

## Rotary General Knowledge Questions (as at December, 2015)

*These questions can form the basis of a Rotary Trivia night, or a few could be asked at club meetings each week to increase the general Rotary knowledge of members, or they could be added to club bulletins or newsletters.*

*Answers are provided beside each question here, so if being used in a newsletter, answers (in brackets) could be removed and located elsewhere.*

*Some questions relate to events current at the time, (December, 2015), so answers may need to be adjusted to reflect your current time period. These questions are shown in blue.*

*These questions were prepared in Australia, so some questions relate to programs and situations peculiar to Australia and even to our District 9780. These questions are shown in green and should be altered to suit your own location.*

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#1-- In what year was Rotary founded? (Q1--1905)

#2--On what date was Rotary founded? (Q2--23rd February)

#3--In what city was Rotary founded? (Q3--Chicago)

#4--Who was the Founder of Rotary (Q4--Paul Harris)

#5--Apart from the founder, name at least one other member at the first Rotary meeting. (Q5--  
Silvester Schiele-Coal Dealer, Gustavas Locher-Engineer, Hiram Shorey-Tailor)

#6--What is the current Rotary motto? (Q6--Service above self)

#7--How many members are there in Rotary in the world - within the nearest 100,000? (Q7--1.2 million)

#8--Who is the current Rotary International President? (Q8--2015-2016 K. R. "Ravi" Ravindran)

#9--What is the theme of the current Rotary year? (Q9--2015-2016 "Be A Gift To The World")

#10--How many Rotary clubs in the world - within the nearest 1000? (Q10--34000 (July 1 2012))

#11--How many Rotary members in Australia - to the nearest 1000? (Q11--31000 (July 1 2012))

#12--How many Rotary clubs in Australia (to the nearest hundred) (Q12--1139 (July 1 2012))

#13--How many Rotary Regions in our Rotary District 9780 (Q13--3)

#14--What are the titles of the Rotary Regions in our District 9780? (Q14--Western -Groups 1,5,6;  
Northern-Groups 2,3,4,7; South Eastern -Groups 8,9,10)

#15--How many Rotary districts in Australia? (Q15--21)

- #16--What is the number of our Rotary District? (Q16--9780)
- #17--How many Rotary members in our District - within the nearest 100? (Q17--1850) (2015)
- #18-- How many Rotary clubs in our District? (Q18--59) (2015)
- #19--Who is our current District Governor? (Q19—Jane Cox) (2015-2016)
- #20--In what Rotary Zone is our Rotary District? (Q20--Zone 8)
- #21--How many Rotary Groups (not Clubs)in our District? (Q21--10)
- #22--In what Rotary Group is our Club? (Q22--Group 7)
- #23--How many Rotary clubs in our Group? (Q23--4)
- #24--What are the clubs in our Rotary Group? (Q24--Ararat, Beaufort, Maryborough & Stawell)
- #25--Who is the Assistant Governor that looks after our Rotary Group this year? (Q25—Douglas Ball)
- #26--What is Rotaract? (Q26--A Rotary Program for Young Adults)
- #27--What is the Rotaract motto? (Q27--Fellowship through service)
- #28--What is the age range for Rotaract members? (Q28--18 to 30 years)
- #29--What is Interact? (Q29--A Rotary Youth program for post primary school students)
- #30--What is the age range for Interact members? (Q30--12 to 18 years)
- #31--How many Rotary Districts in the World? (Q31--530)
- #32-- How many Rotary Zones are there in the world? (Q32--34)
- #33--Who is the current director of our Zone? (Q33--2015-2016 Guiller E. Tumangan)
- #34--What is the age range for youth exchange? (Q34--15 to 19 years)
- #35--What was Paul Harris's main occupation? (Q35--Lawyer)
- #36--Who was the first President of Rotary in Australia? (Q36--W. A. Osborne)
- #37--What was the first Rotary club in Australia? (Q37--Rotary Club of Melbourne)
- #38--In what year was the first Rotary Meeting in Australia? (Q38--April 1st 1921)
- #39--What does the acronym RYLA stand for? (Q39--Rotary Youth Leadership Award)
- #40--What is the age range for RYLA participation (Q40--19 to 30yrs)
- #41--What does the acronym RYPEN stand for (Q41--Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment)
- #42--What is the age range for RYPEN participation? (Q42--14 to 18yrs)

#43--What was the 100 year update of the Rotary Foundation called? (Q43--The Future Vision Plan)

#44--What project has the highest priority of all Rotary programs? (Q44--Polio Plus)

#45--When was the Rotary Foundation established? (Q45--1917)

#46--What was the purpose of the Rotary Foundation (Q46--An endowment fund to do good in the world)

#47--Who founded the Rotary Foundation? (Q47--Arch C. Klumph)

#48--Who makes up the College of Governors in our District? (Q48--All past District Governors)

#49--When was the Polio Plus program first introduced? (Q49--1985)

#50--How many countries in the world experienced new cases of polio during 2015? (Q50--2)

#51--What countries experienced new cases of Polio in 2015? (Q51--Afghanistan & Pakistan)

#52--What are the two types of Rotary grants now available as part of Rotary Foundation Grants? (Q52--District Grants and Global Grants)

#53--What are the Six areas of Focus for Rotary Foundation Global Grants? (Q53--Peace, Water, Maternal Health, Child Health, Literacy, Economic Development)

#54--What is the first question of the Rotary Four Way Test? (Q54--Is it the truth?)

#55--In how many countries does Rotary have clubs (to the nearest 100)? (Q55--200)

#56--What is the mission of the Rotary Foundation? (Q56--Advance world understanding and peace through improvements in health, education and the alleviation of poverty)

#57--What is the Rotary Foundation's new motto? (Q57--Doing good in the world)

#58--What minimum percentage of meetings are Rotarians encouraged to attend (Q58--50% of meetings each half year)

#59--When can Rotarians "make up" a meeting by attending another Rotary event? (Q59--14 days either side of the meeting they miss)

#60--How many of the same Classification can be members of the same Rotary club? (Q60--5)

#61--What role does the Rotary Legislative council play? (Q61--It reviews and modifies the rules and guidelines of Rotary)

#62--When does the Rotary Legislative Council meet? (Q62--Every three years)

#63--Where does the Rotary Legislative Council usually meet? (Q63--Near Rotary Headquarters)

#64--Where is Rotary International Headquarters? (Q64--Evanston, Illinois USA)

#65--When and where is the Rotary International Convention held? (Q65--Annually between April and June in a major, designated host city of the world.)

#66--Where will the next Rotary International Convention be held? (Q66—2016 in Seoul, South Korea)

#67--What are Rotary Global Networking groups? (Q67--Groups of Rotarians united around particular interests)

#68--What are the two types of Rotary Global Networking groups? (Q68--Rotary Fellowships and Rotary Action Groups)

#69--What was the original motto of Rotary - before the one currently used? (Q69--"One profits most who serves best".)

#70--What are the three Rotary International services that operate in District 9780? (Q70--Interplast, ROMAC and RAWCS)

#71--What do the initials, ROMAC stand for? (Q71--Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)

#72--What do the initials, RAWCS stand for? (Q72--Rotary Australia World Community Service)

#73--What kind of service does Interplast provide? (Q73--Surgical and allied Health Services)

#74--Who introduced Rotary to its motto? (Q74--Frank Collins (Fruit Merchant))

#75--When was the "Service Above Self" motto first adopted by Rotary? (Q75--1911)

#76--What were the four original avenues of service in Rotary? (Q76--Club, Community, International and Vocational Service)

#77--What is the fifth avenue of service in Rotary? (Q77--Service to Youth (Initially New Generations))

#78--When was the fifth avenue of service introduced to Rotary? (Q78--2010)

#79--Who introduced Rotary to the 4 Way Test (Q79--Herbert Taylor (during Great Depression))

#80--In what year was the 4 Way Test officially adopted by Rotary as its standard of ethics (Q80--1942)

#81--In Rotary acronyms, what does "DDF" stand for (Q81--District Designated Fund)

#82--What funds are available in the "DDF" (Q82--The 50% of a District's contribution to the Foundation available for use in its programs in a given year.)

#83--From what two words is the term "PROBUS" derived? (Q83--Professional and Business)

#84--How many PROBUS Clubs are there currently in our Rotary District? (Q84--151)

#85--What is the District Leadership Plan? (Q85--Organizational structure and defined responsibilities of District Officials and Committees)

#86--What is the Polio Plus Partners Program? (Q86--A program to raise funds for specific committees and projects in Polio areas)

#87--What are "Rotary Action Groups"? (Q87--Global groups of Rotarians working together on a common service project.)

#88--Where did the idea for the name of "Rotary" come from? (Q88--The first members rotated their meeting places around the offices of members)

#89--What are the three main international meetings of Rotary? (Q89--The RI Convention, The International Assembly, and the Council for Legislation?)

#90--What is the Rotary "Council for Legislation"? (Q90--The Rotary "Parliament" - the body that makes changes to Rotary constitutions and by-laws.)

#91--How often, where and when is the Rotary "Council for Legislation" held? (Q91--Every 3 years in April near Rotary Headquarters)

#92--What is the Rotary "International Assembly"? (Q92--An event to educate, motivate and inspire District Governors-elect and their spouses)

#93--Where and when is the Rotary "International Assembly" held? (Q93--Annually, in Middle January, currently in San Diego, California)

#94--What is the Rotary International Convention? (Q94--An event to educate, motivate and inspire Rotarians from around the world.)

#95--How often, where and when is the Rotary "International Convention" held? (Q95--Annually, April to June in a Major World City)

#96--How is the "Council on Legislation" paid for? (Q96--\$1.00 from every Rotarian's annual dues pays for the Rotary Council on Legislation)

#97--What are the current Rotary Attendance Guidelines? (Q97--Attend 50% of meetings each half year)

#98--How long must a Rotarian attend a meeting for it to count as attendance? (Q98--60% of the total meeting time)

#99--What is the Rotary Leadership Institute-RLI? (Q99--A program for training Rotarians in leadership skills and Rotary knowledge)

#100--What percentage of Rotarians is estimated to have never proposed a new member? (Q100--90% (2010))

#101--What is the "Family of Rotary"? (Q101--Includes relatives of Rotarians. RF alumni, Youth exchange participants, Members and past members of Rotaract, members of Global networking groups, (friends of Rotary)

#102--What Rotary program is called ROTEX? (Q102--Gatherings of past youth exchange participants)

#103--What is the Rotary Friendship Exchange? (Q103--An international exchange program between Rotarians and their families.)

#104--What are the 8 criteria for a "Functioning Rotary Club"- Give 3? (Q104--1. Pays its dues/ 2. Meets Regularly/ 3. Members subscribe to an official Rotary magazine/ 4. Has service projects/ 5. Receives the DG/ 6. Maintains insurance/ 7. Is consistent with R.I./ 8. Resolves disputes)

#105--When is a Rotary club declared to be "Non Functioning"? (Q105--When it ceases to meet any one of the criteria for a Functioning Rotary Club.)

#106--What 4 criteria define an "Effective Rotary Club"?-Give 2? (Q106--1. Sustains & increases membership/ 2. Implements successful projects/ 3. Supports the Rotary Foundation financially and in its programs/ 4. Develops leaders capable of serving beyond club level)

#107--What is the fourth question of the four way test? (Q107--Will it be beneficial to all concerned?)

#108--What are the qualifications for Rotary membership? (Q108--1. Hold, or be retired from a business, profession, or community service/ 2. Demonstrate a commitment to service/ 3. Live or work in the area defined by the club/ 4. Be able to meet the attendance requirements.)

#109--What is the current focus of the Rotary month of September? (Q109—Education and Literacy)

#110--What Rotary month focusses on Vocational service? (Q110—January)

#111--What is the Rotary Community Corps? (Q111—Groups of Non Rotarians who want to work to improve the world)

#112--What is the focus of the Rotary month of November? (Q112--Rotary Foundation Month)

#113--What is the Rotary Volunteers program? (Q113--An opportunity for Rotarians and others to use their expertise on Rotary projects)

#114--What are Rotary Fellowships? (Q114--International groups of Rotarians & spouses who join together to pursue common recreational or vocational interests)

#115—The First Object of Rotary encourages and fosters what? (Q115—The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service)

#116--What month is known as Rotary Youth Service month? (Q116--May)

#117--What two major types of programs are promoted by Rotary International? (Q117--Special programs and Structured Programs)

#118--What is the most important "Special" program of Rotary? (Q118--Polio Plus)

#119--Give three examples of "Structured Programs" (Q119--Interact/ Rotaract/ Rotary Community Corps/ Rotary Friendship exchange/ Rotary Volunteers/ RYLA/ World Community Service/ Youth Exchange/ Global Networking Groups)

#120--What does the second Object of Rotary encourage and foster? (name the first quality mentioned) (Q120—High ethical standards in business and professions)

#121--What are three thrusts of the current RI Strategic Plan? (Q121--Support and Strengthen clubs/  
Focus and increase humanitarian service/ enhance public image and awareness)

#122—In what year did the Rotary Council of Legislation remove the provision that Rotary was for males only? (Q122--1989)