



## Celebrate 40th Anniversary 2008

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# *What is a Rotaract Club?*



**A Rotaract club is a Rotary sponsored club for 18-30 year-olds that fosters leadership and responsible citizenship, encourages high ethical standards in business, and promotes international peace and understanding.**

# *How did Rotaract start?*

- The first Rotaract club, the Rotaract club of the University of North Carolina, was founded on 13 March 1968.
- The club was sponsored by the Rotary club of North Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Today, there are more than 7,092 clubs in over 150 countries worldwide.
- Rotaract clubs draw members from the community or are organized as an extracurricular activity for college students.

# *What do Rotaract clubs do?*

- Community Service Projects
- Professional Development Activities
- Leadership Development Activities

# *Community Service Projects*

Rotaract clubs participate in community service projects in an effort to improve the lives of the people around them.

Often Rotaractors partner with other Rotaract clubs to participate in international service projects.

Rotaractors not only have great ideas about how to help people in need, but together they have the power to make these ideas work!



# *Professional Development*

Rotaract clubs' professional development activities expand the members' understanding of the work environment and business opportunities within their community.

Sponsoring Rotarians can enhance the activities by providing practical advice on entering the business world and overcoming business, vocational and professional challenges.

Examples:

- Special professional forums
- business technology updates
- management and marketing seminars
- conferences on business and professional ethics

# *Leadership Development*

A club's leadership development activities not only aim to make members more effective leaders in their personal lives, but also teach them how to develop and sustain strong clubs with relevant projects.

## Important Topics:

- Improving public speaking skills
- Techniques for marketing the Rotaract program to potential members.
- Building consensus among members
- Delegating project responsibilities and ensuring the necessary follow-up
- Identifying channels for project publicity and promotion
- Finding financial resources
- Assessing project success



# *Why join a Rotaract club?*

Today's young people will become tomorrow's parents, professionals, business leaders and community leaders. With the help of programs like Rotaract, they can gain the tools necessary to develop into responsible, productive members of society.

“The real benefit for me is that maybe one day I will leave the world slightly better off than how I found it, whether it is because I have volunteered, raised funds or just improved my own knowledge by listening to a speaker and being inspired.” -Cindy LaGreca, Rotaract club of Chicago, IL, USA

“The network of friendship, the fantastic possibilities to get involved with worldwide understanding, and the interesting and dedicated members I meet are the main reasons why I am a member of a Rotaract club.” -Oliver Lange, Rotaract club of Offenburg, Germany



# *How can we charter our club?*

- Adopt the amendments and all the by-laws consistent with the *Standard Rotaract Club Constitution*
- Fill out the *Rotaract Club Organization List* complete with all signatures
- Send with US\$50 to RI World Headquarters or your local RI International office for club certification.

# *Who can we contact for further information?*

Please feel free to contact your local Rotary Clubs or Rotaract Clubs by viewing [www.rotary5040.org](http://www.rotary5040.org) then click on Youth Program and see each Rotaract Club in your area or the District Governor in your area. If you do not know the contact information for these people, please contact Rotary International or search [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or google Rotaract Club in your area.

Please join and be a Rotaractor when you are in university/college or working. Your life would be better by serving others, the younger the better

There are 7,092 Rotaract Clubs with 163,116 members in the World. Interact Clubs 11,099 with 255,277 members and Rotary Clubs 32,841 and 1,205,518 members.

There are networking and hands on opportunity to other countries waiting for you.

March 2nd week is the World Rotaract Week every year for celebration.

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