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Rotary Fellowships
2016 Annual Report

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Introduction

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, Rotarians' family members, program participants and alumni who:

- Share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions
- Further their vocational development with others in the same profession or field
- Enhance their Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world

Every year fellowships submit a report of activities to Rotary International. The following report summarizes each fellowship's reported membership statistics and key activities during Rotary year 2015-16.

Additional information about fellowships can be found online, www.rotary.org/fellowships.

Rotary Fellowships at a Glance

Historical Background

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians; this fellowship now boasts the longest continuous existence. The scope of Rotary Fellowships has greatly changed over the years, but today their purpose is still to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favorite recreational or professional activities.

Membership

In 2015-16, 68 fellowships reported a combined membership of 50,703 people in more than 180 countries worldwide. The average size for each Fellowship is 746 members. Rotary Fellowships have experienced a significant growth in membership over the past year as the combined reported membership increased by 25%. As of October 2016, 30 fellowships (44% of all fellowships) charged no membership dues. For those fellowship that charged dues, the average annual membership cost was US\$31 and average lifetime membership cost was US\$137. Rotary Fellowships reported a combined income of US\$ 229,618 and a combined expenditure of US\$ 225,410. The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians reported the highest revenue with US\$47,169 and the highest expenditure with US\$60,537.

Recent updates

In 2015-16, the RI Rotary Fellowships Committee recognized seven new Rotary Fellowships:

- International Fellowship of Rotarian Educators
- 4 X 4 International Fellowship for Rotarians
- International Fellowship of Rowing Rotarians

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- Rotary on Pins Fellowship
- Table Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians
- Ethics Fellowship of Rotarians

As of December 2016, the 2016-17 Global networking Groups Committee has recognized five new Rotary Fellowships:

- International Fellowship of Draughts Playing Rotarians
- Whisk(e)y Drinking Rotarians and Members
- Russian Culture Worldwide Rotarian Fellowship
- International Fellowship of Rotarian Military Veterans
- Fellowship of Rotarian Genealogists

The General Secretary reinstated the *International Fellowship of Shooting Sport Rotarians* and the *Fellowship of Bowling Rotarians* after a year of hiatus.

For a current list of Rotary Fellowships, visit www.rotary.org/fellowships.

Rotary Fellowships' Annual Reports

4X4 International Fellowship for Rotarians

Topic of Interest: Outdoor exploration in 4x4 vehicles

Membership Data for 2015-16: 53 members in 11 countries

Membership Dues:

Highlights from 2015-16

4x4 launched the fellowship at the Seoul Convention. They interacted with hundreds of Rotarians from around the world and 157 of those signed up for the Fellowship. The launch and trip was published in Rotary Africa.

Some of the members went on various separate 4x4 trips.

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International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR)

Topic of Interest: amateur radio operation

Membership Data for 2015-16: 415 members in 30 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

Inspired by the 110th anniversary activities celebrating Rotary, an IFROAR member from District 1450 (Frank Garblemann) applied for the special Danish call sign OUoPOLIO. Since 1 January, 2015 Frank and his helpers have conducted over 6,000 contacts with 90 countries and they have received 18,674 look-ups of OUoPOLIO on qrz.com. Frank's District is 1450 and they have been very positive in supporting his initiative to use HAM radio to spread the message about polio eradication, to make others aware of the goals of Rotary as an organization and to "stir up an interest" for people to join a Rotary club. Many thanks to District 1450's PR and Membership Development team who approved this initiative and funded 5,000 QSL cards (contact acknowledgement cards).

Last year in September, Frank also had the opportunity to address his District Conference and he showed a video of their OUoPOLIO work. This gave firsthand insight into the fellowship's activities, and surprisingly, helped a few to remember HAM communication before cell phones.

In October 2015, the OUoPOLIO team met at the Interradio HAM exhibition in Germany. One of their goals was to make other HAMs aware of the Polio special call sign and to generate interest. An article was published in the German CQDL magazine in February 2016. The OUoPOLIO team also sold the Rotary crocus for fundraising (<http://www.rotarycrocus.com>).

Members also engaged in on-line discussions to pursue international communications during the current period of poor radio propagation (due to lower Solar activity). The outcome of these discussions is expected to strengthen the Fellowship and to make it more attractive to new and younger members.

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Antique, Classic and Historic Automobile World Fellowship of Rotarians

Topics of Interest: ownership, restoration, preservation, or enjoyment of antique, classic, and historic automobiles

Membership Data for 2015-16: 28 members in 12 countries

Membership Dues: US\$250 annual; US\$67.80 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

ACHAFR organized rallies and tours, such as the Europe Tour 2016. This year the tour was held in Italy with 50 vintage cars and 100 participating Rotarians from the Netherlands 32, UK 28, Germany 18, Italy 12, France 4 and Sweden 2.

ACHAFR held the Meeting of the new Board in Amsterdam and the Annual General Meeting in Brescia on June 11, 2016. They developed a completely new website, which substantially increased attraction.

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Rotarians' International Fellowship of Authors and Writers

Topic of Interest: writing

Membership Data for 2015-16: 48members in 11 countries

Membership Dues: No annual dues, No lifetime.

Highlights from 2015-16

There continues to be interest in the Fellowship through its LinkedIN page, however, the Fellowship has struggled keeping members engaged as they rarely contribute to the discussions. The chair surveyed the members for their input on improving the Fellowship but only received limited number of responses. The Fellowship is in touch with the RI staff to develop strategies to revitalize the group. The Fellowship will form a closed Facebook group this year to provide a comfortable environment for discussions and to encourage critiques on members' or other authors' work.

Despite the challenges encountered, the Fellowship still experienced growth in its membership in the past year.

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Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide Fellowship (BREW)

Topic of Interest: consumption of beer and the fellowship that it generates

Membership Data for 2015-16: 452 members in 52 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

Apart from the Annual General Meeting at the Seoul, Korea Convention, BREW had a wonderful Night-Out at the Devel's Door Brewery/Bar.

Local BREW Groupings had several events and tours, were hosted by the Largest Brewery in Ghana (toured the facility and had a feast with management).

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International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians (IFBR)

Topic of Interest: birdwatching

Membership Data for 2015-16: 50 members in 11 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual; US \$60 for 5 years

Highlights from 2015-16

The day after the Rotary International Convention ended, the members of IFBR came together for a local bird walk. Robert Newlin, author of *Korea Through Her Birds*, was able to join them as they toured Shirip University in Seoul, South Korea. At the end of the walk, the Fellowship presented Newlin with a US\$100 donation which will aid in his efforts to rescue and rehabilitate endangered waterbirds, shorebirds, and seabirds.

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Fellowship of Bowling Rotarians (FBR)

Topic of interest: To serve as a Fellowship of bowling participants and fans of worldwide.

Membership Data for 2015-16: 34 members in 7 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

Since their start in February of 2014, the FBR has spread into 7 countries and 8 districts. This past year they held an annual bowling tournament for all members.

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International Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians (IFCR)

Topics of interest: canoeing, sea kayaking, outrigger canoeing, dragon boating, and rafting

Membership Data for 2015-16: 146 members in 20 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

The IFCR members actively use the group's Facebook page to share their paddling activities.

The chair attended the International Convention in Seoul.

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International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR)

Topic of interest: use of recreational vehicles at organized events

Membership Data for 2015-16: 870 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

ICFR held a rally every month from March to November. The two biggest rallies were in May (Newark) and September, where over 150 members attended

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International Chess Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR)

Topic of interest: chess

Membership Data for 2015-16: 40 members in 14 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

ICFR played a series of Quad tournaments in a Round Robin format, and encouraged chess activities in schools sponsored by the Rotary Club of Point Fortin of District 7030

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International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians (ICUFR)

Topic of interest: using electronic communication to serve, share, and enjoy fellowship

Membership Data for 2015-16: 818 members in 92 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

During the 2015-16 Rotary Year, ICUFR continued updating member details and real time recording member activities. Online membership activity is recorded and the data is used to study the Engagement patterns of members to plan activities accordingly.

ICUFR shared a booth with seven other Fellowships at the RIBI Convention in the UK, April 2016. They distributed a flyer from this booth that has generated some inquiries for membership. In June 2016, ICUFR conducted an online Annual General Meeting on the webforum, which was attended by many members.

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Convention Goers (CGF)

Topic of interest: promoting attendance at RI Conventions as a means toward fulfilling the Object of Rotary, which begins with the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service

Membership Data for 2015-16: 409 members in 41 countries

Membership Dues: US\$50 annual; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

While at the Seoul International Convention, the CGF hosted their Annual Reunion Dinner. There were over 92 guests in attendance, including their founder and permanent, honorary chairman. This is a favorite event for many members as it allows them to reconnect with old friendships and form new ones for the many conventions to come to come.

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Rotarian Fellowship of Corporate Social Responsibility (RFCSR)

Topic of interest: Supports organizations, either private or public, in achieving the main social responsibility objectives, such as accountability, transparency, and ethics.

Membership Data for 2015-16: 37 members in 11 countries

Membership Dues: US\$30 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

Since their founding this past April, the RFCSR has been continuously working to build their membership. Outside of creating a Rotary-approved logo and email address, the fellowship has been active on various social media platforms like LinkedIn and Facebook.

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International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians (IFCR)

Topic of interest: playing cricket

Membership Data for 2015-16: 1200 members in 12 countries

Membership Dues: varies by country

Highlights from 2015-16

IFCR held a gathering in Kochi, India in February of 2016. Additionally, the Fellowship has seen an increase in new chapters inaugurated in India.

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Fellowship of Cruising Rotarians

Topic of interest: A social media based fellowship for Rotarians who are interested in pleasure cruising

Membership Data for 2015-16: 207 members in 11 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

The Fellowship continued to expand its membership at around one new member a week. Fellowship members are encouraged to establish contact with other members prior to a cruise and initiate a Rotary meeting on board the cruise. This is now a regular occurrence and members are encouraged to post photos on the Facebook page to be included in the monthly newsletter.

For the second year, the fellowship has held its Annual General Meeting using online conference platforms, proving to be a great success.

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International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic: the sport of curling

Membership Data for 2015-16: 400 members in 4 countries.

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

The last meeting of the Fellowship as a whole was at the Curling World Championships in Aberdeen.

Various competitions are taking place in Eastern Canada, Western Canada and in Scotland to choose teams that will meet for the next World Championship in Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada in April 2016.

ICurFR's Biennial World Curling Championships was hosted in Grande Prairie, Alberta Canada 2-8 April, 2016. There were two divisions: the Championship Division and the Friendship Division. The Championship Division had ten teams and the Friendship had eight. Mayor Bill Given spoke and talked about his exchange student experience, became the President of a Rotaract club, then a Rotarian, all before becoming Mayor. The President turned over the presidency to Vernon Boyd for 2016-18. For Rolf Mkeen's 26 years of service to the Fellowship he was appointed Honorary President and a new trophy 'The Rolf MacKeen Fellowship Award' was established in his honor. The award is voted on by the curlers and awarded to the curler who best contributed to the fellowship enjoyed by all during the week. In Grande Prairie, the winner of the Rolf Mkeen Award was Vernon Boyd.

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Fellowship Cycling to Serve

Topics of interest: cycling and service activities

Membership Data for 2015-16: 300 members in 16 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual, No lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

Former President Niko Endres died in March 2016 in a car accident. Jean-Luc Berger, from France, was elected during the Annual Assembly, held in Diemelsee (Germany) in May 2016. During that period, the Fellowship inaugurated a new chapter in Sri Lanka. Additionally, the Fellowship organized its annual main events. World Championships was organized in Nimes (France) in August 2015 where the Fellowship raised donations for local youth organization and polio. The Fellowship also participated in a four-day cycling event in Diemelsee (Germany) in May 2016 where it raised donations for local school organizations.

Members of the Fellowship participated in a Team Rotary Race Across America Polio and raised millions of dollars in June. A national chapter is under way in New Zealand with 30 members. A new chapter is also pending in Spain Connections in Poland.

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors

Topic of interest: networking with health professionals and carrying out service activities

Membership Data for 2015-16: 243 members in 47 countries

Membership Dues: No annual; US\$120 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

Fellowship Activities at the Seoul Convention:

- **VISIT TO GURO HOSPITAL IN SEOUL.** The Fellowship visited The Korea University Guro Hospital, which is one of the most eminent medical institutions in Korea. The Fellowship met some of the staff and shared ideas about palliative care before visiting the palliative care unit. The Fellowship was most impressed by the holistic nature of care offered.
- **FELLOWSHIP BOOTH.** The booth in the House of Friendship was a busy hub for old friends to meet and for members to make new friends. The new banners and information told the story of a Fellowship, which one person described as ‘the one with substance’. There was a genuine interest to explore how the Fellowship may bring about a mature discussion within Rotary about ‘asking the tough questions’. The Albino project in Tanzania where Rotary is bringing together two communities was a genuine talking point. The Fellowship enrolled many new members and many have gone back to their clubs with a positive impression.
- **ANNUAL MEETING.** The annual meeting was used to share the experiences of the members. The amount of time and effort members invest in bringing their vocation into Rotary and to make a difference to people’s lives is immeasurable.
- **ANNUAL DINNER.** The Fellowship was able to book a charming traditional Korean restaurant. Transporting 45 medics and friends from Kintex to the restaurant was challenging but the warmth of the reception by the owners and staff of the restaurant made it well worth it. The experience added hilarity to the evening. The Fellowship is growing to be one without borders, the bond between members is strengthening, and the collective energy and skills are beyond measure.

Other Activities in 2015-16:

- **PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE IN CANNES.** Chairman John Philip was invited to attend the RI presidential conference on Disease Prevention and Treatment in Cannes to represent the Fellowship. He delivered a presentation about the Fellowship, which was well received.
- **ROTARY IN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND (RIBI) RECOGNITION.** John Philip was chosen by RIBI as the ‘International Man of the Year’ in recognition of his work - mainly

through the Fellowship. There was an excellent article in the 'Rotary Today' magazine distributed to all RIBI members.

- **PEOPLE WITH ALBINISM.** The Rotary Foundation has granted about a US\$120,000 for a project in the Lake Victoria Zone of Tanzania to help improve the lives of the very persecuted Albino community in that area.
- **CALMED.** As well as the established Calmed program, other Global Grant programs have made good progress in various states of India.
- **TELEMEDICINE.** For the foreseeable future there will be a shortage of medical specialists, the main impact of which will be felt in developing countries, especially in rural areas. However, the availability of internet now opens the scope for an exciting way to provide expert advice to medical colleagues anywhere in the world. Telemedicine is the future and the fellowship is supporting the Global offsite care which provides Telemedicine links to hospitals.
- **END OF LIFE CARE.** Board member Jeremy Johnson and Vice Chair John Dugaw have expertise in providing end of life care. They believe that Rotary potentially has a significant role to play world-wide in support of good Palliative care (not just for Cancer patients) and addressing End of Life issues. Doctors in Rotary could take the lead in their own Rotary Clubs by beginning to de-mystify the dying process in conversations and help people to think about writing down the answers to some basic questions like where they would like to die (home/hospital), do they want to be resuscitated if they have a coronary incident etc. John was hoping to produce a leaflet about this (Dying Well) which would be e-mailed out to all members to help them start these conversations in their clubs and he would welcome feedback and comments to help move the process along.
- **AROGYA FOUNDATION IFRD.** Vice Chair Dr Kusum Chopra is involved in extending health education to very remote villages in India through the 'Arogya Foundation'. This Foundation has set up 55,000 'single teacher' schools all over India.
- **PROJECT PEANUT BUTTER IFRD.** Member Dennis Spurgin has developed a now universally recognized cure for malnutrition –from Peanut butter. It is simple to produce and very cost effective. He has recently been able to produce the nutritional supplement in Sierra Leone and most of the supply is being bought by UNICEF. Dennis is wanting to expand production (US 79000) so that the supplement can be made available to the whole of Sierra Leone. Production began in Sierra Leone before the Ebola Crisis. He has received a US 175,000 grant from Hitachi to buy transport for the distribution of the peanut butter.
- **RAISING THE PROFILE OF MENTAL ILLNESS.** Dr. Geetha Jayram (last year's recipient of RI'S Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award) is networking with other IFRD members to raise the profile of mental illness.
- **GLOBAL SIGHT SOLUTIONS.** John Miles has been involved with for many years with local Rotary Clubs to identify treatment centers to offer treatment and care for those with severe eye problems and to prevent blindness where possible. The project has worked extremely well in India and John is now looking at developing centers in East and West Africa. Local

communities must provide and maintain the physical facilities – Specialist Eye Surgeons donate their time to train and supervise local doctors, and provide the specialist equipment.

- **KAGONDO HOSPITAL IN TANZANIA.** Board member Wend Schaefer has been supporting Kagondo St. Joseph Hospital in North West Tanzania in making it the leading center in the area for the treatment of Orthopedic and traumatic conditions. The hospital has now trained staff in the theatre and the wards are cleaner and more efficient than they have ever been. Consequently, staff morale is very high. The hospital has established a Jaipur Prosthetic center. Wend's latest support for the hospital is the construction of a rain water harvesting system with the help of Rotary in Bukoba and in the US.

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Doll Lovers Fellowship

Topic of interest: dolls as a symbol of international culture and friendship

Membership Data for 2013-14: 200 members in 100 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

This past year, the Fellowship has motivated citizens to make the city clean and green. To promote this, the Fellowship dressed a few children similarly to the way international dolls were dressed. The program was scheduled from 5am in the morning and more than 30,000 people participated, demonstrating good PR of Rotary.

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Rotarian E-Club Fellowship (REF)

Topic of interest: sharing e-club resources and knowledge

Membership Data for 2015-16: 682 members in 61 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

Using Zoom Video Conference technology and the FB Group “REF Lounge & Café”, the Fellowship encourages members to engage with each other and to have interesting speakers at their clubs. Also, to collaborate with each other around the world, the Fellowship had members visit clubs at charter events and speak at training events. It is exciting that all members are able to share and engage in good news stories throughout the world. The Fellowship has also started to reach out to some traditional clubs too who wish to expand their horizons.

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Fellowship of Rotarian Editors and Publishers (IFREP)

Topic of interest: enabling Rotarian editors and publishers to share knowledge

Membership Data for 2015-16: 13,320 members in 150 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

The group added thousands of members, Administrators and a Vice Chairman. The amazing growth has not stopped. They have gone from 150 to 13,320 in less than 5 years.

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Educators

Topic of interest: education, training and development

Membership Data for 2015-16: 30 members in 8 countries

Membership Dues: \$20 annual, \$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

The group is still in the process of getting enough members to have working committees. They have made an application to have a booth in the House of Friendship at the next Rotary International Convention next June in Atlanta.

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Environment Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: environmental concerns and related service activities

Membership Data for 2015-16: 3,128 members in 98 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

EFR continued to recruit Rotarians and Rotaractors to build together an Environment of Peace and Sustainable Development. Active contact between members, especially regarding the preparation of new Rotarian Action Groups, focused on their environmental specialties.

The group saw participation at the annual Rotary gathering at the UN headquarters in NYC/USA.

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Esperanto World Fellowship of Rotarians (RADE)

Topic of interest: using and sustaining the language Esperanto

Membership Data for 2015-16: 120 members in 15 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

In September 2015, Brazilian members of RADE provided the logistic structure in the property of an Esperanto ecological farm for the annual meeting of the Youth exchange members of district 4530 in Brazil.

Longtime RADE member Joao Otávio Veiga Rodrigues was elected governor of the Brazilian District 4560 in State Minas Gerais.

RADE worked closely during the year with three projects organized by the Rotary E-Club of Esperanto, in the Italian District 2050: an interclub (Brazil, Italy) agricultural project, for agro-ecological farming in Brazil, nutrition security, water protection for young people in new settlements.

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International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians

Topics of interest: fishing and conservation of fisheries

Membership Data for 2015-16: 650 members in 40 countries

Membership Dues: No annual

Highlights from 2015-16

The Facebook group gives members a social medium to provide fishing tips, promote clubs and fellowship chapters fishing tournaments, exchange fishing invitations and publish comments and photographs associated with all the preceding.

The Fellowship also bought a new website for its members.

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International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR)

Topic of interest: aviation

Membership Data for 2015-16: 1066 members in 40 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

IFFR held a tour in Minnesota as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the fellowship.

There were numerous fly-ins held over several weekends throughout Europe, the US, Australia and New Zealand.

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International Go Playing Fellowship of Rotarians (GPFR)

Topic of interest: playing Go, a strategic board game

Membership Data for 2015-16: 279 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$2,000.00 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

GPFR considered publishing newsletter of English version in future.

The group has been working together to open a booth in Rotary International Convention every year. They held an International Tournament of GPFR every year around Japan -> Taiwan -> Korea.

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International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians (IGFR)

Topic of interest: golfing

Membership Data for 2015-16: 963 members in 61 countries

Membership Dues: US\$30 annual; US\$230 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

In January, the Presidency of IGFR changed from Oemer Yalkin -Turkey to Gerhard Resch - Austria for the next 3 years. IGFR International remained the supreme body of the various IGFR structures on a national and a regional level.

2016 was similar to 2015 with regard to membership. It was increasingly difficult to recruit mainly younger Rotarian golfers who give priority preferably to their family and job. The younger good players give preference to engagements in tournaments in their respective clubs, before IGFR. Yet, with good IGFR country managers the group should be in a position to reverse the situation and be able to increase membership.

The group has now reached now approximately 74% Lifetime membership and should reach in some years from now over 80%. A competition was introduced to stimulate the various nations to increase participations.

In April 2016, the group's Italian friends organized the European Championship very well with some 168 participants in the GC Donnafugata, Sicily/Italy.

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World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets

Topic of interest: the preparation and enjoyment of fine foods from around the world

Membership Data for 2015-16: 150 members in 3 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10-\$30 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

The members of the WFRG met many times throughout the year to share new recipes and exchange cooking tips. The fellowship added about 20 new members.

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International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: promoting home exchange amongst Rotarians as an opportunity for fellowship and service.

Membership Data for 2015-16: 39 members in 11 countries

Membership Dues: US\$45 for 1 year; \$70 for 2 years; \$125 for 3 years

Highlights from 2015-16

The Fellowship continues to offer Rotarians the chance to exchange homes with each other, and continues to rebuild from losing its website partner.

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Honorary Consuls' Fellowship of Rotarians (HCFR)

Topic of interest: building international understanding, goodwill and peace while promoting the best in Honorary Consuls' experience

Membership Data for 2015-16: 220 members in 70 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16:

Throughout this past Rotary year we've kept in proactive contact with our global membership living in and representing at least 70 countries. PDG Ashok R. Mirchandani and PDG Aziz Menon both generously distributed the news about polio eradication and led the present last battle to eradicate polio completely.

Aware of the global situation and need for Ethics, HCFR has kept proactively supporting the creation of the Ethics Fellowship of Rotarians that has just been officially admitted into RI.

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Rotarian Fellowship of Touring Horseback Riders

Topic of interest: horseback riding

Membership Data for 2015-16: 28 members in 5 countries

Membership Dues: US\$50 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

The group held a Horse riding week at Avenches Switzerland in September and a General Assembly in January.

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Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI)

Topic of interest: applying information technology to enhance Rotary service, fellowship and knowledge

Membership Data for 2015-16: 2,267 members in 99 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

In 2016, there was a Gathering of several ROTIans (members of Rotarians On The Internet) in Seoul, Korea, for the RI Convention. At the convention, there was an appearance by PRIP Matt Caparas (first Filipino RI Convention) who welcomed the present Chair.

In 2016, ROTI created the ROTI Board from eleven countries and a newly designed website by Chris Sweeney of Wales (roti.org)

The group awarded the ROTIAN of the Year (an annual event).

ROTI also arranged for a booth at the Atlanta 2017 Convention and arranged for 35 rooms in the Atlanta Hotel.

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Italian Culture Worldwide Rotarian Fellowship (ICWRF)

Topic of interest: appreciation of Italian culture

Membership Data for 2015-16: 123 members in 6 countries

Membership Dues: US 15 euro annually

Highlights from 2015-16

The group chartered three new teams in London (United Kingdom), Tirana (Albania), and Italy South East, based in the city of Bari.

- In February 2016, Corrado Perrone (incoming international president) was in Tirana, where he chartered the new Albanian Team.
- In May 2016, Franco Clemente (international president) and Corrado Perrone (incoming international president) were in London, where they chartered the new UK Team. The meeting was attended not only by all the British members of the new Team, but also by Antonio Ascione (Italy south West Team), Antonino Fischetti and Maurizio Polselli of the Albanian Team, by Jane Hammond of the RIBA Magazine, and by the Albanian Consul in London.
- In July 2016 a meeting of the Italian Teams was held in Naples. During the meeting the new Italy South East Team was chartered.
- At the beginning of September 2016 in Naples, the ceremony of the handover between Franco Clemente and Corrado Perrone – the outgoing and the incoming international presidents of ICWRF - was held and attended by 21 Fellowship members from the Italian Team, by Antonino Fischetti of the Tirana Team, and by Michele Porfido of the London Team.
- Finally, at the end of September 2016 the London Team visited the city of Naples and was welcomed by the fellows of Italy South West – Naples Team.

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Rotarian Jazz Fellowship

Topic of interest: jazz music

Membership Data for 2015-16: 112 members in 5 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

- Preparation for hosting 60 young musicians including teachers planned to come over mid 2016 for two weeks to play with 60 German young musicians to improve mutually in (Jazz) music (International Rotary Jazz 'n Youth Exchange
- Further establishment of Rotary Jazz Band (Rotary Jazztett): group of six Rotarians playing on nearly professional level Jazz for (benefit) concerts
- Concerts of Rotary Jazztett(e.g. at German Rotary District conferences)
- Organization of concert with Mr. Jonas Röser & Friends in Düsseldorf, Germany
- Release of Christmas Winter-Jazz CD (purchasable via homepage Rotary Jazz)
- Support of young Jazz Band 'Filou'(founding of CD/ DVD, Organisation of gigs)
- Organization of concerts to be held in 2016
- Development of ideas/ frame for supportung Rotary World Convention in 2019, Hamburg (Germany)

After having had several events last year, this year was used for relining and further attempts of internationalisation of Rotary Jazz . Especially since hundreds of thousand of refugees coming to Germany, a couple of months concerts of Rotary Jazz are in planing to make them more comfortable for at least an evening.

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Rotarians for the Advancement of Latin Culture

Topic of interest: the appreciation of Latin cultures and languages

Membership Data for 2015-16: 360 members in 23 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

This past year, the fellowship utilized various social media platforms to exchange ideas, fellowships, and cultures between members.

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Rotarian Lawyers Fellowship (RLF)

Topic of interest: the vocation of law

Membership Data for 2015-16: 150 members in 11 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

The group continued to connect Rotarian lawyers around the world.

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Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians

Topic of interest: the performance of magic tricks as a vocation and as a hobby

Membership Data for 2015-16: 19 members in 6 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

The Chairman attended the 2016 Rotary Convention and was the only person helping staff the General Fellowships Booth. The group formed a committee to plan and implement 2017 convention activities.

The Chairman performed on the Great Wall of China as well as at the RI Convention, visiting several other fellowships, and presenting unique magic that promoted Rotary.

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International Fellowship of Magna Graecia

Topic of interest: historical study of the Greek, Roman, and Italian roots of modern culture

Membership Data for 2015-16: 90 members in 8 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

On September 10, in Torre del Greco, Chairman Casale joined a ceremony with a group of Fellowship members of the “Leopardi Literary Prize La Ginestra” (The Broom) – set up by the local Rotary Club to honor Prof. Gilberto Lonardi, a scholar of international renown on Giacomo Leopardi, the second greatest Italian poet of all time.

A Meeting at the “Yacht Club Marina di Stabia”, organized by the local Rotary Club, was held on November 27. It dealt with the Rotarian program “Youth Exchange”, and was attended by a group of members led by Chairman Casale.

The social year closed on June 12, 2016, with the participation in Pompeii of a theatre piece aimed at collecting funds for “End Polio Now”, the Rotary Foundation program “Polioplus”.

On October 27, the group went on a bicycle excursion to the Cumae woodland, followed by a tour of archaeological excavations of Cumae Greek polis.

In a combined operation, the “First Magna Graecia Bike Tour Meeting” involved both the Fellowship and the “Greencycle” team and took to the road on 2 to 4 June 2016. The first day of the archaeological and oenogastronomical itinerary started from Maratea, on the Basilicata Region seashore, and moved to Sapri and Policastro on the southernmost coast of Campania. On the second day, after visiting the Elea excavations at Velia, the party mounted on their bicycles, pedaling all the way to Battipaglia via Casalvelino, Pioppi, Acciaroli, Agnone, Ogliastro, San Marco di Castellabate, Agropoli and Paestum. The third day, the party rode around the ramparts of Paestum and ancient Capaccio (Paestum a district of Capaccio city) under the leadership of prof. Mario Mello – then cycled to Salerno along the seaside road.

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International Fellowship of Marathon Running Rotarians (IMFR)

Topic of interest: marathon running

Membership Data for 2015-16: 209 members in 24 countries

Membership Dues: No annual dues; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

From October 7-9th, about UNFR members met in Budapest, Hungary to participate in the Budapest Marathon Festival. The weekend included a little of everything from dinner cruises to multi-lingual city tours. Part of the program was also dedicated to transferring power to the new president, Kester Baines.

The 2017 fellowship will meet in Ljubljana, Slovenija and in 2018 it will be in New Zealand.

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International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

Topic of interest: motorcycle riding

Membership Data for 2015-16: 2200 members in 24 countries

Membership Dues: Varies by chapter \$0-\$80

Highlights from 2015-16

The Election process for the International executive positions of President and Secretary were accepted, allowing for all Chapters to nominate a candidate and vote on the positions for 3 year terms. A new Secretary was elected this year with only one candidate nominated. This was the first time that an Australian member was elected for an executive position since the foundation of the fellowship in Australia. There was also an agreement made that International would sanction the World Ride to encourage members to participate rather than allowing for Chapter to compete for attendees and thus reduce the concentration of members.

Each Chapter continues to organize major rides within their locality and promote them through their website by posting them on the international website. Individual Chapters raise funds as they see fit and donate to worthy causes, e.g. Australia donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service from proceeds of its BIG RIDE and has been contributing to the Rotary Foundation by awarding PHFs.

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians (IFRM)

Topic of interest: singing and musical activities

Membership Data for 2015-16: 446 members in 43 countries

Membership Dues: US\$35 for 3 years; US\$200 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

The IFRM Board of Directors honored Samanvitha Sharma with the coveted IFRM Golden Clef Award. Nominated by IFRM Chapter 3190 (Bangalore, India), Samanvitha has headlined many IFRM 3190 events for the past six years. In a short span of seven years, she has emerged as one of the leading singers in Karnataka. She is a popular face in regional TV as a singer, anchor and dancer. She has given innumerable shows in India as well as in the United States and Canada. IFRM awards The Golden Clef Award to a non-Rotarian who has made a significant contribution “in service above self through music”. The recipient is honored with a Paul Harris Award, an honorary membership in IFRM, and an engraved plaque.

This past year saw a surge in membership in two geographical areas: India and the Philippines. A variety of musical activities draws in new members, which include jam sessions at RC luncheons, karaoke nights, ticketed events, overnight family outings, and performances at club and District events.

Twenty singers performed at RI's Interfaith Service in Seoul in the IFRM-sponsored Rotary World Choir. The Choir's rendition of the Korean folk song, Arirang, in both Korean and English, honored the Korean hosts. IFRM co-sponsored the RIBI Young Musicians Talent Competition. This annual competition gives instrumentalists and vocalists aged 11 through 17 from all over Britain and Ireland an opportunity to perform their talent. This year, 350 young musicians participated.

Lastly, the IFRM Foundation granted funds to a children's home on the Caribbean Island of Granada. The monies were used to purchase a drum kit, keyboard and guitars. Teachers from the nearby university volunteered to teach the children how to use the instruments.

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Fellowship of Old and Rare Antique Books and Prints

Topic of interest: collection and appreciation of old and rare texts

Membership Data for 2015-16: 540 members in 44 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

The group works through its web site that allows participants to submit contacts. Members of the fellowship can share rare and precious material and perform searches through www.rotaryoldbooks.org

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Fellowship of Rotarian Past District Governors (and Friends)

Topic of interest: facilitating fellowship and the exchange of ideas between past district governors

Membership Data for 2015-16: 381 members in 41 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

Over the past Rotary Year, the Fellowship held a regional reunion and an international reunion following COL.

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers

Topic of interest: photography

Membership Data for 2015-16: 163 members in 35 countries

Membership Dues: none

Highlights from 2015-16

The group has continued to share their photos on the IFRP Facebook page.

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Police/Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians (Polepfor)

Topic of interest: the vocation of police and law enforcement

Membership Data for 2015-16: 100+ members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

The group applied for the Polepfor Information Booth at Atlanta World Rotary Convention in 2017. The fellowship is also a part sponsor for the Rotary Police Officer of the Year Awards hosted by RC Sydney, November 2017.

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Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists

Topic of interest: quilting and other fabric art forms

Membership Data for 2015-16: 220 members in 13 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

The fellowship had a booth in the House of Friendship at the RI Convention in Seoul Korea. Also, members donated a variety of handmade items which were exchanged for donations of equivalent value to The Rotary Foundation Polio Fund. It was a great opportunity for members attending the convention to get to know each other, as well as, to promote fellowship, as well as meet and recruit members from around the world. This year it was estimated that the exchanged goods generated \$9,000 US in donations to polio. A very special quilt was made by the fellowship chairman Cheryl Minshew and was put on Silent Auction, where a high bid of \$1600 was donated to the Polio Fund. The quilt is now hanging in the Chojun Textile and Quilt Museum in Seoul.

It was shared in the District 7120 Newsletter that a Global Grant will be given to provide birthing kits. The project generated fun, fellowship and many phone calls.

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International Fellowship of Railroading Rotarians

Topics of interest: railroads, scale models, narrow gauge railways, as well as steam, diesel, and electric trains.

Membership Data for 2015-16: 110 members in 6 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

Membership continues to grow and members continued to stay in touch and share ideas through the quarterly newsletter, website, and online group.

The fellowship requested a booth for the 2017 Convention, and will schedule railroading tours in Atlanta.

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Recreational Vehicles Fellowship of Rotarians (RVF)

Topic of interest: use of recreational vehicles to rally and camp at scenic locations in North America

Membership Data for 2015-16: 375 members in 5 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

RVF North America had an annual rally in Kansas City 2016. The fellowship gave a donation for CPR manikins to the local Fire Department at the final dinner. They will use them to train civilians so that CPR can start the process of saving a life before emergency crews arrive. RVF Australia: Bathurst celebrated their 200th Anniversary.

RVF International contacted the German RV fellowship of Rotarians to start the process of adding them to the Fellowship. The new bylaws from Rotary International helped the group reach out to others to join the fellowship with the hope that they will learn more about Rotary and giving.

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Rotary Global History Fellowship (Internet Project)

Topic of interest: collecting and preserving the complete history, values, and philosophy of Rotary

Membership Data for 2015-16: 1,100 paid members, 81,000 free subscribers in 170 countries.

Membership Dues: US\$30 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

During the 2015-16 Rotary year Rotary Global History Fellowship continued updating the capabilities of its website to enable members to have an improved experience with their search for the History of Rotary, Zones, Districts and Clubs. The group continues to search for Clubs and Districts that have not as yet added their histories to the data base. The latest project is the accumulation, updating of the history and featuring of RI Fellowships on the group's social media sites.

The fellowship started new focus on history of the Young Professionals. RGHF hosted a booth at the IC16 in Seoul, Korea where members got a chance to renew friendships face to face.

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Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: exchanging information about Rotary heritage and history

Membership Data for 2015-16: 101 members in 8 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

The fellowship added 16 members to the RHHIF Hall of Fame. Each of these Rotarians served 50 or more years in Rotary. They represent Australia, and the US states of New Jersey, Mississippi, South Carolina, Wisconsin, and California.

The group is also considering working with the Ann Henderson Johnson center in Warm Springs, Georgia, to see if the fellowship can participate in the restoration of the polio cottages at the facility used by US President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

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Rotary Means Business Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: support the success of fellow Rotarians by doing business with them

Membership Data for 2015-16: 350 members in 25 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual; US \$75 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

The group is integrating the "District Model" more effectively into the Fellowship, and experiencing explosive growth in two areas: Florida and South America. India is just coming on line, and expected to be an area of large growth.

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Rotary on Pins Fellowship (RPF)

Topic of interest: Engage Rotary through Rotary pins. Learn about the world of Rotary history, annual themes, events, and unique aspects of Clubs, Districts, Zones and the Foundation through Rotary pins. Share collect, highlight and trade pins affiliated with Rotary.

Membership Data for 2015-16: 650 members in 45 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

Since their April start, the group has created a Facebook page which now boasts over 650 likes. The RPF also distributed their first newsletter, held their first meeting and have posted many interesting pictures of Rotary pins.

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International Fellowship of Rotary on Stamps

Topic of interest: collecting and sharing Rotary-related postage stamps

Membership Data for 2015-16: 200 members in 36 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual; US\$200 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

The group held a booth with a stamp picking table and an Annual Meeting at the Seoul Convention. Additionally, the fellowship published six bimonthly Bulletins for all members.

Throughout 2015-16, members sponsored the issue of personalized stamps for "End Polio Now" and "Presidential Themes".

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Rowing Rotarians

Topic of interest: Promotes the friendship of Rotarians around the world, who have common interest in rowing.

Membership Data for 2015-16: 33 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$22 annual

Highlights from 2015-16:

The group's first general assembly took place on 21 May 2016. Since then, they have gotten together once a week to row together in a nearby river.

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International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

Topic of interest: strengthening Rotary's connection to the scouting movement through activities, projects, and training

Membership Data for 2015-16: 1050 members in 42 countries

Membership Dues: US\$35 annual; US\$275 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16:

The IFSR continued to recognize youth with superior scouting and guiding skills in the US, Canada, and the UK. Their Cliff Dochterman award for outstanding individual service to Scouting and Rotary was awarded 35 times this past year.

The IFSR continued to meet as a group both at the Rotary International Convention, the Boy Scouts of America annual meeting, and at the World Scout Jamboree in Yamaguchi, Japan. In addition, they were well represented at the World Organization of Scouting Movement, many Rotary Zone Institute meetings and of course, at the Rotary International Convention.

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers

Topic of interest: scuba diving

Membership Data for 2015-16: 107 members in 8 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

The IFRSD organized two, separate dive trips for all of its members. At the outset of each trip, the fellowship made donations to local charities.

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International Fellowship of Shooting Sport Rotarian

Topic of interest: marksmanship and the safe handling of firearms

Membership Data for 2015-16: 50 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$25 annual; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

In April 2016 a Spring Sporting Clay Shoot was held involving the community in NE Florida. Sponsorship included local businesses, medical facilities, and individuals. Shooters of all ages came for a day of fun, fellowship, sporting clay shoot, BBQ, and raffles to raises funds for PolioPlus. The event raised over \$11,400.

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Rotarian Singles Fellowship

Topic of interest: promoting fellowship, friendship, and Rotary service among single Rotarians

Membership Data for 2015-16: 329 members in 43 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

At the Annual General Meeting, the RSF had a discussion about how to increase membership and maintain a greater presence in the Atlanta area. Additionally, they organized an all Fellowship booth at the RIBI Conference and moderated a breakout session on Fellowships.

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International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: skiing

Membership Data for 2015-16: 391 members in 11 countries

Membership Dues: US\$35 annual; US\$350 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

A great time was had by all at the annual North American ski week. Members of the ISFR were hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Whistler and Whistler Millennium in Whistler, BC, Canada from 20 February to 27 February. The week's program included a welcome reception, great skiing opportunities, home hospitality dinners hosted by local Rotarian families, wine tasting trips, shopping excursions and a final banquet- just to name a few.

Additionally, there was a European ski week event held in St. Moritz, Switzerland. In addition to skiing, club members spent time visiting art galleries and watching local performances. At the closing gala dinner, there were over 150 people present and the ISFR collected over 5000 euros for local charities.

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Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship

Topic of interest: promoting fellowship and service utilizing all the tools available on social networks

Membership Data for 2015-16: 1,600 members in 103 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

There was regular participation by Rotarians across on the world on the RSNF social network channels. Additionally, the RSNF chair, Melissa Ward, hosted many webinars throughout the year.

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International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: tennis

Membership Data for 2015-16: 1,526 members in 72 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

The main event of the ITFR was the yearly World Championship which. The 10th World Championship was held in August in San Benedetto del Tronto in Italy from 23 August to 30 August. They had 94 players from 13 countries including Italy, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, France, Germany, Paraguay, Romania, Spain, UK, and US.

As every year at the Championship, the fellowship held the ITFR Annual General Meeting /Assembly and the chair gave a report about ITFR's past activities as well as plans for next year.

Besides the World Championship, the fellowship held 10 tournaments worldwide:

- Timisoara, (September 2014)
- Santos, (October 2014)
- Petropolis, Brazil (November 2014)
- Zagreb, Croatia (March 2015)
- Buenos Aires, Argentina (April 2015)
- Napoli, Italy (April 2015)
- Pozega, Croatia (May 2015)
- Mali Losinj, Croatia (May 2015)
- Varna, Bulgaria (May 2015)
- Sao Paulo, Brazil (June 2015)

ITFR also exhibited at the RI Convention in São Paulo in the House of Friendship.

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Rotarians' International Fellowship of Total Quality Management

Topic of interest: the business concept of “total quality management”

Membership Data for 2015-16: 33 members in 11 countries

Membership Dues: US\$50 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

Several meetings have been organized in Milano, Roma, Palermo, Florence on subjects related to banks, industries, instruction, public offices, health, agriculture, tourism and arts problems. The meetings have included Rotarians, managers, consultants, and businessmen.

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International Travel and Hosting Fellowship

Topic of interest: facilitating opportunities for Rotarians to visit one another in the course of their travels.

Membership Data for 2015-16: 1047 members in 62 countries

Membership Dues: US\$50 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

The International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF) enables Rotarians and Rotaractors to enrich their travel experiences through cultural sharing and by visiting other ITHF members in the course of their travels.

Prior to the International Convention, there was a pre-convention tour of Korea and Japan. Members traveled to museums, historic sites, scenic attractions and even to the ancient Japanese capital, Kyoto. In addition, there was a post-convention tour through Taiwan.

While in Seoul for the RI Convention, the ITHF hosted a booth and held their Annual General Meeting.

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International Fellowship of Wellness and Fitness Rotarians

Topics of interest: maintaining personal health through running, exercise, and fitness

Membership Data for 2015-16: 128 members in 24 countries

Membership Dues: No annual or lifetime dues

Highlights from 2015-16

IFWFR Rotarians around the world join together to walk on a daily basis in an effort to maintain their health and fitness. For example, this past year, members in Japan participated in the Good Will walk in the historic city of Miyajima. Additionally, IFWFR continued to host run/walk fundraisers such as 'Marathon des Sables' to raise funds for community projects.

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Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship

Topic of interest: exploring the making, tasting, consumption, collecting, and production of wine

Membership Data for 2015-16: 4,000+ members in 66 countries

Membership Dues: US\$25 annual; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

This past year, RWAF members contributed over US\$1,160 to a District Grant to provide an electric forklift to the all volunteer Food Bank of the Algarve. It will allow them to greatly increase their production and distribution of food. The fellowship also contributed \$1,500 to fund a Culinary Arts Scholarship and another \$15,511 to PolioPlus.

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International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

Topics of interest: cruising, racing, yachting, sailing, and boating, and encouraging high standards of seamanship through recognized customs and etiquette of the water

Membership Data for 2015-16: 3519 members in 38 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

The 2015-16 year has been a great success for the IYFR. The fellowship not only had various fun activities and engaged in service activities but experienced a significant growth in membership. Several new fleets have been chartered around the world, adding 357 new members to the international fellowship. Here there are the new Fleets and their components.

- Chile
- Croatia
- Czech-Slovak
- Izmir Fleet in Turkey
- Stettin
- Greek
- Hellenic-Ionian Fleet
- 10th Philippine Fleet

As of right now there is a possibility new fleets will be built in Lithuania, Greece, South Africa, South California, Singapore, East Malaysia, and Adelaide. The IYFR also chartered a Rotarian Sailing Training Center in Poland dedicated to helping impaired children.

The IYFR is composed of three Areas. Area 1 consists of Europe and Africa, Area 2 consists of North and South America, and Area 3 consists of Asia, Australia, Japan, the Philippines, and Indonesia. This past September, Area 1 held its annual meeting in Varna, Bulgaria. In addition to museum tours and a wine cellar visits, there was a half-day sail up the coast to various restaurants along the beach. Members also had the opportunity to sail on one of the PRC Lachezar's yachts for two days on the Black Sea. The Area 3 meeting was held this past November in Hong Kong. It consisted of a wonderful cruise from Shanghai to Singapore. During the festivities, the IVC turned the Area 3 Command to Kerran Campbell.

IYFR owes the great success of the São Paulo RI Convention, House of Friendship, Annual General Meeting, and PCC to the combination of the efforts, involvement, endless care and beautiful team work of two splendid Iyforians: Angie Mesistrano, the South America Region Commodore and Cesare Ortis an Officer of the Roma Fleet. Having no contact in Brazil, it seemed a mission impossible to organize all the São Paulo Events, the World AGM and the Post Convention Cruise. Thanks to the dedication of Angie and Cesare, those turned in one of the most pleasant and enjoyable fellowship meetings ever.

The extensive modification to the International Website has been also completed in the past year. In particular it has been adopted a more modern management system in order to allow an easy update of it without requesting a particular skill by the users/Officers responsible.

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