



WELCOME!

FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TO NEW ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS

GET INVOLVED in Rotary

Like most Rotarians, you probably joined your Rotary club to help improve the quality of life in your community and make a difference in the world. For more than a century, Rotary clubs have been providing vital service within their local communities throughout the world. Their achievements are the result of dedicated member action and participation.

Research shows that the more Rotarians involve themselves in Rotary activities, the more committed and connected they become to their club and the association. Act now and volunteer your time and talents in those areas that are important to you and where you can make a significant impact.

Here are a few ways to become more active in your club — and in Rotary activities beyond the club level:

- Volunteer to serve on one or more club committees.
- Keep informed about what's going on in the club.
- Sit with different people at each meeting so you get a chance to connect with everyone in your club.

- Participate in your club's service projects and, whenever possible, get your family involved, too.
- Make up a missed meeting at another club and bring some ideas back to your members.
- Attend your district conference and get to know Rotarians from other clubs.
- Work with one of the youth service groups — Rotaract and Interact — sponsored by your club.
- Join one of the many Global Networking Groups and expand your Rotary acquaintance to other countries.
- Volunteer to host a Youth Exchange student or Group Study Exchange team sponsored by your district.
- Attend the RI Convention and learn just how international and interconnected Rotary service is.
- Visit the "Get Involved" page in the Membership section of www.rotary.org, Rotary International's Web site.

LEARN MORE about Rotary

Rotary is a large and multifaceted organization. Here are some ways to learn more about Rotary International (RI).

- Visit the Rotary E-Learning Center at www.rotary.org, where you'll find several learning modules designed specifically for new members.
- Visit other parts of the RI Web site to get the latest news and information.
- Read every issue of your Rotary magazine and your club and district newsletters.
- Visit your district Web site and learn more about activities throughout the district.
- Order the following materials from the RI print or online catalog:
 - *Rotary Basics* (595-EN)*
 - *The ABCs of Rotary* (363-EN)
 - *The Rotary Foundation Quick Reference Guide* (219-EN)*
 - *Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects* (605A-EN)*

- *A Menu of Service Opportunities* (605B-EN)*
- *RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine* (510-DVD)
- *Rotary International Annual Report, 2005-06* (187A-EN)*
- *The Rotary Foundation Annual Report, 2005-06* (187B-EN)*

*Also available for download at www.rotary.org.

In addition to reporting the latest Rotary news, www.rotary.org provides district Web site links and information about RI and Rotary Foundation programs. You can also use the site to conduct much Rotary business online, including registering for the annual convention and making contributions to the Foundation.

RI offers a wide range of resources for Rotarians, including publications covering all aspects of Rotary and its Foundation. To view the online catalog of these materials, go to www.rotary.org and click "Shop." Every club also receives a print version of the catalog with order forms; your club secretary should have your club's copy.

QUESTIONS to Ask Your Club

These questions can help you get started on becoming more active in your club and better informed about Rotary:

- What club committee could use my skills?
- What community service projects is my club sponsoring?
- Does my club participate in any programs, such as World Community Service, Youth Exchange, Rotaract, or Rotary Youth Leadership Awards?
- How can I assist my club officers?
- Who in my club can serve as my mentor?
- What opportunities are there for getting involved in international service?
- Can I serve as a greeter at club meetings?
- How do I find out where to make up missed meetings?
- When is the district conference?

BEYOND YOUR CLUB: Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation

The more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas worldwide are members of Rotary International, an association that supports the clubs' efforts to serve their communities and the world. Through RI, all Rotarians have access to an international network of clubs working both autonomously and in concert to address a variety of concerns throughout the world community.

RI is governed by a 19-member Board of Directors, made up of Rotarians from all over the world, which sets policy for the association. RI's day-to-day operations are overseen by the Secretariat, headed by a general secretary, with headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Illinois, USA, and international offices in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland. The Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) office serves clubs in those countries. The

approximately 600 staff members who work at the Secretariat are charged with assisting and supporting Rotary districts, clubs, and members. Staff contact information is available at www.rotary.org.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, the philanthropic arm of the association, provides funding for clubs' humanitarian service efforts and supports exchange programs designed to enhance international understanding and goodwill. Supported almost entirely by the generosity of Rotarians, the Foundation awards millions of dollars each year to worthy projects carried out by clubs and districts working at the local level and in international partnerships. The Rotary Foundation also sponsors the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program.

SPECIAL EVENTS to Keep You Involved

Club, district, and international events held throughout the year can help you learn more about Rotary. In addition to weekly club meetings, consider attending one or more of these events:

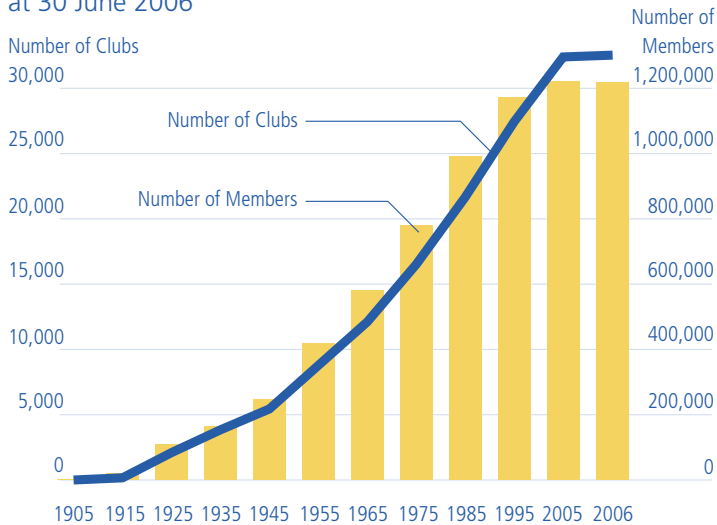
- Club assembly — Meeting of all club members, held four to six times a year, that focuses on strategic planning, membership education, and other club-related topics.
- District conference — Annual two- to three-day motivational and fellowship meeting open to all Rotarians in the district and their families.
- District membership seminar — One-day meeting designed to assist club efforts to recruit and retain members; open to all interested Rotarians.
- Regional Rotary Foundation seminar — One-day meeting designed to educate all interested Rotarians about The Rotary Foundation and encourage participation in its programs.
- RI Convention — Annual four-day meeting held in May or June in a different part of the world offering unparalleled opportunities for international fellowship.

Rotary needs your help. One of the keys to Rotary's continued success — and to your success as a Rotarian — is member participation. So take action now, get involved and stay involved. You are essential to Rotary.

Rotary FACTS

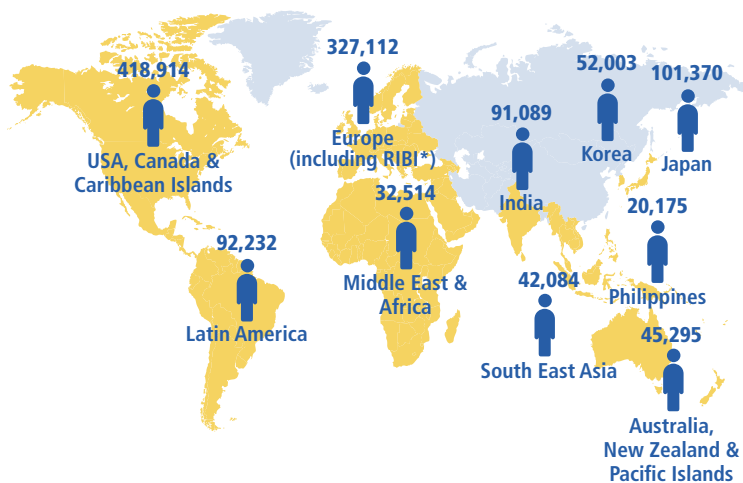
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

at 30 June 2006



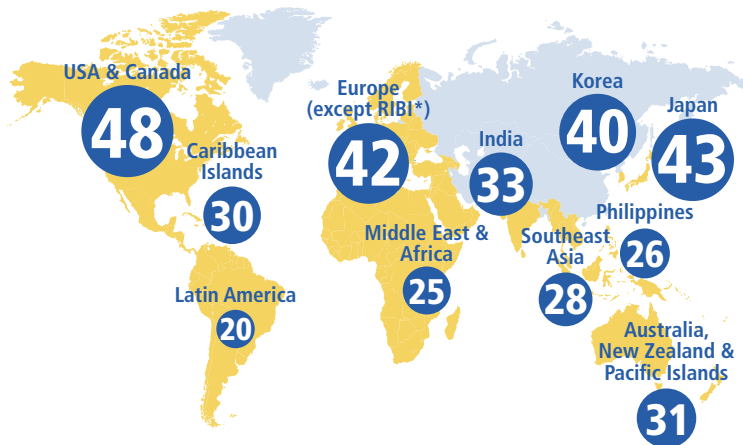
NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN REGIONAL VIEW

at 30 June 2006



AVERAGE CLUB SIZE

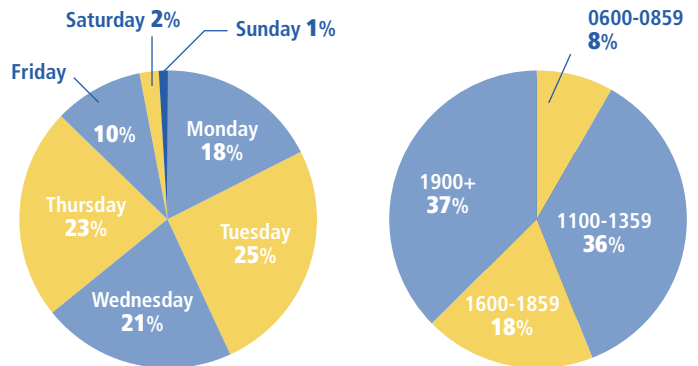
Based on the RI database in July 2006, the average Rotary club has 38 members (90.5% of clubs reporting).



*RI in Great Britain & Ireland

ROTARY CLUB MEETING DAYS AND TIMES

Based on data submitted by Rotary clubs for publication in the 2006-07 *Official Directory*



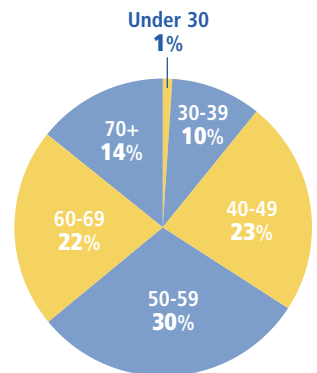
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MEMBER AGE

As reported by clubs in response to the 2006 RI Demographic Survey Worldwide, the largest age group of members is ages 50-59.

53% of members are 40-59 years of age.

Members 49 or younger make up 34% of membership worldwide.



1. In summary, over the last 10 years Rotary clubs have

- Undertaken approximately 1.8 million projects
- Worked approximately 253 million volunteer hours
- Spent between US\$5.7 and \$10 billion on service projects

Results from Service Project Survey conducted in the spring of 2005

2. Through Rotary's PolioPlus program, Rotarians have contributed more than \$650 million to the global polio eradication initiative, helping to reduce the incidence of polio by 99 percent.

3. The Ambassadorial Scholarships program is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program for university-level studies.

- Number of scholarships awarded in 2005-06: 731
- Total scholarship dollars awarded in 2005-06: US\$14.9 million

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Invite someone to become a
Rotarian
today.



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