

DISTRICT CONFERENCE (DISCON) AWARDS TO CLUBS FOR ROTARY YEAR 2025-26

Awards are aimed at motivating clubs to be effective, engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. Clubs can earn awards for achieving goals that strengthen Rotary and the club. Goals include increasing club membership, developing and delivering sustainable service projects, supporting the Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in the community and beyond.

The proposed awards have been based on District 9213 Goals for Rotary Year 2025-26. The awards have been aligned with, and grouped according to Rotary International's high level strategic priorities, namely:

- Increase our impact
- Expand our reach
- Enhance participant engagement
- Increase our ability to adapt.

N.B. The cutoff for the awards is **20th March 2026**. All award applications will be submitted through an online platform, and instructions will be shared with members in due course.

Please note that for all The Rotary Foundation (TRF) award categories and four (4) Membership awards, winners will be determined based on My Rotary reports as of **31st March 2026**, as stated in the accompanying guidelines. The decisions of the awards committee are final.

A. INCREASE OUR IMPACT		
Award	Criteria	Nomination process
1. THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) –These awards recognize Rotary Clubs for supporting The Rotary Foundation.		
1.1 The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Award	<p>A club that has made the highest financial contribution to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) programs added together, including the Annual Programs Fund, Endowment Fund, Polio Plus Fund and direct contribution to Global Grants funding this Rotary Year. Four awards will be presented based on club size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> small (15-35 members), medium (36-60 members), large (61-90 members) and mega (91 members and above). <p>One club will then be chosen as the overall TRF club of the year.</p>	<p>DO NOT APPLY</p> <p>Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary reports as of 31st March 2026.</p>

1.2 THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) PER CAPITA REGIONAL AWARD	A club that has made the highest financial contribution to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) programs added together, including the Annual Programs Fund, Endowment Fund, Polio Plus Fund and direct contribution to Global Grants funding this Rotary Year per region. To qualify, the club's per capita giving should be not less than USD 200 and every member of the club should have . given to the Foundation. Four awards will be presented to the regions of North, East, West and Central.	DO NOT APPLY Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary reports as of 31st March 2026.
1.3 EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR (EREY) AWARD	A club where every member has contributed at least US\$100 to any TRF programs this Rotary Year. The top three (3) Clubs with the highest total contributions will be awarded.	DO NOT APPLY Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary reports as of 31st March 2026.
1.4 POLIO PLUS AWARD	A club that has made the highest financial contribution to Polio Plus Fund this Rotary Year. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.	DO NOT APPLY Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary reports as of 31st March 2026.
1.5 PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS (PHF) AWARD	A club that has the largest percentage of members that have made a financial contribution to TRF and received a new PHF pin (also includes Multiple PHFs and Benefactors). The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.	DO NOT APPLY Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary reports as of 31st March 2026.
1.6 PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY (PHS) AWARD	A club that has registered the largest number of Paul Harris Society members this Rotary Year. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded	DO NOT APPLY Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary reports as of 31st March 2026.
1.7 MAJOR GIFTS AWARD	A club that has registered the largest number of new Major Donors, Bequest Society and Arch Klumph this Rotary Year. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.	DO NOT APPLY Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary reports as of 31st March 2026.

2. SERVICE PROJECTS – These awards recognize Rotary Clubs with projects that made an impact on the community and are utilizing the Foundation's resources to bring lasting change in communities.

2.1 GLOBAL GRANT (GG) PROJECTS	<p>A club that has the most impactful Global Grant projects being implemented/or completed this Rotary Year. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of GGs – 5 points • Value of GGs – 5 points • Number of beneficiaries – 5 points • Number of Rotary Areas of Focus – 5 points • Media Coverage of the Projects - 5 points 	DO NOT APPLY Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary (Service Projects Centre and Grants Centre)
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2.2 NEW GLOBAL GRANTS AWARD	A club that has the largest number of new Global Grants Applications that have been cleared by the District Grants team this Rotary Year. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded	DO NOT APPLY Note: Winners will be determined from the District Grants Committee reports.
2.3 NON-GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS AWARD This award recognizes clubs with the most impactful Non-Global Grant projects across the Seven (7) Rotary Areas of Focus. One club from each category, small, big, large, and mega, will be awarded. Note: Each project can only be submitted under one category and may not be used across multiple Areas of Focus.		
2.3.1 BEST PROJECT SUPPORTING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH	A club that has the most impactful Non-Global Grant projects supporting Maternal and Child Health. Parameters to consider: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of projects – 5 points • Value of projects – 10 points • Number of beneficiaries – 10 points • Media Coverage of the Projects-5 points 	CLUBS SHOULD APPLY Note: Clubs should provide relevant supporting documents, including a summary of each project with objectives, key activities, outcomes, number of beneficiaries, value of the projects, photos or videos and evidence of partnerships among others
2.3.2 BEST PROJECT SUPPORTING PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION	A club that has the most impactful Non-Global Grant projects supporting Peace Building and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. Parameters to consider: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of projects – 5 points • Value of projects – 10 points • Number of beneficiaries – 10 points • Media Coverage of the Projects-5 points 	CLUBS SHOULD APPLY Note: Clubs should provide relevant supporting documents, including a summary of each project with objectives, key activities, outcomes, number of beneficiaries, value of the projects, photos or videos and evidence of partnerships among others
2.3.3 BEST PROJECT SUPPORTING DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT	A club that has the most impactful Non-Global Grant projects supporting Disease Prevention and Treatment. Parameters to consider: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of projects – 5 points • Value of projects – 10 points • Number of beneficiaries – 10 points • Media Coverage of the Projects-5 points 	CLUBS SHOULD APPLY Note: Clubs should provide relevant supporting documents, including a summary of each project with objectives, key activities, outcomes, number of beneficiaries, value of the projects, photos or videos and evidence of partnerships among others
2.3.4 BEST PROJECT SUPPORTING ENVIROMENT	A club that has the most impactful Non-Global Grant projects supporting the Environment. Parameters to consider: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of projects – 5 points • Value of projects – 10 points • Number of beneficiaries – 10 points • Media Coverage of the Projects-5 points 	CLUBS SHOULD APPLY Note: Clubs should provide relevant supporting documents, including a summary of each project with objectives, key activities, outcomes, number of beneficiaries, value of the projects, photos or videos and evidence of partnerships among others

<p>2.3.5 BEST PROJECT SUPPORTING WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE</p>	<p>A club that has the most impactful Non-Global Grant projects supporting Water, Sanitation and Hygiene.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of projects – 5 points • Value of projects – 10 points • Number of beneficiaries – 10 points • Media Coverage of the Projects-5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should provide relevant supporting documents, including a summary of each project with objectives, key activities, outcomes, number of beneficiaries, value of the projects, photos or videos and evidence of partnerships among others</p>
<p>2.3.6 BEST PROJECT SUPPORTING BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY</p>	<p>A club that has the most impactful Non-Global Grant projects supporting Basic Education and Literacy.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of projects – 5 points • Value of projects – 10 points • Number of beneficiaries – 10 points • Media Coverage of the Projects-5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should provide relevant supporting documents, including a summary of each project with objectives, key activities, outcomes, number of beneficiaries, value of the projects, photos or videos and evidence of partnerships among others</p>
<p>2.3.7 CLUB PROJECT SUPPORTING ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>A club that has the most impactful Non-Global Grant projects supporting Community Economic Development.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of projects – 5 points • Value of projects – 10 points • Number of beneficiaries – 10 points • Media Coverage of the Projects-5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should provide relevant supporting documents, including a summary of each project with objectives, key activities, outcomes, number of beneficiaries, value of the projects, photos or videos and evidence of partnerships among others</p>
<p>2.4 CONSOLIDATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND IMPACT AWARD</p>	<p>This award recognizes clubs that have demonstrated consistent growth, long-term commitment and measurable impact in the development and delivery of their projects over the past three (3) years including this year. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of beneficiaries to date- 5 points • Number of projects conducted to date- 5 points • Value of projects to date- 5 points • Adopt a village -5 points • Media Coverage of the Projects - 5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should provide evidence of continuous development throughout the years.</p>

2.5 JOINT COLLABORATION AWARD	<p>Clubs that have partnered with other Rotary or Rotaract Clubs and non-Rotary entities (e.g. corporates, government agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations) to accomplish service projects. One joint group will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Rotary/Rotaract Clubs participating in the partnership – 10 points • Number of non-Rotary entities participating – 5 points • Project impact – 10 points • Number of Areas of Focus – 5 points • Media Coverage of the Projects – 5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: One application should be submitted per group (i.e. all partnering clubs should submit a single joint entry under the leadership of the lead club and stating the parties in the joint venture)</p> <p>Submissions should clearly outline each partner's role, evidence of collaboration, and overall impact.</p>
2.6 INNOVATION AWARD	<p>A club that has demonstrated imagination, ingenuity, creativity and inventiveness in the design and execution of its service projects. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thought process – 5 points • Project development – 5 points • Project delivery – 5 points • Resource mobilization – 5 points • Stakeholder involvement – 5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should provide a brief report about the project including the rationale behind it, evidence of execution (such as photos, videos, or reports), details of resource mobilization and stakeholder engagement.</p>

B. EXPAND OUR REACH

3. MEMBERSHIP – These awards recognize Clubs for contributing to membership development and growth.

3.1 HIGHEST GROWTH AWARD	<p>A Club with the highest net growth in membership as of 31st March 2026. One club from each category (small, medium, large, and mega) will be awarded</p>	<p>DO NOT APPLY</p> <p>Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary reports as of 31st March 2026.</p>
3.2 MEMBERSHIP DIVERSITY AWARD	<p>A Club with the most diverse membership this Rotary Year. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age – 5 points • Gender – 5 points • Classifications – 5 points • Nationality – 5 points • People with disability – 5 points <p>N.B: Age, Gender and Classifications will be checked against data in My Rotary.</p>	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should provide evidence including membership demographic reports from My Rotary showing age, gender, and classification data; documentation highlighting nationality diversity and inclusion of people with disabilities; and any statements or policies demonstrating active efforts to recruit and support a diverse membership.</p>

3.3 MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION AWARD	<p>A Club that has made the greatest contribution to membership extension through the formation of new Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, Interact Clubs and RCCs this Rotary Year. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary Clubs – 6 points • Rotaract Clubs – 6 points • Interact Clubs – 4 points • RCCs – 2 points 	<p>DO NOT APPLY</p> <p>Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary reports as of 31st March 2026.</p>
3.4 ROTARACTOR TRANSITION AWARD	<p>A Club that has transitioned the highest percentage of Rotaractors to Rotary from July 1, 2025, while also achieving membership growth. To Qualify a minimum of 5 members should have been transitioned.</p> <p>The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p>	<p>DO NOT APPLY</p> <p>Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary reports as of 31st March 2026.</p>
3.5 MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AWARD	<p>A Club that has retained the highest percentage of members as of from July 1, 2025, while also achieving membership growth.</p> <p>The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded</p>	<p>DO NOT APPLY</p> <p>Note: Winners will be determined from My Rotary reports as of 31st March 2026</p>
3.6 FAMILY OF ROTARY AWARD	<p>This award recognizes a club that has excelled in promoting the ideals of the Family of Rotary by involving family members, supporting youth programs, promoting strong family values, and creatively sharing their efforts during this Rotary Year.</p> <p>The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded</p> <p>Parameters to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club has an active Family of Rotary Committee – 5 points • Consistent involvement of spouses, children and family members in fellowships, club projects and events – 5 points • Joint activities with Rotaract, Interact clubs and Rotary Alumni – 5 points • Club projects or fellowships that promote family values or strengthen family units in the community – 5 points • Active participation in District-organized Family of Rotary events (e.g. district family day, DG family fellowships, themed fellowships) – 5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should submit a brief report (maximum 3 pages) with photos and evidence of their activities.</p>

4. PUBLIC IMAGE – These awards recognize Clubs for building awareness of Rotary work and the Rotary brand in the community.

<p>4.1 CLUB BULLETIN AWARD</p>	<p>A Club that has published a regular bulletin that is informative and widely circulated using different channels, and with Rotary compliant branding. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular bulletin (minimum monthly) – 5 points • Informative content – 10 points • Design & branding conforming to Rotary guidelines– 5 points • Evidence of wide circulation – 5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY. Note: Attach copies of bulletins and evidence of wide circulation and reach</p>
<p>4.2 PUBLIC IMAGE AWARD</p>	<p>A Club that has best promoted Rotary's visibility this Rotary Year. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate partnership fundraisings – 5 points • Number of press/media coverage of Club events and projects – 5 points • Visibility of Rotary branding at events/project sites – 5 points • Contribution of articles/stories to The Wave – 5 points • Contribution of articles/stories to the District website– 5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY. Note: Evidence including newspaper clippings, articles in the wave and district website, video clips from TV coverage, audio records from radios, etc. should be attached</p>
<p>4.3 SOCIAL MEDIA AWARD</p>	<p>A Club that has best utilized social media to promote Rotary visibility/work this Rotary Year. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of platforms – 10 points • Number of followers – 10 points • Frequency of posts (minimum weekly) – 5 points • Engagement of audience – 5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY. Note: Clubs should provide evidence including a list of social media platforms used, frequency of posts, engagements with the audience among others</p>
<p>4.4 ROTARY EYAMBA AWARD</p>	<p>This award recognizes clubs that have made a positive impact in their communities and effectively showcased that impact through compelling stories shared in club bulletins, the Wave, or other official media platforms. Eligible stories should highlight meaningful service, visible community change, or personal transformation connected to Rotary. The award celebrates clubs that not only do</p>	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY. Note: Clubs should provide evidence including copies or links to published stories in bulletins, The Wave, or official social media platforms; photos or videos related to the featured projects; testimonials from beneficiaries or community</p>

	<p>good in their communities but also tell those stories in ways that reflect and promote the true image of Rotary. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of the service project on the community – 10 points • Use of official media platforms (e.g. club bulletins, The Wave, social media) – 5 points • Evidence of positive change or transformation (individual or community level) – 5 points • Alignment with Rotary values and public image – 5 points 	<p>members; and a brief summary explaining the impact of the project, how it was communicated to the public, and how it reflects Rotary's values and public image.</p>
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C. ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

5. MEMBER ENGAGEMENT – These awards recognize Clubs that engage their members in Rotary service and fellowship.

<p>5.1 MEMBER PARTICIPATION & ENGAGEMENT AWARD</p>	<p>A Club with the largest average percentage of members attending key Club activities. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in service projects (field assessments, supervision & monitoring) – 10 points • Participation in other Club activities (Club assemblies, retreats and social event activities) – 10 points. 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should provide evidence including photographic evidence plus member registers/ attendance sheets</p>
<p>5.2 YOUTH MENTORSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT AWARD</p>	<p>This award recognizes Rotary Clubs that have actively partnered with Rotaract and Interact Clubs and taken on initiatives that support professional development among the youth.</p> <p>The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Global Grant (GG) projects developed, funded, and implemented jointly with Rotaract or Interact Clubs – 10 points • Joint non-Global Grant (GG) projects prepared, funded, and implemented jointly with Rotaract or Interact clubs – 5 points • Financial support to Rotaract or Interact Club projects and activities – 5 points • Number of Rotaractors, Interactors and other youths sponsored to attend mentorship series under professional leadership training – 5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should provide evidence including project summaries detailing collaboration with Rotaract and Interact Clubs, along with financial records showing joint funding or support, and photos or videos of joint activities or events.</p>

5.3 RYLA AWARD	<p>A Club that has demonstrated exceptional commitment to leadership, development and engagement in RYLA this Rotary Year. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants sponsored to attend above 18 RYLA – 5 points • Number of participants sponsored to attend Interact RYLA – 5 points • Active promotion of RYLA within the club and community – 5 points • Provision of mentorship and support to RYLA participants– 5 points • Implementation of creative pre or post RYLA initiatives – 5 points • Use of social media or storytelling to highlight the RYLA experience – 5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should provide evidence including a list of participants sponsored to attend RYLA, records of club or community promotions (e.g. posters, announcements, or event programs), documentation of mentorship or follow-up activities with RYLA participants, summaries or reports of any creative pre- or post-RYLA initiatives, and links or screenshots of social media posts, articles, or videos used to showcase the RYLA experience.</p>
5.4 DISCON ATTENDANCE AWARD	<p>A Club that has the largest number of members and guests fully registered and paid for the 101st District Conference (DISCON) by 20th March 2026</p>	<p>DO NOT APPLY</p> <p>Note: Winners will be determined from the DISCON Registration Reports</p>
5.5 REGIONAL DISCON ATTENDANCE AWARD	<p>A Club with the highest percentage of fully registered and paid-up members for the 101st District Conference (DISCON) by 20th March 2026. The minimum threshold for eligibility will be 40 percent member registration per club.</p> <p>Four awards will be presented to the regions of North, East, West and Central</p>	<p>DO NOT APPLY</p> <p>Note: Winners will be determined from the DISCON Registration Reports</p>
5.6 DISCON LONG DISTANCE AWARD	<p>D9213 Club that will have traveled the longest distance to the 101st District Conference (DISCON).</p> <p>To qualify, the club must have at least 5 members in attendance.</p>	<p>DO NOT APPLY</p> <p>Note: Winners will be determined from the DISCON Registration Data Reports.</p>
5.7 CLUB GOVERNANCE AWARD	<p>Club that has demonstrated very high levels of good governance. The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existence of Multiyear strategic plan & at least 15 current year goals are in RCC – 5 points • Club Qualification for this year – 5 points • Adoption of Model MEMARTS – 5 Points • Club By laws updated to incorporate at least 80% of the parameters of the Governance Checklist – 5 Points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should attach all the relevant documentation.</p>



	<p>(Governance checklist is on District Website)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of Regular Board meetings (at least 1 meeting every 2 month) and Club Assemblies (1 per quarter) – 5 Points (submit notices of meetings and distribution of minutes to members) • Evidence that financial / treasurer's reports (including evidence that all club accounts are declared and signatories are as approved by current board) are shared with club members (atleast once every 2 months) – 5 points 	
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D. INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

6. TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION – Rotary excels at finding new ways to lead the world to lasting change and recognizes Clubs that have encouraged members to be well informed about Rotary and embraced and implemented new best practices to help their clubs be more efficient, transparent and effective.

6.1 LEARNING AND INNOVATION AWARD	<p>This award recognizes clubs that have actively promoted learning among their members and embraced innovation in how they operate and serve. Whether through encouraging use of Rotary's learning tools, adopting fresh approaches to project delivery, or finding better ways to engage members, these clubs are building a culture of growth and creativity.</p> <p>The top three (3) Clubs will be awarded.</p> <p>Parameters to consider: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning- Number of members that completed at least 10 courses in the Learning Centre this Rotary Year- 10 points • Innovation in Club Administration – Club with best innovations for efficient Club administration and member engagement – 5 points • Innovation in Service Projects – Innovations in project design and delivery – 5 points. • Internal Training – Number of training sessions organized within the club – 5 points 	<p>CLUBS SHOULD APPLY</p> <p>Note: Clubs should provide evidence including Learning Center completion reports or screenshots showing course completions, descriptions and outcomes of innovations in C administration and member engagement, details of creative or unique project designs and their implementation, records from internal training sessions, and photos, videos demonstrating the impact of these initiatives.</p>
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GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL AWARDS CATEGORY

The Special Awards Category includes those awards given at the discretion of the District Governor for special recognition. The special awards will be announced by the District Governor.