

# RESOLUTION 25R-15

To request the RI Board to consider acknowledging the lifelong commitment of Rotarians through four new awards for years of service

**Proposer(s):** District 3600, Korea

1 WHEREAS, according to Article 43 of the Rotary Code of Policies, the only  
2 membership-related recognition currently endorsed by RI is the Membership  
3 Development Award, outlined in subsection 43.030., which primarily recognizes  
4 the recruitment of new members, and

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6 WHEREAS, it is widely known that the our organization's global membership  
7 figure has not significantly increased in over a decade, presenting a significant  
8 challenge to growth throughout Rotary, and

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10 WHEREAS, statistics indicate that in the most recent seven-year period, the  
11 number of new members and resigning members have been nearly equal,  
12 highlighting the serious issue of retention with our organization, and

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14 WHEREAS, member retention requires serious consideration, and it is our belief  
15 that the issue can be addressed by simply showing respect for those members  
16 who have served Rotary for a long period of time, and

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18 WHEREAS, in particular, RI and Rotary Korea should actively consider and  
19 implement special awards for outstanding attendance, combining these with a  
20 special commendation for exceptionally long-serving Rotarians, in order to honor  
21 and show gratitude to these individuals, and

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23 WHEREAS, it would be particularly impactful to award titles and special awards  
24 that express respect toward those members who have dedicated themselves to  
25 Rotary for 30, 40, 50, and 60 years, as follows:

- 26 • 30 years of service: *Paul Harris Bronze Award*
- 27 • 40 years of service: *Paul Harris Silver Award*
- 28 • 50 years of service: *Paul Harris Gold Award*
- 29 • 60 years of service: *Paul Harris Diamond Award*

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31 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary  
32 International consider acknowledging the lifelong commitment of Rotarians  
33 through four new awards for years of service. These new honors are a formal  
34 expression of appreciation and respect for long-serving members—  
35 acknowledging their lifelong commitment and reinforcing Rotary's core values of  
36 service and continuity.

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## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

1 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot  
2 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of  
3 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

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5 RI Code of Policies section 43.110., New Award or Recognition Proposals,  
6 outlines the general guidelines for adopting a new award or recognition program.

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8 As of July 2025, there are approximately 106,000 Rotarians that have been  
9 members for 30 years, 38,000 Rotarians that have been members for 40 years,  
10 11,000 Rotarians that have been members for 50 years, and 3,200 Rotarians that  
11 have been member for 60 years.