-Hayes 1951-52	Ken Clewett 1993-94*
Linzy Child 1952-53*	Bruce Petrovic 1994-95
Sherwood Greenwell 1953-54*	Dennis Krueger 1995-96
Anthony Cambra 1954-55	Jim Lightner 1996-97
Charlie Machado 1955-56*	Tina Clothier 1997-98
Henry Greenwell 1956-57*	Mike Zola 1998-99
Bill Buttles 1957-58*	Gerry Brewster 1999-00
Chistato Hayashi 1958-59*	Ken Kjer 2000-01
Jock Ackerman 1959-60*	Tom Daniel 2001-02
Henry Chee 1960-61*	Barbara Bush 2002-03
Roy Wall 1961-62*	Bev Frazer 2003-04
Harold Red Hunt 1962-63*	Alan Clark 2004-05
Les Yamanaka 1963-64	Dick Hershberger 2005-06
Max Cory 1964-65	Bill Cliff 2006-07
Walter Perreira 1965-66*	Diane Ilstrup 2007-08
Dick Denison 1966-67*	Dave Buehler 2008-09
Phil Brink 1967-68	Dave DeYoung 2009-10
Jon Lounsbury 1969-70	Cheryl Holdcroft 2010-11
Jaek Harlan 1970-71	Mike Kelly/Alan Clark 2011-2012
Ned Carmichael 1971-72	Alan Clark 2012-2013
John DeGuair 1972-73*	Tom Daniel 2013-2014
Eugene Red Craig 1973-74	Liz Heiman 2014-2015
Wally Ichishita 1974-75	James Resor 2015-2016
Steve Metzner 1975-76	Lori Burgoon 2016-2017
Dick Taba 1976-77	Hermann Heimgartner 2017-2018
Jack Fischer 1978-79*	Tom Bierlein 2018-2019
George Glenn 1978-79*	John Spicer 2019-2020
Gordon Carkhuff 1979-80	Peter Schonberg/Becca Hamar 2020-2021
Dick Hancock 1980-81	Scott Unger 2021-2022
Ralph Rehberg 1981-82*	Brian Absjornson 2023-2024
David Rees-Thomas 1982-83	Jenaya Rockman 2024-2025
Paul Johnston 1983-84	
Mark Rife 1984-85*	
Chuck Gibb 1985-86	
Bill Brye 1986-87	
Greg Ogin 1987-88	
Terry Johnson 1991-92	
Rad Welles 1992-93	

Other Rotary International programs supported by the Rotary of Kona

In addition to the Foundation programs, there are several other programs that are of special interest to District Rotarians.

Youth Exchange

The youth exchange program is one of Rotary's most popular programs to promote international understand and develop lifelong friendships. It offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. High school students usually spend a full academic year in the home of one or more Rotarians. Shorter programs are also available. Unlike the Foundation programs, the exchange is arranged directly with the exchange between a student in a foreign country and a student in the District. Funding is the responsibility of the individual students and their families.

Some Rotary clubs assist in the funding, but the majority of the expense is borne by the student's family. Rotary serves as a clearing house by helping to publicize the program and accept names of student's seeking to use the exchange program. Rotary sets the rules that must be observed including restrictions on driving in a foreign country by students while participating in an exchange program. The program is open to dependants of Rotarians since the family or club funds sponsor the exchange. The 2008 exchange will be with Japan.

RYLA

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) program is a District run program for high school students selected and sponsored by clubs within the District. The students assemble at Camp Pirtle boy scout camp. There will be two sessions in 2008 Feb 15-17 and Feb 29 Mar 2nd. The camp is a week end camp. The youth spend the weekend in a challenging program conducted by local Rotarian volunteers with challenging events using the COPE program. In addition speakers and leaders provide inspiration, leadership training and social activities. The program is designed to teach teamwork and develop leadership skills and good citizenship.

INTERACT

INTERACT is an organization for high school students designed to provide opportunities for boys and girls of high school age to work together in a world fellowship of service and international understanding. Each INTERACT club must be sponsored and supervised by a Rotary Club and requires a faculty sponsor at the school where the club is organized. The INTERACT club must plan annual projects of service to its school, community or world. There are presently eight INTERACT clubs in the District.

ROTORACT

ROTORACT is a program similar to INTERACT at the Jr Colleges or College level. There are no INTERACT clubs in the District at this time.

The Organization of Rotary International

A technical Distinction; The Rotary Clubs belong to Rotary International and the individual is a member of a Rotary Club, not Rotary International.

Rotary International is divided into Zones with a number of Rotary Districts in each Zone. The president, Secretariat and Board of Directors govern Rotary International. There are 17 directors in RI who are elected for two year terms with an overlap of members to provide continuity.

The headquarters of Rotary International (RI) is located at One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, 60201. 'Each year the incoming president sets a theme for their Rotary year.

The RI internet website is www.rotary.org

RI holds an international Conference in May or June of each year for all persons who desire to attend. The conference is normally held every other year in the U.S. alternating with a major international city. The number of delegates often approaches 30,000 representing Rotarians from all over the world. The 2013 meeting will be in May in Montreal Canada.

The Rotary District

A Rotary District; is a geographical territory in which Rotary Clubs are associated for Rotary International administration. The Tyler club is in District 5830 which has forty two (42) clubs in northeast Texas, clubs in Hugo and Idabel Oklahoma and three clubs in Texarkana for a total of Forty Seven (47) clubs. The District maintains a web site at www.rotary5000.org

The District Governor is the Single officer of Rotary International in this District.

Each District Governor has been extensively trained to do his or her job while serving a year as District Governor. In addition, each governor and if possible their spouse must attend a Governors Elect training meeting held in the spring of the year in which they are to become governor. This training is presently held in San Diego, California and trains all of the incoming governors from throughout Rotary International. The governor serves for one year starting on July 1.

Some of the duties of the District Governor are:

- Strengthen Existing Clubs
- Promote and implement the programs of Rotary International

- Make an official visit to each club in the district
- Publish a monthly District News letter, Produce a District Directory outlining the goals for Rotary International and the District for the coming year, listing the District officers and , committee chair persons listing the Clubs, Club Officers and meeting times and as well as a schedule of major District Events.

District Meetings

The District Conference

The District Conference is the annual Business meeting for the District held in the late spring of the year. It is chaired by the outgoing District Governor. The purpose of the District Conference is for fellowship, conduct any business or vote on resolutions presented. and to review of the programs for the District for the year. In addition there will be speakers including the President of RI or representative appointed by the President to attend the conference.

The District Assembly

In view of the annual leadership turnover each year, special effort is made to provide instruction to the incoming club officers and District leadership. The assembly is conducted by the incoming governor to prepare and coordinate the leadership for the coming Rotary year. The assembly is scheduled in the spring prior to the District conference. The areas normally covered are:

- Rotary theme for the coming year
- Approval of the District Budget
- District Goals and plans
- Schedule of the Governor's planned club visits
- Training for Presidents, assistant governors, club secretaries and treasurers

The Mid Year Review

The current District Governor usually calls a meeting in January or February. The Mid Year Review is just that, a review of the progress of the District in achieving District and Rotary International goals and planning on how to insure all goals will be met by the end of June.

The Rotary Foundation Seminar

The District Governor usually holds a Rotary Foundation seminar in the fall of the year to provide information on the programs of the foundation and review the progress in achieving the District and Rotary International goals for the year. In addition, there may be a special Foundation Dinner held in the spring to honor Paul Harris Fellows for the previous year.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is the cornerstone for Rotary service and programs. It is trust fund that is administered by 13 trustees who are appointed by the RI Board of Directors.

It was initiated at the 1917 International Convention to provide a means of funding Rotary programs on a continuing basis. After a slow start due to two world wars and the depression, contributions really took off in 1947 with the death of Paul Harris. Memorial gifts poured in to honor the founder of Rotary. From that time on, the Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering “understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations and providing support for the underprivileged of the world” The foundation is now receiving more than \$60 million a year for educational and humanitarian work around the world.

The crowning achievement of the Foundation to date has been the Polio Plus program. The goal of the program was to eliminate polio from the world by 2000. Due to the scope of the project and the addition of immunization of children for childhood diseases, under the sponsorship of the United Nations, the deadline has been extended as four countries Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan (an all time low) still have recorded cases. To date RI has contributed approximately \$600 million dollars and is presently working to match a 200 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In addition hundreds of thousands of man-hours by volunteers to provide vaccinations and monitor the program. Polio has been eliminated in the western hemisphere and most areas of the world except for parts of the world involved in conflicts which have prevented inoculation in four countries.

If you give at least 1,000 to the Foundation, the following recognition applies:

Paul Harris Sustaining Membership:

\$100 to \$999 Contribution

Paul Harris Fellow:

\$1,000 to \$1,999 Contribution

Multiple Paul Harris Fellow:

\$2,000 plus in Multiples of \$1,000

Major Donors

\$10,000 +

Four primary ways to become a Paul Harris Fellow:

Become a Sustaining Member by contributing \$100 to the foundation and continuing to give in increments of at least \$100 until you have contributed \$1,000. The foundation has pledge cards available for this program

You contribute \$1,000 as a lump sum or as an amount necessary to bring your accumulated contributions to \$1,000.

Your club or an individual contributes \$1,000 in your name to honor you.

You utilize a matching funds grant from your club or District to complete your fellowship.

Unique Features of the Rotary Foundation

The foundation is unique to charitable foundations for a number of reasons including:

100% of the contributions are spent on programs of the Foundation and not on administrative expenses. The money received in a Rotary year is invested and programmed for expenditure at the end of the second year. Thus, the interest pays all administrative expenses.

Rotarians or their direct linear family members are not eligible to receive a financial benefit from the Foundation as it is a non-profit charitable organization. Thus, the only benefit to Rotarians and their families is the knowledge and satisfaction that their contributions are used to serve others.

ROTARY WEBSITES

There are 3 websites that will be helpful to you as a Rotary Member. They are –

Our local club website – rotaryclubofkona.com

District 5000 (Hawaii) website - <https://www.rotaryd5000.org>

Rotary International website – rotary.org

I will create a User Name and temporary password for you to use for our club website. You will need to log in and change your password and update your profile including adding a picture. You cannot change your User Name.

The User Name and password thereafter will also get you logged into District 5000 website.

Our club website will allow you to see a list of members and their contact information. This is also where we can send out group emails to all club members.

The District 5000 website – This site has job descriptions and training videos. It also shows events happening with clubs throughout Hawaii. It also has forms for officers to use for various projects.

Rotary International website has lots of information all about Rotary and it's goals. It also has lots of training material and videos, as well as marketing materials. Most importantly when you have created an account (we will do that later), you will be able to track your donations to the Rotary Foundation.

ROTARY BASICS

a reference
guide for
members



“Whatever Rotary may mean to us,
to the world it will be known by
the results it achieves.”

— Paul Harris, 1914

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WHAT'S ROTARY?

Rotary is a global network of more than 1.4 million people of action in more than 46,000 clubs who share a passion for and commitment to enhancing communities and improving lives around the world. Rotary and Rotaract clubs exist in almost every country. Our members change lives locally and connect with other clubs to work on international projects that address today's most pressing challenges. They take action and make a difference, and it brings them personal rewards and lifelong friendships in the process.

DID YOU KNOW?

The name *Rotary* was selected by early members because meeting locations rotated among their offices.

HOW WE'RE STRUCTURED?

Rotary is made up of three parts: our clubs, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation. Rotary and Rotaract clubs belong to the global association Rotary International (RI). Rotary International supports its clubs worldwide by coordinating global programs and initiatives. The Rotary Foundation helps fund our humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives.

CLUBS

The club is the most important component of Rotary's organizational structure. More than 36,000 Rotary clubs and 10,000 Rotaract clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas unite people to create lasting change in their communities, around the world, and in themselves. Rotaract clubs are like Rotary clubs but are primarily intended for university students and young professionals. Clubs are autonomous, so the member experience varies from club to club. But they all operate somewhat similarly. For example, all clubs have officers and committees that help them run smoothly. Each Rotary or Rotaract club is considered a member of Rotary International. Strong, well-run clubs enhance our members' experiences and deliver valuable service to our communities.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you know someone who would enjoy getting involved but can't attend your club's meetings, you can refer them to another club through the **Member Center**.

MEMBERS

There are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members, or Rotarians, and more than 200,000 Rotaract club members, or Rotaractors, around the world. As a member, you have far greater potential to do good in your community than you did before you joined. You'll have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others by contributing your expertise, skills, and talents as well as the privilege of working with other professionals and community leaders.

DID YOU KNOW?

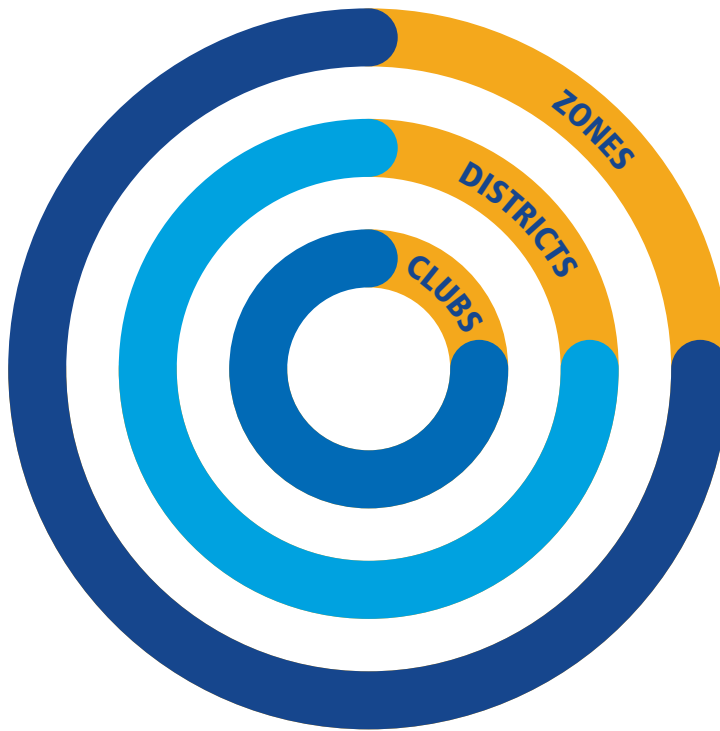
The first Rotary club met in Chicago, Illinois, USA, on 23 February 1905.

MEETINGS

Rotary and Rotaract clubs unite dedicated people to exchange ideas, build relationships, and take action. The frequency and format of club meetings vary. Clubs meet in person, online, or both. Rotary is both apolitical and nonreligious, and clubs are expected to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members and guests.

DISTRICTS AND ZONES

Clubs are grouped into approximately 520 districts. Districts are led by governors, who serve an important role in Rotary. Rotary clubs in their districts nominate them because of their leadership skills, Rotary experience, and dedication to service. District governors are trained extensively both in their regions and together through the International Assembly, an annual training event for incoming governors, who are known as district governors-elect in the year before their term as governor. District governors serve for one year, leading a team of assistant governors and district committees in supporting and strengthening clubs and motivating them to carry out service projects. They visit or check in virtually with each Rotary



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club in the district during the year, oversee the development of new clubs, and plan the district conference and other special events.

Districts are organized into 34 zones of approximately equal numbers of Rotarians for the purposes of nominating directors and electing the committee that nominates the president of Rotary International.

OUR LEADERS

Our leaders at Rotary exemplify all of the qualities that make our members extraordinary: integrity, expertise, and a commitment to service.

The executive staff, led by the general secretary, manages operations, including programs and member services, financial services, information technology, polio and philanthropy, communications,

strategy, and legal services, at our world headquarters in Evanston, USA, and offices in Norwest, Australia; São Paulo, Brazil; New Delhi, India; Seoul, Korea; Tokyo, Japan; and Zurich, Switzerland.

Rotary's president presides over the RI Board of Directors and is elected to a one-year term.

The Board of Directors establishes Rotary International's policies and provides guidance that helps our clubs thrive. Rotary clubs elect directors every year at Rotary's international convention, and each director serves for two years.

The Board of Trustees manages the business of The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of our organization. The RI president-elect nominates trustees, and the Board of Directors elects them to four-year terms.

DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary's **constitutional documents** govern our clubs. Find them on **My Rotary**.

OUR HISTORY

We've been making history and bringing our world closer together for over 100 years. The first Rotary club was started in Chicago, Illinois, USA, in 1905 by an attorney named Paul Harris.

Harris wanted to bring together a group of professionals with different backgrounds and skills as a way to exchange ideas and form meaningful acquaintances. In August 1910, the 16 Rotary clubs then in the United States formed the National Association of Rotary Clubs, now Rotary International. In 1912, Rotary expanded to a few more countries, and less than a decade later, Rotary clubs had been established in Africa, Asia, Central America, Europe, Oceania, and South America. Rotaract began as a Rotary youth program in 1968. In 2019, Rotaract clubs were elevated from a program to a distinct membership type. Today, there are more than 36,000 Rotary clubs and 10,000 Rotaract clubs, and they are in almost every country in the world. For more information about Rotary's history, go to **rotary.org/history**.



The first four Rotarians:
Gustavus Loehr, Silvester
Schiele, Hiram Shorey,
and Paul P. Harris,
circa 1905-12.

WHAT WE VALUE

Rotary was founded on principles that remain at the heart of the organization today. These principles reflect our core values — integrity, diversity, service, leadership, and fellowship, or friendship. Our core values emerge as themes in our guiding principles.

AVENUES OF SERVICE

We channel our commitment to service through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity:

- Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- Vocational Service calls on all members to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
- Community Service encourages every member to find ways to improve the quality of life of people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
- International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, using local member expertise to build long-term partnerships for sustainable projects, seeking service partners abroad, and more.
- Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as **Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Exchange**, and **New Generations Service Exchange**.

AREAS OF FOCUS

The causes we target to maximize our impact are called our areas of focus. Our most successful and sustainable projects and activities fall within these areas.

Through global grants and other resources, we help clubs focus their service efforts on:

- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development
- Environment

DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, reflects our belief in unselfish volunteer service.

Projects that focus on these causes are eligible for global grant funding from The Rotary Foundation.



Areas of focus icons

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

From the beginning, members have emphasized the importance of acting responsibly and ethically and using our professions as an opportunity to serve. Honoring our commitments, however bold they are, is an ideal characteristic of a Rotary member. In 1932, The Four-Way Test was developed by Herbert Taylor, a Rotary Club of Chicago member and 1954-55 RI president, to guide his attempt to save a faltering aluminum company. Rotary later adopted it, and it underscores Rotary's value of integrity. The Four-Way Test has long served as an ethical guide for members to live by in their personal and professional relationships.

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

OBJECT OF ROTARY

In Rotary's first decade, members set out guiding principles that evolved into what is now known as the Object of Rotary. They added the advancement of peace in 1921 and made the language more gender-neutral in 1989 and 1995.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Although your club may not emphasize all of these principles, understanding them puts your club experience into perspective and adds meaning to being a part of this organization.

DIVERSITY

As an international organization, Rotary values its diversity around the world and within each club. One of our top priorities is growing and diversifying our membership to make sure it reflects the communities we serve and is inclusive of all cultures, experiences, and identities. To help meet that goal, we adopted a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) statement:

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.

We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.

In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better.

Clubs are encouraged to reflect the diversity of their communities by including members from a mix of professions, genders, ages, and ethnicities. Having members with different backgrounds and viewpoints gives your club a broader understanding of the community and its problems and better equips it to find solutions. Equally important is fostering a culture of inclusion in which these differences are respected, supported, and valued. Visit **rotary.org/dei** to learn more.



Clubs are most successful when they reflect the community they serve.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL OFFICES



Rotary International
World Headquarters in
Evanston, Illinois, USA

Rotary International is administered by the Secretariat, which comprises more than 800 employees. Rotary's world headquarters is in Evanston, Illinois, USA, in a building called One Rotary Center. It has a 190-seat auditorium, Rotary's archives, and an executive suite with conference rooms for the RI Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation Trustees and the offices of the RI president and other senior officers. It also features a replica of Room 711, the site of the first Rotary club meeting.

Rotary's staff supports members, clubs, districts, and program participants and alumni and works to make Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation run smoothly and effectively. The staff at the international offices are a part of the Secretariat and support members in their regions.

Club and District Support (CDS) representatives provide regionalized expertise to the clubs and districts they work with and guidance on Rotary's policies, procedures, resources, and tools. They often attend club and district meetings to meet with and train local Rotary leaders. Find your club's CDS representative at **rotary.org/cds**. You can also contact Rotary's Support Center at +1-847-866-3000 or **rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org** to ask questions about Rotary and its programs.

DID YOU KNOW?

One Rotary Center hosts more than 2,000 members and guests each year. Free guided tours are offered in several languages Monday through Friday. Request a tour at **rotary.org/tours**.



The Arch Klumph Society Gallery from the 18th floor of Rotary International World Headquarters



Rotary International's world headquarters and international offices:

- One Rotary Center, Evanston, Illinois, USA
- Europe and Africa office, Zurich, Switzerland
- South Asia office, New Delhi, India
- Brazil office, São Paulo
- Japan office, Tokyo
- Korea office, Seoul
- South Pacific and Philippines office, Norwest (Sydney), New South Wales, Australia
- Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), Alcester, England, an office that is independent but affiliated with Rotary

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

In 1917, Rotary President Arch Klumph announced his idea for an endowment fund dedicated to “doing good in the world.” With this short statement, Klumph inspired the establishment of The Rotary Foundation. Today, The Rotary Foundation helps clubs and districts work together to perform meaningful, sustainable service.

Our top-rated, award-winning Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects that help people in need around the world get clean water, medical care, literacy classes, and other essentials.

Our members’ and others’ contributions to the Foundation allow us to bring sustainable change to communities in need. Ask your club’s Rotary Foundation expert or visit **rotary.org/donate** to learn how you can support our Foundation. To learn more, download **The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide** or take the **Rotary Foundation Basics course** in Rotary’s **Learning Center**.



A Rotarian administers the polio vaccine.

ERADICATING POLIO WORLDWIDE

One benefit of membership is that you can take pride in being part of an organization that truly makes a difference in the world. Since 1985, Rotary members have served as community-based mobilizers for polio eradication, motivating international groups, governments, private organizations, communities, and individuals to join the global effort to rid the world of polio. Rotary works with partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), including the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the governments of the world to achieve this historic public health goal.

As part of the effort, members contribute their time and money to the cause, raising funds, advocating for government support, helping immunize children, and raising awareness in their communities. By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions to the global eradication effort will exceed \$2.7 billion, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers have supported National Immunization Days. Since 1988, nearly 3 billion children have received oral polio vaccine, and we've achieved a 99.9% reduction in polio cases. It may be considered the greatest humanitarian service the world has ever seen, and every Rotary member can take pride in this achievement.

To learn how you can support Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio, visit **endpolio.org**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary International began its fight against polio in 1979 with a multiyear immunization project in the Philippines.

ROTARY PEACE CENTERS

Each year, up to 130 peace and development leaders are selected as Rotary Peace Fellows. They earn either a master's degree or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies at one of the Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities around the world.

Through academic training, hands-on projects, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to be effective catalysts for peace.

Rotary districts may nominate as many candidates as they wish for the competitive selection process every year. Rotary Peace Fellows go on to serve as leaders in government, nongovernmental organizations, education, the military, law enforcement, humanitarian action, and international agencies such as the United Nations.

ROTARY GRANTS

The Rotary Foundation offers grants that support humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams. **Global grants** fund large international projects that have long-term, sustainable outcomes and are aligned with Rotary's areas of focus. **District grants** fund smaller-scale, short-term projects that address immediate needs locally or abroad. **Disaster response grants** support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by a natural disaster. To learn more, talk to your club or district Rotary Foundation chair or visit [**rotary.org/grants**](https://rotary.org/grants).

PROGRAMS OF SCALE

Programs of Scale grants build on the scope, impact, and sustainability of successful Rotary service projects in our areas of focus. They empower Rotary members to work with experienced partners to implement large-scale, high-impact programs that address a critical need for large numbers of people across a significant geographic area. The Rotary Foundation awards one \$2 million Programs of Scale grant each year to expand a member-led program over three to five years to create lasting change. Strong monitoring and evaluation systems measure impact, and the knowledge that is gained is shared with other clubs and districts to strengthen their local and international service.

Visit **rotary.org/programsofscale**.



One of the women trained to be a public health worker in Zambia supported by the first Programs of Scale grant

ROTARY'S IMAGE

A positive public image of Rotary enhances our ability to do good in the world. As a member, you represent Rotary through your words and actions, and joining a Rotary or Rotaract club means committing to live by Rotary's values. Each of us also has the ability to improve the public's understanding of Rotary by telling the Rotary story and why we're proud to be a part of it. By telling our stories, we make sure Rotary is recognized for the important work we do. Rotary members can talk to their club leaders to learn how to propose new members to your club.



The Rotary and Rotaract Masterbrand Signatures represent Rotary and Rotaract around the world and are used in every club and district's official logo.



ROTARY.ORG AND MY ROTARY

Rotary.org is primarily for the public, program participants, and other nonmembers. It describes our programs and initiatives and also includes content of interest to members, like the latest Rotary news and online giving opportunities.

Rotary's official website for members, **My Rotary**, offers information about membership, scholarships, Rotary events, and stories of Rotary service and other activities all over the globe. When you register for a My Rotary account, you gain access to a variety of resources:

- **Brand Center** — Find messaging and visual guidelines along with customizable materials you can use to promote your club, projects, and programs.
- **Club Finder** — Whether you're traveling across town or around the globe, find a club to visit.
- **Grant Center** — Apply for and manage your club's grants.
- **Learning Center** — Take online courses about Rotary and professional development topics.
- **Rotary Club Central** — See your Rotary club's profile and goals.

With a My Rotary account, you can also register for international events and network with other professionals. To learn how to get one, download **How to Create a My Rotary Account**.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Rotary posts on social media tell the Rotary world about recent initiatives and stories and help us connect with one other. You can follow Rotary on:

- **Facebook**
- **Instagram**
- **LinkedIn**
- **Miappi**
- **SlideShare**
- **Snapchat**
- **Twitter**
- **Vimeo**
- **YouTube**



Rotarians demonstrate
through their
humanitarian service that
they are people of action.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Another benefit of being a member is the opportunity to have international experiences and connections. Whether you host a Rotary Youth Exchange student, attend an international Rotary meeting, or partner with a club in another country on a project, Rotary offers many ways to connect with people from around the world.



Rotary is a network of members around the world who work together to exchange ideas and take action.

THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The Rotary International Convention takes place each May or June and welcomes all members, their families, and program participants and alumni. It's held in a different city each year and is attended by 20,000 to 40,000 people. At the convention, we celebrate Rotary, network, and connect with members from around the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first Rotary Convention was held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, in August 1910.



Attendees at the Rotary
International Convention
in 2019

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS AND ROTARY ACTION GROUPS

Members' skills, passions, and identities are as diverse as they are. Two types of international groups offer Rotarians, Rotaractors, and the entire family of Rotary ways to build community globally while pursuing interests they have in common with others worldwide. Rotary Fellowships center around professional or recreational interests and Rotary Action Groups focus on service in specific areas.

Rotary Fellowships represent an abundance of recreational pursuits, including cycling, fishing, skiing, golf, and beekeeping, and professional interests such as public health, graphic design, leadership development, law enforcement, and photography. They also help build community around shared identities, such as Latin Culture, LGBT+, and Argentine Culture. Their activities are as varied as their interests. Learn more at **rotary.org/fellowships**.

Rotary Action Groups help Rotary and Rotaract clubs and districts plan and implement large-scale humanitarian projects in their area of expertise. For example, the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group functions as an expert consulting entity that advises clubs and districts on how to undertake water and sanitation

projects that have real impact. The Rotary Action Group for Family Health and AIDS Prevention mobilizes members to help tens of thousands of people in under-resourced communities get low-cost, comprehensive health services and screenings. Learn more at **rotary.org/actiongroups**.

THE CADRE OF TECHNICAL ADVISERS

The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers is a group of Rotarians who volunteer their professional skills and technical expertise in our **areas of focus** and financial management of grants. The Cadre's mission is to strengthen the impact of Rotary's grants by assisting members in planning projects and safeguarding Foundation funds. Learn more at **rotary.org/cadre-technical-advisers**.

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Rotary Friendship Exchange gives participants opportunities to explore new cultures and discover diverse perspectives. Participating in an exchange is a wonderful way to make new friends, establish international service partnerships, and strengthen intercultural understanding. Nonmembers are welcome to participate in the program as well as members.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can experience new Rotary cultures by visiting other clubs. Use the Find a club tool in the Search button on My Rotary, download the Club Locator app, or look on clubs' websites to find their meeting details and contact information.

ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS

A Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a Rotary club-sponsored group of nonmembers who want to help their own community through service projects. Rotarians provide professional expertise, guidance, encouragement, organizational structure, and some material assistance to the RCC, whose members contribute their labor and knowledge of community needs. This community-based service program was initiated in 1986 to improve the quality of life in villages, neighborhoods, and other communities.



Rotary members
and members of the
community come
together to serve.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG LEADERS

We believe in investing in our future by empowering young leaders, helping them learn leadership skills, and giving them opportunities to have cross-cultural experiences.

INTERACT

Interact clubs give young people 12-18 years old the chance to work together and have fun while learning about service and promoting international understanding. Each club is required to complete at least two major projects each year, one to serve the community and the other to promote international understanding. Interact clubs are sponsored by nearby Rotary clubs and may be co-sponsored by Rotaract clubs. Ask your club leaders how you can get involved if you'd like to work with an Interact club.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rotary Youth Exchange promotes international understanding and lifelong friendships by letting young people explore another culture. Exchanges can be long-term or short-term. Short-term exchanges last from a few days to several months and often take place when school is not in session. Students typically stay with a local family in the host country, but they might also attend a youth camp or tour the country with other foreign students. During a long-term exchange, students spend a year in another country, attending school and living with host families. Exchanges vary widely among districts, so contact your district's Rotary Youth Exchange chair to learn what's available in your area.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

Each year, thousands of young people are selected to attend club-, district-, or multidistrict-sponsored leadership camps or seminars through Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). In an informal atmosphere, participants spend several days in a challenging program of leadership training, facilitated discussions, inspirational addresses, and social activities designed to enhance their personal development, leadership skills, and good citizenship. Each RYLA program or event is customized to the participants' age range.



RYLA events instill values of service and leadership.

NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE

University students and other young adults ages 18-30 can enjoy short-term exchanges. These offer participants a chance to develop their skills, learn a new language, and take action through humanitarian or vocational service. Some exchanges include vocational mentorship, unpaid internships, team volunteering, or study groups. Each experience is unique, and the participants and districts coordinate travel, activities, and accommodations.

Youth protection and risk management

The safety of young people is a top priority for any Rotary-related activity. All members and volunteers who work with youth should attend a youth protection training seminar. Find our Statement of Conduct for Working With Youth and more information on student safety and risk management in the **Rotary Youth Protection Guide** (PDF). Take the online course **Protecting Youth Program Participants** in the Learning Center.

TRAINING AND SKILL BUILDING

Your club may offer new members a formal orientation to acquaint them with Rotary and the club. Members can also take courses on topics that interest them in the **Learning Center** (rotary.org/learn) or join Rotary discussion groups to exchange ideas with other members. Your club may offer leadership training as well. Talk to your club mentor or club leaders and find out how you can get involved.

Your district runs the district vibrant club workshop and grant management seminar for all interested members. All districts also hold annual district conferences to celebrate the year's accomplishments. Club members and their families are invited to attend and enjoy the inspirational speeches and entertainment and the acquaintances they make. These training meetings and events are great ways to meet people who share an interest in service and the community.

Districts also hold role-based training events for Rotary club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and committee chairs and for members who serve as assistant governors and district committee

DID YOU KNOW?

You can improve your communication and leadership skills by taking courses from Rotary's **Professional development catalog** in the **Learning Center**.

chairs. When you get involved as a speaker or trainer, you'll learn skills, like project management, public speaking, and event planning, that can also help you in your personal and professional life.



Use Learning Center courses in your club meeting or train yourself in a new skill to enhance your presentation skills.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The key to getting the most out of your Rotary or Rotaract membership is to get involved in ways that suit your interests. The time and energy you invest will yield rich rewards. You can shape your club by talking with club leaders about your ideas, and as a member, you, too, are eligible to be a club leader. Over time, active members find that the connections they make through Rotary and Rotaract become lifelong friendships.

To see how you can get involved, go to appendix A: Optimize Your Member Experience. You can also check out our publication **Connect for Good**, which gives an overview of opportunities to be an engaged member of our organization.

APPENDIX A:

OPTIMIZE

YOUR MEMBER

EXPERIENCE

- Take a course in the **Learning Center**, such as the Toastmasters-developed communication and leadership courses.
- Attend as many club meetings and events as you can. Connect with different people each time.
- Volunteer your skills and take on a role such as committee member, greeter, or webmaster.
- Identify a need in your community and suggest a hands-on project that addresses it.
- Develop and practice your leadership skills by taking courses in the **professional development catalog** in Rotary's **Learning Center**.
- Tell friends and colleagues how your club is giving back to your community, and emphasize the unique opportunity Rotary provides for networking with leaders in many professions.
- Get involved in your club's service projects.
- Discover Rotary voices from around the world at **blog.rotary.org**.

- Stay up-to-date by subscribing to newsletters from Rotary International at **rotary.org/newsletters**, reading your club and district newsletters, and visiting your club and district websites and **My Rotary**.
- Help your club or district **raise funds** to eradicate polio.
- Set a personal contribution goal in support of your club's **Annual Fund** giving goal, or donate through The Rotary Foundation's recurring giving program, **Rotary Direct**.
- Propose a friend or colleague for membership in your club, or refer a prospective member to a different club.
- Ask your club leaders how you can get involved in Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact, or RYLA.
- Talk to club leaders about where your expertise is most needed.
- Attend your club's next assembly and help plan club activities.
- Volunteer to help with your club's signature project — one your club is known for in the community.
- Check out the **Member Center** and other resources on My Rotary.
- Join a Rotary Fellowship and meet members from other countries who share your interests.
- Participate in your district conference and the **Rotary International Convention**.
- Check out another Rotary or Rotaract club's meeting. If you don't already know of a club you'd like to visit, use **Club Finder** to find one. Then get its leaders' contact information from the club's website and contact them to make arrangements.

APPENDIX B:

ROTARY GLOSSARY

active member An active Rotary member is one who pays RI dues and enjoys all the obligations, responsibilities, and privileges of membership as provided in the RI Constitution and Bylaws or the Rotaract Constitution and Bylaws.

areas of focus The causes that Rotary focuses on are peacebuilding and conflict resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; community economic development; and environment.

Cadre The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers is a group of Rotarians who volunteer to use their professional skills and technical expertise in Rotary's areas of focus and financial management of grants.

Club and District Support (CDS) Rotary staff members who are knowledgeable about specific regions and specialize in training, Rotary policies and procedures, and Rotary resources and tools

Code of Policies	A document that details Rotary’s policies and procedures and is updated after each RI Board meeting at which decisions are made
constitutional documents	The governing documents of RI are the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. These documents can be amended only by the Council on Legislation. The Standard Rotaract Club Constitution can be amended only by the RI Board of Directors.
Council on Legislation (COL)	A meeting where representatives from each Rotary district vote on policy that affects clubs worldwide. It takes place every three years.
Council on Resolutions (COR)	A meeting held online every year to vote on proposed resolutions, which express opinions and make recommendations to the RI Board
district conference	An annual celebration of district accomplishments and a meeting where district decisions are made. It is open to all members in the district.
District Designated Fund (DDF)	Money that districts can use to fund service projects. It is made up of 50% of the district’s contributions to Annual Fund-SHARE from three years ago, plus 50% of any spendable earnings available from its contributions to Endowment Fund-SHARE from three years ago.

district governor (DG)	An officer of RI who works with a district team to run and lead the district, motivating and training clubs and connecting them with resources
district governor-elect (DGE)	The person chosen to serve as district governor for the coming year
district governor-nominee (DGN)	The person who will serve as governor in two years
district membership committee	The committee that identifies and promotes strategies for strengthening membership to clubs in the district, manages district membership leads, and nurtures new clubs
district Rotary Foundation chair (DRFC)	The chair of the committee that teaches clubs about the Foundation and inspires them to support its programs and activities
district training assembly	A training event where incoming club leaders are prepared for their roles
End Polio Now coordinator (EPNC)	A regional leader who serves as a resource for local polio eradication efforts
endowment/ major gifts adviser (E/MGA)	A regional leader who serves as a source of expertise on major gifts and Endowment Fund matters

family of Rotary

Along with members, the family of Rotary includes all nonmembers who are affected by Rotary's efforts, including alumni of Rotary programs and those who benefit from Rotary projects.

general secretary

The head of the Secretariat, the general secretary manages staff at Rotary International World Headquarters and Rotary's international offices.

**governors-elect
training seminar
(GETS)**

An annual training event where incoming district governors are trained by their regional leaders

honorary member

Also referred to as honorary Rotarians or Rotaractors, these members have the right to visit any club, but they cannot vote or serve as club officers. Clubs can elect honorary members who have distinguished themselves in humanitarian efforts or have otherwise exemplified Rotary's values.

Interact

Clubs for young people ages 12-18 who want to connect with others in their community or school. Members have fun while carrying out service projects and learning about the world. Interact clubs are sponsored by Rotary and Rotaract clubs.

International Assembly An annual international training event where incoming district governors, known as governors-elect, from all Rotary districts are trained together

Manual of Procedure A concise version of Rotary's policies and procedures, updated every three years after the Council on Legislation

Official Directory An **online listing** of information about Rotary's Board, Trustees, and committees, as well as a listing of zones and Rotary Fellowships. It includes contact information for the more than 36,000 Rotary clubs.

Paul Harris Fellow A person who has contributed \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or approved Foundation grants. The Foundation recognizes fellows with a lapel pin and certificate.

Paul Harris Society Members of the Paul Harris Society commit to give at least \$1,000 each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or approved Foundation grants.

PolioPlus The program launched by Rotary International in 1985 to achieve global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children

presidents-elect training seminar (PETS)	A district-level seminar that trains incoming club presidents on their role and responsibilities
quorum	The minimum number of participants who must be present when a vote is taken. Rotary's recommended bylaws leave it to clubs to define a quorum for voting purposes.
regional leaders	Regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, Rotary coordinators, Rotary public image coordinators, endowment/major gifts advisers, and End Polio Now coordinators
regional Rotary Foundation coordinator (RRFC)	A regional leader who supports and promotes the Foundation's grants and its fundraising for programs, such as PolioPlus and the Rotary Peace Centers
RI director	A Rotarian who serves on the RI Board for a two-year term. Each director is nominated by a Rotary club in his or her zone but is elected at the convention.
RI president	A Rotarian who serves as the leader of the organization for one year
RI president-elect	A Rotarian who will serve as the leader of Rotary International for the coming year

Rotaract clubs	Clubs for university students and young professionals age 18 and over who take action through community and international service, learn leadership skills, participate in professional development, and make friends around the world. Members are called Rotaractors. These clubs may be sponsored by a Rotary club or another Rotaract club or may be founded by their own members.
Rotaractor	An active member of a Rotaract club
Rotarian	An active member of a Rotary club
Rotary Action Group	An autonomous group of Rotarians, Rotaractors, family members, program participants, and alumni who are experts in a particular field, such as microcredit or water and sanitation, and advise clubs and districts on service projects
Rotary alumni	People who have participated in the following programs, among others: Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange, New Generations Service Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary Peace Fellowships, Rotary Scholarships (funded by global grants or district grants), vocational training teams. Former Rotaractors are also considered alumni.

Rotary Citation	An award earned by clubs that accomplish a number of goals that align with Rotary's Action Plan. The Rotary Citation may be awarded to Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs.
Rotary Community Corps (RCC)	A group of nonmembers who share our commitment to service, plan and carry out projects in their communities, and support local Rotary club projects
Rotary coordinator (RC)	A regional leader appointed by the RI president who offers support and practical strategies for boosting club membership and keeping members engaged
Rotary Fellowships	International groups that share a vocational or recreational interest. An example is the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians.
Rotary Friendship Exchange	An international exchange opportunity for Rotary members, spouses, and nonmembers, funded by participants
Rotary International (RI)	The organization as a whole, not including The Rotary Foundation
Rotary International Convention	The annual gathering held in a different city each year. Members, their families, and program participants and alumni attend to celebrate Rotary's accomplishments, get updates and exchange inspiring stories, and learn more about Rotary.

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI)	An independent unit of Rotary International, subject to certain approvals by the RI Constitution
Rotary member	A Rotaractor or Rotarian
Rotary public image coordinator (RPIC)	A regional leader appointed by the RI president because of their expertise in public relations, journalism, and communications, to advise clubs on public image
Rotary senior leaders	Current, incoming, and past RI presidents, RI directors, and Rotary Foundation trustees
Rotary year	1 July-30 June
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)	A leadership development program for students or young adults that is organized by a club, a district, or multiple districts
Secretariat	The staff of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, which works at Rotary International World Headquarters and Rotary's international offices and is led by the general secretary
SHARE	The system that transforms contributions to The Rotary Foundation into grants and programs

**The Rotary
Foundation
(TRF)**

The charitable arm of Rotary, created for humanitarian and educational purposes, which leads our efforts to end polio and promote peace. It also funds service projects and scholarships through its grants and takes on other global initiatives. Members and friends of Rotary support the Foundation's work through voluntary contributions.

trustee

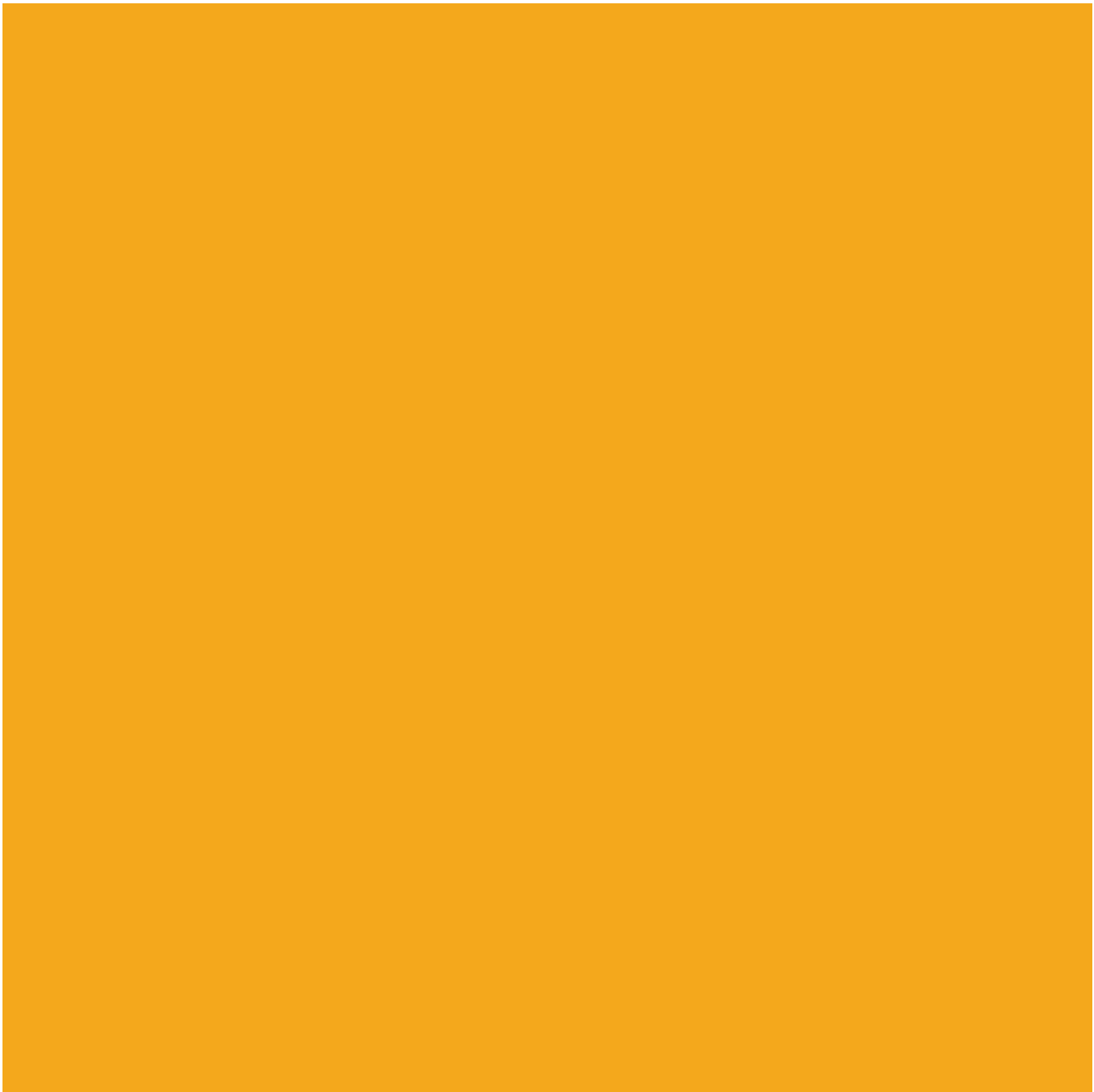
A member of the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, appointed by the RI president-elect

**vocational
training team**

A team of professionals who travel abroad to build their own capacity or the capacity of the community they visit

zone

A grouping of districts, established by the RI Bylaws and defined by the RI Board, for the purposes of nominating directors and electing the committee that nominates the president of Rotary International





Why Join Rotary?

1. **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of the two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
2. **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
3. **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
4. **Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership: learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
5. **Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
6. **Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is happening in the community, nation or world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics
7. **Fun:** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
8. **Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who joined were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.
9. **World Citizenship:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International". There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged

- to attend any of the 29'000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.

10. Assistance when Traveling: Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.

11. Entertainment: Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service.

12. The Development of Social Skills: Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.

13. Family Programs: Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.

14. Vocational Skills: Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.

15. The development of Ethics: Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

16. Cultural Awareness: Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn how to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizen of their countries in the process.

17. Prestige: Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religions and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, managers and professionals - people who make decisions and influence policy.

18. Nice People: Rotarians above all are nice people - the nicest on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of "it is nice to be important but it is important to be nice".

19. The Absence of an "Official Creed": Rotary has no secrete handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply belief in helping others.

20. The Opportunity to Serve: Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-fulfillment that comes from the process and return of that satisfaction to one's own life. It is richly rewarding



New Membership Application and Proposal



Membership Proposal Form

Part A (To be completed by proposer and returned to club secretary)

I propose:

Title (e.g. Mr., Ms., Mrs., Dr., Rev.) _____ Suffix (e.g. Jr., Sr., III) _____

Family Name _____

First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Current (or Former) firm and position _____

Preferred Mailing Address _____

Telephone (including area code) _____

FAX (including area code) _____

Residence _____

Business _____

Cell _____ Birthday _____

Preferred e-mail ☐ Residence ☐ Business _____

Spouse/Partner Name: _____ Rotarian ☐ Yes ☐ No

Membership type (check one) ☐ Active ☐ Honorary Wedding Anniversary _____

If active, proposed classification _____

If transferring or a former Rotarian, list previous club information :

Name : _____ Name : _____

from _____ to _____ from _____ to _____

If an RI program participant or Foundation alumnus/a, list program(s) and date(s):

Activities that would enhance consideration as a Rotarian: _____

Proposer's Signature _____

Date _____

Proposer's Preferred Mailing Address _____

Proposer's preferred e-mail _____

Part B (to be completed by proposed member after board approval)

I hereby certify that I am qualified for (check one):

- ☐ Active membership by both my current/former executive position and having a place of business or residence within the club's locality or surrounding area
- ☐ Honorary membership by my meritorious service

I understand that, if accepted for membership, it will be my duty to exemplify the Object of Rotary in all my daily contacts and activities and to abide by the constitutional documents of Rotary International and the club. I agree to pay an admission fee* of _____ and the annual dues of _____ in accordance with the bylaws of the club. I hereby give permission to the club to publish my name and proposed classification, if applicable, to its membership.

*Not applicable to honorary members or transferring or former members of another club.

Proposed Member's Signature _____

Date _____

To be completed by a club officer

Classification:

If a transferring or former Rotarian, previous club Information:

Name _____

Club ID Number: _____

Dates: _____
From To

Membership ID Number: _____

If an RI program participant or Foundation alumnus/a, Program(s) and date(s):\

Mentor assigned to assist with orientation:

Action on Proposal	Date
Received by secretary	_____
Submitted to membership committee	_____
Committee Action received:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	
Submitted to Board	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	
Proposed to club:	_____
(If any objection has been filed, the board should address the issue at its next meeting.)	
Final approval by board	_____
Rotary information session held	_____
Signed form and admission fee received	_____
Admitted to membership - Induction	_____
Membership posted on RI web site	_____
District membership and secretary notified	_____