

RESOLUTION 25R-02

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging Rotaract clubs to establish an upper age limit of 30 years to join Rotaract

Proposer(s): District 7815, Canada and St. Pierre and Miquelon

1 WHEREAS, Rotaract was created as a youth program in 1968 to give young
2 people a place to connect and take action for good, and

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4 WHEREAS, Rotaract focuses on young adults' development as leaders in their
5 communities and their workplaces, and

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7 WHEREAS, in 2019, Rotaract was elevated to be a membership type within
8 Rotary International and not a program, and

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10 WHEREAS, with the elimination of age restrictions for membership in Rotaract,
11 Rotary now has two parallel membership structures open to all without
12 restrictions, and

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14 WHEREAS, the majority of the financial burden to pay dues is placed on Rotary
15 members, with Rotaract members paying only a nominal dues amount of US\$8
16 per year, and

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18 WHEREAS, the 2025 Council on Legislation recently adopted Enactment 25-49,
19 "To increase per capita dues," as a means of managing RI's anticipated
20 operational deficits for the next three years

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22 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
23 International consider encouraging every Rotaract club to establish an upper age
24 limit of 30 years of age to join Rotaract.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

25 With the removal of age restrictions, the 2019 Council on Legislation
26 inadvertently created a two-tiered membership structure within Rotary. By
27 eliminating the upper age restriction on Rotaract club membership, any
28 individual over the age of 30 can join Rotaract as a new member or leave their
29 Rotary club to become a member of a Rotaract club.

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31 Given the current economic climate, and the need for dues increases to manage
32 projected operational deficits of RI, we should not have such a loophole that can
33 be used by mature members to avoid paying dues.

1 The implementation of an upper age limit to join a Rotaract club will not force
2 existing Rotaractors to leave their club when they reach the age of 30. They will
3 have the option to remain in Rotaract or join a Rotary club.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

4 If implemented, this resolution could have minimal financial impact on RI. Per a
5 January 2020 decision, the RI Board provided that a Rotaract club may, but is
6 not required to, set an age limit if the club receives the approval of its members.
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8 Rotary began tracking individual Rotaractor information after the 2019 Council
9 on Legislation. Almost one-third of Rotaractors do not currently report their age
10 to RI.