

Why Rotary Community Corps?

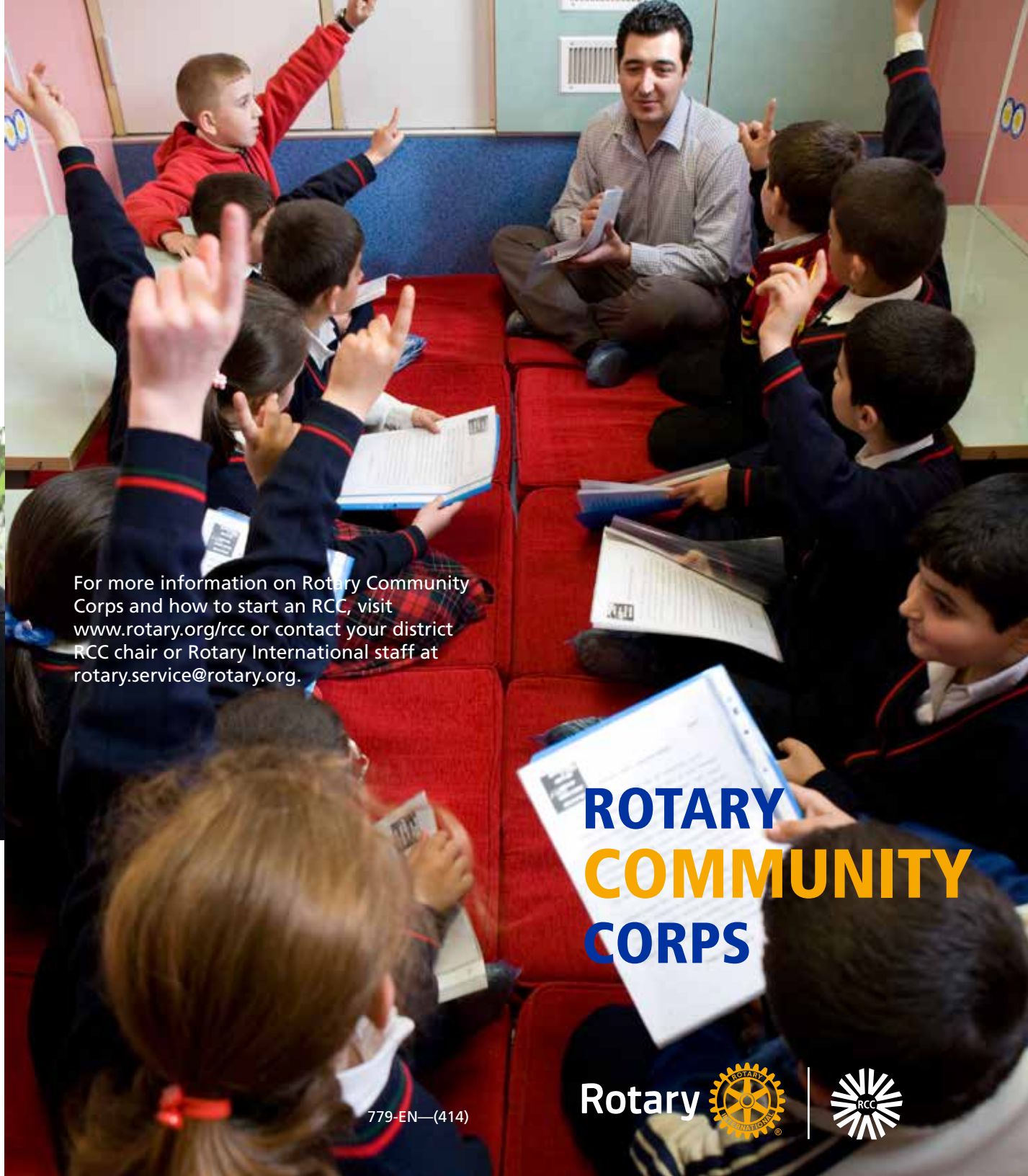
“Rotary Community Corps are local. They are part of the community and help mobilize the community. They ensure that local needs are met. And most significantly, a Rotary Community Corps has a vested interest in its own success. Their members have to live with the results of their work; their commitments are the basis for sustainability. Rotary grant projects that establish Rotary Community Corps help to ensure that the project’s impact lives on in the community long after Rotary’s direct support ends.”

— Ron Denham, past district governor and founder of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group



Take Action

A Rotary Community Corps can be formed anywhere a Rotary club is active. Reach out to people in your community, ask them what challenges they’re facing, and empower them to take action. Once you find a core group of prospective members, complete an RCC Organization Form (available online) and submit it to Rotary International to officially charter your group.



For more information on Rotary Community Corps and how to start an RCC, visit www.rotary.org/rcc or contact your district RCC chair or Rotary International staff at rotary.service@rotary.org.

ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS

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Community Solutions for Community Challenges

Rotary Community Corps (RCCs) are teams of men and women who work in partnership with Rotary clubs to improve their communities. Each RCC is sponsored by a Rotary club and, as with Rotaract and Interact clubs, the Rotary club acts as its partner in service.

Some RCCs are created to undertake a specific project, while others tackle larger, more entrenched problems on an ongoing basis. RCCs set their own goals based on their communities' specific needs. As representatives of the population being served, RCC members bring enthusiasm, creativity, and sustainability to the projects they design and implement. They offer community solutions for community challenges.

Membership in an RCC is open to any adult in the community who shares Rotary's commitment to service but is not a Rotary member. The RCC model is flexible and can mobilize volunteers from all walks of life. Meetings typically take place once or twice per month and dues (if any are set) tend to be minimal. This flexibility encourages diversity in membership and allows members to focus solely on service projects. RCCs also provide their members with opportunities to collaborate with Rotarians and develop valuable leadership skills.



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RCC Activity Around the World

RCCs are active everywhere Rotary is present: in urban and rural areas, and in both developed and developing countries. Here are a few examples of RCC activities:

- Japan: The RCC of Handa works with local schools to organize disaster-preparedness classes for youth of all ages. Activities include first aid, building portable toilets, and emergency food preparation.
- Kenya: The RCC of Cura Village near Nairobi established a home for children whose parents have died of AIDS. Many of the children are HIV-positive themselves.
- United States: The RCC of Parker, Colorado, provides a powerful growth and enrichment experience for the teens and adults with special needs who belong to it.
- Guatemala: The RCC of Peña Blanca is working to establish a community water system and a local health center for their neighbors in a rural community.



STANDARD ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS CONSTITUTION

Revised by the RI Board of Directors, Decision 173, June 2017]

ARTICLE 1 — Name

The name of this organization shall be the Rotary Community Corps of

It is sponsored by the Rotary Club(s) of

ARTICLE 2 — Purpose and Goals

The purpose of the Rotary Community Corps program is to empower communities to address their needs by developing and participating in sustainable service initiatives.

The goals of the Rotary Community Corps program are:

1. To develop partnerships between Rotarians and non-Rotarians so they can enhance their communities together
2. To support community members who address community needs, recognizing their unique ability to identify the most pressing concerns and suitable methods of addressing them
3. To promote sustainable solutions to community needs by engaging a broader segment of the community in developing and implementing focused service projects

ARTICLE 3 — Sponsorship

Each corps shall be sponsored by one or more local Rotary clubs, which, through a committee of Rotarians, counsels the corps on its activities, programs, and policies. Sponsor clubs must actively participate in the corps.

The members of the corps are not members of its sponsor club(s).

ARTICLE 4 — Membership

The members of each corps should be adults of good character with the desire and capacity to contribute to enhancement of the community, with special consideration given to those with leadership potential. Membership shall be open to any person who lives, works, or studies in or near the corps' community.

The method of admitting members to the corps, as provided in the bylaws, shall be determined by the corps in consultation with sponsor Rotary club(s).

Membership may be terminated either:

- a) For failure to continue to meet the qualifications for membership
- b) For cause, as determined by the corps by a vote of 2/3 of all the members in good standing

ARTICLE 5 — Meetings

1. The corps shall meet, as provided in the bylaws, at a time and place that is convenient for members.
2. Members may attend in person or online
3. A leadership group shall meet, as provided in the bylaws, as frequently as necessary to manage and supervise successful Rotary Community Corps activities.
4. No meeting of the corps or of its leadership group shall be deemed official unless a member of the sponsor club's Rotary Community Corps committee (or another Rotarian designated by the sponsor club president) is in attendance.

ARTICLE 6 — Leadership Group

1. The leadership group of each corps shall consist of the number of members provided in the bylaws, in consultation with the sponsor Rotary club, all to be elected from among the members in good standing.
2. Leadership group members shall be elected by methods that are compatible with local customs, as provided in the bylaws, and by a simple majority of the corps members.
3. The leadership group shall elect one of its members to represent the corps in dealing with sponsor Rotary club(s) and the public.
4. The leadership group shall elect one of its members as a treasurer to oversee the corps' finances.
5. The term of office of all corps leaders shall be one year, unless a shorter term is set by the corps in consultation with its sponsor Rotary club.

ARTICLE 7 — Committees

The corps representative, with the approval of the leadership group, may appoint committees as needed. Committees for administration, vocational service, community service, and finance are recommended. All committees shall lapse when their duties are completed, when the corps representative dissolves them, or when the corps representative's term ends, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE 8 — Activities and Projects

1. Each corps is responsible for planning, organizing, financing, and conducting its own activities, except that, in the case of joint projects, the responsibility is shared with partner organizations. Any proceeds from the corps' projects or activities shall be used to pay for project expenses.
2. Each corps is responsible for raising the necessary funds to carry out its activities. It shall not solicit or accept more than occasional or incidental financial assistance from sponsor Rotary club(s), other Rotary clubs, or other Rotary Community Corps. It shall not solicit financial assistance from individuals, businesses, or organizations in the community without prior approval of the sponsor Rotary club. Any proceeds from the corps' activities shall be used to pay for project expenses.

ARTICLE 9 — Fees and Dues

1. Any fees, dues, or assessments paid by corps members shall be nominal and shall be for the sole purpose of meeting administrative costs.
2. Funds for activities and projects shall be raised apart from such fees or assessments.
3. A qualified person shall make a thorough audit of all financial transactions once a year and report the results to corps members and the sponsor Rotary club(s).
4. The sponsor Rotary club(s) should establish financial guidelines for the corps to ensure that all funds, including all money collected to support service projects, are managed in a responsible and transparent manner that is consistent with laws and banking regulations in the country.

ARTICLE 10 — Acceptance of Constitution

By accepting and continuing their membership, all members of the Rotary Community Corps accept the principles expressed here and agree to comply with this constitution.

ARTICLE 11 — Adoption of Bylaws

Each corps shall adopt bylaws for its management and governance. The bylaws shall be similar to the Standard Rotary Community Corps Bylaws approved by the Rotary International Board of Directors but may be modified to accommodate local customs and procedures.

ARTICLE 12 — Name and Visual Identity

The name and visual identity of the Rotary Community Corps shall be preserved for the exclusive use and benefit of its members. Members are entitled to wear or otherwise display the name and visual identity in a dignified and appropriate manner during their membership. Each member shall give up such entitlement upon termination of membership or termination of the corps.

ARTICLE 13 — Duration

1. The corps shall exist as long as it continues to function in accordance with this constitution or until it is terminated by one of the following:
 - a) The corps itself, upon its own determination and action
 - b) The sponsor Rotary club(s), upon withdrawal of its sponsorship of the corps
 - c) Rotary International, for the corps' failure to function in accordance with this constitution or for other cause
2. Upon termination of the corps, all rights and privileges related to the Rotary Community Corps name and visual identity shall be given up by the corps and by its members individually and collectively.

ARTICLE 14 — Amendments

Only the RI Board of Directors may amend this constitution. All amendments to the Standard Rotary Community Corps Bylaws that are adopted by the Board shall automatically amend this constitution.

Possible Formation of a County-based Rotaract Club (and/or maybe a Rotary Community Corps)

Basic talking points:

- Service to others in an established, well-known and respected organization
- Fellowship with like-minded individuals
- Easy access to doing good work in the community (and maybe internationally)
- Professional development
- Little to no cost
- Flexibility
- Guidance and support from experienced local Rotarians

Item	Rotaract	Rotary Community Corps
Basic description	Rotaract clubs bring together young adults to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.	A Rotary Community Corps is a group of people who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects. RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities and support local Rotary club projects but are not members of a Rotary club.
History	Started in 1968. The name comes from “Rotary” and “Action.” Now with 10,000 clubs and 250,000 members in 184 countries. The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor has sponsored one at the University of Michigan since 2004.	There are more than 8,500 corps in over 90 countries.
Who can join	18-30 year olds	Any non-Rotarian
Cost to member	Minimal	Minimal, if any
Cost to sponsoring club	\$50 one-time registration fee	None?
Types of projects	Self-determined with sponsoring club guidance and support	Generally local ones as supplements to those of the sponsoring club(s)
Regular meetings	Self-determined	Self-determined, if at all
Good example	www.birminghamrotaract.org	
For more information	https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/rotaract-clubs	https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/rotary-community-corps

ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS 2016-17 Survey Results



2016-17 Rotary Community Corps Survey Results

Every year, RI surveys all club presidents whose club sponsors at least one [Rotary Community Corps \(RCC\)](#). Survey responses provide valuable information about the activities and demographics of RCCs and the nature of their partnership with Rotary clubs. 300 of 3450 presidents responded to the 2017 survey to share insights from the 2016-17 Rotary year.

Below are the most significant insights gained from the 2017 RCC survey:

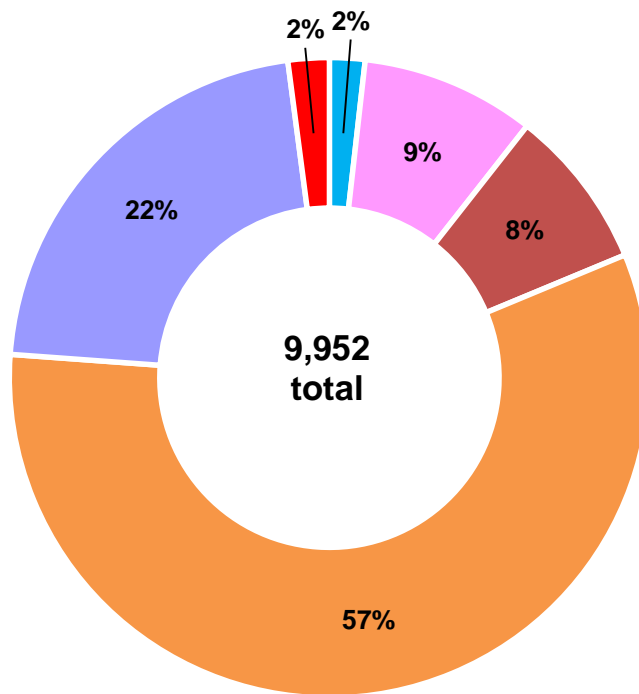
I. Active RCCs and their projects:

- 9554 RCCs were active during the 2016-17 Rotary year.
- 51% of RCCs are located in urban areas.
- 77% of RCCs meet at least once a month.
- 32% of RCC members are 35-44 years of age, 28% are between the ages of 18 and 34, 27% are 45-54 years of age, and 13% are 55 and older.
- 42% of RCCs have predominantly male members, 41% predominantly female members, and 17% equal number of female and male members.
- Club presidents characterized RCC members in four different groups: (1) people who are committed to service but not qualified for membership in a Rotary club, (2) people who are qualified for membership in a Rotary club but are not interested in joining, (3) people who are interested in joining a Rotary club and are demonstrating their commitment to service through their involvement in the RCC, as well as (4) people who are in need of services and could benefit from the RCCs' service projects.
- RCC projects address all of Rotary's areas of focus. Basic Education and Literacy and Economic and Community Development projects seem to be most common and Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution projects seem to be rarest.

2016-17 RCC Overview

9,952 RCCs were active in 98 countries throughout the year. 600 new RCCs were chartered and 15 RCCs were terminated. As a result, RCCs experienced a 6.7% net growth worldwide. India has the highest number of active RCCs with 5027 Corps. Philippines has the second highest number of RCCs with 1859 Corps. Brazil is in the third place with 366 RCCs, followed by Bangladesh with 226, and Turkey with 197. Interestingly, the countries with the highest number of RCCs are different from the countries with the highest annual growth rates. For example, Egypt experienced the highest RCC growth with a 43% growth in active RCCs during the 2016-17 year. Nigeria experienced the second highest growth with 25% increase. Italy experienced the third highest growth with 19% increase. The growth rates in the UK (17%), USA (11 %), Japan (11%), Taiwan (10%), and Korea (8%) are also well above the global average (6.7 %) whereas the growth rates in India and Philippines are understandably stable at 6%.

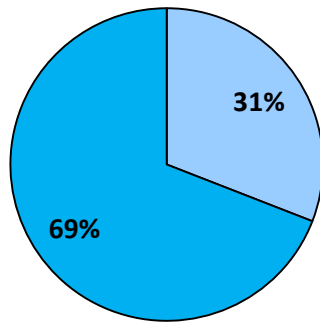
2016-17 Geographical Distribution of RCCs



- North America and Europe
- South/Central American and the Caribbean
- Africa and the Middle East
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia and Oceania
- East Asia

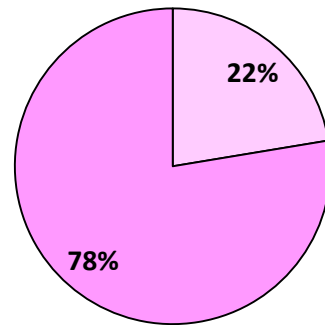
RCC Location Trends by Region

North America and Europe



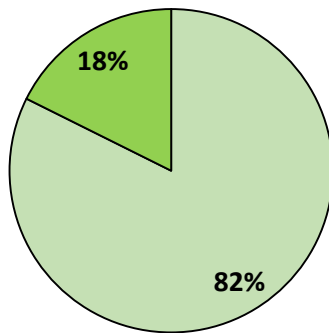
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South/Central America and the Caribbean



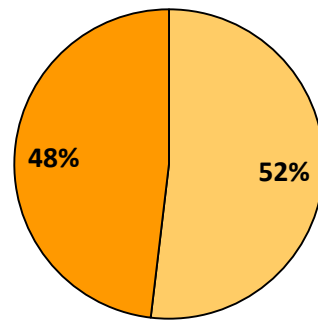
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South Asia



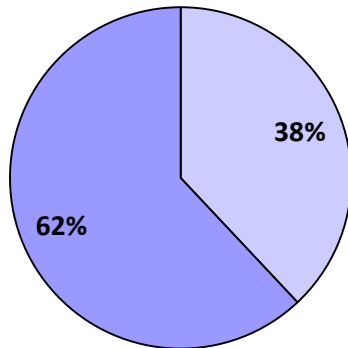
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Africa and the Middle East



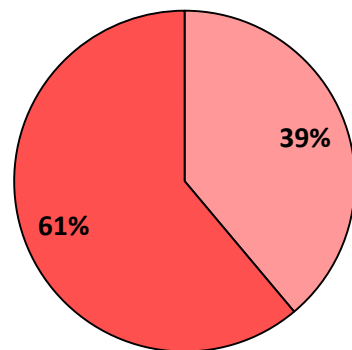
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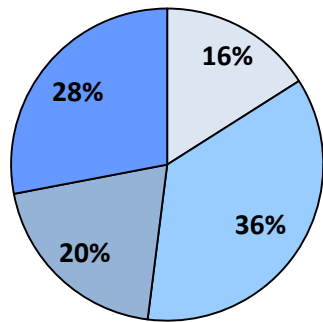
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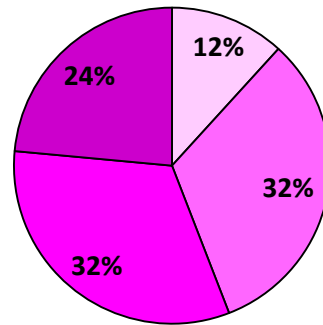
RCC Member Age Demographics by Region

North America and Europe



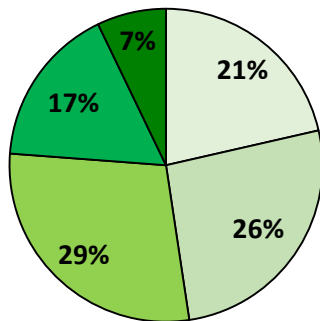
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South/Central America & the Caribbean



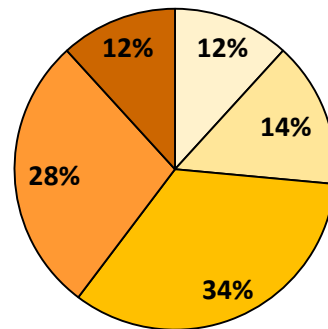
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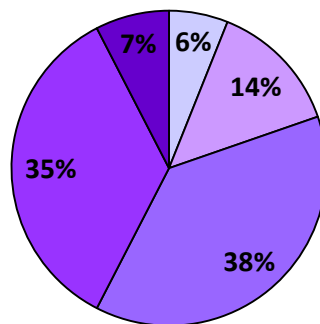
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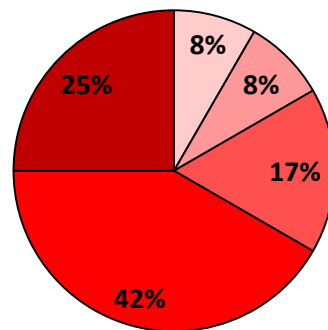
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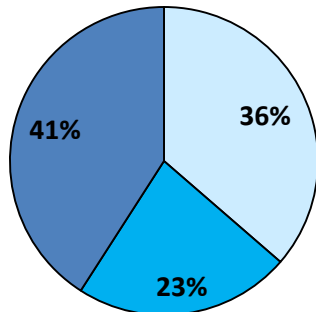
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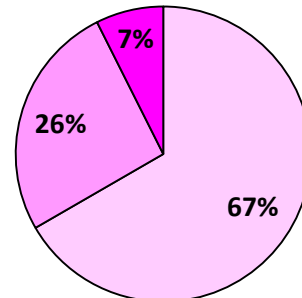
RCC Member Gender Demographics by Region

North America and Europe



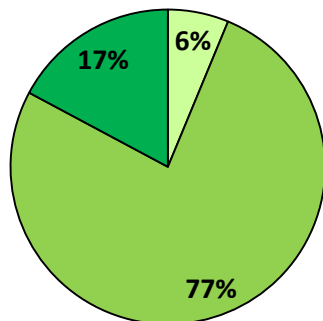
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South/Central America and the Caribbean



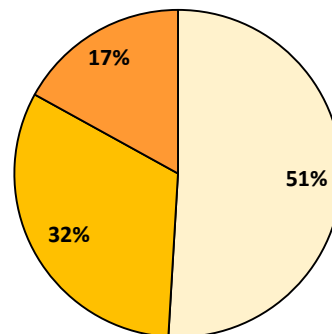
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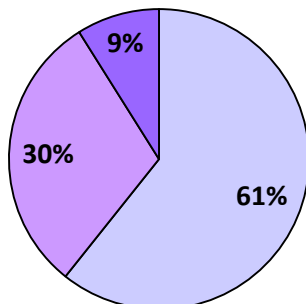
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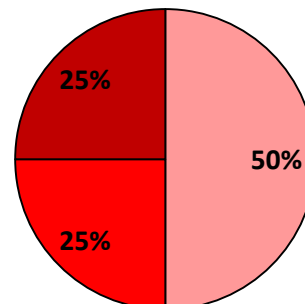
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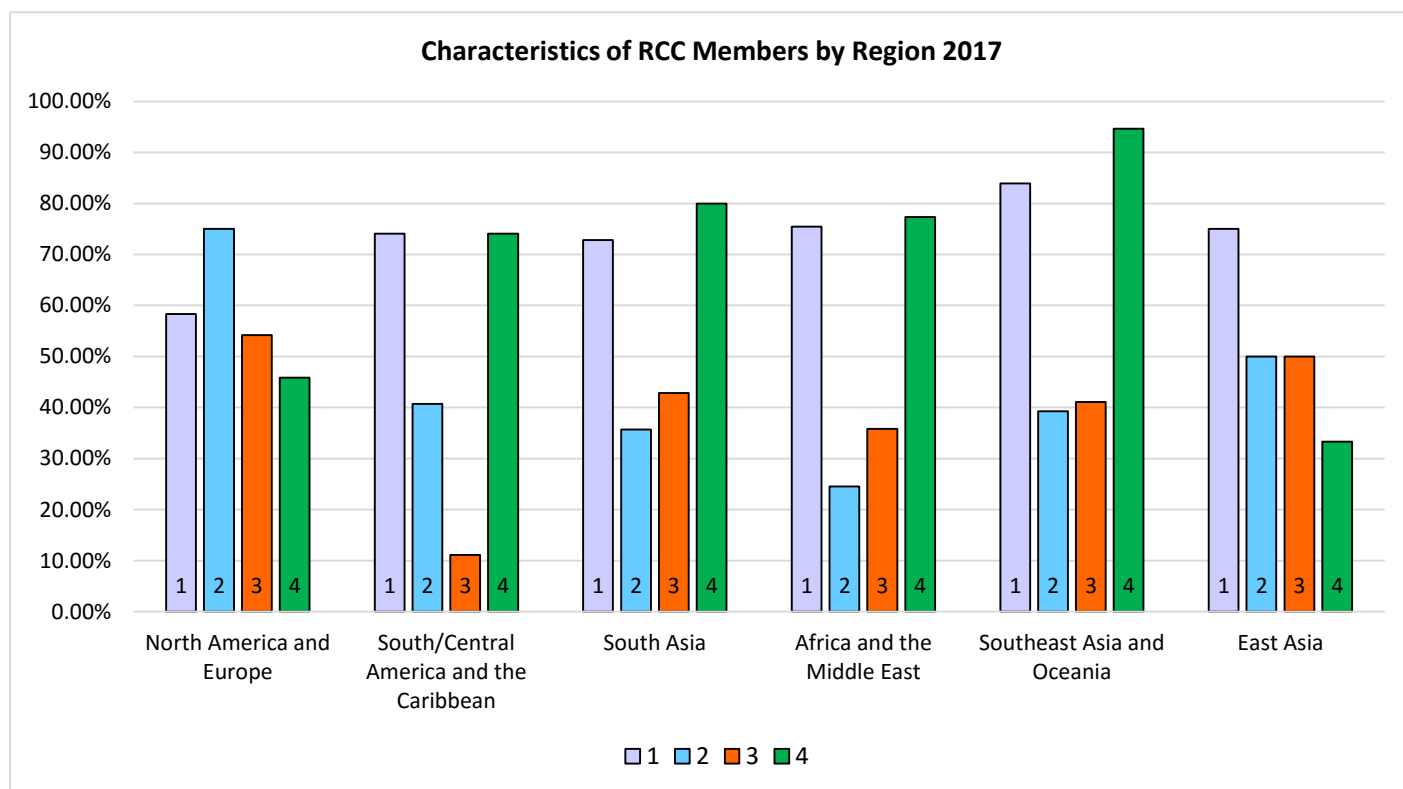
II. Sponsoring Rotary clubs' involvement with RCCs

- Rotary clubs organize most of the fundraising activities and donate funds for RCC projects. RCC members are more likely to volunteer their time than be responsible for the long-term oversight of the project or publicize it.
- Most of the Rotary clubs promote RCCs through personal contacts (rated highest) and social networking site(s), as well as by advertising RCCs using local media.
- Most of the Rotary clubs support their RCCs by organizing joint club/RCC projects and inviting RCCs to participate in club meetings.
- Most of the club presidents communicate RCC information to their club members at club meetings or via email and or/newsletters.

III. Characteristics of RCC Members

RCC members can be generally characterized with at least one of the following:

- 1- People who are committed to service but are not qualified for membership in a Rotary club.
- 2- People who are qualified for membership in a Rotary club but are not interested in joining a Rotary club.
- 3- People who are interested in joining a Rotary club and are demonstrating their commitment to service through their involvement in the RCC.
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IV. Rotary's involvement with RCCs

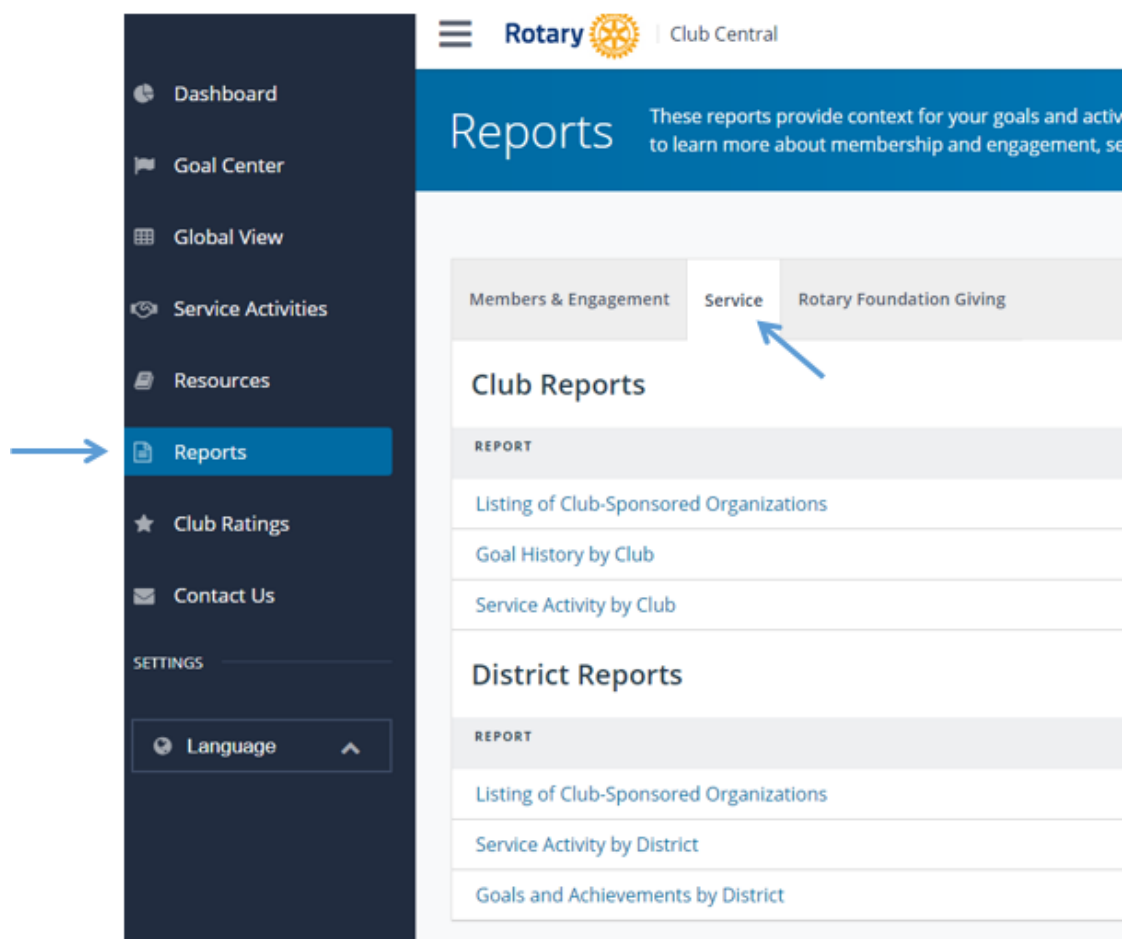
Club presidents shared feedback on Rotary's support of the RCC program:

- 61% think that Rotary International should communicate directly with RCC presidents while 39% of club presidents believe Rotary International should not communicate directly with RCC presidents because of language and translation issues, as well as RCC members' lack of regular access to email.
- 57% of club presidents think that Rotary should not suspend RCCs that have been inactive for six or more months.
- 79% of club presidents would like resources on fundraising ideas for RCC projects. 70% of club presidents would like a "how to" guide on maintaining a sustainable collaboration with their RCC. 65% of club presidents would like resources on additional ideas to promote RCCs to community members.

LISTING OF CLUB-SPONSORED ORGANIZATIONS (ROTARACT, INTERACT, RCC)

To access these reports, Rotarians can take the following steps:

1. If you have not done so already, create a [My Rotary](#) account.
2. Once signed in, hover over the **Manage** menu.
3. Select **Rotary Club Central**.
4. Once on the Rotary Club Central homepage, select **Reports** from the menu on the left.
5. Select the **Service** tab.



6. For a list of Rotaract/ Interact clubs & RCCs sponsored by your district, select **Listing of Club-Sponsored Organizations** under **District Reports**.
7. For a list of Rotaract/ Interact clubs & RCCs sponsored by your Rotary club, select **Listing of Club-Sponsored Organizations** under **Club Reports**.