

# ROTARIAN ACTION GROUPS: OFFICER DIRECTORY-2015-16



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## ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA

<http://adrag.org>

**Alzheimer's/Dementia Rotarian Action Group** - Provides information and support to Rotarians as they address dementia and Alzheimer's related issues in their local communities.

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## BLINDNESS PREVENTION

[www.raq4bp.org](http://www.raq4bp.org)

**Rotarian Action Group for Blindness Prevention** - For Rotarians interested in the prevention of blindness and the promotion of eye health.

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## BLOOD DONATION

[www.ourblooddrive.org](http://www.ourblooddrive.org)

**Global Network for Blood Donation, A Rotarian Action Group** - An international network of Rotarians involved in blood donation projects that inspire other clubs and districts to ensure that local blood banks are adequately supplied.

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## CHILD SLAVERY

[www.racsrag.org](http://www.racsrag.org)

**Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery** - Encourages Rotarians to support, promote and work with anti-slavery bodies in developing programs, campaigns and projects to end child slavery.

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## DENTAL VOLUNTEERS

[www.ragdvs.com](http://www.ragdvs.com)

**Rotarian Action Group of Dental Volunteers** - Provides humanitarian dental service throughout the world and promotes awareness of opportunities for service in the vocation of dentistry.

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## DIABETES

[www.ragdiabetes.org](http://www.ragdiabetes.org)

**Rotarian Action Group for Diabetes** - Works to educate and assist Rotarians in addressing Diabetes through a strong commitment to education, identification, and treatment of the disease, especially among children.

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## DISASTER ASSISTANCE

[www.dna-raq.com](http://www.dna-raq.com)

**Disaster Network of Assistance Rotarian Action Group** - Works to develop an interactive network of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their spouses, and other Rotary affiliated groups to assist with disaster preparedness, communication, and recovery on a worldwide basis.

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## ENDANGERED SPECIES

[www.endangeredrag.org](http://www.endangeredrag.org)

**Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species** - Works to mobilize Rotarians and provide global awareness and focused action in the continuing struggle to preserve and protect endangered species.

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## FAMILY HEALTH & AIDS PREVENTION

[www.rfha.org](http://www.rfha.org)

**Rotarians for Family Health & AIDS Prevention** - Works to improve the lives of vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS, and strengthen the overall health of their families. RFHA mobilizes Rotarians to provide care, nutrition, education and life skills to mitigate the consequences of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

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## FOOD PLANT SOLUTIONS

[www.foodplantsolutions.org](http://www.foodplantsolutions.org)

**Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group** - Encourage and empower local communities to use our global data base that highlights their traditional foods based upon their nutritional needs as a sustainable solution for hunger and malnutrition.

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## HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELLNESS

<http://www.hewraq.org/>

**Health Education and Wellness Rotarian Action Group** – Works to improve world health through health promotion and disease prevention, works with local Rotary clubs and districts to build sustainable local Health Fair programs.

**CO-CHAIR: Jane Little, USA.** [rotaryjane@yahoo.com](mailto:rotaryjane@yahoo.com) (Member, Rotary Club of Homer Downtown.)

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## HEARING

[www.ifrahl.org](http://www.ifrahl.org)

**Rotarians for Hearing Rotarian Action Group** - Provides Rotarians with information, expertise and encouragement to participate in cooperative, large scale projects to help the children and adults with hearing loss.

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## HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

[www.alleviatehunger.org](http://www.alleviatehunger.org)

**Rotarian Action Group for the Alleviation of Hunger and Malnutrition** - Provides nutritious food to the hungry and malnourished by creating and supporting Rotary projects and programs that enhance and sustain local food security.

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## LITERACY

[www.litrag.org](http://www.litrag.org)

**Literacy Rotarian Action Group** - Works to increase the scale and effectiveness of literacy programs, as well as create a sustainable network of effective Rotarian literacy practitioners throughout the world.

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## MALARIA

[www.remarag.org](http://www.remarag.org)

**Rotarians Eliminating Malaria: A Rotarian Action Group** - Unites Rotarians to reduce malaria morbidity and mortality through provision of goods, education and other interventions that lower infection rates.

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## **MICROFINANCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

<http://raqm.org>

**Rotarian Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development** - Works to alleviate poverty by educating Rotarians in sustainable microfinance and community development, and facilitating partnerships with microfinance organizations to support the implementation of such programs.

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## **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**

[www.rotary-rfmsa.org](http://www.rotary-rfmsa.org)

**Rotarian Action Group for Multiple Sclerosis Awareness** - Promotes MS awareness and encourages Rotarians to contribute to MS research and improve support available for people with MS

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## PEACE

[www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org](http://www.rotarianactiongroupforpeace.org)

**Rotarian Action Group for Peace-** Works to advance world peace and prevent wars through projects oriented towards conflict prevention, peace building, peacekeeping and peacemaking.

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## POLIO SURVIVORS AND ASSOCIATES

[www.rotarypoliosurvivors.com](http://www.rotarypoliosurvivors.com)

**Rotarian Action Group for Polio Survivors and Associates** - Gathers and disseminates information to increase the contribution to the health of polio survivors and those involved with their health care.

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## POPULATION GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

[www.rifpd.org](http://www.rifpd.org)

**Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development** - Addresses the interlocking issues of overpopulation, unsustainable development and human suffering through maternal and child health projects.

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## PRECONCEPTION CARE

[www.raghphc.org](http://www.raghphc.org)

**Rotarian Action Group Healthy Pregnancies / Healthy Children**- Focuses on reducing maternal and child mortality by working with clubs and districts to address common health risks for future parents and babies.

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## WATER AND SANITATION

[www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org)

**Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group** - Assists clubs and districts with projects and programs to develop safe water and sanitation.

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