

IN THE FOCUS

Rotary Connects The World

Rotary is built on connection. When Paul Harris came to Chicago as a young lawyer, he formed Rotary for one compelling reason: to help him connect to others in a new city. More than a century later, we have at our disposal countless ways to form friendships and networks, most of which Paul Harris never dreamed. Yet Rotary's ability to connect us remains unique — and unrivaled.

Through its distinct mission and structure, Rotary International provides a way to connect to our communities, to network professionally, and to build strong and lasting relationships. Our membership connects us to a global community through our countless projects and programs, our leadership in polio eradication, and our work with and through the United Nations. Our service connects us to people who share our values, who want to take action for a better world; it connects us to people we would never otherwise meet, who are more like us than we could have imagined; and it connects us to people who need our help, allowing us to change lives in communities around the world.

As a new decade begins, we are shaping Rotary's future. In 2019-2020, Rotary will implement its new strategic plan, respond to the innovation of the Council on Legislation, and serve in our revitalized areas of focus. But the real work of shaping Rotary's future lies in our clubs, where our organization must do the most to adapt to today's changing realities.

While the club remains the core of the Rotary experience, we are now far more creative and flexible in deciding what a club can be, how it can meet, and even what can be considered a Rotary meeting. We need to be organized, strategic, and innovative in how we approach membership, forging wider and deeper connections to our communities and forming new club models to attract and engage more — and more diverse — members.



Rotary is indeed a family. Yet too often, the structure of membership or the demands of leadership seem to place Rotary out of reach for today's younger professionals. Rotary can and should be an experience that complements our families instead of competing with them. When our Rotary clubs are warm, welcoming places where service and family go

hand in hand, we give family-oriented young professionals the opportunity to embrace Rotary service and model positive civic engagement. And when we make the expectations of Rotary offices realistic and manageable for busy professionals, we develop the skills and networks of a new generation of Rotarians — who will become Rotary leaders.

In 2019-2020, it will be our challenge to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

Mark Daniel MALONEY

President, Rotary International,
2019-2020

ROTARY'S VISION:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



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YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time



Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Exchange students unlock their true potential to:

- Develop lifelong leadership skills
- Learn a new language and culture
- Build lasting friendships with young people from around the world
- Become a global citizen

HOW LONG DO EXCHANGES LAST?

Long-term exchanges last a full academic year, and students attend local schools and live with multiple host families.

Short-term exchanges last from several days to three months and are often structured as camps, tours, or homestays that take place when school is not in session.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Room and board are provided, as well as any school fees. Each program varies, but students are usually responsible for:

- Round-trip airfare
- Travel insurance
- Travel documents (such as passports and visas)
- Spending money and any additional travel or tours

HOW TO APPLY?

Candidates are ages 15-19 and are leaders in their schools and communities. Contact your local Rotary club to see what exchange opportunities are available and what the application process involves.

ALREADY INVOLVED IN YOUTH EXCHANGE?

Find tips and ideas for your club: rotary.org

PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary Peace Centers

Each year, Rotary awards up to 100 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the fellows into experienced and effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

In just over a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,200 fellows. Many of them now serve as leaders at international organizations or have started their own foundations.

Check out the Rotary Peace Map to see where our alumni are fostering peace around the world.

OUR FELLOWSHIPS

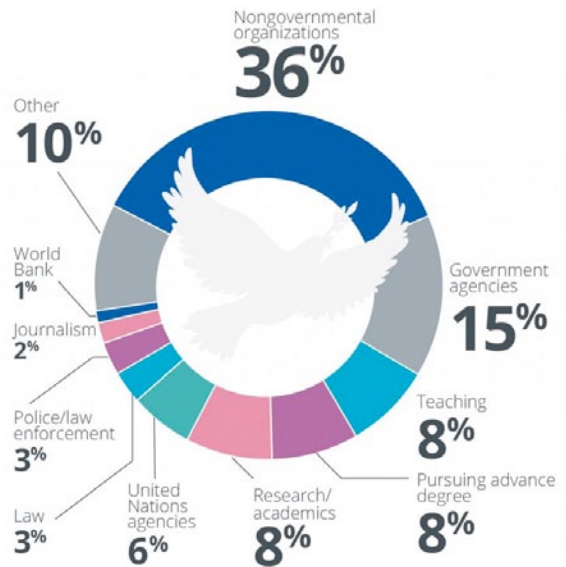
Each year, The Rotary Foundation awards up to 50 fellowships for master’s degrees and 50 for certificate studies at premier universities.

- **Master’s degree programs:** Accepted candidates study peace and development issues with research-informed teaching and a diverse student body. The program lasts 15 to 24 months and includes a 2-3 month field study, which participants design themselves.
- **Professional development certificate program:** Experienced leaders gain practical tools for promoting peace and international development during an intensive, 3-month program, which includes 3 weeks of field study and peer learning opportunities with a diverse group.

ROTARY PEACE CENTERS MASTER’S PROGRAM

Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

Fellows can earn a master’s degree in international development policy from Duke or a master’s from various departments at the University of North Carolina. In addition, Fellows at both universities can earn a graduate certificate in international peace and conflict resolution from UNC.



More than 1,000 peace fellowship alumni are working in over 100 countries.



“The fellowship creates this hotbed of growth and evolution for peace and development leaders — for people advocating for social change.”

Hilary Caldis, CEO, The Female Voice

International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan

The ICU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is known for its interdisciplinary program and liberal arts approach. Fellows pursue a master's degree in Peace Studies within the Department of Public Policy and Social Research.

Fellowship recipients may not study at a Rotary Peace Center in their home countries, other than candidates from Thailand, who may attend the center at Chulalongkorn University.

University of Bradford, Bradford, England

The Department of Peace Studies at Bradford is the largest in the world and offers several master's degrees related to peace, conflict, security, and development.

University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

Fellows earn a master's degree in international stud-

ies and peace and conflict studies at the Graduate Centre of Governance and International Affairs.

Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

The Department of Peace and Conflict Research offers a master's degree in social science. It is internationally renowned for its free and globally accessible collection of data related to armed conflict and organized violence.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

The professional development certificate is awarded to experienced leaders who complete the university's intensive three-month program in peace and conflict prevention and resolution.

Find out more: rotary.org



“It’s often individuals who have been impacted by conflict themselves who want to make a change in the world. Being given the opportunity to pursue a master’s in peace and conflict studies opened doors I never thought possible in terms of connections in the field of peace and development.”

Marie-Paule Attema, recent graduate of Rotary Peace Center at the University of Queensland



“The fellowship opened up my thinking, created new pathways, provided a new set of tools, and most important, opened up a whole new network of people and resources.”

Charlie Allen, Director of Partnerships, Institute for Economics and Peace

NEWS

District 1910 Austria (part) & Bosnia and Herzegovina

Rotary helps with 140,000 euros



Rotary has raised more than € 140,000 for the people affected in the autumn by the storm and flood in the Gail, Lesach, Drau and Mölltal. 33 Rotary clubs from the district of 1910 and an additional 65 Rotarians as single donors made this result possible! About 60 affected families could be helped!

Settlement of the payout was carried out by local Rotary clubs. Representatives of the Rotary Club Hermagor (President Günther Müller) and the Rotary Club Spittal / Drau (President Fritz Oberlechner) have handed over the donated money directly to those affected. In close cooperation with the authorities (BH, municipalities) was directly, purposefully, unbureaucratically and coordinated helped.

The Gailtal and Lesachtal were hit especially hard. Hermagor's Rotary president was "impressed by the solidarity of the Rotarian community."

Before Christmas, donations were handed over to over 30 victims as first aid.

In the Drau and Mölltal, in the presence of the mayors of Rengersdorf and Mörtschach, 21 affected families were

given the donations. Fritz Oberlerchner, president of the Spittal Rotarians, emphasized the "unbureaucratic and efficient help of the Rotarians".

Helped only people / families, whose private existences had been pulled by the storm extremely badly affected.

Rotary International is the oldest service organization in the world, organized in districts. The district 1910 consists of the states Vienna, Lower Austria, Burgenland, Styria, Carinthia and the country Bosnia Herzegovina with 4700 Rotarians. The RC Hermagor has 42 and the RC Spittal 56 Rotarians. Carinthia has 14 Rotary clubs.

This donation campaign was initiated and coordinated by the Hermagor Past District Governor Arno Kronhofer.

www.rotary.at/distrikt_1910

NEWS

District 1912 Slovenia & North Macedonia

Donated Food Project



Rotary club Velenje and Lions club Velenje united in helping the community

Bread, meat and other food from shopping centers, which would end up in the waste, are now enriching the tables of people who are on the verge of poverty or even underneath it.

Since March 2014 Rotary and Lions clubs have been implementing the Donated Food project in the Municipality of Velenje. The main purpose of the project is to organize the takeover and delivery of food, which is right before the expiration date and would otherwise be destroyed.

Mercator and Spar shops are donating the food from the beginning, and in February 2018 also Hofer joined. In 2018, the participants in the project distributed 7.6 tons and 82.276 pieces of fruit, vegetables, bread and bakery, sandwiches, baked meat and other meat products and milk, dairy products and eggs in total value of € 122,659 (2015: € 81,000, 2016: € 95,000).

Volunteers from Rotary club Velenje Lions club Velenje, Red Cross Velenje and Council for Social Issues are delivering and store the food in the evening of every day. Every morning, the food is distributed to socially endangered individuals and families.

Among 40 users who regularly come for donated food are mainly older people, and some are also middle-aged with families with children.

HAND IN HAND

Rotary Club and Lions Club Novo Mesto, are preparing a charity bazaar for many years



This year it was dedicated to the highest value - health. They name it the Day for Health. They presented to the visitors the importance of caring for health, doctors were advising on this subject, they were measuring blood pressure and were teaching the correct usage of AED defibrillators.

The collected money of the charity event and the gathering Donors' funds will be fully devoted to help talented students and students from socially endangered families. With this help the young people will be able to get the necessary education and thus grow into responsible and honest adults.