



ROTARY STRUCTURE

CLUBS, ZONE & INTERNATIONAL



COLLABORATIVE ASSIGNMENT

THE ROTARY CLUB EXPERIENCE

As a group, collaboratively determine –

What is needed at the club and district level to build this experience to be irresistible?

Each group will be asked to present a 10-minute (virtual) presentation at our November 16 session.



Our History



Rotary just
turned 119!

Paul Harris

Starting with the first club meeting in 1905, our founding years focused on building an organization that encourages **community connections** based on **friendship and service**.



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Rotary 

Rotary International Vision Statement

A group of four young women in school uniforms are gathered around a table, looking at a large sheet of paper. They appear to be engaged in a collaborative activity, possibly a project or a study. The scene is dimly lit, with the focus on the women and their work.

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

OUR MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Our core values

Acquaintance
Fellowship
Connections Ideas Opportunity
Fun
Networking
Rotary 
Action Fair Respectful Ethical
Understanding International Youth
Diversity
Peace Accountability Honor
Membership Commitments United
Relationships Development
Community Education Economic
Vocational **Service**
Sincere Responsible Professional
Club Scholarship Friendship Fundraising Family Celebrate Expertise
Leadership



ROTARY'S STRUCTURE

Rotary's Structure in 3 Parts:



- The operations of a Club are overseen by its Board. The Club is an “Unincorporated Organization” for DCCA and falls under RI’s 501(c)(4) umbrella with IRS.
- The operations of Rotary International a member organization, are overseen by its **Board of Directors**. 501(c)(4)
- The Rotary Foundation is organized as a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes and governed by a **Board of Trustees**. 501(c)(3)

THE STATS – ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

46,000	Rotary Clubs
	1,200,000 Rotararians
10,698	Rotaract Clubs
	203,298 Rotaractors
14,911	Interact Clubs
	342,953 Interactors
537	Districts
34	Zones
270	Countries



Clubs



Club Structure

Organized in the Club Leadership Plan

- President
- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Directors/Committees

Club Committees

Recommended club committees:

- Club administration
- Membership
- Public image
- Rotary Foundation
- Service projects

And a Club Trainer (7/1/23 known as Club Facilitator)



Club Structure

SAMPLE CLUB COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Rotary recommends five club committees. Clubs can add, eliminate, or combine committees or subcommittees according to their interests, activities, and number of members. Assistant governors or district governors can help club leaders determine suitable subcommittees.

OPTION 1: Standard Rotary Club Committees

COMMITTEES	Club administration	Membership	Public image	Service projects	Rotary Foundation
POSSIBLE SUBCOMMITTEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club program • Member communications • Website • Social events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attraction • Engagement • New member orientation • Diversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media relations • Advertising and marketing • Web and social media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International • Community • Vocational • Youth service • Fundraising (for club projects) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polio • Fundraising (for grants) • Grants

OPTION 2: Small Rotary Club Committees

COMMITTEES	Club administration	Membership	Public image	Service projects	Rotary Foundation



The Four Elements of Effective Clubs



Foundation of Fellowship and Service

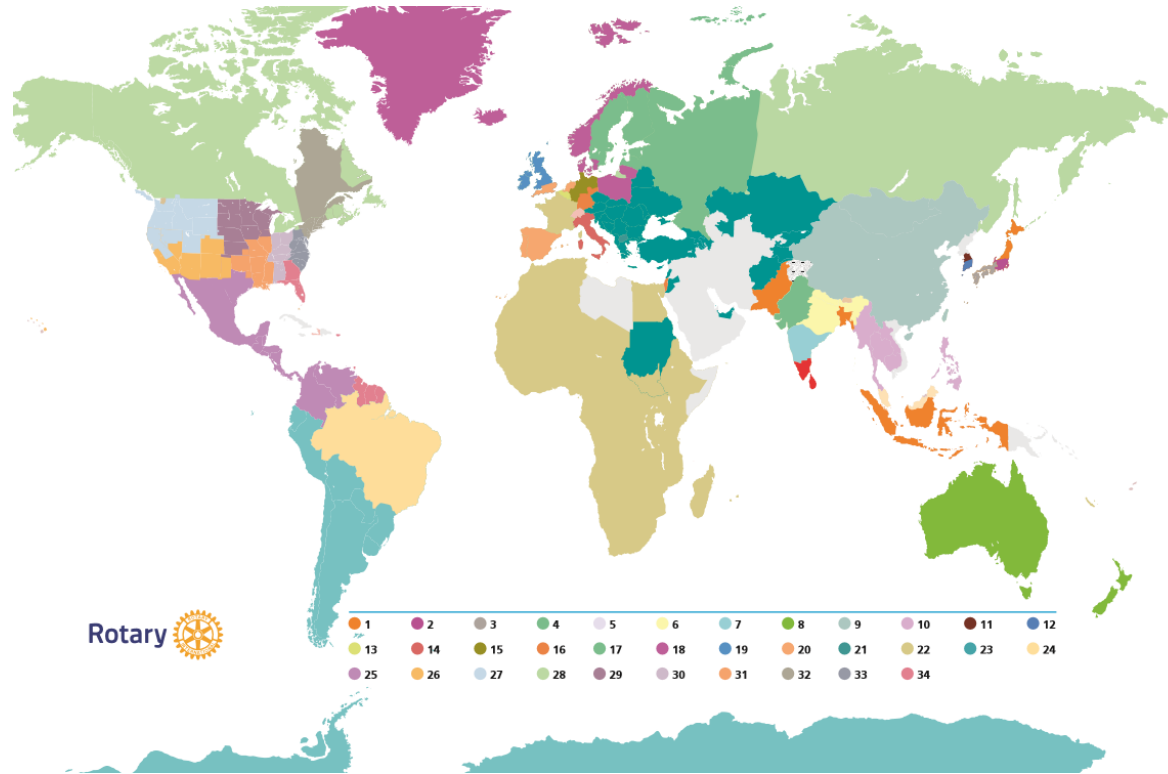
Zone Structure

Zone 26 & 27

There are roughly 535 Districts in the Rotary world, which are then organized into Zones. The Zones usually have around 18 Districts and there are 34 Zones.

We are in Zone 26 & 27 with Districts in Canada, along the west coast to Texas, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

Rotary Zones



DAN HIMELSPACH

Rotary International Director
Denver Mile High Rotary Club, Colorado



RI Director – Nominated by the Zone

Rotary's Board of Directors establishes policy for Rotary International and provides guidance to clubs. Past district governors are eligible to serve on the Board, but at least three years must have elapsed since the end of their term as governor. Candidates must have attended two Rotary institutes and a Rotary convention in the previous three years. Each director serves for two years.

Regional Leaders – Subject Matter Experts

Regional leaders are appointed by the RI president or The Rotary Foundation trustee chair and serve a three-year term. The regional leaders are:

- **Regional Rotary Foundation coordinators** (RRFCs) assist clubs and districts in fundraising and can support them through Rotary's grant system. They also encourage Rotarians to support PolioPlus and the Annual Fund.
- **Rotary coordinators** (RCs) help clubs develop new strategies to attract and engage members. They also support district efforts to establish new clubs.
- **Rotary public image coordinators** (RPICs) provide marketing, media outreach, and social media advice to clubs and districts and help them implement Rotary's public image campaigns.
- **Endowment/major gifts advisers** (E/MGAs) promote major giving opportunities to Rotarians and other community donors.

Regional Leaders

Regional Coordinators (42 each)

Rotary Coordinator (RC)

Rotary Public Image Coordinator (RPIC)

Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator
(RRFC)

Endowment/Major Gift Advisor (E/MGA)

End Polio Now Coordinator

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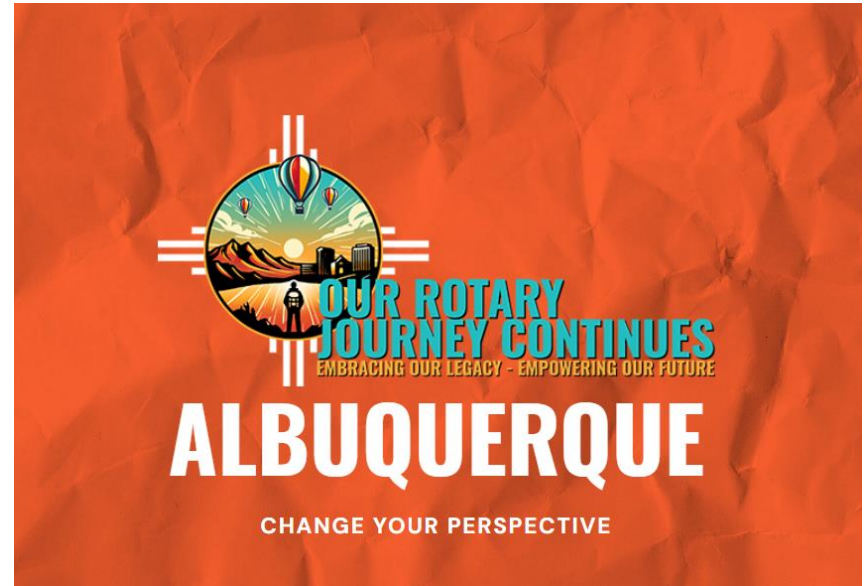
30
Districts

1700
Clubs

67,000
Members

Annual Zone Institute : <https://zone2627.org/institute/>

October 22-25, 2025
Clyde Hotel Downtown
Albuquerque, New Mexico



Rotary International



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Stephani Urchick
2024-2025

Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania



Mário César Martins de Camargo
2025-2026

Rotary Club of Santo Andre, Brazil



Sangkoo Yun
2026-2027

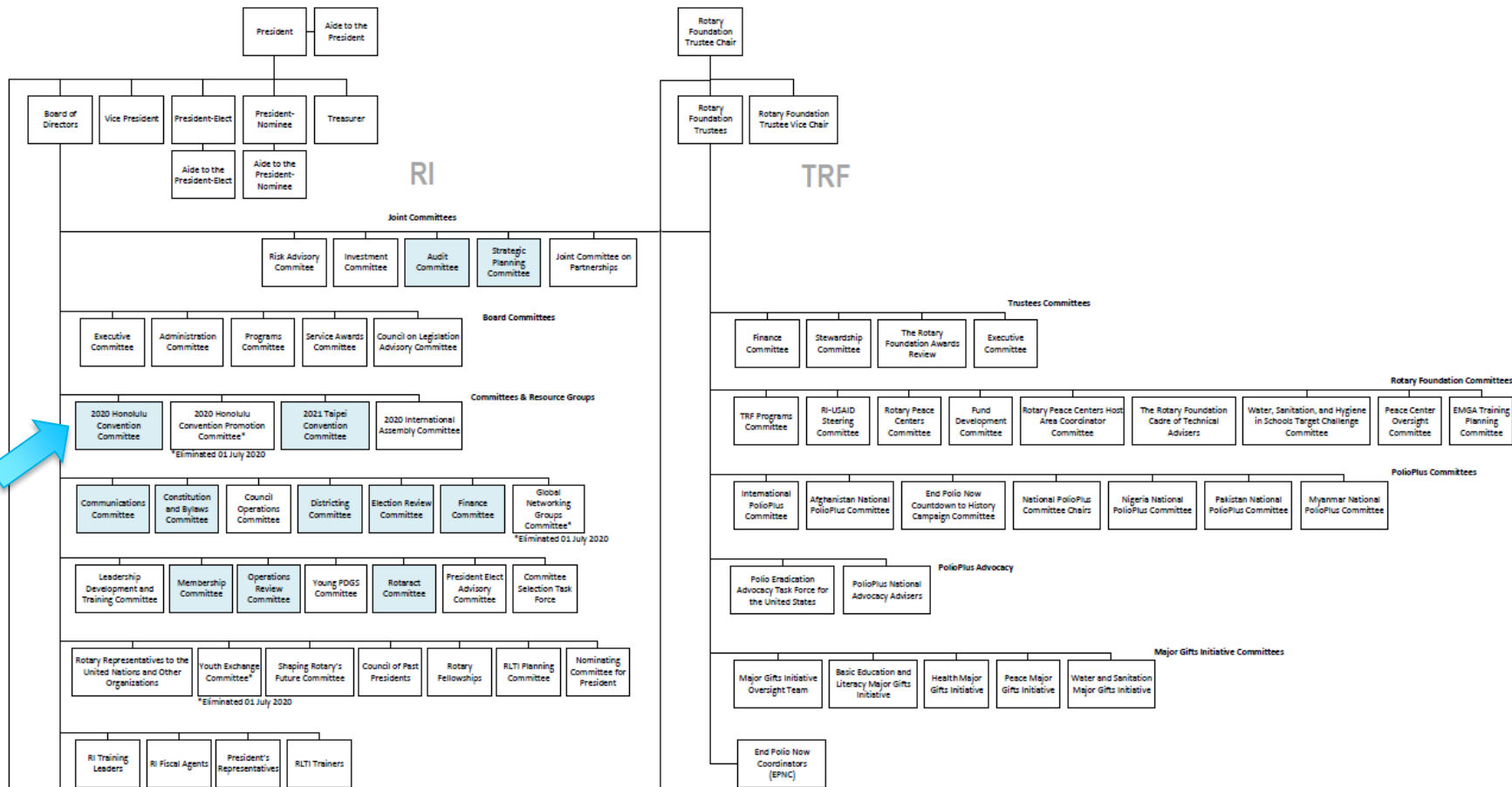
Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Korea

RI President

The official requirements to become president of Rotary International are actually pretty simple:

A member must first serve as club president, district governor, and on Rotary's Board of Directors. Once a member has been a director, he or she is technically eligible for the presidency. However, most RI presidents have held additional leadership roles, including serving on committees that offer international experience.

Governance – Committee Structure





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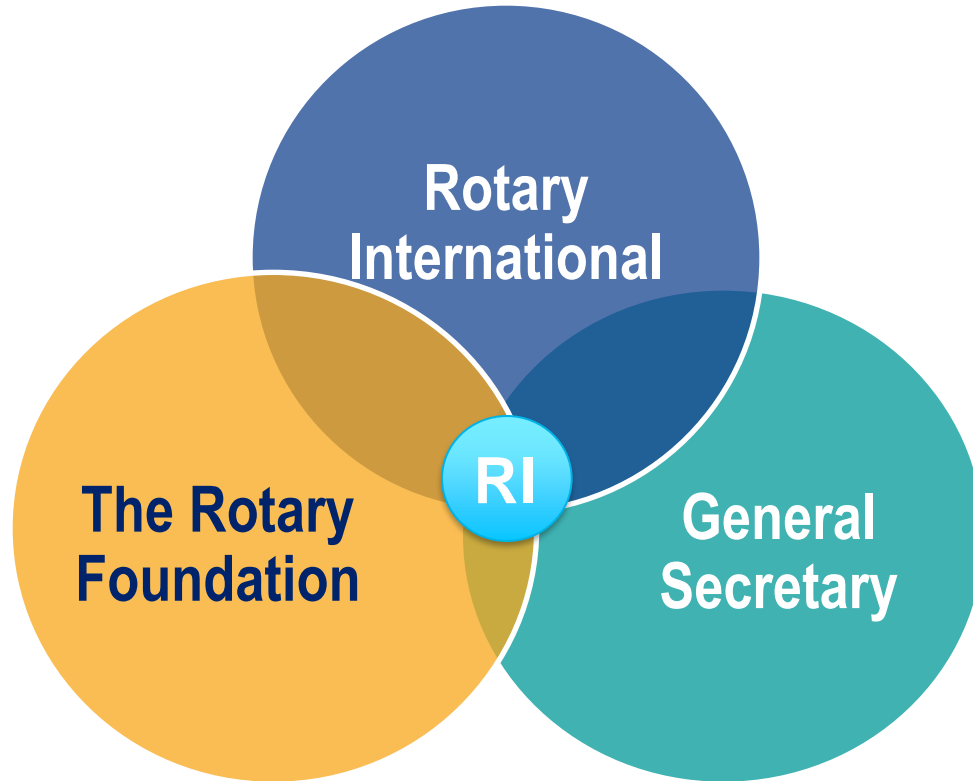


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Governance Structure

Rotary International – RI-TRF-GS

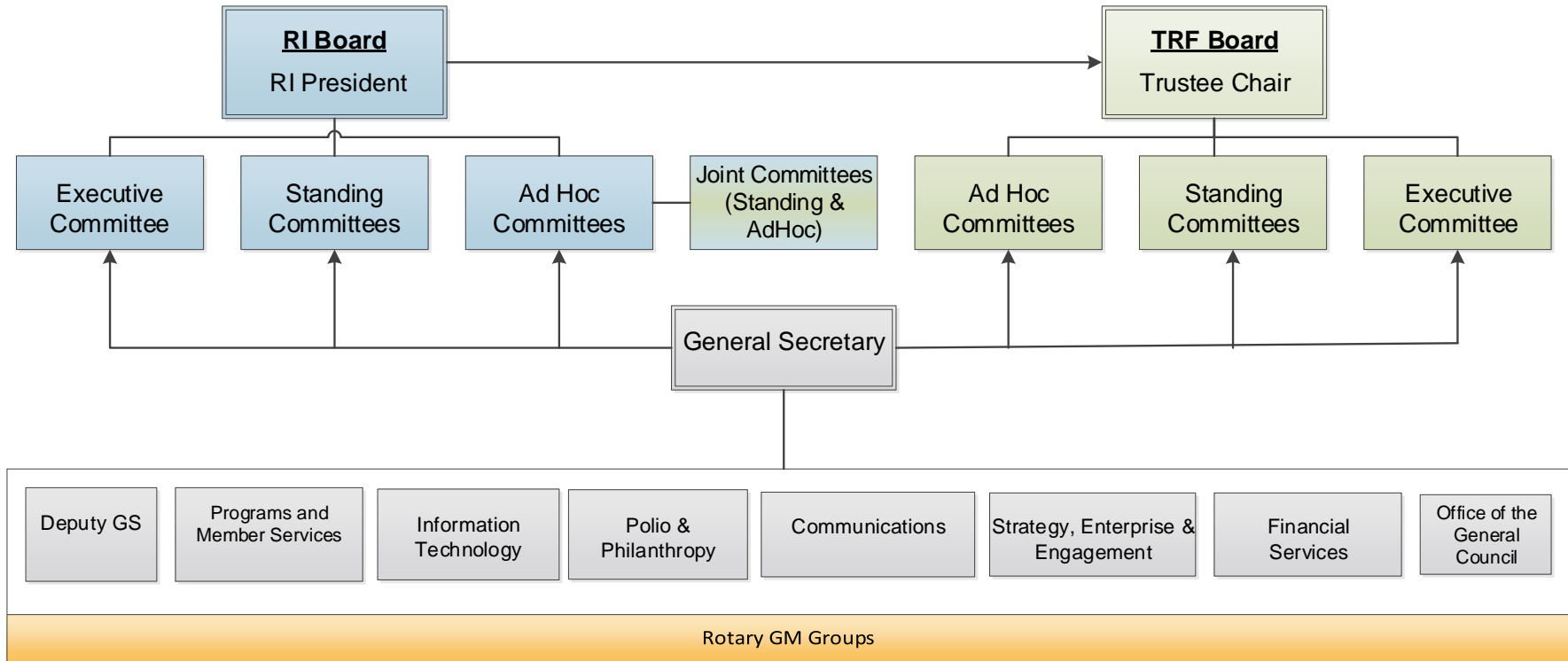


Rotary International Leaders with a staff of 800

- President Stephanie Urchick(1 year term)
- TRF Trustee Chair Mark Maloney (1 year)
- General Secretary and CEO John Hewko
- Executive Staff
- Directors (2 years)
- Trustees (4 years)
- Regional Leaders (3 years, annual review)



RI's Organizational Chart



The Secretariat

- 800 staff
- 7 international offices
- 49 Languages spoken





YOUR SUPPORT FROM ROTARY





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CLUB & DISTRICT SUPPORT (CDS)

DISTRICTS

Zone 25b

Zone 26

Zone 27

D5770/D5830

Rotary

District 5000



DISTRICT 5000 – HAWAII STATS

- 1,404 Rotary Members, including 23 Rotaractors
- 50 Clubs, including 2 E-clubs (online)
 - 2 Rotaract Clubs (from age 18)
- 41 Interact Clubs (12-18 years old)
- 2 Community Corps



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5000 POLICY MANUAL

Adopted at the Rotary International District 5000, District Conference
Aulani Resort, Kapolei, Oahu, Hawaii
May 22, 2022

Under “Club Resources”: <https://rotaryd5000.org/sitepage/district-information/district-policies-and-forms>



DISTRICT 5000 LEADERSHIP



Ted Faigle
District Governor
Rotary Club of Poipu Beach



Nancy Cabral
District Governor-Elect
Rotary Club of Hilo



Benson Medina
District Governor Nominee
Rotary Club of South Hilo

District Structure

- District Governor
- Chief of Staff, if applicable
- Vice Governor
- District Secretary
- District Treasurer
- District Finance Committee Chairperson
- Assistant Governors

District Organization

2024-25



District Committees

Manage District Committee Appointments

Rotary International requires the following district chairs serve a three-year term:

- District Rotary Foundation

- District International Service Chair

- District Membership Chair

- District New Club Advisor

Each district governor that serves during the three-year term of these district chairs agrees to the selection of that chair and have provided their written confirmation.

Any removal for cause of these committee chairs must have the prior written approval of all the district governors for each of the remaining years of the three-year term. Written approval to name a new chair or to remove a chair for cause must remain on file at the district and be available upon request from Rotary.

Standing Committees (Section 2.5 of Policy Manual)

- (1) District Rotary Foundation Committee *
- (2) District Membership Development Committee *
- (3) Past District Governor Advisory Council
- (2) District Training Committee *
- (3) District Public Image & Awareness Committee *
- (4) District Conference Committee
- (5) District Finance Committee *
- (6) District Nominating Committee
- (8) RI Convention Promotion Committee
- (9) District Youth Services Committee
- (10) (11) District Resolutions/Legislation Committee



* RI Required Committees

Optional Committees per RI

- Alumni
- District Conference
- Nominating
- Rotary Convention Promotion
- Rotary Friendship Exchange
- Community Service
- International Service
- Interact
- Rotaract
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- Youth Exchange



Committee Qualifications

- Active Member, in good standing in a club in the District.
- Past District Governor, a past Assistant Governor, a past club President, or an effective past District committee member that has had previous experience as a member of the District committee.
- Attends District training seminars/assemblies

Past District Governor Advisory Council

The purpose of the PDG Advisory Council is to advise the District Governor on policy matters affecting the District and to assist the District Governor when called upon to do so.

The PDG Advisory Council shall be composed of all Past District Governors who reside in the District, who indicate a desire and willingness to actively serve on this committee and shall be chaired by the Immediate Past District Governor.

The PDG Advisory Council should hold at least two (2) meetings for each Rotary year, as necessary



Assistant Governors

One year term, renewable up to 3 years at the discretion of the DG

Assistant Governors are the connection between clubs and the District. The relationships built with club leaders make Rotary stronger.



Qualifications

Minimum criteria in selecting Assistant Governors should include the following:

- (1) Active Membership, in good standing in a club in the District for at least three (3) years;
- (2) Service as President of a club for a full term;
- (3) Willingness and ability to accept the responsibilities of Assistant Governor;
- (4) Demonstrated outstanding performance at the district level; and
- (5) Potential for future leadership in the District.

Assistant Governors are district appointees. Assistant Governors are not officers of Rotary International. Assistant Governors are to be appointed on an annual basis, with no Assistant Governor serving more than three (3) consecutive one-year terms to provide continuity in the District leadership. It is recommended that no Past District Governor serve as an Assistant Governor. The District Governor may make exceptions as deemed necessary or appropriate.



Responsibilities

- (1) Meet with and assist the incoming club Presidents before the beginning of the Rotary year to discuss the clubs' goals and to review the Planning Guide for Effective Clubs and section 2.010.1 of the Rotary Code of Policies (Failure to Function);
- (2) Attend each club assembly associated with the District Governor's official visit;
- (3) Visit each club regularly, preferably monthly with a minimum of one visit each quarter of the Rotary year, and meet with the club President and other club leadership to discuss the business of the club and resources available to them;
- (4) Assist club leaders in scheduling and planning for the District Governor's official visit;
- (5) Keep the District Governor posted on progress of the clubs and suggest ways to enhance Rotary development and address problems;
- (6) Encourage clubs to follow through on requests and recommendations of the District Governor;
- (7) Monitor each club's performance with respect to service projects;
- (8) Identify and encourage the development of future district leaders.



District Governor



Role of the District Governor

The District Governor shall be the chief executive officer of the District and shall supervise its activities in accordance with this Policy Manual and the most recent edition of RI's Manual of Procedure. The District Governor shall preside at the District Conference and at such other meetings of the District where another leader is not specified herein. The District Governor shall be an ex-officio member of all District committees. Governors are elected by the district two to three years before taking office.

As governor-elect:

- Attend the governors-nominee and elect training seminar and [International Assembly](#) (1 week each)
- Conduct training for incoming district leaders and club leaders (Spring Training Assembly)
- Plan the district conference
- Qualify district for Rotary grants and conduct grant management training
- Appoint assistant governors and committee chairs
- Work with the governor and district leaders to create a district plan
- Learn about the district (as nominee)

District Governor

As a district governor you have proven strong leadership skills and decision making. During your year in office, clubs will look to you for leadership, support, and motivation as they carry out service projects and participate in Rotary programs. **What you do:**

- Strengthen clubs, organize new clubs, and grow membership
- Encourage contributions and other support for The Rotary Foundation
- Promote positive public image and serve as spokesperson for district
- Develop a safe environment for youth participants
- Conduct district conference and other meetings
- Supervise district nominations and elections
- Prepare budget, provide annual report, and help administer District Designated Funds
- Complete online district qualification
- Work with governor-elect and other district leaders



And More

- Conducting, implementing, or reviewing district strategic planning with the DGE and DGN
- Promoting membership growth and engagement by working with district leaders and club presidents to set realistic membership goals for each club
- Managing online membership leads with your district membership committee chair, including promptly reviewing and assigning leads to clubs
- Serving as a spokesperson for your district and Rotary when appropriate
- Helping the governor-elect plan and prepare for incoming officer training meetings
- Conducting district events, including the district conference and a Vibrant Club workshop
- Supervising the district leadership team
- Officially visiting each club (through meetings with one or more clubs), to raise awareness of important Rotary issues, support struggling clubs, motivate club members to participate in service, and recognize members' contributions
- Communicating at least monthly with each club president and secretary
- Fostering continuity by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders



DG Nominating Committee Composition

The District Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) Past District Governors plus (4) Past Presidents (one from a club in the County of Kauai, one from a club in the County of Maui, one from a club in the County of Hawaii and one from a club in the City and County of Honolulu). It is recommended, but not required, that the District Governor budget for transportation expenses for individuals who do not reside on the same island where in-person candidate interviews are to be conducted.

Qualifications

At the time of selection, the nominee will be called governor-nominee-designate and will assume the title of governor-nominee on July 1, two years before serving as governor. The governor-nominee must:

- Be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district. (RIB 16.070.1.)
- Have full qualifications for membership in the strict application of the club membership provisions and have a classification whose integrity is without question. (RIB 16.070.2.)
- Have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of the charter to 30 June, provided that this period is at least six months. (RIB 16.070.3.)
- Demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability, physically and otherwise to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor as provided in section 16.090.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the bylaws and submit to RI, through its general secretary, a signed statement that the Rotarian understands clearly such qualifications, duties and responsibilities. Such statement shall also confirm that the Rotarian is qualified for the office of governor and willing and able to assume the duties and responsibilities of that office and to perform them faithfully. (RIB 16.070.5.)



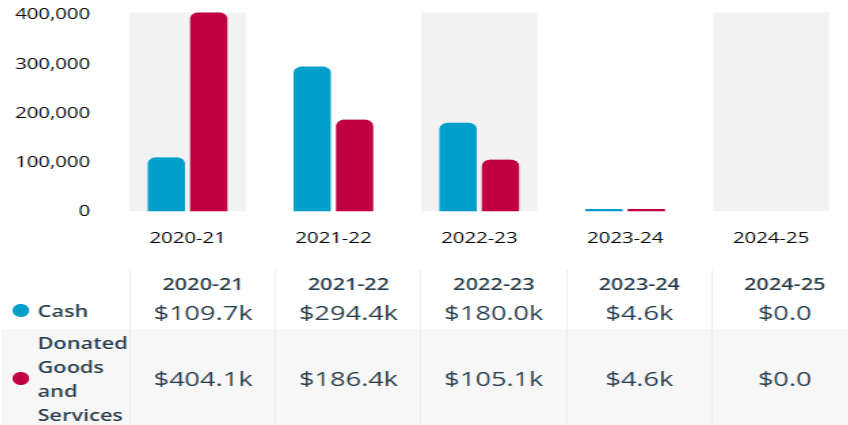
Meetings – above the district level

- International Assembly - Mandatory
- RI Convention
- Council on Legislation
- Institutes
- Governor-elect (GELS), Governor-nominee (GNLS)
- Regional leaders and EMGA training
- Arch Klumpf Society recognition events
- Regional training seminars conducted by coordinators

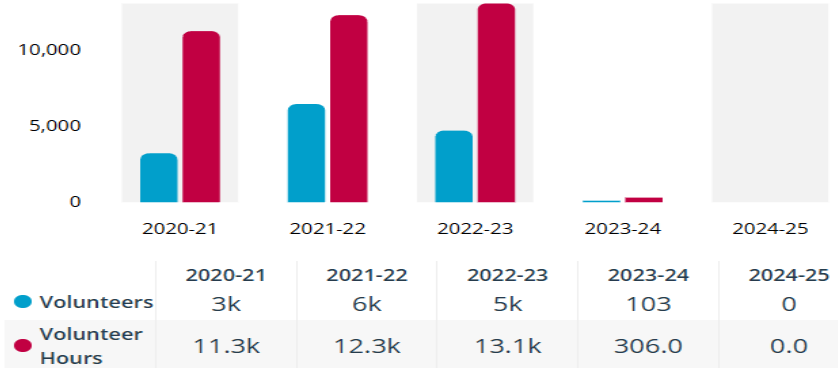


WHAT WE DO TO-DATE (9/19/24) (ROTARY CLUB CENTRAL)

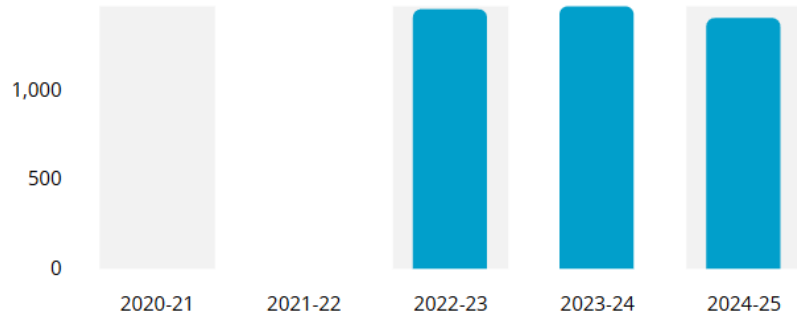
Project Trends - Funding



Project Trends - Volunteers

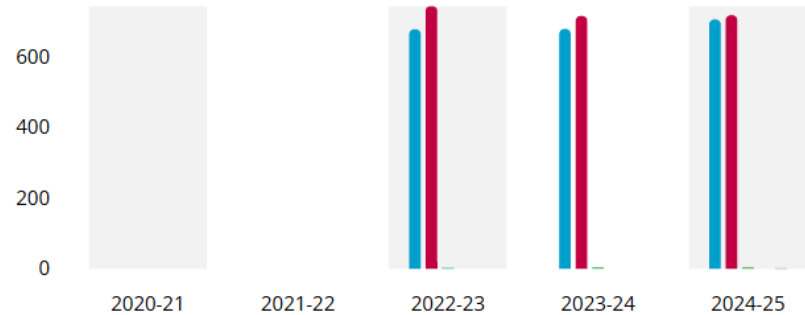


Membership Trends



● July 1	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	1.53k	1.48k	1.45k	1.47k	1.41k

Gender Trends



	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
● Female	0	0	681	682	709
● Male	0	0	746	719	721
● Self-describe	0	0	0	0	0
● Prefer not to identify	0	0	0	0	1
● Unreported	0	0	3	5	5



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