Becoming a member

Membership in the Arch Klumph Society is lifelong and granted to donors who reach cumulative outright contributions of $250,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation. Donations can be made through cash, securities, real estate, and life income agreements. Contributions to a donor advised fund, however, do not qualify for Arch Klumph Society membership.

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DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

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Arch Klumph Society Circle of Honor

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The society is an international network of philanthropists who are strong advocates for Rotary’s collective impact. Through the generosity of its supporters, the Foundation is able to continue its work toward a more caring and just world. The generosity of donors sustains Rotary’s work today, tomorrow, and far into the future.

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$10,000,000 or more
Platinum Foundation Circle

$5,000,000-$9,999,999
Platinum Chair’s Circle

$2,500,000-$4,999,999
Platinum Trustees Circle

$1,000,000-$2,499,999
Foundation Circle

$500,000-$999,999
Chair’s Circle

$250,000-$499,999
Trustees Circle

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**MEMBERSHIP AMENITIES**

**SOCIETY RECOGNITION**

*Arch Klumph Society physical recognition*

Arch Klumph Society membership is signified by a standard set of wearable recognition items. Members also receive level-specific pins and pendants. A crystal is available at each level upon a member’s request.

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**AN ARCH KLUMPH SOCIETY CEREMONY**

The Rotary Foundation celebrates Arch Klump Society members at each giving level. Members can select one of these recognition ceremonies:

**Rotary International World Headquarters ceremony**

Ceremonies at Rotary’s headquarters provide a memorable opportunity for members to celebrate their Arch Klumph Society membership in the area where Rotary began. During this two-day program, honorees gather from around the world to be recognized by Rotary’s senior leaders.

**Regional ceremony**

Regionally hosted ceremonies, often held during a local Rotary institute, provide a custom recognition experience for honorees. This opportunity is ideal for donors who want to be recognized close to home in the presence of local Rotary friends and leaders. The ceremony is personalized to the honoree’s preferences, region, and host event.

**International Assembly ceremony**

Ceremonies at the International Assembly offer an opportunity to observe the assembly program and be recognized by district governors-elect and Rotary’s senior leaders. This option is ideal for donors who want to attend the assembly and learn more about Rotary alongside incoming leaders. This opportunity is available for those at the Chair’s Circle level and above.

**Rotary International Convention ceremony**

Ceremonies at the convention provide an exciting opportunity to be recognized by fellow Foundation donors and Rotary’s senior leaders. This ceremony builds on the excitement of convention activities and is ideal for donors who enjoy taking part in Rotary conventions.

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**The Arch Klumph Society Gallery and Leaders in Philanthropy Interactive Display**

Each Arch Klumph Society member can have their portrait included in the gallery, located on the 17th floor of Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. Portraits are etched on glass plaques, which create a stunning display of our Foundation’s most significant supporters. Member profiles in the interactive display commemorate each donor’s Rotary story.
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Arch Klumph Society members,

Three simple words capture the core, and what to me is the most important aspect, of Rotary: Service Above Self.

Rotary service is a way of life that comes from a deep-rooted desire to do good, to help others, to act simply because there is a need. Grounded in person-to-person connections, our service builds community that brings down barriers and advances goodwill. Always putting Service Above Self, you are the compassionate visionaries the world needs to create positive change now and for the future. Your action to accelerate this change in the lives of others is leadership of the highest lasting value.

Because of you, experts in peace and conflict resolution are making peace possible in broken communities. Through our seven areas of focus, countless people are empowered with sustainable improvements in education, health, and economic development, and the world is poised to be polio-free. You embody what it means to Serve to Change Lives. Because of you, people who want to do good see that Rotary is a place where they can change the world.

This issue showcases the legacy of leadership that each of us builds through our shared passion for service to humanity. I hope you enjoy reading about how we inspire each other and how Rotary inspires us all to look beyond ourselves.

Our motto originated more than a century ago. Our work to improve lives carries on because of people who understand that selfless action is especially meaningful leadership. Thank you, each of you, for all that you do. It is an honor to serve together with you to make an enduring impact across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Sincerely,

John F. Germ
Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2021-22

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PREMIER ACCESS AT THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Registration and seating
Members have access to a special registration line during the convention and have the best views from reserved seats for all general sessions.

Arch Klumph Society Lounge
Members can relax between convention activities in the lounge, where they’ll find refreshments and opportunities to socialize with fellow Arch Klumph Society members and Rotary’s senior leaders.

The Rotary Foundation Unity Ball
Members are invited to conclude Foundation Day at the convention with a memorable dinner with fellow society members. This intimate event is the perfect opportunity to meet new friends and reconnect with old ones.

HISTORY OF THE ARCH KLUMPH SOCIETY

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Newsletter
Members receive a newsletter twice a year with Foundation and society updates.

Virtual Speaker Series
Members are invited to participate in virtual discussion sessions with Rotary’s senior leaders and experts on specific topics. This series provides an in-depth look at Rotary initiatives and programs.

Annual report
Members are among the first to receive Rotary International’s annual report, which reviews highlights from the past year, Rotary’s work around the world, and the Foundation’s finances.

Presidential theme items
Members receive the Rotary International president’s theme tie or scarf each year.