



ROTARY ALUMNI: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Who are Rotary alumni?

Rotary alumni are those who have experienced Rotary through its current and past programs:

- Interact
- Rotaract
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- New Generations Service Exchange
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- Rotary Peace Fellowships
- Rotary Scholarships (funded by global grants and district grants)
- Vocational training teams (members and leaders)
- Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Grants for University Teachers
- Group Study Exchange (members and leaders)
- Rotary Volunteers

Why did the definition change?

During the 2013-14 Rotary year, both the RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Trustees recognized the value of keeping everyone who has benefited from Rotary programs connected to the organization. They resolved to expand the definition of Rotary alumni to include all participants of Rotary programs.

Why is it important to keep alumni connected to Rotary?

Past program participants have experienced Rotary firsthand:

- They are part of the Rotary family.
- They can assist with service.
- They are great resources for promoting Rotary.
- They are potential donors.
- They are potential Rotarians.

How many Rotary alumni are there?

Since Rotary has kept only partial records over the years, we don't know exactly how many people have participated in Rotary programs. A conservative estimate counts more than 500,000 Rotary alumni.

What can clubs and districts do to involve Rotary alumni in their activities?

- Build strong relationships with current program participants
- Develop a plan for keeping alumni involved in Rotary activities and assisting them in becoming Rotarians
- Promote alumni relations so that other Rotarians understand its importance
- Ask alumni to join — and continue asking even if the initial invitation is declined
- Help alumni find clubs that meet their needs
- Encourage alumni to start new clubs
- Maintain contact with younger alumni until they are eligible for membership
- Involve alumni in other Rotary programs
- Involve alumni in club and district activities
- Work with district alumni chairs to engage alumni at the district level

How can Rotarians get information about the alumni in their district?

Rotary club, district, and zone leaders can [get alumni reports](#) on My Rotary. For assistance in getting a report, contact alumni@rotary.org.

How can alumni update their information in Rotary's records?

Alumni can update their contact information and program participation details by [creating a profile](#) on Rotary.org. This allows districts and clubs to build and maintain relationships with alumni.

How can Rotarians correct alumni information they know to be incorrect?

Rotarians can ask alumni to create [My Rotary](#) profiles or email corrections to alumni@rotary.org.

What is a Rotary alumni association?

A [Rotary alumni association](#) is an active organization of former Rotary program participants that seeks to maintain connections between these outstanding individuals and Rotary. Over [100 alumni associations](#) now cover more than 30 countries.