

ROTARY RECOGNITION 2019-2020

INTRODUCTION

Rotary is a worldwide service organization whose mission is to do good in the world. Its 1.2 million members are volunteers, working to make this world a better place and not for awards. Recognizing their efforts is what the District 7910 Recognition program is all about. This document lists three types of recognition: Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and District 7910.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Please follow the deadlines and application instructions for Rotary International recognitions.

Where indicated, District 7910 award applications must be RECEIVED by the Awards Committee on or before June 30, 2020, in order to allow the committee sufficient time to evaluate the submissions and make the certificates. Please complete and e-mail your nominations to *both*:

Laura Spear at laura@spear.net and Peggy Sheldon at peggy@albrodeur.com

Or, send your nominations by regular mail to:

Laura Spear District 7910 Awards Committee 42 Forest Rd. Stow, MA 01775	Peggy Sheldon District 7910 Awards Committee 17 Nelson St. Gardner, MA 01440
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We wish we could control the U.S. Postal Service, but alas, we cannot. So, send your submissions *early!* Submissions postmarked *after* June 30, 2020 will not be considered.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

Rotary International has modified its recognitions this year as described at <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/awards>.

Members of the Rotary community help make clubs stronger, communities better, and peace possible. Thank them for their dedication and valuable contributions by recognizing them with one of these Rotary International or non-contribution-based Rotary Foundation awards. You can now:

- Recognize a club
- Recognize individuals
- Recognize non-Rotarians

Questions? Send them to rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

RECOGNIZE A CLUB

Rotary citation for Rotary clubs (formerly known as the Presidential Citation award)
The most important award for Rotary clubs.

Who can nominate: club officers

Nomination deadline: June 30

Award type: electronic certificate

Resources:

- Find goals in the [citation brochure](#) (PDF)
- Learn how to report achievements in our [guide](#) (PDF)
- Learn more about the [Rotary Citations](#)

Rotary citation for Rotaract clubs

The most important award for Rotaract clubs.

Who can nominate: Rotaract club presidents and advisers

Nomination deadline: August 15

Award type: electronic certificate

Resources:

- Find goals in the [citation brochure](#) (PDF)
- Learn how to report achievements in our [guide](#) (PDF)
- Learn more about the [Rotary Citations](#)

Rotary citation for Interact clubs

The most important award for Interact clubs.

Who can nominate: Interact club advisors, sponsor Rotary club presidents

Nomination deadline: August 15

Award type: electronic certificate

Resources:

- Find goals in the [citation brochure](#) (PDF)
- Learn how to report achievements in our [guide](#) (PDF)
- Learn more about the [Rotary Citations](#)

Significant Service Award

Recognize a club whose project has addressed a significant need in your community.

Who can nominate: club president

Nomination period: all year

Award type: electronic certificate

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#)

World Interact Week Recognition

Recognizes Interact clubs that celebrate the founding of the first club during World Interact Week, which occurs each year during the week of November 5 (from Monday to Sunday).

Who can nominate: sponsoring Rotary clubs or district Interact chairs

Nomination period: all year

Award type: electronic certificate

Resources:

- Customizable [certificate](#) (PDF)

World Rotaract Week Recognition

Recognizes Rotaract clubs that celebrate the founding of the first club during World Rotaract Week, which occurs each year during the week of March 13 (from Monday to Sunday).

Who can nominate: sponsoring Rotary clubs or district Rotaract chairs

Nomination period: all year

Award type: electronic certificate

Resources:

- Customizable [certificate](#) (PDF)

Interact Video Awards

Recognizes outstanding videos created by Interactors.

Who can nominate: Interactors or sponsor Rotary club members

Nomination period: October 1-December 1

Award type: plaque or certificate

Resources:

- [Interact Facebook page](#)
- [Interact YouTube channel](#)

Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards

Recognizes Rotaract clubs that are making a sustainable impact in one of Rotary's areas of focus through their innovative community or international service projects.

Who can nominate: Rotaractors

Nomination period: August 1-February 1

Award type: plaque or certificate

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#)

RECOGNIZE INDIVIDUALS

Avenues of Service Award (district recognition)

With an award from their district, clubs can honor a Rotarian who participates in service activities in one of the five Avenues of Service — club, vocational, community, international, and youth service.

Who can nominate: club presidents

Nomination period: all year

Award type: electronic certificate

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#) for club presidents
- [Examples of eligible service activities](#) (PDF)
- [How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)

Avenues of Service Award (RI recognition)

Districts can nominate a member who has performed service in all five Avenues of Service for an award from Rotary International.

Who can nominate: district governors

Nomination period: all year

Award type: pin and crystal award

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#)
- [How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)

Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service

Honors members who have been actively involved in service related to The Rotary Foundation.

Who can nominate: district Rotary Foundation chair (with endorsement by the governor)

Nomination period: November-December

Award type: electronic certificate

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#)

Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award

Honors individual Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation and have received the Citation for Meritorious Service at least four years prior.

Who can nominate: district governors

Nomination period: January 1-February 8

Award type: pin and crystal award

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#)
- [How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)

Rotary Foundation District Service Award

Honors Rotarians who are making a difference through the Foundation's programs.

Who can nominate: district governors who receive recommendations from their district foundation committee

Nomination period: all year (ideally before district conference)

Award type: electronic certificate

Resources:

- [Rotary Foundation District Service Award template](#) (PDF)

Service Above Self Award

Prestigious award for Rotarians who demonstrate their commitment to helping others by volunteering their time and talents.

Who can nominate: district governors

Nomination period: October 1-31

Award type: pin and crystal award

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#)
- [How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)

Service Award for a Polio-Free World

Honors Rotarians who have made outstanding contributions to our polio eradication efforts. Individuals can be nominated for regional or international service.

Who can nominate: Rotarians

Nomination period: Annually: July 1-October 1

Nomination deadline: October 1

Award type: framed certificate, plaque

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#)

PolioPlus Pioneer Award

Honors Rotarians who provided extraordinary service to polio eradication prior to November 1, 1992.

Who can nominate: Rotarians

Nomination period: Annually: July 1– October 1

Nomination deadline: October 1

Award type: crystal award

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#)

RECOGNIZE NON-ROTARIANS

Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award

Recognizes one outstanding alumni association each year for raising awareness of our alumni's impact on our organization.

Who can nominate: Any member of the Rotary community

Nomination period: July 1-September 15

Award type: banner, recognition at Rotary convention

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#)
- [Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award past recipients](#) (PDF)

Rotary Alumni Global Service Award

Honors one outstanding Rotary alumnus each year for his or her humanitarian service and professional achievements.

Who can nominate: Any member of the Rotary community

Nomination period: July 1-September 15

Award type: crystal award, recognition at the Rotary convention

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#)
- [Rotary Alumni Global Service Award past recipients](#) (PDF)

Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity

Recognizes non-Rotarians, including partners and spouses of Rotarians, who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service in accord with Rotary's ideals.

Who can nominate: district governor

Nomination period: March 1-31

Award type: pin and crystal award

Resources:

- Online [nomination form](#)
- [How to write a compelling nomination](#) (PDF)

DISTRICT 7910 AWARDS

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Rotarian of the Year Award recognizes the outstanding efforts of Rotarians in service to their club and to District 7910. The District Governor determines the recipients for this recognition and awards it at the end of the Rotary year. The recognition may be given to a single Rotarian or a small group of Rotarians.

CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Club of the Year award recognizes the activities of a Rotary club in all Five Avenues of Service and more during the Rotary year. Achievement is based on the numerical total of all line items on the District 7910 Awards Submission Form. The form is based on the requirements of this year's Rotary Citation with a few additional goals to support District Governor Pam Anastasi's priorities for our district. Three Club of the Year awards (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) will be presented. The clubs with the three highest number of points in total will receive recognition.

We recommend using the District 7910 Awards Submission Form as a guide for possible projects, programs, and activities throughout the current Rotary year. You can find the form on the District 7910 website: www.rotary7910.org. Submit the completed form to the District Awards Committee by June 30, 2020.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Growing Rotary while keeping current members engaged under a strong club governance is critical for the ongoing health of Rotary and allows us to do more good in the world. Three Membership awards (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) will be presented, based on the point totals of line items that relate to Membership and club service in the District 7910 Awards Submission Form.

SERVICE AWARD

Rotary is all about service, whether performed in a club's local community or on the other side of the world. When Rotary is viewed as a positive force in the community, our membership strengthens and grows, improving our ability to broaden our efforts in the community and worldwide. Three Service awards (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) will be presented, based on the point totals of line items that relate to community, international, vocational, and youth service in the District 7910 Awards Submission Form.

PUBLIC IMAGE AWARD

Visibility and reputation in the community are critical to the success and growth of a Rotary club. Communicating your projects, programs, and fundraisers to the general public in a consistent way plays an important role in the public's participation in your events and increases their understanding of what your Rotary club is doing. Effective public communications means developing a plan with a specific goal, identifying your target audiences, and implementing public image activities that address your target audiences and use Rotary brand guidelines and templates.

Three Public Image awards (Gold, Silver, Bronze) will be presented, based on the point totals of line items that relate to Public Image in the District 7910 Awards Submission Form.

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR AWARD

A key to a successful Rotary year is timely and effective communications between Rotary clubs and district leadership, and Assistant Governors serve as the district's primary communication channel. Assistant Governors must know and understand the pulse of each Rotary club assigned to them, take the initiative to contact their clubs on a regular basis, answer questions, lend guidance, and on a regular basis communicate the strengths and weaknesses of their clubs to the District Governor. The Assistant Governor Award recognizes an Assistant Governor who performs these duties and more:

- Initiates contact with club Presidents and builds trust with them through the Rotary year
- Quickly and effectively passes information to and from the clubs and the district
- Visits each club at least quarterly, attends each club's annual visit by the District Governor, including the District Governor's business meeting, and attends each club's events, programs, and fundraisers
- Acts as a resource for their clubs and is familiar with district and Rotary International resources and shares with the clubs as appropriate
- Rates the clubs in Rotary Club Central
- Keeps the District Governor informed of any issues related to a club
- Attends the Assistant Governor training at PETS
- Frequently attends district events and training
- Is viewed as a leader among all of the district's Assistant Governors, promoting positive energy and momentum and lending assistance to other Assistant Governors and the District Governor when needed
- Serves with a smile, always willing to go the extra mile and assist the clubs and district as needed

The District Governor may select one candidate each year.

EDWARD C. HALL FOUNDATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes the efforts of a District 7910 Rotarian who, over a period of years, has made a significant impact on the lives of people in the local and/or international community and who has advanced the goal of world understanding and peace, one person at a time, through support of The Rotary Foundation with time, talent, and treasure.

The District Governor One determines the recipient and may make one award for the Rotary year.

DISTRICT 7910 CHAMPIONS OF PEACE AWARD

For more than a century, Rotary has been committed to building bridges between people and promoting peace in communities the world over. In keeping with our commitment to peace and understanding, the District 7910 Champions of Peace award honors one individual or organization for its commitment to using time and talents to create peace, either locally or internationally.

Recognition criteria:

- Nominee must be actively involved in peace initiatives or conflict resolution.
- Nominee should have an exemplary record around service and peace building initiatives/projects.
- Nominee is contributing to cultures of peace or is actively transforming conflict locally or internationally.
- Nominee should be involved with Rotary projects that are currently active or concluded within the past three Rotary years.

Please contact the District Governor by December 1 if you have a candidate for this award.

The District Governor determines the recipient and may make one award for the Rotary year.