



# Rotary Foundation Alumni Network and Rotary Foundation Alumni Associations



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is a Rotary Foundation alumni association?**

A Rotary Foundation alumni association is an active organization of former Rotary Peace Fellows, Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange (GSE) team leaders and members, and other Foundation program participants.

### **What is the Rotary Foundation Alumni Network?**

The Rotary Foundation Alumni Network is the Foundation's alumni association, which seeks to keep all Foundation alumni connected to Rotary. All alumni and alumni associations are members of the network.

### **When does the Rotary Foundation Alumni Network meet?**

The network's annual meeting takes place during the Rotary International Convention. The event is called the Rotary Reunion and gives alumni the opportunity to "Reconnect, Engage, and Celebrate" with special events, notable speakers, and social gatherings for alumni and friends.

### **What are the purposes of an alumni association?**

An alumni association has five main purposes:

1. To establish and maintain a common bond among Rotary Foundation alumni
2. To provide a connection that enables alumni to network with one another and with Rotarians
3. To link the vocational interests of alumni with similar interests of Rotarians and other alumni
4. To provide opportunities for involvement in Rotary educational and humanitarian service projects
5. To facilitate membership in Rotary clubs, including e-clubs

### **How do members of an alumni association meet and communicate?**

Members of an alumni association meet as often as they decide. They communicate between meetings via telephone, e-mail, social networking sites, and other methods.

### **How often do the members of an alumni association meet in person?**

The times and places of all meetings are determined by the members. It is strongly recommended that an annual meeting take place in conjunction with the local district conference.

### **What are some of the benefits of joining an alumni association?**

Alumni associations provide a chance to form friendships and offer countless other opportunities, such as

- Networking with professional leaders who share the Rotary experience
- Serving on district Rotary Foundation selection committees for Rotary Peace Fellows, Ambassadorial Scholars, and GSE teams
- Serving as mentors to other Rotary Foundation program participants
- Speaking at Rotary club meetings and district events
- Participating in international and local service projects

### **What are the dues or costs involved with membership in an alumni association?**

None, unless the association itself decides to establish a nominal fee to cover operational costs.

### **Are members of an alumni association required to contribute to The Rotary Foundation?**

No, alumni are not required to make contributions to the Foundation. However, contributions of any amount, particularly annual contributions, are always encouraged, welcomed, and appreciated.

### **How many members can form an alumni association, and what is its structure?**

There is no minimum number of members required to form an alumni association, although practice has shown that a good starting point is 15 members. Each alumni association elects its own officers. The association president serves as a liaison to the district governor and district Rotary Foundation committee.

### **How can I get more information?**

Contact [alumni@rotary.org](mailto:alumni@rotary.org) for more information about the Rotary Foundation Alumni Network, the Rotary Alumni Celebration, and alumni associations.