



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ROTARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

WHAT IS A ROTARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

A Rotary alumni association is an active organization of those who have experienced Rotary's programs, which may include Rotary Peace Fellows, Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange participants, Global and District Grant scholars, Vocational Training Team members, Interactors, Rotaractors, Rotary Youth Exchange and New Generations Service Exchange participants, RYLA participants, Rotary Yoneyama Memorial Foundation scholars, and others.

Associations may include alumni from a variety of Rotary programs or be exclusive to alumni from one program, such as Rotary Youth Exchange (Rotex). Most alumni associations are organized within one Rotary district, but they may cover multiple districts or another geographic area.

Please see the [alumni association map](#) for a full list of officially-chartered alumni associations worldwide.

WHAT ARE THE PURPOSES OF AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

1. To establish and maintain a common bond among Rotary alumni
2. To enable alumni to network with one another and with Rotarians
3. To provide alumni opportunities for involvement in Rotary service
4. To facilitate alumni membership in Rotary and Rotaract clubs, including e-clubs

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF FORMING AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

Alumni associations provide alumni flexible opportunities to maintain Rotary connections and support Rotary's mission of Service Above Self, including:

- Networking with professional leaders who share Rotary experiences
- Serving as mentors to current and future program participants
- Speaking at Rotary and Rotaract club meetings and district events
- Participating in local and international service projects

Officially-recognized associations receive a charter certificate, a listing in the annual *Official Directory*, official Rotary communications and media promotion, ability to apply for a [stipend](#) for approved expenses related to service activities, as well as eligibility for the [Alumni Association of the Year Award](#).

WHAT TYPES OF EVENTS DO ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS HOLD?

Alumni associations are involved in the Rotary community by contributing to club and district activities or by planning their own networking and service events. Many associations participate in the local district conference or hold events during [Rotary Reconnect Week](#) each October. Alumni associations have held orientations for new program participants, charity concerts, fundraisers for NGOs and Rotary campaigns, city cleanups, tree plantings, book donations, and many other local and international service projects.

HOW DO MEMBERS OF AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEET AND COMMUNICATE?

Members of an alumni association decide how often to meet and when and where, whether face-to-face or online. They may also communicate about events using social media. It is recommended that an annual meeting take place in conjunction with the local district conference.

WHAT ARE THE DUES OR OTHER COSTS OF MEMBERSHIP IN AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

None, unless the association itself decides to establish a fee to cover operations or activities.

HOW MANY MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO FORM AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, AND HOW IS IT STRUCTURED?

There is no minimum number of members required for an alumni association, although experience has shown that a good starting point is 15 members. Each alumni association elects their president and other officers as needed. The association president serves as a liaison to the local Rotary community on a club and district level. They may also choose to elect other officers and a Rotarian advisor. The district alumni chair often acts as the Rotarian advisor for the association.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Contact alumni@rotary.org for more information. You can also refer to the [alumni page](#) on My Rotary to learn more.