



District 5970 Rotary Club Excellence Award

The District Rotary Club Excellence Award is presented each year to those clubs that have participated in significant Rotary activities throughout the year and have been excellent examples of Rotary’s definition of “Service Above Self”.

All Activities Must be completed by April 1st, 2027 except as noted below. The award will be presented to Clubs at the annual District Conference.

Mandatory Activities (Table stakes)

- Appoint a Foundation Chair by July 1, 2026 and report the same on Rotary Club Central.
- Appoint a Youth Protection Officer for your Club prior to December 31, 2026
- Select an incoming President by January 1, 2027 and report the same on Rotary Club Central.
- Complete Membership and Foundation Annual Fund and Polio Plus Giving Club Goals on Rotary Club Central by July 1, 2026.
- File Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service by the deadline of November 15, 2026 OR start the process to reinstate if tax exempt status has been lost.

Complete Eight of the Following Activities in the District

Activity	Done
1. Update Club By-Laws and Constitution to match RI standards	
2. Sponsor a Satellite Club or new innovative club	
3. Develop or update a club Strategic Plan and submit a copy to the District	
4. Have president-elect attend NCPETS	
5. Hold a Polio Plus Event in your community. Preferably during October	
6. Have at least one member attend Grant Training	
7. Apply for or participate in an Global Grant	
8. Every Club member makes a contribution to the Foundation	
9. Add 1 or more new Paul Harris Society Members	
10. Add 1 or more new Bequest Society Member	
11. Contribute to Polio Plus as a Club	
12. Donate an item or basket to the District Conference Silent auction	
13. Apply for a District 5970 Public Image Grant	
14. Publicize a club event or success in the media	

15. Produce a club, Interact or Rotaract video/film for RI competitions and/or D5970 website	
16. Conduct a formal membership campaign	
17. Hold a strategic club meeting for future vision and Implement a plan for Improvement	
18. Enter a Club Project on the Rotary International Website	
19. Have at least 2 members attend a District Training Activity	
20. Have at least 2 member registered for the District Conference in 2026	
21. Have at least one member serve on a District Committee	
22. Host or Sponsor an Exchange Student	
23. Sponsor a student for RYLA	
24. Have at least one member volunteer for RYLA.	
25. Sponsor a new Rotaract or Interact Club	

Application for Award

Upon satisfaction of the requirements for this Award, the Club President should notify Suellen Kolbet by letter or email that the requirements have been fulfilled. This notification should be directed to Suellen Kolbet at des@district5970.org –OR- P.O. Box 445, New Hampton, IA 50659 by April 1, 2027.