

Rotary Acronyms and Terminology



Acronyms

RI - Rotary International
DG - District Governor
AG - District Assistant Governor
PDG – Past District Governor
TRF - The Rotary Foundation
RLI – Rotary Leadership Institute
CLT – Club Leadership Training
PETS – President Elect Training Seminars
RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
SLAPSHOT - Student Leadership Award Program for Students High On Training
RCC – Rotary Community Corps
VTT - Vocational Training Teams (Vocational training teams are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about a particular field or to learn more about their own)

Terminology

Areas of Focus

Rotary International has identified specific causes to target our local and global impact via global grant distribution and other resources: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, and Economic and Community Development.

Avenues of Service

Our commitment to service at home and abroad through five avenues of service, which serve as the foundation of club activity: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, International Service and Youth Services.

Club Assembly

A club meeting to discuss the club programs and activities. Open to all club members. Clubs can incorporate club assemblies into their regular meeting schedules.

ClubRunner

A web service that many clubs use in our district to host web sites and enhance electronic communication with District and International.

Club Leadership Training (fka) District Assembly

An annual one day leadership training with diverse seminars to select from, open to all Rotarians but of particular value to club leaders.

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District Conference

An annual motivational meeting that showcases club and district activities. Open to all Rotarians in that district and their families.

EarlyAct

A service and social club for youth ages 6 - 12 which are sponsored by Rotary clubs.

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say and 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?

Interact

A service and social club for youth ages 12 - 18 which are sponsored by Rotary clubs.

PolioPlus

The Rotary Foundation's program focusing on global and polio eradication efforts.

Rotaract

Service and social clubs for young adults ages 18 - 30 that are sponsored by Rotary clubs.

Rotarian Action Groups

International groups of individuals who share a passion for a humanitarian issue or service activity. An example is the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group.

Rotarian Community Corps (RCC)

Groups of non-Rotarians who work on service projects for their communities. Organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

Rotary Fellowships

International groups of individuals who share a vocational or recreational interest. An example is the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

The philanthropic arm of Rotary International that helps Rotarians advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through humanitarian projects and educational programs.

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees

15 Rotarians who manage the business of The Rotary Foundation, led by the trustee chair. Appointed by the RI President, with agreement from the RI Board to four-year terms.

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Rotary International (RI)

Our international association comprised of approximately 34,000 Rotary clubs and 1.2 million members in nearly every country of the world. Headquartered in Evanston, Illinois, with international offices on four continents.

RI Board of Directors

19 Rotarians who set policy for Rotary International. Elected to two-year terms of office. The RI President is elected annually to preside over the RI board and to set International goals for the organization each year.

RI Convention

An annual celebration of Rotary held in a different location around the world each year. Open to all Rotarians and their families.

Rotary Peace Centers

Hosted by several universities around the world to offer advanced degrees and professional certificates in peace and conflict resolution.

Rotary Peace Fellow

A recipient of a Rotary Foundation scholarship for study at one of the Rotary Peace Centers.

Rotary Youth Exchange (YE)

A cultural and educational exchange for students ages 15 - 19, A chance to travel and live abroad for cultural exchanges. More than 8,000 students participate in this immersive program each year.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Rotary's leadership training program for teens and young adults that emphasizes social responsibility, global citizenship, and personal development.

Student Leadership Award Program for Students High On Training (SLAPHOT)

An inspiring personal development seminar for high school student leaders ages 15 - 18, sponsored by District 7090 Rotary clubs.

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