



What *actually* is Rotaract?

Rotaract is a global organisation that empowers students and young professionals to create **positive change** in their local communities and around the world. Rotaract provides unique opportunities that assist its members in becoming the business and professional leaders of tomorrow.

Sponsored by Rotary International, Rotaract Clubs across world are part of a worldwide organisation of 210,000 individuals in 9,100 clubs covering 170 countries. Rotaract club of Grand Cayman is community based, and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise. We are true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary.

Members engage in a wide range of activities including social, professional and community events. Rotaract Clubs are more than just community service groups. Each club is part of a global effort to bring peace and international understanding to the world. This effort starts at the community level, but it knows no limits in its outreach.

All Rotaract efforts begin at the local, grassroots level, with members addressing their communities' physical and social needs while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service.

Goal of Rotaract

Rotaract has six goals:

1. Develop professional and leadership skills
2. Emphasise respect for the rights of others, based on recognition of the worth of each individual
3. Recognise the dignity and value of all useful occupations as opportunities to serve
4. Recognise, practice and promote ethical standards as leadership qualities and vocational responsibilities
5. Develop knowledge and understanding of the needs, problems and opportunities in the community and worldwide
6. Provide opportunities for personal and group activities to serve the community and promote international understanding and goodwill to all people

Why join Rotaract?

Rotaract connects you to a **network** of business, professional, and community leaders to facilitate the development of your personal and professional skills. Clubs seek industry experts to share stories and guidance, invite motivational speakers to meetings, and regularly engage in workshops and training on personal growth areas including **leadership and communication**. The Cayman Islands has four Rotary Clubs and 2 Rotaract Clubs.

Through community and international service projects, Rotaractors help **improve the lives** of the people around them. The primary focus is on community service, from a couple of hours volunteering in your local area, to weeks building townships in third world countries.



Rotaract, suitable for 18 to 30 year olds, has a strong social aspect. Many clubs create awareness or fundraise through exciting **social opportunities** such as trivia night, walk-a-thons, happy hour, and different fun events. Meetings are regularly held at a convenient and casual place, making for a great environment to meet like minded people.

National and international Rotaract conferences allow you to:

- Share ideas and develop a global perspective
- Enhance your professional and leadership skills
- Network with young people from around the world
- Experience local customs
- Visit cultural attractions
- Meet other passionate young people united in their vision for a better world

Check out <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotaract> for more info about Rotaract

Who is Rotaract?

Rotaract is a program of Rotary International. Rotary has **1.2 million members** worldwide, in 34,000 Rotary Clubs.

PolioPlus, the most ambitious program in Rotary's history, is the volunteer arm of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. For more than 25 years, Rotary has led the private sector in the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. Today, PolioPlus and its role in the initiative is recognized worldwide as a model of public-private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal.

- To date, Rotary has contributed more than **US\$1 billion**.
- Rotary's leadership, beginning in 1985, inspired the World Health Assembly to pass a resolution to eradicate polio, which paved the way for the formation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988.

Polio is:

- A **crippling and potentially fatal** infectious disease, polio (poliomyelitis) still strikes children mainly under the age of five in countries in Asia and Africa.
- Polio can cause paralysis and sometimes death. Because there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention. For as little as **US\$0.60** worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.
- It can cause paralysis within hours, and polio paralysis is almost always irreversible.
- In the most severe cases, polio attacks the motor neurons of the brain stem, causing breathing difficulty or even death.
- Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability.

If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of the disease. More than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalize on its US\$9 billion global investment in eradication.

In 2013, only 3 polio-ridden countries remain. Rotary has rid the world of 99.9% of polio. **We are this close.**