

Rotary Terminology (District)

AG (Assistant Governor) - primary role is to assist the Governor with the administration of their assigned Rotary clubs by helping them to be more effective. AG's typically serve 3 year terms

AGM (Annual General Meeting) - an annual meeting of the membership to elect the District Governor Nominee, Treasurer, Secretary and members-at-Large, plus any other positions that require Membership approval. Financial statements & following year Budget approved.

AYEC (Alberta Youth Entrepreneurial Camp) - a week-long camp for youth ages 13- 15 who are interested in learning about business and entrepreneurship. The camp which is held near Medicine Hat each is organized by Alberta Futures and supported by Rotary-this will be changed to RYEC-Rotary Youth Entrepreneurial Camp September 1, 2017

Areas of Focus - Rotary International has identified 6 areas of focus, namely promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies

Avenues of Service - Club, Community, Vocational, Club, International, Youth

Classification – a separate and distinct business or professional service rendered to the community. Each club determines the classifications that exist in its community, and each active club member is assigned a classification, which correlates to the member's principal and recognized business or professional activity or that of the member's firm, company, or institution.

Club Assembly - a meeting of all club members, including the club's officers, directors and committee chairs, held to confer on the club's program and activities.

ClubRunner – website program that the District and many clubs use

Club Service (1st Avenue of Service) - involves all of the necessary actions Rotarians perform to make their club function successfully

Community Service (3rd Avenue of Service) – activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community

COL (Council on Legislation) - Representatives from Rotary clubs worldwide gather in to consider changes to the policies that guide Rotary International and its member clubs. The Council on Legislation meets every three years and is an essential part of Rotary's governance. The representatives -- one from each Rotary district -- review and vote on proposals that seek to change Rotary's constitutional documents and on resolutions that express an opinion or make a recommendation to the Rotary International Board of Directors

DDF (District Designated Funds) - the 50 percent of a district's contributions from 3 years prior to The Rotary Foundation, plus any adjustments, available for its use for programs during any given year.

District Conference - held annually within the District, with great speakers & an opportunity to learn more about Rotary

DG Stream - DGN, DGE, DG, PDG

DG – District Governor

DGE – District Governor Elect

DGN – District Governor Nominee

DGND – District Governor Nominee Designate

District - Geographic/demographic grouping of clubs/members for RI governance purposes.

EarlyAct- is a school-wide service club for elementary students ages 5 to 13. It is sponsored by one of the local Rotary clubs in the municipality in which the school is located. The mission and operation of EarlyAct™ are closely linked to the ideals of Rotary and provide the foundation and natural succession into Interact.

E-Club – are Rotary clubs whose members meet primarily online



Four-Way Test - The statement of business and professional ethics that centers on four questions: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor and adopted by Rotary International in 1943.

Honourary Members- A person elected to membership in a Rotary club for either serving with distinction in the furtherance of Rotary ideals or being considered a friend of Rotary for his or her permanent support. An honorary member does not pay fees or dues, has no vote, and may not hold office, but may attend all meetings and enjoy the privileges of the club. The club board determines the term of honorary membership

International Service (4th Avenue of Service) - encompassing the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. Many International Service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs in the developing world and can also

foster acquaintance with people of other countries and cultures

Interact - gives students ages 12-18 the chance to make a real difference while having fun. Every Interact club carries out two service projects a year: one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Clubs are sponsored by a Rotary Clubs

IPDG (Immediate Past District Governor) - an individual who held the District Governor position the year prior

MDR (Make Dreams Real) - a one day session held in the fall for District 5360 Rotarians to share

stories about why Rotarians do what they do to make a difference Make ups - meetings done at other Clubs, attending Board or Committee meetings, District events,

etc. as determined by the Club in lieu of attending their own club meeting MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) - a jointly developed document setting out the terms and conditions of how 2 or more groups will coordinate, cooperate or collaborate together

My Rotary – "members only" part of the RI website

Passing the Gavel-turning leadership of the club from the current President to the new one. Often does as a ceremony.

PDG (Past District Governor) – an individual who previously held the District Governor position

Peace Scholarship - Scholarship program to develop leaders who become catalysts for peace and conflict prevention and resolution.

PE (President-Elect) - an individual who will become the Club President on July 1st of the following

Rotary year

PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) – a training workshop to help prepare the President Elects for their year as Club President

PolioPlus - The special program of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation with a "priority of the highest order" to eradicate polio.

RAG (Rotary Action Group) - an autonomous group of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who are experts in a particular field, such as microcredit or water and sanitation. Group members share their expertise by collaborating with clubs and districts on service projects.

RLI - The Rotary Learning Institute is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program and is offered in 3 full day modules. The program is designed to provide Rotary knowledge and to

develop leadership skills for Rotary clubs.

Rotary Citation - awarded for achieving goals that strengthen Rotary and the club. Activities typically include membership growth, club vibrancy, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation and building awareness of Rotary in the community.

Rotary Club Central - subsection of the My Rotary website. A place for clubs and districts to enter

and track their annual goals



Rotary Community Corps – a group of people who share the commitment to change the world through service projects. Rotary Community Corps members plan and carry out projects in their communities and support local Rotary club projects but are not members of a Rotary club.

Rotary Fellowships – independent, social groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world i.e. RV, educators, cyclists, wine tasting,

campers, etc.

TRF (The Rotary Foundation) – a charitable not-for-profit corporation that receives contributions and distributes funds in support of approved humanitarian and educational activities that are implemented through Rotary clubs and districts. Its mission is to enable

Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

RI (Rotary International) – an Association of worldwide Rotary clubs

Rotaract – brings together adults ages 18-30 to take action in their communities, develop their leadership and professional skills and have fun. Rotary clubs sponsor them, but Rotaract members manage and fund their clubs independently.

Rule of 85- A Club board may excuse a member's absence if the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more, the member has been a member of one or more clubs for at least 20 years, and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance.

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) – a program tailored to youth ages 14-30 where they participate in developing qualities of leadership, good citizenship, and personal development in the young people of their communities by providing a training experience.

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) – a District youth program for teens at risk

Satellite Club – supported by Rotary Clubs as a membership, fundraising and service project resource that has the potential to transition individuals to become full members of a Rotary Club.

Scholarships – offered by Clubs for secondary, undergraduate, or graduate study and are open to anyone except Rotary members and their families

SETS (Secretary-Elect Training Seminar) – a training workshop to help prepare the Club Secretary/Secretary-Elect for their year ahead

Shelterbox – an international disaster relief charity which has partnered with Rotary to provide temporary shelter and lifesaving supplies to displaced families. The Shelterbox typically contains a tent designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family survive after a natural or man-made disaster. The contents of a Shelterbox are tailored to the nature and location of the disaster

Vocational Service (2nd Avenue of Service) - it is the opportunity each dignity and value of his or her vocation to other club members, as well as the club's responsibility to undertake projects related to such areas as career planning, vocational training, and the promotion of high ethical standards in the workplace.

WhaZUP - weekly District 5360 email that informs members of upcoming events

Youth Exchange (YEX) - A RI Structured Program for secondary school students ages 15-19 to engage in a cultural exchange abroad for up to one academic year in order to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. Students are sponsored by sending and receiving Rotary clubs or districts and selected according to RI Board guidelines and procedures.

Youth Service (5th Avenue of Service) – recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding



Zone – a grouping of clubs, established by the RI Bylaws and constituted by the RI Board, for the purpose of electing members of the nominating committee for president of Rotary International and for the nomination of directors

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