

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

## Who we are

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

## What we do

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to: promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education & grow local economies.

## Our mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Impact starts with our members — people like you who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. At club meetings in communities across the globe, our people of action come together to strengthen their connections to friends and neighbors and their commitment to improving lives.

## Who can join?

We're looking for people who want to give back to their communities. Rotary clubs welcome Rotaractors, Rotary Peace Fellows, and other members of the family of Rotary who qualify for membership.

## How can I become a member?

Clubs accept new members by invitation. To help us find the right club for you, we'll ask you a few questions about yourself and your interests. Then we'll share your answers with Rotary leaders in your community who will match you with a club.

## What are the benefits?

Becoming a Rotary member connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back. Through regular meetings and events, you discuss your community's needs and develop creative ways to meet them, connect with other leaders who are changing the world, expand your leadership and professional skills & catch up with good friends and meet new ones.

## What's expected of me?

As a club member, you will be asked to: pay club dues, attend meetings and events & use your professional skills and talents to make a difference.

## Scouting Tie Ins

Rotary was first established in Chicago, Illinois in 1905. Scouting was founded in England in 1907 and the United States in 1910.

Paul Harris, the founder and first President of Rotary worked side-by-side with James E. West, the BSA's first Chief Scout Executive, traveling the country establishing Boy Scout Councils, often with the assistance of the local Rotary Club.

## The Rotary Four Way Test

Like the Scout Oath & Law, Rotarians live by the Four Way Test:

- First, is it the truth?
- Second, is it fair to all concerned?
- Third, will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Fourth, is it beneficial to all concerned?

## Rotary Motto

"Service Above Self"



## International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

*Supporting Scouting & Guiding Thru Rotary*

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For more information, visit:

[www.scoutingrotarians.org](http://www.scoutingrotarians.org)

# INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS

## The Fellowship

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) is one of over 100 Rotary Fellowships and Action Groups established to bring together Rotarians of a particular interest.

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians brings together Rotarians who are or were part of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) or the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS).

## The Objectives of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians:

1. Promote the growth & development of Scouting & Guiding through Rotary Service.
2. To provide opportunities for friendship & fellowship among IFSR members.
3. To give active encouragement to Scouting & Guiding at local, national and international levels.
4. Recognize individuals who have provided exceptionally unique service to Scouting, Guiding and Rotary.
5. To educate Scouters & Guiders about Rotary and encourage membership in local Rotary Clubs.

## Membership

Membership in the IFSR is open to any Rotarian, Rotary spouse, or Rotaractor who is or has been a member or supporter of WOSM or WAGGGS organizations.

While this Fellowship operates in accordance to Rotary International policy, it is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

## History

In 1991, a group of British Rotarians with an interest in Scouting held an organizing meeting during the Rotary International Convention in Mexico City, spearheading the drive to form the fellowship. The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians was born, and the first formal meeting was held in France at Marseilles.

Like WOSM, IFSR is divided into six regions- Africa, Arab, AsiaPacific, Europe, Eurasia and Interamerica.

## Recognizing Youth Members

One way to plant the seed of Rotary within our Scouting & Guiding youth members and to raise the awareness of adults is through IFSR certificates recognizing the Top Youth Awards in Scouting & Guiding. Congratulatory IFSR certificates are available through our website:

- BSA Eagle Scout Award
- BSA Sea Scouts Quartermaster Award
- GSUSA Gold Award
- Scouts Canada Queen's Venturer Award
- Scouts Canada Chief's Scout Award
- Girl Guides of Canada Chief Commissioner's Gold Award

## IFSR AWARDS

IFSR awards are for Rotarians, IFSR members, Rotary Clubs and local Scout/Guide units who have made exceptional contributions. Information is available at [www.scoutingrotarians.org](http://www.scoutingrotarians.org).

The **Cliff Dochterman Award** may be awarded to any Rotarian for Distinguished Service to Rotary and Scouting / Guiding Movement worldwide.

The **IFSR Silver Wheel Award** may be awarded to any Rotarian for exceptional service in support of IFSR activities or the Scout/Guide Movement worldwide.

The **IFSR Youth Service Award** may be awarded to any Rotary Club that renders service in support of Scouting /Guiding activities.

The **IFSR Community Service Award** may be awarded by any Rotary Club to a Scout or Guide unit for recognition of community service.

## Promoting Rotary & The Fellowship

Members are welcomed and encouraged to promote Rotary, Scouting & Guiding at jamborees, Rotary events and more. Visit our website for opportunities.



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**Become a Rotarian Today!**

Visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
for more information and to  
find the nearest club.