The ROTARY ACTION PLAN



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

As we stand on the cusp of eliminating polio, we find ourselves poised for our next challenge. The time is right to move toward realizing a new vision that brings more people together, increases our impact, and creates lasting change around the world. To achieve the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, we have set four priorities that will direct our work over the coming years.

INCREASE OUR IMPACT

EXPAND OUR REACH

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Focus our programs and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact
- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new channels into Rotary
- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal
- Build awareness of our impact and brand

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Develop a participantcentered approach to deliver value
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide leadership development and skills training
- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Review governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making

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INCREASE OUR IMPACT



DEVELOP A STRATEGY for educating members about the importance of impactful service projects. Research shows that measurable, data-driven results offer proof of the impactful service that is attractive to the next generation of leaders.

CONDUCT A COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT to determine which issues are top concerns in the area. Learn about needs and strengths and identify the key decision-makers. Try conducting evaluations both before and after you implement projects to get a better sense of where and how you can create measurable, lasting change that truly helps the communities you serve.

FOCUS YOUR EFFORTS. Review your club's activities and determine which ones can be streamlined or eliminated so your club can spend more time on activities that make a real impact.

ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB OR DISTRICT TO CELEBRATE THE LONG-TERM SUCCESSES of service and program offerings, but
to be open to new projects or opportunities to prove that your club
or district's impact has only begun. Apply for a global or district grant
to fund a project that will have sustainable, measurable outcomes.

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SET A GOAL to collaborate with new groups in your community, either through service projects or social events, to introduce more people to Rotary. As our vision statement says, we want to unite people — not just Rotarians — to create lasting change.

USE ROTARY'S MEMBERSHIP TOOLS and resources to assess your club and learn how to make it more diverse, open, and attractive to everyone in your community.

Districts should **CONSIDER FORMING NEW CLUBS**. Take advantage of our flexible club models to create clubs that are welcoming to people with diverse interests, backgrounds, and needs. As always, these new clubs should embrace our core values and deliver value to members.

BE SURE TO TELL COMPELLING STORIES about how your club or district is making a difference. Use the People of Action materials and other resources in the Brand Center to learn how to show your club or district's impact through the media, on social media, and in the community. Strengthening your public image can help you attract likeminded people to your club, form new partnerships for service, and build a stronger and more diverse network of collaborators.

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FOCUS NOT ONLY ON GAINING NEW MEMBERS BUT ALSO ON DELIVERING VALUE — both personal and professional — to current members. Hold a brainstorming session or use a survey to ask members what's important to them in their club experience and how they want to grow and develop through Rotary.

Consider everyone who encounters Rotary a participant. Invite them to **OFFER NEW IDEAS AND SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS**. Encourage them to stay involved (whether or not they join the club) so they feel valued and are inspired to support Rotary activities.

USE OUR CURRICULUM in the Learning Center, to develop leadership and other skills in members and participants.

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HOLD INNOVATION FORUMS AND BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS

with club members and other participants to gather ideas for activities and service projects in the community. Contact other organizations or clubs that have a strong record of innovation or reinvention and look for ways to apply what they did to your own club.

SET ASIDE A SMALL FUND to try new ideas. Expand initiatives that succeed and document what you learn from those that don't.

REVIEW YOUR CLUB ROLES, PROCESSES, AND TASKS and look for ways to be more efficient — whether it's by reducing, combining, or eliminating responsibilities or using different technology.

ESTABLISH A CONTINUITY PLAN. Encourage club presidents, district governors, and other officers to work with the incoming leaders chosen for the next few years so that their efforts will be cohesive and all will be invested in a joint success.

