

# Rotary



**Rotary Fellowships**  
**2014 Annual Report**

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## Introduction

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, and Rotaractors who:

- Share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions
- Further their vocational development with others in the same profession or field
- Enhance their Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world

Every year fellowships submit a report of activities to Rotary International. The following report summarizes each fellowship's reported membership statistics and key activities during Rotary year 2013-14.

Additional information about fellowships can be found online, [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships).

## Rotary Fellowships at a Glance

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### Historical Background

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians; this fellowship now boasts the longest continuous existence. The scope of Rotary Fellowships has changed much over the years, but today their purpose is still to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favorite recreational or professional activities.

### Membership

In 2013-14, 64 fellowships reported a combined membership of 36,938 people in more than 180 countries worldwide. The average size for each Fellowship is 586 members. As of October 2014, 28 fellowships (43% of all fellowships) charged no membership dues. For those fellowship that charge dues, the average annual membership cost was US\$25 and average lifetime membership cost was US\$150.

### Recent updates

In December 2014, the RI Board of Directors recognized the Fellowship for Cruising Rotarians. As this group is recognized in the 2014-15 Rotary year, it did not submit an annual report for 2013-14.

For a current list of Rotary Fellowships, visit [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships).

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## International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR)

**Topic of Interest:** amateur radio operation

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 347 members in 29 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$20 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Celebrating Rotary International's 109th Birthday & the Polio Plus Program, ROAR decided to activate Special Event Ham Radio stations "On Air" worldwide on the weekend of Rotary's Birthday on 22-23 February 2014. These "Ham" radio stations informed thousands of people worldwide about Rotary and the Polio Plus program. The website got over 8,500 website hits in only 48 hours.

Below are some significant data on these stations:

- VI4POLIO: ROAR President Bill, Diane, daughter Alizah (all Rotarians) contacted 905 Hams with over 3,500 hits on QRZ
- VI6POLIO Wally in WA, 296 contacts, 46 different countries, 1,350 lookups on QRZ
- VI3POLIO in Victoria, Australia, led by Lee and 2 Peters: 640 contacts, 1800 lookups on QRZ
- VI2POLIO in NSW, Australia, led by PDG Noel McLaren: 26 Contacts
- VI7POLIO in Tasmania, led by PP Reg Emmett: Local contacts only
- YO9POLIO in Romania: 1,680 contacts in all continents with 2,046 website lookups
- Other stations were on air in the USA, Spain, and France

At the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sydney ROAR "Hams" visited their Fellowship's booth and met with hundreds of Rotarians, who are also Ham Radio operators. From the booth, ROAR representatives remotely controlled a Ham radio station located at Gosford, just outside of Sydney, and successfully made contact with 500 Rotarians all over the world using the special Australian Rotary callsign VI2R. The ROAR also had a very well attended Fellowship Night where about 20 members from countries including New Zealand, Japan, Russia and Australia enjoyed a very rowdy meal.

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## **Antique, Classic and Historic Automobile World Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topics of Interest:** ownership, restoration, preservation, or enjoyment of antique, classic, and historic automobiles

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 430 members in 26 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$25 annual; US\$192 lifetime

### ***Highlights from 2013-14***

In 2014, ACHAFR added new chapters and contacts with many local Tours and Trials in France, North America, Germany, and Scandinavia. The 2014 European Tour was hosted in England. The 2015 Euro Tour will be hosted in Germany and its preparations were done by the German Chapter. The 2016 Tour is going to be hosted in Italy.

The ACHAFR also exhibited at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney.

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## **Rotarians' International Fellowship of Authors and Writers**

**Topic of Interest:** writing

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 27 members in 7 countries

**Membership Dues:** No annual dues, No lifetime.

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The Fellowship has worked on alternative ways to connect with its members. An extensive survey was conducted in November 2013, which had several significant outcomes:

1. Most members would not/do not attend conventions where face-to-face meetings can take place.
2. Most members were unclear as to how to access the Fellowship's website and make relevant contributions, despite numerous "how to" directions, examples, and encouragement from the executive.
3. Most members were keen to share ideas about writing, segments of their work and find out about publishing.

The website had been completely overhauled and made easier to use. The Fellowship funds were used totally for that purpose. Funds have now run out and the ongoing cost of the website cannot be justified against a membership, who is not using it. The decision to revert to being just an electronic fellowship was taken in March 2014. It was decided to focus on LinkedIn because not only the discussions can easily be accessed on LinkedIn, but also the group may have some degree of closed membership (Rotarians only).

Based on these structural changes, new members now receive a membership "card" and access to the LinkedIn group. The website has been shut down with no further renewal costs. The Pay Pal Account has been reconciled and closed, as has the related "land" bank account. The membership dues were removed. An interim Fellowship Financial statement was prepared, shared, and ratified at the Annual General Meeting in Sydney.

In the past Rotary year, five new members joined the Fellowship. A fun meeting was held in Sydney with the attendance of three new members and the executive officers. Rotarians shared about their writing desires and skills and looked forward to future interactions. Two members had new books to share and discuss and their stories (both life and written) were fascinating.

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## **Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide Fellowship (BREW)**

**Topic of Interest:** consumption of beer and the fellowship that it generates

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 180 members in 14 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$20 annual; US\$100 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Immediately after its official recognition by the RI Board of Directors in November 2013, BREW applied for a booth space and a meeting room at the RI Convention in Sydney. The Fellowship also applied for permission to produce some paraphernalia for sale to its members in the booth. These materials were displayed alongside two giant BREW logos. The booth was manned by the Fellowship chair and vice chair, and supported by some members who volunteered to help. Rotarians and their spouses enquired about the objectives, subscribed, and added their names to a list for a tour of a well-known Brewery and Bar (The Rocks). The BREW started with about 20 subscribers a day, which rose to a peak of 70 subscribers on a particular day. Around 80 Rotarians enrolled for the Brewery and Bar Tour, with about 45 actually attending. The BREW Fellowship's booth was a scene of utmost interest to all who visited the House of Friendship, with many intriguing statements, like "my son-in-law will now have a reason to join Rotary".

An Annual General Meeting was also held for BREW members, where the group abdubed its bylaws and other important issues like annual and lifetime dues were discussed.

Few other activities took place in different countries and states in the United States. Notably, BREW Fellowship acquired Fellowship Booth at the District 9102 District Assembly and Conference (DAC), and District 5160 DAC. BREW Members in Ghana also attended the OKTOBERFEST in Ghana, and toured a waterfall.

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## **International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians (IFBR)**

**Topic of Interest:** birdwatching

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 99 members in 23 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$15 annual

### ***Highlights from 2013-14***

The IFBR held its Annual Meeting and Annual Field Trip in conjunction with the Rotary Convention in Sydney. Despite intermittent rain, five members enjoyed a morning of birding at Sydney Olympic Park on Thursday after the convention, visiting a variety of habitats and learning more about the history of the area and Olympic Park. The walk was led by Jeff Byron, a longtime member of the Cumberland Bird Observers Club. A donation was made to the Cumberland Bird Observers Club for their research projects in New South Wales in appreciation for the tour.

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## **Fellowship of Bowling Rotarians (FBR)**

**Topics of interest:** canoeing, sea kayaking, outrigger canoeing, dragon boating, and rafting

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 34 members in 5 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

As one of the newly recognized Rotary Fellowships, the FBR focused on expanding its membership this past year in various countries including Bulgaria, Russia, Romania, Moldova, and Croatia. The Fellowship hosts the International Bowling Tournament for Rotarians, which took place on 3-4 October 2014 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

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## **International Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians (IFCR)**

**Topics of interest:** canoeing, sea kayaking, outrigger canoeing, dragon boating, and rafting

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 120 members in 20 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The ICFR members actively use the group's [Facebook](#) page to share their paddling activities. Here are some examples:

- 9 July 2013 – Peter Sowden of Rotary Club of Walkerville, Australia, launches his newly built plywood kayak at West Lakes.
- 2 Aug 2013 – Anders Karlsson from the Rotary Club of Almhults, Sweden shares a video "Me and my children paddling in our river at home".
- 8 Aug 2013 – Rod Delisle of Manitoba, Canada and Jonathon Mayne of Victoria, Australia exchange rafting photos from the Sunwapta River in Canada and Sabah, a Malaysian State on the Northern coast of Borneo respectively.
- 2 Mar 2014 – Bill Bender of Seguin, Texas, USA shares a photo of The San Marcos River cleanup.
- 14 Apr 2014 – Dan Herbert of Washago, Ontario, Canada shares a video of his family canoe trip down the Green River.
- 13 May 2014 – Ole Andreas Seipajærvi of Akershus, Norway had a nice reunion with a former exchange student by paddling in Oslo fjord.

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## **International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR)**

**Topic of interest:** use of recreational vehicles at organized events

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 985 members in 4 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$16 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

ICFR continues to hold rallies throughout the United Kingdom and into Europe in most months of the year. The location of the rallies can be found on the [website](#). The UK rallies are usually of five, six or seven day duration and the rallies in Europe tend to be almost three weeks long. All rally programs have a range of visits and social activities. The most significant rally this year was to France when the group stayed within a short distance of Pegasus Bridge during the remembrance ceremonies 70 years after the D-Day landings on 6 June. This was a moving and memorable occasion for the ICFR members.

In May and September the Fellowship held two large rallies for its Annual General Meeting and Autumn Fellowship Meeting. These meetings attract between 150 and 180 members for five days.

The ICFR continued to publish a semi-annual newsletter (magazine) "News & Views" which are available on the website. The group keeps its members updated on membership news with a monthly circulation covering new members, deaths, resignations and changes of personal details. All members also receive an annual Directory of Members.

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## **International Fellowship of Carnival, Parades and Festivals**

**Topics of interest:** the traditions and customs of Carnival and other parades and festivals

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 32 members in 5 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$25 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Fellowship members came together in February in Cologne, Germany to celebrate one of the oldest festivals in the country, "Cologne Rosenmontagszug."

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## **International Chess Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR)**

***Topic of interest:*** chess

***Membership Data for 2013-14:*** 39 members in 14 countries

***Membership Dues:*** None

### ***Highlights from 2013-14***

ICFR presented at the House of Friendship during the 2014 RI Convention in Sydney. The present chair and past chair welcomed visitors at the booth and played chess and discussed with visitor the activities and structure of IFCR. A chess tournament was organized at the ICFR booth for all international players attending the convention to promote the International Fellowship. The Rosamond Cup Matches event was hosted as well, where a team of European members plays against a team of members from the rest of the world. The group also organized a dinner for its members and their partners during the convention.

Throughout the year, the group arranged chess matches between members and published games in the monthly newsletter. ICFR publishes a monthly newsletter, which is sent to members electronically. The fellowship maintains an active series of games between members.

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## **International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians (ICUFR)**

**Topic of interest:** using electronic communication to serve, share, and enjoy fellowship

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 741 members in 68 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

ICUFR's focus was on membership development and member engagement in the past year. Accordingly, the group has revamped its old website and started online updating system of member details and real time online recording of member activities. The Fellowship maintained contact with its membership through the web forum, web site, newsletters and the use of a mailing list to which all new members were subscribed. The ICUFR attracted 105 new members in 2013-14.

The ICUFR also updated its bylaws first time after 16 years to attract new and young talent to leadership positions.

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## **International Fellowship of Rotarian Convention Goers (CGF)**

**Topic of interest:** promoting attendance at RI Conventions as a means toward fulfilling the Object of Rotary, which begins with the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 473 members in 42 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$50 annual; US\$100 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The CGF once again had a booth during the convention, which members helped staff for five days. As part of the booth, the Fellowship made nearly 1000 free luggage tags for convention goers for their convention bags using their business cards and an exclusively developed "Sao Paulo Convention" business card to promote attending the 2015 convention in Sao Paulo. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> year the Fellowship has done this, and once again it was a big success.

The most fun and exciting event of the Fellowship was the annual "Rotary Reunion" banquet. This year it was held aboard the "Sydney 2000" cruise ship which cruised the harbor during the "Sydney Vivid Festival." The food was spectacular and the 400 attendees helped raise more than \$2400 for the PolioPlus campaign. The event was attended by Rotarians from all over the world.

As we've done since 2006, the CGF was responsible for working with RI to develop and present two "First Time Convention Goers" orientation sessions at Sydney. As usual, they were very successful and widely attended.

We also exhibited at Pacific Northwest President Elect Training Session (PETS) in Seattle in February to promote the convention in Sydney, showed the Sydney Convention Video and made 500 Sydney Luggage tags for the PE's. This is the largest PETS in the world with more than 1000 in attendance and we registered 62 Rotarians for Sydney over the weekend.

Overall it was a great year for the Fellowship and the group hopes to attain higher registration rates at the 2015 Rotary Convention.

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## **International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians (IFCR)**

**Topic of interest:** playing cricket

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 1000 members in 12 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

- The biennial World Rotary Cricket Festival was held in Nottingham, England in July 2014 with members from 7 countries attending.
- New chapter of IFCR was established in Corfu, Greece in September. A large party of Indian members plus single members from Australia and Pakistan played games against local players over a four day period. Rotarians were selected as office bearers for the new chapter.

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## **International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topic:** the sport of curling

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 400 members in 4 countries.

**Membership Dues:** \$10 annual

### ***Highlights from 2013-14***

The group completed its 22nd Curling World Championships in Aberdeen, Scotland in April 2014, which was hosted by the Rotary Club of Aberdeen St Fittick with the help of other Rotary clubs in the area. The event attracted more than 90 Rotary curlers from Scotland, Canada, USA , and England. The entire group, including partners numbered about 170. The next Championship will be held in Grande Prairie, AB, Canada.

The official biennial meetings of the Fellowship were also held as part of the Chamapionship event.

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## **Fellowship Cycling to Serve**

**Topics of interest:** cycling and service activities

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 342 members in 21 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$20 annual, No lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The official 30th Rotary Cycling World Championship was held in Heist op den Berg, Germany. There were fascinating races in the several age categories and wonderful Rotary friendship. About 150 participants from over 12 countries partook in the various races. The Fellowship also organized cycling events at national level mainly in Italy and Belgium.

A four day cycling tour was held in Bernau bei Berlin in May 2014 with individual cycling tours for different distances between Berlin and Szczecin, Poland. There were about 50 other participants from all over Europe and an official reception was held in the town hall. As always there was a partner program and Fellowship members were able to support a project of the organizing Rotary Club: Ethiopia Cataract 2014.

Also, members from Amsterdam supported the Darajati Bike Project, a project of the Rotary Club of Amman in Jordan, by collecting and packaging over 350 bikes.

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## **International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors**

**Topic of interest:** networking with health professionals and carrying out service activities

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 243 members in 47 countries

**Membership Dues:** No annual; US\$120 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

**Hands-on holistic project in Tanzania:** Led by Chair John Philip and with a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation, volunteers from the Fellowship worked with Rotarians on an island in Lake Victoria to improve facilities in a 120 bed government hospital. They renovated an old building as a waiting hostel for pregnant women, installed water filters, and provided training to encourage the staff to work together. They also provided a surplus of materials and medical equipment and provided equipment training to the women.

**Rotary's helping hand to albinos in Tanzania:** Another Global Grant was awarded to help the albino community in Tanzania to address discrimination issue towards albinos and offer them financial, medical and familial support.

**CALMED – reducing maternal and child mortality:** Led by the Immediate Past Chairman Himansu Basu in April 2013, this program empowered professionals through task shifting and skills transfer mediated through a training the trainer model. It empowered village community groups and Rotarians in reducing the impact of the three delay model, through awareness training and advocacy. Furthermore, a Global Grant program was sent out in November 2014 to Gujarat with 6 Ob Gyn specialists to help. The Calmed program was showcased at the Sydney Convention through the Fellowship's booth (approximately 460 visitors) and two workshops (on Maternal Mortality and VTT) and a project fair (approximately 100 visitors). Evaluation after 12 months shows a drop of Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) from 349 to 149. Training cascade produced 13 Master Trainers, 124 professionals trained in BEMONC.

**Support to telemedicine:** The Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary Club along with Global Offsite care have established telemedicine links with many hospitals in the Philippines, India, and Nigeria. They hope to have a panel of specialists teach those in underdeveloped countries. Another program for school health screenings is underway to ensure those with health needs are helped before they commence formal education.

**Anemia in pregnancy:** Vice Chair Kusam Chopra organized 13-15 camps in rural and urban areas in Delhi targeting anemia in children, woman, and pregnant individuals. Centers were selected for intervention to occur along with health education camps, short films on anemia, and workshops for a healthy diet. Early outcomes are encouraging and a program extension is being considered.

**Malaria prevention in Nigeria:** Fellowship Member, Basirat Giwa, from Nigeria is leading a malaria program, working together with local communities and Rotary. The goal of the program is to train to give free malaria treatment after testing and distribute free insecticide treated nets to all pregnant mothers and children.

**Prevention of severe malnutrition - [project peanut butter](#):** Dennis Spurgin is involved in setting up a production plant to provide healthy nutritious food from peanut butter to eradicate severe malnutrition in Malawi. They developed a nutritious peanut butter called “Ready to use Therapeutic Food (RUTF)” using local farmers and has a 97% success rate. It is currently operational in a number of countries in Malawi and Sierra Leone with wide support from Rotary.

**Eye clinics:** Led by the Fellowship Member Samir Das, the purpose of the [Guildford Rotary Eye Project \(GREP\)](#) is to encourage Rotary clubs in India and Africa to resolve their problems with their own funds. With the help of this project, Rotary clubs in Kolkata built their own hospitals with money raised locally, with support from international partners and the Rotary Foundation to provide equipment. Qualified and experienced surgeons were brought to the UK in batches for six weeks’ training. Since returning home they are serving their own people, both privately and without fees for the poor. They also train other surgeons to perpetuate the benefit. The skills of the surgeons are so good that they attract thousands of private operations, and the profits made from these operations cover the operations for the poor. On average, 2,000 private operations provide 1,000 free ones. Therefore, each hospital is self-financing and self-sustaining.

**Dine with the doctors:** During the RI Convention the Fellowship holds an annual “Dine with the Doctors” event with a number of their members and guests in attendance. This excellent event is an opportunity to make new friends and renew old ones.

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## **Doll Lovers Fellowship**

**Topic of interest:** dolls as a symbol of international culture and friendship

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 632 members in 103 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The fellowship continues to promote the Rotary Dolls Musuem and make it available for school visits. This is a unique initiative supported by Rotarians from 103 countries. They also organize trips to the museum for children who live in the slums and provide playing sessions.

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## **Rotarian E-Club Fellowship (REF)**

**Topic of interest:** sharing e-club resources and knowledge

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 468 members in 59 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

This was REF's first year as an official Rotary Fellowship and most of its efforts went towards building the foundation of the Fellowship including developing the website and social media presences, and expanding the REF board of directors.

REF created and promoted an exclusive (member only) Facebook group this past year called, The REF Lounge & eCafe. This is an informal group primarily for interpersonal communications among members. The membership responded quite well to this new group and there have been many worthwhile discussions.

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## **Fellowship of Rotarian Editors and Publishers (IFREP)**

**Topic of interest:** enabling Rotarian editors and publishers to share knowledge

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 2350 members in 150 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Potential new members continue to visit IFREP's social media venue and join to share their ideas for projects.

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## **Environment Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topic of interest:** environmental concerns and related service activities

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 2,400 members in 95 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The Fellowship continued to promote Rotary projects with environmental focus throughout the year. The Rotary year concluded with the group's proactive presence at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, where they managed to create awareness and take action, establishing contact with hundreds of interested Rotarians from each continent. After the convention, the officers followed up with those contacts between them and spread its membership in about a hundred countries. Fellowship representatives also attended the All Fellowships Annual General Meeting organized by the Rotary Fellowships Committee.

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## **Esperanto World Fellowship of Rotarians (RADE)**

**Topic of interest:** using and sustaining the language Esperanto

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 85 members in 22 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

RADE's project to create an e-club for Esperanto speaking Rotarians during the Lisbon Convention has become official once the Rotary E-Club of Esperanto was chartered by RI in June 2014. Members of RADE have been active in the Universal Congress of Esperanto in Buenos Aires, Argentina and in the Italian National Esperanto Congress by conducting speeches about the common aims of Rotary and the Esperanto World Movement for Understanding and World Peace. They had the opportunity to hold meetings to explain the values and actions of Rotary International. Some members were particularly active during the conference by presenting high-level scientific meetings. More than ten e-club members visited the weekly meeting of a local Rotary club in Buenos Aires during the Congress.

RADE members in Brussels, Belgium and Brasilia, Brazil organized one of the last Matching Grant projects in District 4530 providing a transportation vehicle for a big project collecting and preserving rare seeds of Amazon trees.

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## **International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians**

**Topics of interest:** fishing and conservation of fisheries

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 40 countries

**Membership Dues:** No annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The fellowship utilizes its Facebook page effectively to help facilitate communication among members, provide fishing tips, promote clubs' and fellowship chapters' fishing tournaments, exchange fishing invitations and publish comments and photographs associated with all the preceding.

The president of the group will attend the Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo to promote the fellowship to the family of Rotary.

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## **International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR)**

***Topic of interest:*** aviation

***Membership Data for 2013-14:*** 1000 members in 30 countries

***Membership Dues:*** US\$10 annual

### ***Highlights from 2013-14***

The IFFR held a pre-convention tour in New Zealand before the Rotary International Sydney Convention in June 2014. After the convention, the group held another tour in Australia. The IFFR held numerous fly-ins over several weekends throughout Europe, the US, Australia, and New Zealand.

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## **International Fellowship of Geocaching Rotarians (IFGR)**

**Topic of interest:** the hobby of geocaching, a treasure-hunting game using GPS devices

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 18 members in 7 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$25 annual, US\$100 lifetime

### ***Highlights from 2013-14***

The IFGR participated in the Rotary Convention in Sydney by exhibiting in the House of Friendship. The members created a geocaching "flashmob" gathering as a way to connect members and potential members. Fellowship members then toured the city while seeking out hidden geocaches.

The Fellowship maintains and updates two Facebook pages: one created for member access and the other for the general public.

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## **International Go Playing Fellowship of Rotarians (GPFR)**

**Topic of interest:** playing Go, a strategic board game

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 467 members in 3 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$18.60 annual

### ***Highlights from 2013-14***

The GPFR extended its activities in Australia by supporting Australian Rotarians and had GPFR booth at the Rotary International Sydney Convention. The group plans to extend its activity into Hawaii this year.

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## **International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians (IGFR)**

**Topic of interest:** golfing

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 970 members in 65 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$35 annual; US\$280 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

2013-14 was a special year for IGFR as they celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IGFR International in Lago di Garda, in September with more than 300 attending the Venice trip. 375 golfers from more than 30 nations attended the week-long championship in this region with four golf courses – the second biggest turnout since 16 years ago. The world champion for 2013 was Rotarian Peter Kircher from IGFR Austria with a 105 net stable fort score. Many senior Rotary leaders, including the President of Rotary International attended the European championship, which gave IGFR International a boost to 970 members. The next IGFR world championship will take place in April 2015 in Belek, Antalya, Turkey, and the European IGFR championship will take place during the first week in November 2015 in Marrakech, Morocco.

At the end of 2013 IGFR had around 970 members. These members are now traceable and have paid their membership dues. In the meantime, Europe has become the region with most of the IGFR members – Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Finland, and Italy being the lead countries. The IGRF membership is still in improvement in Latin America and Asia. The special efforts are made to reach out to potential members in these regions.

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## **World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets**

**Topic of interest:** the preparation and enjoyment of fine foods from around the world

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 133 members in 3 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$10-\$30 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The group continued to organize Gourmet dinners throughout the year. One of the Cuisines contributed \$500 to the Breakfast Program for one of the secondary schools in their community. Surprised and saddened to know that there are a large number of kids that go to school hungry, members of the Cuisine helped to prepare and serve breakfast for the kids.

This year in celebration of Valentines Day, one Cuisine took a break from the galley and held Fellowship's dinner meeting at a restaurant that was pleased to prepare a special menu for the Rotarian Gourmets.

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## **International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topic of interest:** promoting home exchange amongst Rotarians as an opportunity for fellowship and service.

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 150 members in 15 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$70 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Home Exchange Fellowship has been re-organizing this year. Their partnership with [www.HomeExchange.com](http://www.HomeExchange.com) was canceled. As a result the Fellowship found a new partner, [www.HomeExchange50plus.com](http://www.HomeExchange50plus.com).

One of the most significant highlights from this group is the development of a new website. Having a fully developed website, the group is hoping to be more active in the upcoming Rotary year. Still, the group has received many inquiries regarding home exchange from Rotarians around the world in the past year and responded to those inquiries.

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## **Honorary Consuls' Fellowship of Rotarians (HCFR)**

**Topic of interest:** building international understanding, goodwill and peace while promoting the best in Honorary Consuls' experience

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 90 members in 60 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

HCFR's presence at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney was very successful as the group attracted many Rotarians from numerous nations of all continents showed interest and joined the Fellowship. Board Member PDG Sergio Levy of Brazil presented to all visitors the paramount importance of ethics for a world of more peace and justice.

HCFR representatives also annually participate in the Rotary Day at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and observe UN events through the year. The group continues to encourage and support all Rotary International activities for peace as well as Rotarian humanitarian projects globally.

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## **Rotarian Fellowship of Touring Horseback Riders**

**Topic of interest:** horseback riding

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 28 members in 5 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$50 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The Fellowship conducted a horseback riding tour "à la Margarite" in Frauenfeld, Switzerland in September. The group held its annual meeting in January at Hotel Elite, Biel Switzerland.

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## **Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI)**

**Topic of interest:** applying information technology to enhance Rotary service, fellowship and knowledge

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 1,894 members in 93 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Members interact daily through the medium of ROTI's Yahoo groups to discuss Rotary and non-Rotary matters. The Fellowship also had a very pleasant meeting at an Indian restaurant at the Rotary International Sydney Convention.

A monthly newsletter, *The ROTI Breadbasket* is available on the website and a Facebook page was created.

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## **Italian Culture Worldwide Rotarian Fellowship (ICWRF)**

**Topic of interest:** appreciation of Italian culture

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 51 members in 5 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$200 Lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

- The ICWRF Board decided to remove the lifetime membership in the 2014-15 Rotary year. Moving forward, membership dues will be at the discretion of local chapters.
- An electronic ICWRF magazine has been published in April 2014 and circulated among members and perspective members.
- The ICWRF's website is currently under revision with kind donations made by Francesco Clemente. The program "Family stories" has been downloaded and is under re-organization.
- A new program for Youth Exchange and Assistance, named "Ulisse" has been launched with Michelangelo Ambrosio in charge
- Antonio Ascione has been appointed to be in charge of the Fellowship expansion and the new Italy North-West Team has been chartered in October.
- Ida De Vincenzo, Rotarian and appreciated Italo - Argentinian artist, has been appointed Honorary Member of the Fellowship, and has started the organization of an Argentinian Team.

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## **Rotarian Jazz Fellowship**

**Topic of interest:** jazz music

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 112 members in 4 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

- Hosted and participated in the “International RotaryJazz 'n Youth Exchange”, which had nearly 60 young American and German musicians. The participants included teachers, who came over for two weeks to help improve performances of the jazz students. Four concerts were held and next counter-meeting is scheduled for June 2015, Hawaii, USA.
- Established RotaryJazz Band (RotaryJazztett), a group of six Rotarians playing on nearly professional level Jazz for benefit concerts. They are already booked for German District conferences and at German Embassy at Hawaii as well as were asked to play at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta & Toronto.
- Released the Christmas Winter-Jazz CD
- Organized a concert in Duesseldorf, Germany with Mr. Konstantin Reinfeld, an upcoming famous musician in Germany
- Organized of concert with Mr. Jonas Roeser & Friends in Duesseldorf, Germany
- Founded the USA & Austria chapters of the Rotarian Jazz Fellowship

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## **Rotarians for the Advancement of Latin Culture**

**Topic of interest:** the appreciation of Latin cultures and languages

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 319 members in 23 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

- Hosted internet forums and chats
- Birthday and independence celebrations for select Latin American countries
- Held a photo contest (targeting Rotarians, Rotaractors and spouses) with the publication of images in regional Rotary magazines
- Held daily meetings, and the annual meeting of the fellowship was attended by 40 members

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## **Rotarian Lawyers Fellowship (RLF)**

**Topic of interest:** the vocation of law

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 134 members in 39 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The RLF hosted an annual meeting in Sydney during the Rotary International Convention, with new members joining. The group continued to stay in touch with its members via its website.

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## **Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians**

**Topic of interest:** the performance of magic tricks as a vocation and as a hobby

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 12 members in 6 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$15 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The Fellowship is focused on electronic communications between the fellowship itself as well as between individual members. The group has published a new Rotary-themed trick highlighting famous Rotarians.

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## **International Fellowship of Magna Graecia**

**Topic of interest:** historical study of the Greek, Roman, and Italian roots of modern culture

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 115 members in 8 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$15 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Members attended many events including:

- In July, the “Sea festival” at Vico Equense on the Sorrento Peninsula, organized by the Castellammare di Stabia Rotary Club in order to expand historical and environmental knowledge of the Mediterranean Sea, cradle of Greek and Magna Graecia’s civilization.
- In July, Chair Casale led a workshop at Ravello on the Amalfi Coast, dedicated to the study of “Ravello in the 18th Century”.
- In August, a delegation of Italian and foreign members attended a meeting on “Seaside Villas of the Amalfi Coast in Roman Age” at the historical Amalfi Shipyard.
- In September, the archaeologist Dr. Ernesto De Carolis introduced a group of Rotarian and Fellowship members to his book “Robert Rive - un fotografo a Pompeii” in Pompeii. The book documents exceedingly rare photographs and excavations carried out at Pompeii in the last decades of 19th Century.
- In October, a group of Rotarians attended the XXXIII Edition of the “Magna Graecia Colonies International Prize”, in Matera, on the theme “In the Footprints of Pythagoras”.
- At the Gracco Museum in Pompeii, a Meeting of Study was organized by the local club and Inner Wheel in December. The theme developed was “Amedeo Maiuri – From the Aegean Sea to the Tyrrhenian Sea, fifty years from his death in 1963”.
- In January, a gathering of Rotarians and Fellowship members visited the former stables of the Quirinal Palace in Rome, where an exhibition dedicated to Emperor Augustus had been set up to commemorate the (bi)millenary of his death in the year 14 A.D.
- In April, a group of members met in Pompeii for a revival, on the 70th anniversary, of the April 1944 eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. The speaker was Fellowship member Dr. Angelo Pesce, a senior geologist and volcanologist.
- The rendez first -vous was at Naples, on May 24, for a tour in the Vergilian Park and a visit to the Crypta Neapolitana. In June, members participated in a Meeting of Study on the subject of “Greek and Roman Theaters. The Teatro Grande of Pompeii” at the Pompeii Municipality Palace.
- On June 5, 2014 – within the “Magna Graecia International Fellowship of Rotarians” and following the plan of thirty earnest members – the branch “Cycling in Magna Graecia” was founded. Dr. Pasquale Di Costanzo was appointed Chairman and Coordinator.

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## **International Fellowship of Marathon Running Rotarians (IMFR)**

**Topic of interest:** marathon running

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 196 members in 22 countries

**Membership Dues:** No annual dues; US\$100 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Each year the IMFR meets for a major marathon event and during this event they hold their Rotarian Marathon Championship. This year, this event occurred in March, in Rome, Italy, giving the Fellowship a chance to participate in one of the most famous Marathons in the world. There were 150 Rotarians with their partners and families from many countries who spent an eventful weekend together. In addition to the marathon itself, there was a comprehensive program in Rome. On a historic city tour, the group experienced at first hand the enormous Colosseum and the extensive excavations of ancient Rome. In the evening the group attended a very friendly private Italian pasta party with several courses and matching wines.

The day of the big race it was raining so around 25,000 starters had to wait in the pouring rain. Then they were off on a 42,195 km run through the city center of Rome. Passing many historic buildings, the Vatican and loudly cheering crowds the runners wound their way towards the finish. Due to heavy rain showers the cobblestones were very slippery in places and the road surface demanded a lot of the runners. Fortunately, there were no major injuries, and almost all Rotary runners finished the race. The evening was celebrated in a trendy restaurant in Rome with many friends present along with District Governor Pierre Giorgio Poddighe and organizer Mario Morelli. In this festive setting the presidency of the IMFR passed to Ralf Ludewig (Germany), who will lead the IMFR in the next two years. Kester Baines from Australia was elected as Vice-President. Treasurer Joachim Bekedorf (Germany) and Secretary Hugues Pflieger (France) were confirmed in their offices.

With the help of this sporting event, District 2080 collected donations of some 55,000 EUR to help to End Polio Now.

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## International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

**Topic of interest:** motorcycle riding

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 2150 members in 29 countries

**Membership Dues:** Varies by chapter

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

IFMR consists of 16 chapters, each of which carried out several tours from 1 to 16 days last year, according to the different chapters. IFMR-tours took place on four continents.

One, of many amazing tours, was one hosted by the Chapter of South America. They arranged a Rotary Trophy "On the roads" that led the trophy riders above 4000 miles through 17 cities in 4 Brazilian states.

Each chapter put their various activities on their respective websites. Detailed reports about the events, supported social projects, and collected donations for non-profit purposes were also published. Visit the websites of the regional chapters below to learn more:

- [Australia](#)
- [Austria- Germany-Switzerland](#)
- [Belgium](#)
- [Central America](#)
- [France](#)
- [Great Britain & Ireland](#)
- [Greece](#)
- [India](#)
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## International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians (IFRM)

**Topic of interest:** singing and musical activities

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 400+ members in 55 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$35 for 3 years; US\$200 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Rotary year 2013-2014 has been a banner year in terms of IFRM-sponsored musical events, expansion of membership, and the formation of new IFRM chapters. Members use the monthly e-bulletin, *Staccato*, to highlight their activities through text and photos. IFRM now includes six Vice-Chairs to coordinate country and regional activities:

- **IFRM India:** three active IFRM Districts; District 3190 (Bangalore), District 3052 (Udaipur) and District 3170 (Goa). Each IFRM District holds quarterly musical events to raise funds for district-sponsored charities. IFRM will also expand to Pakistan and Bangladesh in the near future.
- **IFRM UK:** Active supporter/sponsor of UK's RIBI Young Musicians' Competition
- **IFRM Caribbean:** Current plans are to hold region-wide musical event under IFRM banner to raise funds for non-profits
- **IFRM Europe/Asia:** Country Chairs are being identified to coordinate IFRM events, to maintain communication in primary language(s) of country, and to liaise with IFRM Vice-Chair
- **IFRM Australia:** Coordinates communication among IFRM members in Australia
- **IFRM Africa:** Acts as a resource to support country-specific IFRM activities

This year, the first Annual "Golden Clef Award" was given to Ouida Henson, accompanist for the Rotary World Choir. This Award, approved by the IFRM Board of Directors, recognizes a non-Board member for outstanding service to the Fellowship and it carries with it a Lifetime Membership in the Fellowship. Over 40 IFRM members sang in IFRM's Rotary World Choir at this year's Interfaith Service at the RI Convention in Sydney, which received excellent reviews from the audience.

The IFMR continued to publish and distribute the monthly e-bulletin *Staccato* and the biannual newsletter, *Music Notes*.

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## Fellowship of Old and Rare Antique Books and Prints

**Topic of interest:** collection and appreciation of old and rare texts

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 682 members in 45 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

This year the Fellowship published new unpublished material on the Fellowship's website and saw a steady increase of visitors. They also promoted a conference on 11 April at the University of Brescia in via Tosio 12. The title of this event was "Communication Between Users and Libraries in the Digital Age". It was a great opportunity to discuss a fascinating topic that interests a large audience: what are the forms and dynamics in which new digital technologies interact with the book that is a millennial tool to share knowledge. The traditional Rotarian fellowship atmosphere was a valuable and pleasant basis for a friendly discussion and exchange of ideas among reader enthusiasts. Authoritative speakers presented data and their ideas to spark a discussion and dynamic exchange of views between the panel and the audience. The event also hosted one of the leading European library experts, the Director of the State Library of Monaco (Bayerische Staatsbibliothek) Dr. Klaus Kempf.

The Fellowship continued the collection of rare materials from private libraries and collections. Often it was necessary to intervene with restoration work to protect ancient documents in order to offer scholars and enthusiasts the opportunity to study the material made available free of charge on site [www.rotaryoldbooks.org](http://www.rotaryoldbooks.org).

Chat language: Italian 4,278; English 3,942; German 2,989; Chinese 2,257; French 785; Spanish 692.  
Total contact e chat: 14,943

Full Book Downloads: *Re Rotary*, 1,120 times; *Le stanze segrete*, 8,940 times; *Codice Concordanze*, 981 times; *Atlante* 1,793, 485 times; *Burato libro dei ricami*, 952 times. **Total books: 12,478**

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## **Fellowship of Rotarian Past District Governors (and Friends)**

**Topic of interest:** facilitating fellowship and the exchange of ideas between past district governors

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 272 members in 35 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$10 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The PDGs Fellowship conducted an annual meeting at the Rotary Down Under Office in Parramatta, just prior to the 2014 RI convention. A two hour reception for members and guests was held following the annual meeting, which was very well attended.

The PDGs Fellowship officers attended the Past Officers Reunion (POR) in San Diego, which was held in conjunction with the 2014 International Assembly, and the officers outlined the ways in which the PDGs Fellowship plans to support the POR and similar reunions for PDGs around the world

The PDGs Fellowship officers conferred by conference calls on a monthly basis, and the 14 members of the fellowship board of directors met in Sydney.

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## **International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers**

**Topic of interest:** photography

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 144 members in 36 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$20 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The IFRP continued to promote itself this year to attract more members. The fellowship created a members-only Facebook page as a companion to its private gallery. This new Facebook group is a great success and displays lots of images from around the world.

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## **Police/Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians (Polepfor)**

**Topic of interest:** the vocation of police and law enforcement

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** Unknown

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Polepfor's significant activity was establishing an information booth at the Rotary Convention in Sydney, June 2014. The group also co-sponsored for the Rotary Club of Sydney New South Police Officer of the Year Awards Program, which was held at the Shangri-lah Hotel, Sydney in June.

The Polepfor, as the organizer/convenor of Sydney's Annual United Nations Day Wreath Laying Ceremony on behalf of the United Nations Association of Australia, plays a significant part in this Annual event in Sydney, where the group's representatives promote and recognize the work of Police and Armed Services Personnel in United Nations Peacekeeping Service throughout the world.

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## **International Fellowship of Pre-Colombian Civilizations**

**Topic of interest:** the study and understanding of the people of Latin America before the arrival of Christopher Columbus

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 15 members in 4 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$50 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The Fellowship meets once a month. At each meeting the members extrapolate upon the work prepared by one of the Fellowship members or by a guest speaker, or video project related to the subject.

Topics and activities of the past year are as follows:

- Analyzing the video "Monumento Maya en la Isla Juan Fernandez" (October)
- Celebrated the 11th anniversary in 4 sessions and analyzing the theme "Medicine I preColombian America" (November)

The fellowship also traveled to many museums.

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## **Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists**

**Topic of interest:** quilting and other fabric art forms

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 201 members in 12 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$15 annual; US\$100 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The RFQFA has a booth at the International Convention each year to display handmade goods made by its members. These items are donated and exchanged to the convention goers for their equivalent value donated to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund. Members volunteer to staff the booth during the convention. Last year, at the Sydney Convention, the RFQFA raised nearly \$7,000.00 US for The Rotary Foundation

In addition, the Australian members formed a group to make quilted panels depicting Australian fabrics or culture. These panels were on display in the House of Friendship and also helped raise money for charity.

The Fellowship distributed a quarterly newsletter in the past year and two members took on the responsibility for preparing and distributing it. The newsletters were utilized in touting the talent of RFQFA's members and adding creative and interesting articles on group's art.

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## **International Fellowship of Railroading Rotarians**

**Topics of interest:** railroads, scale models, narrow gauge railways, as well as steam, diesel, and electric trains.

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 75 members in 12 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The IFRR attended the 2014 Rotary International Convention and made a visit to the Loftus Sydney Tram Museum. Members discussed ideas for next year's Rotary Convention.

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## **Recreational Vehicles Fellowship of Rotarians (RVF)**

**Topic of interest:** use of recreational vehicles to rally and camp at scenic locations in North America

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 235 members in 4 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$15 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

During the year, various RVF members hold local rallies which usually have from six members to 15-20 members in attendance. The rallies are held throughout the year in all four zones from coast to coast. Eight members of the North American RVF group attended the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia. The members were met at the Sydney airport by members of the Australian RVF Group, were taken to an RV dealer where motor homes were leased and then were led to an RV Park for the duration of the RI Convention. After the convention, approximately thirty couples started a two week trip to Brisbane with much sight-seeing and socializing during the trip. Along the way the group visited or had activities with several Rotary clubs.

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## **Rotary Global History Fellowship (Internet Project)**

**Topic of interest:** collecting and preserving the complete history, values, and philosophy of Rotary

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 1,300 paid members, 81,000 free subscribers in 120 countries.

**Membership Dues:** US\$30 annual

### ***Highlights from 2013-14***

During the past Rotary year, RGHF had an internal expansion of their website, including spaces for private blog. Their extensive database has more than 1,250 members worldwide, including countries such as Afghanistan, Tibet, Kosovo, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Timor Leste, Ukraine, Zambia, and others.

The RGHF's breakout in Sydney was a success. About 90 people participated despite the long trek to the venue. They shared some stories of why and how people (Lorraine Angelino, Geri Appel, and Frank) have connected with RGHF and followed that up with on line research via Q & A of the history library site.

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## **Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topic of interest:** exchanging information about Rotary heritage and history

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 139 members in 10 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$20 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The RHHIF exhibited in the 2014 Sydney Convention's Billabong House of Friendship. The group also supported and promotes the initiative to restore Paul Harris' home in Chicago's South side.

Every year, the RHHIF recognizes Rotarians who have been in Rotary for 50 years or more through a recognition program called the Rotary Heritage & History Hall of Fame. The group presented this award to dozens of distinguished Rotarians in the past year including PDG Robert E. (Bob) Preston from District 7600 and PDG Herbert W. "Herb" Trumpoldt from District 5230.

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## **Rotary Means Business Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topic of interest:** support the success of fellow Rotarians by doing business with them

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 125 members in 22 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$10 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Rotary Means Business (RMB) is one of our newest fellowships, approved in November of 2013. The group is still building the Fellowship and the RMB brand. The Fellowship formed its Board, finalized its governing documents, and conducted many other infrastructure projects. The Fellowship's main focus is currently on building membership and helping new members form local chapters in their areas. The group helped Rotarians in many locations launch their own local RMB chapters in the past year. The RMB booth at the Sydney Convention signed up more than 70 new members from 20 countries, more than doubling the size of the RMB Fellowship.

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## **International Fellowship of Rotary on Stamps**

**Topic of interest:** collecting and sharing Rotary-related postage stamps

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 200 members in 35 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$20 annual; US\$200 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

At the RI Convention in Sydney, the fellowship hosted a booth with a stamp picking table and held an annual meeting for members.

The fellowship also published six bimonthly Bulletins for all members during the year. Members sponsored the issue of personalized stamps for the "End Polio Now" and "Presidential themes".

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## **International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians**

**Topic of interest:** strengthening Rotary's connection to the scouting movement through activities, projects, and training

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 1088 members in 49 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$35 annual; US\$275 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians was established with the goal of fostering the idea of service by Rotarians who are former or current members of the Scout movement around the world. IFSR assists Scouting programs for youth all over the world at the local, national, and international level by participating as adult leaders. From the more global perspective IFSR members supported Scouting by becoming Baden-Powell Fellows (World Scout Foundation), Olave Baden Powell Society Members (WAGGGS Foundation), James West Fellow (Boy Scouts of America), and involvement with several regional Scout Foundations, particularly the Interamerican and European Scout Foundations.

The IFSR members participated in several international Scout jamborees and regional Scout meetings in Europe, Asia, and South America. The members have also served as staff members and participated as leaders of Scout units at these events. Participation at two of these events this past year involved activities with the King of Sweden in attendance.

IFSR has created certificates recognizing the Top Youth Awards in Scouting & Guiding. Current congratulatory certificates include the following with numbers presented in the past year:

- BSA Eagle Scout Award: 353
- GSUSA Gold Award: 83

New certificates created this past year:

- Scouts Canada Queen's Venturer Award
- Scouts Canada Chief's Scout Award
- Girl Guides of Canada Chief Commissioner's
- Gold Award

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## **International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers**

**Topic of interest:** scuba diving

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 107 members in 8 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$15 annual; US\$100 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The IFRSD organized a trip a trip to Hawaii. The fellowship spent a week of spectacular diving on a live aboard boat that was filled exclusively with members of the fellowship. The IFRSD did not have enough members to fill the boat so we did not get any discounts so no local projects were funded. The fellowship also organized a land based trip to Grand Cayman with 30 members attending and was able to give a generous donation of \$1,500 to the Central Caribbean Marine Institute, a research facility on Little Cayman that the IFRSD has made donations to before.

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## **Rotarian Singles Fellowship**

**Topic of interest:** promoting fellowship, friendship, and Rotary service among single Rotarians

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 288 members in 37 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$20 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

Members enjoyed several activities at the Sydney Convention including visits to two Rotary Clubs and a few stayed with a member following the Convention.

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## **International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topic of interest:** skiing

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 388 members in 24 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$35 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

In 2014 the ISFR Ski weeks were in Winter Park, Colorado on 1-8 February 2014 and Bad Kleinkirchheim, Austria, on 18-25 January 2014. The fellowship now has a European and a North American Chapter. The European ISFR chapter's principal committee is comprised of Rotarians from five countries including the UK, France, Italy, Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. The fellowship hosted a ISFR European ski week in Saass Fee, Switzerland on 7-14 March 2015. The North American event took place at Big Sky Montana from 31 January to 7 February 2015.

The fellowship distributed quarterly newsletter and various other email communications to inform its members about the activities and upcoming events.

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## Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship

**Topic of interest:** promoting fellowship and service utilizing all the tools available on social networks

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 1989 members in 63 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

ROSNF has grown over the past Rotary year. The fellowship gained 349 new members and 138 new Facebook group members. The number of group's Facebook followers also increased from 7193 to 10131. The fellowship formally initiated its [Spanish Group and Facebook page](#) and welcomed Wendy Ayestas as the Captain.

The group reviewed the [ROSNF SNetiquette Guidelines](#), a social networking etiquette guide originally developed in 2012-13. This provided a useful early opportunity to engage with its members.

ROSNF continued the development of the Mentors Program, designed to assist Rotary International in providing social networking advice and training to other Rotary Fellowships. This year the group developed a much improved level of service to its Twitter users. The ROSNF Online Pin Store, an initiative by Commercial Director Chad Waldo, commenced operations in April 2014 and was well received by members. The store offers potential for additional merchandise sales in future. ROSNF's Cafepress store continued to provide a useful avenue for people to access its merchandise and a small income stream for ROSNF. The ROSNF booth at the Sydney Convention was a huge success due to lots of time put in by attending ROSNF Directors and the help provided by lots of enthusiastic members. Finally, ROSNF's breakout session at the Sydney Convention was a tremendous success. The fellowship received excellent feedback from many of the hundreds of attendees.

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## **International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topic of interest:** tennis

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 1,432 members in 71 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The main event of the ITFR is the World Championship which is organized every year. The 9th World Championship was held in August in Cluj-Napoca, the second largest city in Romania from 24 August to 31 August. The ITFR enjoyed the hospitality of their Romanian friends, discovered beautiful landscapes, historical towns and fortresses from Roman and Saxon times. On the Championship the fellowship had 52 players from 8 countries: Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Italy, Spain, Romania and United States.

As every year at the Championship, the fellowship held the ITFR Annual General Meeting /Assembly and the chair gave a report about ITFR's 2012-13 activities as well as plans for next year.

Besides the World Championship, the fellowship held 8 tournaments worldwide:

- Pleven, Bulgaria (September 2013)
- Santos, Brazil (October 2013)
- Olimpia, Brazil (November 2013)
- Chennai, India (January 2014)
- Zagreb, Croatia (March 2014)
- Asuncion, Paraguay (April 2014)
- Pozega, Croatia (May 2014)
- Salerno, Italy (June 2014)

ITFR also exhibited at the 105th RI Convention in Sydney in the Billabong House of Friendship.

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## **Rotarians' International Fellowship of Total Quality Management**

**Topic of interest:** the business concept of “total quality management”

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 35 members in 10 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$10 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The fellowship participated in several club meetings and helped the Rotary Club of Roma Ovest in Italy obtain ISO 9001 certification. The District 2080 also agreed to implement the ISO system at the district level. The ISO 9000 family of standards is related to quality management systems and designed to help organizations ensure that they meet the needs of customers and other stakeholders while meeting statutory and regulatory requirements related to the product. The standards are published by ISO, the International Organization for Standardization, and available through National standards bodies.

The fellowship had the opportunity to accept two world class Rotarians as members:

- Kayseeven Teeroovengadam (Member, Rotary Club of Bornes, Mauritius)
- Domenico Faraglia (Member, Rotary Club of Rieti, Italy)

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## **International Travel and Hosting Fellowship**

**Topic of interest:** facilitating opportunities for Rotarians to visit one another in the course of their travels.

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 1368 members in 85 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$25 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF) enables Rotarians and Rotaractors to enrich their travel experiences through cultural sharing and by visiting other ITHF members in the course of their travels.

Under the leadership of ITHF President Peter Ibbotson of Worcestershire in the United Kingdom, the fellowship's officers and vice-presidents represent the membership of over 1300 members in 85 countries on 6 continents. President Ibbotson highlighted the need for better communications with individual members as being of utmost importance to maintaining the Fellowship's members. He pointed out that the new website, designed by Roger Siddle of the UK is up and running and we have been getting positive remark on it by members. He leads the Board of Directors meeting on Saturday afternoon, prior to the start of the RI Convention in Sydney, conducting the business of the organization. The Annual Membership Breakfast Meeting was held on Tuesday morning, June 3rd, with 94 members and guests in attendance.

During the RI Convention in Sydney, Australia the membership of ITHF ran a very well-managed and well-staffed booth with officers and numerous other member volunteers from all over the world meeting, greeting and explaining ITHF to the numerous visitors and signing up 100 new members to the Fellowship.

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## **International Fellowship of Wellness and Fitness Rotarians**

**Topics of interest:** maintaining personal health through running, exercise, and fitness

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 90 members in 24 countries

**Membership Dues:** No annual or lifetime dues

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

The IFWFR has continued to actively communicate with its membership in each continent around the world. IFWFR's activities attract all generations of Rotarians: in particular the younger ones, but as well in fitness and wellness we notice a strong force retaining active in Rotary those of the older generation.

The group has remained in contact with its growing membership and we have continued to exchange valuable experience on their many different wellness and fitness activities in all parts of the Rotary world. The group had nice proactive talks at the Sydney Convention with local IFWFR members, like in Lisbon.

At the RI Convention in Sydney, the IFWFR had also had the pleasure and surprise to have several meetings with very interested Rotarians seeking membership. The fellowship's presence at RI Conventions allowed great Rotarian networking, which, by itself amply justifies the travel, hotel and registration, time and expenses invested in attending the yearly RI Convention! Among Fellowship's members in Sydney, the group also saw member PRIP Frank Devlyn who himself remains an example of wellness and fitness, well exemplifying the ideals of the IFWFR mixed with his most intensive and energetic Rotary activity at the highest level.

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## Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship

**Topic of interest:** exploring the making, tasting, consumption, collecting, and production of wine

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 3412 members in 60 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$25 annual; US\$100 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

**Wine Bottle Raffle and Auction in Sydney:** RWAFF raffled a wine bottle of at one of its event at the RI Convention in Sydney, which raised \$800. Then the winners of the bottle donated it back to the RWAFF to auction off for PolioPlus. \$10,000 was raised and with the 2 for 1 match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, \$30,000 was contributed to PolioPlus, enough to immunize about 60,000 children against polio. With this last donation, RWAFF's donations to PolioPlus totaled over \$117,000.

**Booth in the House of Friendship:** RWAFF were well staffed during the entire convention thanks to all of its members who spent their time manning the booth. The group added about 280 new members and diversified its membership. RWAFF plans on starting a significant number of new chapters all over the world, particularly in Australia and New Zealand, two countries that have wonderful wines but who have been underrepresented in the fellowship.

RWAFF also organized magnificent events before, during, and after the convention, where its members had a lot of fun:

- Seafood Master Cooking Classes, Saturday, 31 May, AM and PM – Sold Out
- RWAFF Night at AESOP's Restaurant, 1 June – Sold Out
- Wine Lovers' Banquet at the Menzies Hotel, 3 June – Sold Out
- Farewell Buffet Night at the Kirribilli Club, 4 June – Sold out several times
- Tour of the Orange Wine District in NSW, 5-7 June – Sold Out

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## International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

**Topics of interest:** cruising, racing, yachting, sailing, and boating, and encouraging high standards of seamanship through recognized customs and etiquette of the water

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 3210 members in 35 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$10 annual

### **Highlights from 2013-14**

After learning that dozens of ferry passengers in Africa drown each week because of lack of lifejackets, IYFR started the service initiative *Operation Life Jackets*. IYFR bought 100 lifejackets for the kids while all of the Italian Fleets collected the used or still new lifejackets from any of IYFR boats and other partners, and tested and shipped them to the destinations in need. Hundreds of Mariners and Rotarians took part in this fellowship activity. By August 2014, 2875 Italian Life Jackets reached their final destinations and were distributed to the various utilizes both on the inner waters of Lake Victoria and on the Atlantic and Indian Oceans Coasts. IYFR will be carrying out this initiative on a regular bases.

Once the Storms Haiyan and Yolanda crossed through the central Philippines and affected more than 5 million people, leaving over 7000 dead, IYFR responded by forwarding 29.000 USD of IYFR grants to Philippines in less than 48 hours. Individual fleet members of other countries and fleets in Argentina, Australia, Belarus, Germany, Italy, Japan, Philippines, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, UK, Ukraine and Uruguay raised 62.852,00 USD in total, which was also forwarded to the disaster areas forwarded within the following three weeks. The funds spend for reconstruction of the affected communities and building of fishing boats for the displaced fishermen.

2013-2014 has been a great success for the IYFR. The fellowship not only had various fun activities and engaged in service activities but experienced a significant growth in membership. Twelve new Fleets have been chartered around the world, adding 357 new members to the international fellowship. Here there are the new Fleets and their components.

- Subic Bay
- GB&I SW Fleet
- Kenya
- Rwanda
- Uganda
- World E Fleet
- Israel
- San Remigio
- Croatia
- Tasmania
- NW Lake Erie
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