

# Rotary Opportunities

Rotary provides many ways to get involved both within and outside my home club!



## ***Session Goals:***

- Understand Rotary's structured programs.
- Raise awareness of the opportunities for involvement
- Establish connections between our clubs and the structured programs

## ***Resources***

- [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)
- District websites
- *Rotary* magazine
- Rotary Fellowships: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>
- Rotary Action Groups: <https://www.rotary.org/actiongroups>
- Rotary Community Corps <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/rotary-community-corps>
- Interact <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs>
- Peace Fellowships <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>
- Rotary Youth Exchange <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges>
- New Generation Service Exchange <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/new-generations-service-exchange>
- Friendship Exchange <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/friendship-exchange>

*All PDF materials are available at [www.rlifiles.com](http://www.rlifiles.com)*

## Preparation Notes

Review the structured programs and be familiar with how they are formed and operate. Review the lists of Fellowships and Action Groups. Understand the difference! Consider sorting Fellowships into 3 groups: Rotary Junkies, Vocational, and Recreational.

This is new material and does not build on a specific, existing Part 1 session.

## Session Topics

- 1) What are structured programs? *Discuss Ways to be involved with Rotary other than a club meeting or project.*
- 2) Why do we have structured programs? *Discuss Connects us with Rotarians and clubs around the world. Great to build relationships for global projects too.*
- 3) What programs do you know about? *Use a flip chart to make a list! After discussion, turn to the summary sheet in this packet to make sure they got them all. Be careful to sort out district programs, club programs, and Rotaract (now a membership designation, not a program).*
  - a) What is the difference between Fellowships and Action Groups?
  - b) What is the difference between Friendship Exchanges and Rotary Youth Exchanges?
  - c) What is the difference between Interact and RYLA?
- 4) Who is a member of one of these programs? Who has worked with one of these programs? *Discussion on the experience*
- 5) How do these programs relate to Rotary's Action Plan?
- 6) How could these programs help your club or district? Or you?
- 7) How could you start a Fellowship or Action Group?
- 8) What about district service?



## 9 Rotary International Structured Programs

**Interact** is a service organization organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs to help develop leadership skills and an appreciation for service above self for youth ages **12-18**. It has more than 14,900 clubs in 145 countries and geographical areas with almost 342,900 young people involved.

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** are seminars sponsored by clubs and districts to encourage and recognize the leadership abilities of youth and young adults ages 14-30.

**Rotary Peace Fellowships** promote national and international cooperation, peace and the successful resolution of conflict through educating Rotary Peace Fellows, selected for their outstanding academic, civic, and humanitarian activities. Six or more universities around the globe participate in this unique program that allows students to earn either a degree or certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

Autonomous, international groups, **Rotarian Action Groups** provide assistance and support to Rotary clubs and districts in planning and implementing service projects in their respective areas of expertise. They are comprised of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses and Rotaractors who have expertise in and a passion for a particular type of service.

**Rotary Youth Exchange** offers students ages 15-19 the chance to travel abroad for cultural exchanges of one week to a full academic year. Rotary clubs and districts sponsor and host about 10,000 students each year. Started in 1929 but didn't become an official program until 1975.

**Rotary Friendship Exchange** encourages Rotarians and their families to make reciprocal visits to other countries, staying in each other's homes and learning about different cultures firsthand.

**New Generations Service Exchange** is a short-term, customizable program for university students and professionals up to age 30, including current and former Rotaractors and former Interactors, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants, and Youth Exchange students — are encouraged to apply. You don't have to be a member of Rotary to participate in an exchange. Rotary clubs and districts nominate, sponsor and host attendees throughout the process.

**Rotary Community Corps (RCC)** are groups of non-Rotarians who work to improve their communities. There are over 11,000 RCC in over 100 countries, all organized and sponsored by Rotary Clubs.

**Rotary Fellowships** are autonomous, international groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses and Rotaractors who join together for any number of reasons, including fellowship, vocational development, make new friends, and explore new opportunities for service.

## Partial List of Rotary Fellowships

(For current fellowships, see <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/rotary-fellowships>.)

Amateur Radio	Environment	Photographers
Antique Automobiles	Esperanto	Police and Law Enforcement
Authors and Writers	Fishing	Pre-Columbian Civilizations
Beer	Flying	Quilters and Fiber Artists
Bird Watching	Geocaching	Railroads
Bowling	Go	Recreational Vehicles
Canoeing	Golf	Rotary Global History
Caravanning	Home Exchange	Rotary Heritage and History
Carnival and Festivals	Honorary Consuls	Rotary Means Business
Chess	Horseback Riding	Rotary on Stamps
Computer Users	Internet	Scouting
Cooking	Italian Culture	Scuba Diving
Convention Goers	Jazz	Singles
Cricket	Latin Culture	Skiing
Cruising	Lawyers	Social Networks
Curling	Magicians	Tennis
Cycling	Magna Graecia	Total Quality Management
Doctors	Marathon Running	Travel and Hosting
Doll Lovers	Motorcycling	Wellness and Fitness
E-Clubs	Music	Wine
Editors and Publishers	Old and Rare Books	Yachting
	Past District Governors	

# Rotary Action Groups by area of focus

## **Promoting peace**

[Domestic Violence Prevention](#)

[Peace](#)

[Refugees](#)

[Slavery Prevention](#)

## **Fighting disease**

[Addiction Prevention](#)

[Alzheimer's/Dementia](#)

[Blindness Prevention](#)

[Blood, Tissue, and Organ Donation](#)

[Diabetes](#)

[Family Health/AIDS Prevention](#)

[Health Education and Wellness](#)

[Hearing](#)

[Hepatitis Eradication](#)

[Malaria](#)

[Mental Health Initiatives](#)

[Multiple Sclerosis](#)

## **Providing clean water and sanitation**

[Menstrual Health and Hygiene](#)

[Water, Sanitation and Hygiene](#)

## **Saving mothers and children**

[Clubfoot](#)

[Reproductive Maternal and Child Health](#)

## **Supporting education**

[Basic Education and Literacy](#)

## **Growing local economies**

[Community Economic Development](#)

[Disaster Assistance](#)

## **Protecting the environment**

[Endangered Species](#)

[Environmental Sustainability](#)

## **Action groups that work in more than one area of focus**

[Food Plant Solutions](#)