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Active Member - A member of a club who has been elected to membership in the club under a classification of business or profession and who has all the obligations, responsibilities, and privileges of membership as provided in the RI constitution and bylaws..

Additional Active Member - Prior to the 2001 Council on Legislation, another type of membership. Effective July 1, 2001, Additional Active Members became Active Members.

Admission Fee - Fee paid to a club by an applicant for membership in the club; varies according to amount specified in each club's bylaws.

Ambassadorial Scholarships - TRF educational program which sponsors some 1,300 scholars each year to study in a country other than their own. The Foundation awards one-year and multi-year academic scholarships, three-to-six month cultural scholarships for language study, and three-to-nine month vocational study/training scholarships.

Annual Fund - Annual Programs Fund of TRF. Contributions are invested for three years. After three years: 60% of the original contribution is returned to the district through the DDF; 40% of the original contribution is provided to the World Fund to support humanitarian programs and to provide one GSE per district; Investment earnings support administrative costs and may be used to benefit Foundation humanitarian and educational programs.

Assembly, Club - See Club Assembly

Assembly, District - See District Assembly

Benefactor - Individual who notifies TRF that he or she has made provision in his or her will or estate plan, or who makes an outright gift of at least \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund of TRF.

Bequest Society: Rotary Foundation Bequest Society - Individual or couple who notifies TRF that provision has been made in their will or estate plan of at least \$10,000 to the Permanent Fund of TRF.

Board of Directors (Club) - Governing body of the Rotary Club, to be constituted as the bylaws of the club may provide.

Board of Directors (RI) - The RI Board is composed of nineteen members: the president as chairman, the president-elect and seventeen other directors nominated by the clubs in zones and elected by the convention. The RI Board directs and controls the affairs of RI. It is responsible for doing whatever may be necessary for the furtherance of the purpose of RI,

the attainment of the Object of Rotary, the study and teaching of its fundamentals, its ethics, and its unique features of organization and its extension throughout the world.

Centurion - The Centurion program was developed in District 5490 in 1993. To earn Centurion status, a Rotarian commits to give \$100 per year to TRF so long as he or she is a Rotarian. A Rotary club becomes a Centurion Club by giving an average of \$100/member to TRF. A Centurion in District 5490 also becomes a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member when TRF is notified in writing of the commitment to the Annual Programs Fund.

Charter Member - A founding member of a Rotary club.

Classification - Word or phrase which most accurately describes the principal and recognized business or professional activity of the firm, company, or institution, with which an active member is connected or that which covers the active member's principal and recognized business or professional activity. Prior to the 2001 Council on Legislation, with a few exceptions, there could not be more than one active member in each classification.

Club Assembly - Meeting of all club officers, directors and committee chairs, held for the purpose of conferring on the program and activities of the club. Sometimes referred to as Club Forum.

Club Service - Rotary's first of Four Avenues of Service. Involves actions necessary for Rotarians to perform to make their club function successfully.

Community Service - Rotary's third of Four Avenues of Service. Varied efforts Rotarians make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life for those who live within their club's territory or municipality.

Convention - Annual international meeting of Rotary International. Its primary purpose is to stimulate, inspire and inform Rotarians at an international level. Club delegates from around the world elect RI officers for the coming Rotary year, including the president and RI Board. Each club is entitled to send one delegate for each fifty of its members, or major fraction thereof, honorary members excepted.

Council on Legislation - RI's legislative body. Attended by a representative of the clubs of each district. Meets every third year to deliberate and act upon proposed enactments and resolutions submitted by clubs, district conferences, the general council or conference of RIBI, the council on legislation, and the

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RI Board. Its actions in adopting legislation are subject to review by all clubs. The next meeting will be held April 2004.

Council on District Legislation - District 5490's legislative body. Chaired by the District Governor, the Council on District Legislation meets annually during the District Conference. The number of representatives from each club are based on membership.

DDF: District Designated Funds - Funds returned to the District from TRF Annual Program Fund used to fund district humanitarian and educational projects. Also known as *SHARE* funds.

DG: District Governor - The key field officer of RI, operating under the general direction and supervision of the RI Board. Responsible for the general functions of the district, a DG serves for one year as advisor and supporter to the clubs and Rotarians in the district. A DG must have been a Rotarian for seven years, and have served as president of a Rotary Club. The DG is nominated by the District Nominating Committee and elected by the convention of RI. Names are proposed by the district clubs.

DGE: District Governor-elect - The Rotarian who will serve as Governor the year following the present District Governor. Trained at an International Assembly and Zone Institute, the DGE is in turn responsible for a PETS and District Assembly where the incoming club officers are trained.

DGN: District Governor-nominee - The Rotarian who will serve as the Governor two (2) years following the present Governor.

Discovery Grants: Carl P Miller Discovery Grants - TRF humanitarian program which provides funds for travel and related expenses incurred by Rotarians in exploring and planning new international service projects.

District - Name given to a limited territory within which clubs are grouped for RI administrative purposes. As of December 31, 2001, there are 530 districts covering the Rotary World.

District Assembly - Meeting of incoming club presidents, secretaries and other club leaders in a district. Provides a program of instruction and Rotary information as well as an opportunity to share local and district plans and objectives. Sometimes referred to as District Leadership Seminar.

District Conference - Meeting held annually in each district to further the program of Rotary through

fellowship, inspirational addresses, and the discussion of matters relating to club and district affairs. It is open to all Rotarians in the district and their families.

District Leadership Seminar - See District Assembly

Emblem: Rotary Emblem - Symbol of Rotary International, consisting of a gear wheel with six spokes, 24 cogs and a keyway. Colored royal blue and gold.

Finance Committee - A standing committee of District 5490 composed of elected representatives and ex-officio members as mandated by the *District 5490 Policy and Procedure Manual*. Prepares a recommended budget for the following Rotary year.

Foundation Alumni - All former Rotary scholars, GSE participants and University Teacher Grant or Rotary Volunteer Grant recipients, as well as individuals who have traveled as part of a Discovery or New Opportunities Grant, are considered alumni of TRF.

Founder of Rotary - term used in reference to Paul P. Harris, who organized the first Rotary Club in Chicago, Illinois, February 23, 1905.

Four Avenues of Service - Four elements of the Object of Rotary. See Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service.

Four-way Test - Code of ethics adopted by Rotary in 1943: "Of all the things we think, say or do:
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

General Secretary - The chief administrative officer of Rotary International under the direction and control of the RI Board. Responsible to the RI Board and the president for the implementation of its policies and for management and administration, including the financial operation of RI.

Gift of Life/Arizona, Inc. - Supported by the Tri-District, Gift of Life provides corrective surgery for children from developing countries who have heart defects.

Grants for Rotary Volunteer - TRF humanitarian program which cover travel costs and expenses for Rotarians, Foundation alumni, and Rotaractors who volunteer their services and professional expertise in another country.

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Grants for University Teachers to Serve in Developing Countries - TRF educational program. Enables faculty members to share their expertise in a part of the world where it is most needed.

GSE: Group Study Exchange - TRF educational program which pairs Rotary districts in different countries to send and receive professional, non-Rotarian study groups. In teams of five, participants travel to another land to meet with professional peers and experience the host country and culture.

Honorary Member - A person who, by serving with distinction in the furtherance of Rotary ideals, has been elected to honorary membership of a club. An honorary member may attend all meetings and enjoy the privileges of the club, however is exempt from payment of fees and dues, has no vote, and may not hold office. The term of honorary membership is determined by the club board.

Inner Wheel - Independent organization of women associated with Rotary and Rotarians. Now worldwide, Inner Wheel was formed in 1924 in Manchester, England.

Institute - Instructional, motivational and fellowship meeting for past, current and incoming governors and other RI officers from certain districts which comprise a zone or zones.

Interact - A worldwide network of school or community-based clubs for young people of secondary school age. Each Interact club is sponsored by a Rotary club and is dedicated to community service and international understanding.

International Service - Rotary's fourth of Four Avenues of Service. Programs and activities which advance international understanding, goodwill and peace.

Languages - The official language of RI is English. RI provides translated versions of essential club and district information in nine official languages: English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, and Swedish. There are six translated languages at RI meetings: English, French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Major Donor - TRF recognizes those individuals whose personal outright or cumulative giving has reached US \$10,000. Major donor recognition is offered for contributions to the Annual Programs Fund, Permanent Fund, and PolioPlus campaign.

Make-up - To attend the meeting of another Rotary club or certain other functions thereby protecting

membership and receiving attendance credit when a meeting of the Rotarian's own club is missed.

Matching Grants - TRF program which makes one-time awards to match contributions raised by clubs and districts for projects involving Rotary clubs in two or more countries. The most widely used humanitarian program of TRF, over 1,000 Matching Grants are awarded each year by TRF.

Membership - Rotarians are professional men and women who work as volunteers to improve the quality of life in their home and world community. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians working in over 30 thousand Rotary clubs in 162 countries and 35 geographical regions worldwide. There are two types of membership: Active and Honorary.

Months: Special Months in Rotary - Months designated by the RI Board to emphasize the involvement of every Rotarian, and not just clubs, in Rotary activities. They are: Rotary Awareness (January), World Understanding (February), Magazine (April), Literacy (July), Membership and Extension (August), New Generations (September), Vocational Service (October), and Rotary Foundation (December).

Mottos - Service Above Self
He profits Most Who Serves Best

New Generations - Defined as all young people up to the age of 30, it is the responsibility of each Rotarian to prepare the New Generations by improving their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognizing the diversity of their needs. All clubs and districts are encouraged to undertake projects that support the fundamental needs of the New Generations: health, human values, education, and self-development.

Nominating Committee - A standing committee of District 5490 composed of elected representatives and ex-officio members as mandated by the *District 5490 Policy and Procedure Manual*. Chooses the nominee for District Governor.

Object of Rotary - The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for service, the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions, service in one's personal, business and community life, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

Past Service Member - Prior to the 2001 Council on Legislation, another type of membership. Effective July 1, 2001, Past Service Members became Active Members.

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Paul Harris Fellow - Individual who contributes or in whose honor or memory is contributed \$1,000 to TRF Annual Programs Fund.

PDG: Past District Governor

Permanent Fund - An endowed fund of TRF established to ensure the long-term viability of TRF and its programs. Contributions are invested in perpetuity and a percentage of the total value of the fund is spent annually to benefit the programs of TRF.

PETS: President-elect Training Seminar - Informational programs that are planned, organized, and implemented by and under the direct authority and control of the governor-elect, in cooperation and coordination with the governor. The purpose is to train and motivate incoming club presidents to provide club level leadership.

PolioPlus - A Special Program of Rotary International. Since the program began in 1985, over two billion children have been immunized against polio. Looking forward to celebrating the certification of a polio-free world by the year 2005, Rotarians will have contributed a half billion US dollars through TRF's PolioPlus Program, to the eradication effort. Rotary is the key private-sector partner in the international health effort. Public sector partners include WHO (the World Health Organization), UNICEF and CDC (the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). With the end of polio in sight, the eradication campaign enters the most difficult leg of the journey involving the poorest regions of the world. Rotarians are now assisting in vaccine delivery, social mobilization and logistical help. This program has the highest priority over all other programs until the certification of eradication is achieved.

Programs of Rotary International - Currently there are nine structured programs that are defined as organized activities recommended by the RI Board for clubs and districts that include a recommended framework and guidelines. See Interact, Rotaract, RCC, Rotary Friendship Exchange, Rotary Recreational and vocational Fellowships, Rotary Volunteers, RYLA, WCS, and Youth Exchange. In addition, PolioPlus has been declared a Special Program of Rotary International and has the highest priority over all other programs until the certification of eradication is achieved.

RAWU: Rotary Award for World Understanding - Honors a person or organization whose actions promote international peace and through selfless service to others. The highest honor of RI, the annual award includes a \$100,000 grant for a charitable cause

of the recipients's choosing which parallels Rotary's mission of peace and understanding through humanitarian and educational projects.

RCC: Rotary Community Corps - Sponsored by a Rotary club, RCCs are organized in rural or urban communities to promote grass-roots, self-help development projects; develop local leadership abilities; maximize local resources; and use appropriate cost-efficient technology. Formerly called Rotary Village Corps.

RI: Rotary International - International Organization of almost 30,000 Rotary Clubs which provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Non-political, non-governmental, and non-sectarian.

RIBI: Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland - The name of the association of Rotary clubs in Great Britain, Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. Organized and operated as an administrative territorial unit of RI.

RIMC: Rotary International Membership Coordinator - One of 40 Rotarians called together by RI to plan strategies for membership development.

RINO: Rotarian in Name Only - A Rotarian who attends obligatory weekly meetings but does not become involved in his club beyond that.

Rotaract - A worldwide network of university or community-based clubs for young men and women ages 18 through 30 that afford members the chance to develop their own personal and professional skills while addressing the needs of their communities and the world. Rotaract clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs.

Rotary - Used as expressive and indicative of the organized body of Rotary clubs and Rotarians, of the spirit which animates them, of the principles and practices and precedents which guide them, and of the purposes and object they seek to accomplish.

Rotary Ann - the wife of a Rotarian. "Rotary Anns" have organized into auxiliary groups in some areas.

Rotary Friendship Exchange - A program enabling Rotarians and their families to carry out reciprocal visits with Rotarians and their families in countries other than their own, either on an individual basis or as a team.

Rotary News Basket - The name of the weekly online RI newsletter offering information on activities, events,

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programs, and people of RI and TRF. Also available by fax or mail.

Rotary Peace Program - TRF humanitarian program which partially subsidizes international conferences that focus on conflict resolution and ways to enhance the search for peace.

Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships - A means for Rotarians sharing common vocational and recreational interests to associate with each other to further international fellowship and service.

Rotary Scholar - Recipient of an Ambassadorial Scholarship.

Rotary Village Corps - See RCC

Rotary Volunteers - An information network operating at the club, district and international levels that encourages active volunteering by Rotarians, Rotary Foundation Alumni, Rotaractors and others. Semiannual listings provide information on projects that need volunteers and on volunteers who wish to serve abroad.

Rotary Wheel - see Emblem.

Rotary.org - Address of the Rotary website on the World Wide Web.

RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - Operates in a variety of formats worldwide to provide leadership training camps and seminars for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 30, sponsored by Rotary clubs.

Secretariat - The entire operations of the general secretary and staff including service centers and all staff assigned to Rotary Foundation matters.

Senior Active Member - Prior to the 2001 Council on Legislation, another type of membership. Effective July 1, 2001, Senior Active Members became Active Members

Service Opportunities of Rotary International - A list of issues and concerns that clubs are encouraged to give priority to when developing a service project. The Menu of Service Opportunities approved by the RI Board includes Children at Risk, Disabled Persons, Health Care, International Understanding and Goodwill, Literacy and Numeracy, Population Issues, Poverty and Hunger, Preserve Planet Earth, and Urban Concerns.

SETS: Secretary-elect Training Seminar - Informational programs to train incoming club secretaries. Usually done in conjunction with PETS.

SHARE - see DDF

Sponsor Club - Rotary club which has assumed responsibility for assisting in the organization of a new club and in guiding it in its early development as a member of RI.

Standing Committees - District Standing Committees are constituted by the District Policy and Procedure Manual to perform a continuing function. District 5490 currently has two standing committees: Finance and Nominating.

Sustaining Member: Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member - Anyone who commits to the Foundation in writing to make a minimum gift of US\$100 or more every year to the Annual Programs Fund. See also Centurion.

The Rotarian - The name of the official magazine of RI and an international magazine for business and professional people.

Theme - Each year the RI President issues a theme for his Rotary year. Frank Devlyn chose "Create Awareness, Take Action" for the year 2000-2001; Richard D. King chose "Mankind is our Business" for the year 2001-2002; and Bhichai Rattakul has chosen "Sow the Seeds of Love" for the year 2002-2003.

3-H Grants: Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants - TRF humanitarian program which supports sustainable projects that improve health, help alleviate hunger, or enhance human development. 3-H Grants normally range from \$100,000 to \$500,000 and fund projects from one to three years. 3-H Planning Grants provide funds to plan and design new 3-H projects.

TRF: The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International - A not-for-profit corporation providing ambassadorial scholarships, humanitarian grants to needy peoples and worthy projects, and educational awards for international exchanges of university scholars, teachers, and business and professional people. Its objective is the achievement of world understanding and peace through international charitable and educational programs. TRF is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share its vision of a better world.. Contributions to TRF's Annual Programs Fund are invested for three years, with interest being used to cover all administrative costs. Fully 100% of every dollar donated supports program expenditures three years later. Gifts to the Foundation's Permanent Fund are invested, with only the earnings being used to support programs.

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Tri-District - In Arizona, used to reference projects and programs in which Districts 5490, 5500, and 5510 all cooperate.

Vocational Fund of Arizona - Developed in 1989 and funded by the Tri-District, the Vocational Fund of Arizona provides financial support, job opportunities, and counseling to individuals seeking jobs in the vocation field.

Vocational Service - Rotary's second of Four Avenues of Service. Includes promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all useful occupations and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. Clubs develop projects that help members contribute their talents to meeting society's needs. Rotarians conduct themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary principles and respond to projects their clubs develop.

WCS: World Community Service - A program which encourages international cooperation to carry out projects to improve living standards and satisfy basic needs. A WCS project is a Rotary club sponsored community service project which receives support from Rotarians in another country in the form of funds, donated goods or volunteer support.

Zone - 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 and for the nomination of directors. Zone alignments are also often the basis upon which Institutes are organized.

ROTARY AT A GLANCE:

Membership (as of 12/31/01)

- 1,188,492 Rotarians
- 30,149 Rotary Clubs
- 530 Rotary Districts
- 162 Countries

- 164,795 Rotaractors
- 7,165 Rotaract Clubs
- 151 Countries

- 186,570 Interactors
- 8,112 Interact Clubs
- 109 Countries

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