

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

International

Rotary is a worldwide organization of caring individuals from every walk of life- business, professional and community leaders- who help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are more than 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries, with 1.2 million members.

Rotary Clubs determine their own priorities on projects to participate in, though they are encouraged to be involved in projects such as youth development, clean water, and other projects as they desire.

Polio Plus

Since the mid 90's, Rotary has led the world in eradicating polio. In cooperation with the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as many governments and other groups, polio has now been reduced to new cases in only three countries of the world.

With the continued help of Rotarians and our partner groups, the effort is "this close" to success.

Rotary Membership

Prospective members are encouraged to seek out a local club and share your interest in membership.

Most clubs welcome new members with open arms. Generally, a prospective member fills out an application that is then shared with the members of the club. Barring something that causes a concern, new members are approved by the club's board of directors.

All clubs have dues, but the amounts vary by club. Most meetings are centered around a meal and the cost is often included in the dues.

Members are expected to attend the weekly meetings as often as possible. There are avenues of "making up" a missed meeting, but your club can share how they handle that.

Finding a Club

It is easy to find the club that is closest to where you live and work. Simply visit www.rotary.org and click on the club locator. Simply enter your town, country and state. It may be necessary to enter the biggest city near you if there is not a club in your immediate town.

Depending on where you live, there may be a single club nearby or half a dozen. If there are several, pick one to visit that best fits your schedule- or visit several clubs.

If you are not comfortable "inviting yourself" to a meeting, contact the IFSR and we will do our best to help you get invited and hosted by someone else.

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.

Rotary Clubs often sponsor Scout Units-Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, or Venture Crews. They have also been known to sponsor Interact Clubs (Rotary's youth program for high school students) and co-registered the club as a Venture Crew.

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"



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INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF SCOUTING ROTARIANS

The Fellowship

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

In the case of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, we bring together Rotarians who are or were that are 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 the Rotary Ideal of 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 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.

Cliff Dochterman Award

Each Rotary Club and Rotary District is allowed to nominate and select one individual per Rotary Year to receive the Cliff Dochterman Award for Distinguished Service to Rotary and to Scouting or Guiding.

Mr. Dochterman is a former president of Rotary International and a dedicated Scouter.

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 requirements for a Rotary Fellowship were met and the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians was born. 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 youth members and to raise the awareness of adults is through certificates recognizing the Top Youth Awards in Scouting & Guiding. Current congratulatory certificates available for purchase through our website are the following:

- BSA Eagle Scout 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

The IFSR Silver Wheel Award

The IFSR Silver Wheel Award may be awarded to any Rotarian or Associate who renders exceptional and exemplary service in support of IFSR activities or the Scout Movement worldwide.

Any member may nominate a Rotarian for this award.

This is not a Scouting award but an IFSR award and thus we want to honor those of our members who have contributed in an outstanding fashion.

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
for more information and to
find the nearest club.