

Awards - District & International

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Members of the Rotary community work hard to create positive change at home and around the world. And because of this, they're making clubs stronger, communities better, and peace possible. Thank them for their dedication and valuable contributions by recognizing them with one of the following awards.

Recognize a Rotarian

Avenues of Service Citation

Honor a club member who participates in service activities in each of the five Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International, and Youth.

Who can nominate: Club presidents

Deadline: None

Download the [nomination form](#)

Club Builder Award

Present a certificate to up to 10 deserving Rotarians from your district who have significantly supported and strengthened their Rotary clubs.

Who can nominate: District governors

Deadline: None

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Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service

Honor members who have been actively involved in service activities related to The Rotary Foundation, such as serving on a Foundation committee, participating in a grant-funded project, or supporting a Rotary Peace Fellow.

Who can nominate: District governors

Deadline: None

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Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the Foundation's highest service recognition and is given to Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary service to the Foundation.

Recipients must have received the Citation for Meritorious Service four years prior to be eligible for this award.

Who can nominate: Rotarians

Deadline: 30 June

Download the [nomination form](#)

Rotary Foundation District Service Award

Present a certificate to Rotarians in your district who are making a difference through the Foundation's programs.

Who can nominate: District governors

Deadline: None

RI Service Above Self Award

Rotary's highest honor recognizes up to 150 Rotarians each year who demonstrate their commitment to helping others by volunteering their time and talents.

Who can nominate: Current and immediate past district governors and current and past RI directors

Deadline: 1 October

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Service Award for a Polio-Free World

This award recognizes outstanding contributions to our polio eradication efforts. Each year, we give up to 10 regional service awards per WHO region to worthy recipients.

We also give 10 international awards to people whose work has had widespread impact.

Who can nominate: Rotarians

Deadline: 1 November

Download the [nomination form](#) and [guidelines](#)

Vocational Service Leadership Award

This award is given to Rotarians who have used their occupation to make an impact in the community, demonstrated integrity in their profession and in Rotary, and undertaken at least one of six activities outlined in the award guidelines that we outline in the nomination form.

Who can nominate: District governors

Deadline: 1 November

Download the [nomination form](#)

Recognize a Rotary club

Membership Development Award

Honor a club, district, or zone that achieved superlative success in membership growth and retention.

Who can nominate: No nomination necessary

Deadline: None

Download the [award brochure](#), [certificate template \(A4\)](#), [certificate template \(US Letter\)](#), [guidelines](#)

Presidential Citation

Clubs that are growing stronger, creating positive change in our communities, and enhancing our public image deserve recognition. The Presidential Citation is one way to acknowledge their work.

Deadline: 30 June 2017

[Find award criteria and information about club and district reports](#)

Significant Achievement Award

Recognize a club in your district whose project has addressed a significant problem or need in your community (international projects are not eligible). You can nominate one club per district each year.

Who can nominate: District Governors

Deadline: 15 March

[Nomination form](#)

Awards from District 7810

Tom Nelson Award

For Community Service; Is presented to a club in recognition of their combined efforts during the Rotary year to serve their community. The club size considerations of the "Significant Achievement Award" come into play with this award as well.

Who can nominate: determined by the AG's

Deadline: 30 June

PDG McNeill Award Clubs

For President of the Year: Is presented to the president who is judged to have led the club most successfully during the year. It may go to the president of a very strong club or a president who has done a lot to strengthen the club during the year. The four pillars of a successful club should be used as a guideline for judging a president's performance. Those four pillars are as follows: (1) to sustain and grow membership; (2) to implement successful service projects; (3) to support The Rotary Foundation; (4) to develop club leaders for beyond club-level service.

Who can nominate: determined by the AG's

Deadline to achieve all goals: 30 June

PDG Frank Hussey Award

For the most outstanding Rotarian of the Year: Is presented to the Rotarian judged to have done the most to exemplify the ideal of "Service Above Self" during the current Rotary Year. The Rotarian may have been involved in Rotary beyond the club level, but this is not a requirement for to be considered.

Who can nominate: determined by the AG's

Deadline: 30 June

Public Relations Award:

Is presented to the club judged to have the best overall public relations program for the current Rotary Year. The winning club should be able to show a consistent pattern of projects and media presence in their community during the current Rotary Year.

Who can nominate: Public Relations Committee

Deadline: 30 June

The Guss Trophy:

Is presented to the club judged to have the best programs and activities in international service during the current Rotary Year.

Who can nominate: World Community Chair

Deadline: 30 June

Membership Development Award

Is presented to the club with the highest percent increase in club size during the current Rotary Year as reported to the attendance chair by the end of June.

Who can nominate: Attendance Chair

Deadline: 30 June

New Member Award

Is presented to the club which inducts the largest number of new members into their club during the current Rotary Year as reported to the attendance chair by the end of June.

Who can nominate: Attendance Chair

Deadline: 30 June

Member Retention Award

Is presented to the club which has lost the fewest members during the current Rotary Year as reported to the attendance chair by the end of June.

Who can nominate: Attendance Chair

Deadline: 30 June

Best Attendance Award

Is presented to the club which has had the best percentage of members attending club meetings during the current Rotary Year as reported to the attendance chair by the end of June.

Who can nominate: Attendance Chair

Deadline: 30 June

Duncan Wathen Achievement Award

Is presented to the club which has had the highest percentage net increase in members during the current Rotary Year as reported to the attendance chair by the end of June.

Who can nominate: Attendance Chair

Deadline: 30 June

District Governor's Citations

These awards are presented to Rotarians whom the District Governor wishes to recognize for their extraordinary efforts on behalf of Rotary beyond the club level. The number presented varies from year to year.

Paul Harris Fellows (District Presented)

These Paul Harris Fellowships are presented by the District Governor on behalf of the district. They are usually presented to recognize long and faithful service to the district by Rotarians or to non-Rotarians to recognize significant contributions to the world that are in keeping with the ideals

PDG Michael Walsh Award - for the Best Club of the Year

Is present to the Club with the best overall representation of Attendance, Membership, Fund Raising, Community Service, and Public Relations for the current year.

Recognize our partners in service

Presidential Citation for Interact Clubs

Recognize Interact clubs that are meeting our president's challenges to make a positive difference.

Deadline to achieve all goals: 30 June

Deadline to report qualifying clubs to RI: 15 August 2017 (by sponsor Rotary club president or district leader)

[Find award criteria](#)

Presidential Citation for Rotaract Clubs

Honor Rotaract clubs that are meeting our president's challenges to be active and engaged.

Deadline to achieve all goals: 30 June

[Find award criteria and information about club and district reports](#)

Rotaract Outstanding Project Award

Recognize clubs that are making an impact through their exceptional community or international service projects.

Who can nominate: Rotaractors

Deadline: 1 February

Complete the [nomination form](#)

Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award

Honor spouses and partners of club members for showing their commitment to Rotary through exemplary humanitarian service.

Who can nominate: District governors

Deadline: 1 March

Rotary Alumni Association of the Year Award

This award recognizes one outstanding alumni association each year that has increased awareness of our alumni's impact on our organization.

Who can nominate: Regional Rotary Foundation coordinators

Deadline: 30 June

Download the [nomination form](#)

Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity

This award recognizes non-Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service consistent with Rotary's ideals, and who might otherwise go unrecognized.

Who can nominate: District governors

Deadline: None

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Rotary Alumni Global Service to Humanity Award

This award recognizes one outstanding Rotary alumnus each year whose humanitarian service and professional achievements demonstrate the impact of Rotary's programs.

Who can nominate: Regional Rotary Foundation coordinators

Deadline: 30 June

Download the [nomination form](#)

World Interact Week Recognition

Recognize Interact clubs that celebrate the founding of the first club during World Interact Week, which occurs each year during the week of 5 November. Activities can range from working on a joint project with a Rotary club to inviting potential members to a club meeting or project.

Who can nominate: Sponsoring Rotary club or district Interact chair

Deadline: None

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World Rotaract Week Recognition

Recognize Rotaract clubs that celebrate the founding of the first club during World Rotaract Week, which occurs each year during the week of 13 March. Activities can range from partnering with an international Rotaract club to publicizing Rotaract in your local media.

Who can nominate: Sponsoring Rotary club or district Rotaract chair

Deadline: None

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