

Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club Information

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Meeting Place, Day and Time

Monday at 12:15 PM

Lawry=s The Prime Rib Restaurant

4043 Howard Hughes Parkway, Las Vegas

Club Administrative Secretary

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PHF Contribution for Rotary Year 2007/2008

The Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club is a

100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

Paul Harris Fellows: 470

Charter Year: 1965

Sponsor Club: Las Vegas

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Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club Community Service Projects Charitable Activities for 2007-2008

Approximately \$100,000 was raised and was distributed to support these projects:

- ❖ Happy Feet program at Ruby Thomas & Dean Petersen Elementary Schools (new shoes and socks for underprivileged kids), our members help fit each receiving student.
- ❖ Feeding the homeless with Grace Ministries at Christ Episcopal Church on the 5th Wednesday of the month.
- ❖ New clothing for children at Child Haven, given in the name of our weekly speaker.
- ❖ Back to school shopping for kids at Roger Bryan Elementary School, our members help each child choose the clothing at a JC Penney Store.
- ❖ Funding for at-risk children to enjoy the Natural History Museum through free admission.
- ❖ Funding for Candlelighters and the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation.
- ❖ Funding for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Foundation luncheon.
- ❖ Providing funding for Three Square to provide food for those in need.
- ❖ Supported and funded District 5300 International mission Super Build 2008 to build homes near Tijuana, Mexico and the organization "Corazon".
- ❖ Supported and funded District 5300 "Rotary Dream Team that immunized children in India against Polio, Adrienne Cox represented our Club in this effort.
- ❖ Sponsored members of our Club to work at the Red Cross clinics in El Fuerte and San Blas, Sinaloa, Mexico on the 1st Saturday of the month – over 400 patients are treated at each clinic at no cost to the patient. Dave Baxter, Brandon Slater, Melissa Copeland, Dotti David, Aric Graham and Jeri and Doug Malan have made the trip this year.
- ❖ Donated funds to the Boulder City Rotary Club to continue to build water collecting cisterns in Campaeché, Mexico – in 2006 we funded and help build 20 cisterns, in 2008 we supported our fellow Boulder City Rotary Club in its efforts to build 25 cisterns in the same area of Mexico.
- ❖ Worked and provided funding for Wendell Williams Elementary School children to visit Opportunity Village's Magical Forest Program.
- ❖ Renovated a North Las Vegas low income home through Christmas in April.
- ❖ Donated \$42,000 to Rotary Foundation to support Polio eradication and other International charitable endeavors.
- ❖ Donated funds to District 5300's building project in India that was done in conjunction with the Polio Plus vaccination of children in that country.
- ❖ Provided 5 scholarships to Nevada college students.
- ❖ Send 4 students to Rotary leadership camps – RYLA and TLC; had 2 of our members serve as facilitators at this year's RYLA.

- ❖ Sponsored music and speech contests for Clark County students to compete with other students in District 5300 for \$5,000 scholarships.

ROTARY FIGURES AT A GLANCE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Founded 1905

<u>Budget for 2008-09</u>	\$79.1 million	82% of Rotary International's expense budget is derived from annual Dues and publication subscription fees
<u>Membership</u>	1,200,000 33,000 200	Rotarians as of 30 June 2008 Rotary Clubs countries
<u>Women in Rotary</u>	200,000	women Rotarians (EST.)
<u>Interact Clubs</u> Started in 1962	200,000 11,200 162	members, youth between 14 and 18 years old (EST.) clubs countries
<u>Rotaract Clubs</u> Started in 1968	160,000 7,100 162	members, young adults between 18 and 30 years old (EST.) clubs countries
<u>Rotary Community Corps</u> Started in 1986	6,100 76	corps countries
<u>Rotary Youth Exchange</u> Started in 1929	9,000 82	youths between 15 and 18 years old who participate annually (EST.) countries

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of \$26.50 to more than \$133.1 million contributed in 2007-08. Its event-filled history is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

Founder of Rotary International



Paul P. Harris (1868-1947), a lawyer, was the founder of Rotary, the world's first and most international service club. He was born in Racine, Wisconsin on April 19, 1868, the second of six children born to George N. Harris. He received the bachelor of physical culture from the University of Vermont and the LL.D degree from the University of Iowa. He received an honorary Ph.D. in 1933 from the University of Vermont. Married to Jean Thompson Harris, they had no children.

Paul Harris worked as a newspaper reporter, a business college teacher, stock company actor and as a cowboy. He traveled extensively as a salesman for a marble and granite concern in the U.S.A. and Europe. In 1886, he went to Chicago to practice law. In 1900, after dinner with a lawyer in a residential section of Chicago, Paul Harris was impressed by the fact that his friend stopped at several stores and shops in the neighborhood and introduced him to the proprietors who were his friends. This experience caused him to wonder why he couldn't make social friends out of at least some of his law clients and he resolved to organize a club, which would band together a group of representative business and professional men in friendship and fellowship.

On February 23, 1905, Paul Harris formed the first club with three of his law clients; coal merchant Silvester Schiele, mining engineer Gustavus Loehr and tailor Hiram Shorey. This was the nucleus for the thousands of Rotary Clubs which were later organized throughout the world. Paul Harris named the new club "Rotary" because the members met in rotation their various places of business. Club membership grew rapidly. Almost every member had come to Chicago from a small town and in the Rotary Club they found an opportunity for the intimate acquaintanceship of their boyhood days. When Paul Harris became President of the club in its third year, he strove to extend Rotary to other cities because he was convinced that the Rotary Club could be developed into an important service movement.

The second Rotary Club was founded in San Francisco in 1908. In August 1910, when there were 16 clubs, the National Association of Rotary Clubs was organized. When clubs were formed in Canada and Great Britain, the name was changed, in 1912, to the International Association of Rotary Clubs. In 1922, the name was shortened to Rotary International. Paul Harris was the First President of the National Association and the First President of the International Association.

After his term, and as the organization's only president-emeritus, Paul continued to travel extensively, promoting the spread of Rotary both in the USA and abroad. A prolific writer, Paul wrote several books about the early days of the organization and the role he was privileged to play in it. These include *The Founder of Rotary*, *this Rotarian Age* and the autobiographical *My Road to Rotary*. He also wrote several volumes of *Peregrinations* detailing his many travels. He died in Chicago on January 27, 1947.

Rotary History

The world's first service club was founded on 23 February 1905 when lawyer Paul Harris and three friends met in a small office in downtown Chicago. These men wanted to rekindle in the turn-of-the-century city the spirit of friendliness they had known in their hometowns. Word of the club soon spread and others were invited to join. They named their new club "Rotary" to describe the practice of meeting in rotation at the members' various places of business.



**The First Four Rotarians:
Silvester Schiele, Paul
Harris, Hiram Shorey,
Gustavus Loehr 1**

Originally formed for fellowship, the first Rotary club quickly evolved to use the talents and resources of its members to serve the community. By the end of 1905, the Rotary Club of Chicago had 30 members. Three years later a second club was established in San Francisco, California, USA. The next year three more clubs were established on the West Coast of the United States and a fourth in New York City. Within a few years other groups formed service clubs based on the Rotary model.

The first Rotary convention was held in the Congress Hotel in Chicago in August 1910. The National Association of Rotary Clubs was organized at that time with 16 member clubs. Rotary founder Paul Harris was elected the association's first president.

Rotary's International Growth

During the 1911-1912 Rotary year, the association became international with the founding of a club in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Soon Rotary crossed the Atlantic to establish clubs in England, Ireland and Northern Ireland. The National Association of Rotary Clubs, which became the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912, adopted the name Rotary International (RI) in 1922.

Before reaching its 20th birthday, the Rotary association had grown to include some 200 clubs with more than 20,000 members across the globe:

The first Rotary club in Latin America was organized in Havana, Cuba in 1915.

Asia's first club was established in Manila, Philippines in 1919.

In 1921, Rotary clubs were organized for the first time on continental Europe (Madrid, Spain), Africa (Johannesburg, South Africa), and Australia (Melbourne).

Working for Peace

As Rotary grew, so did its scope of activities. During World War 1, Rotary discovered new outlets for service - in war relief and peace fund drives at home and in emergency efforts abroad. In 1917, outgoing RI President Arch Klumph proposed the establishment of an endowment fund, which in 1928 became The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation awarded its first humanitarian grant (\$500) in 1930 to the International Society for Crippled Children.

After World War II, many clubs that had been disbanded during the conflict were re-established and initiated new service projects, including relief efforts for refugees and prisoners of war.

In the aftermath of World War II, Rotary International sent the largest non-governmental organization delegation to the United Nations Charter Conference, held in 1945 in San Francisco. Forty-nine Rotarians served as delegates, advisors and consultants to the conference. A Rotary-sponsored conference of education ministers and observers held in London in 1943 was the inspiration for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), established in 1946.

The Rotary Foundation enjoyed modest growth until 1947, when Rotarians made a significant number of contributions in memory of Paul Harris, who died in January 1947. That same year the Foundation launched its first program, Graduate Fellowships (today called Ambassadorial Scholarships), sending 18 students abroad to 7 countries. Today, more than 1,200 students study abroad as Rotary scholars every year.

Two of Rotary's programs for young people, Rotaract and Interact, were started during the turbulent 1960s. Interact (for youth ages 14-18 and Rotaract (for young adults ages 18-30) clubs operate under the guidance of a sponsoring Rotary club and give young people opportunities for community service and leadership development, and to promote international peace and understanding. Service to youth remains an important focus of Rotary.

Rotary Today

Rotary's most ambitious undertaking, announced in 1985, is the PolioPlus program a massive campaign to eradicate polio by the year 2000. Conducted with the cooperation of national governments and intergovernmental agencies such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), PolioPlus is a paradigm for public/private sector collaboration in the fight against disease. PolioPlus helps support national and regional polio eradication programs by providing vaccine, surveillance support and social mobilization. By the year 2005 - the target date for certification of a polio-free world -- Rotarian contributions to the global polio eradication effort will approach \$400 million (and through June 2008, \$650 million). Rotary and its partners have renewed their efforts to finally eradicate Polio by the year 2010. In 2007 the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation provided Rotary with a \$100 million challenge grant (the "Gates Grant"). Rotary has three years in which to match the Gates Grant by December 31, 2010. To meet the challenge each Rotary club will raise at least \$1,000 annually for three years. The \$200 million generated by the Gates Grant and Rotary will be a vital catalyst to help achieve Rotary's goal of ending polio worldwide.

First admitted in 1987, women are today the fastest-growing segment of Rotary membership, and increasingly hold leadership positions within the organization. More than 2,000 women serve as club presidents and women are also rapidly assuming regional leadership roles. Currently, some 1.2 million professional men and women belong to more than 33,000 clubs worldwide.

Rotary continues to grow internationally. After the collapse of the Iron Curtain, Rotary clubs, which had been disbanded during World War 11, were re-established in central and Eastern Europe. In 1990, Rotary clubs were formed in Russia for the first time, and other former Soviet republics soon followed. Armenia, once a part of the Soviet Union, is a recent addition with the establishment of the Rotary Club of Yerevan in 1996.

Today, Rotary International encourages its clubs to focus on a broad spectrum of service activities such as hunger, the environment, violence prevention, illiteracy, drug abuse prevention, polio eradication, youth, the elderly, and AIDS awareness and education. Rotary clubs around the world are united under the motto "Service Above Self."

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary can be considered the foundation stone on which the Rotary house is built. This brief statement, 106 words in its current form, is a key element of the Rotary International Constitution, states the essential purpose of the organization "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise"-and then lists four areas by which this "ideal of service" can be fostered. They are: (1) through the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; (2) the promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions; (3) through service in one's personal, business and community life; and (4) the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace. This articulation of Rotary ideals began with the first constitution of 1906, which had three objects: (1) promotion of business interests; (2) promotion of good fellowship; and (3) the advancement of the best interests of the community. By 1910 there were five objects in the statement and by 1915, six. The document went through several further revisions until a final revision in 1951, which made it a single AObject@, which is manifested in four separate ways. The "ideal of service" is the key phrase, expressing an attitude of being a thoughtful and helpful person in all of one's endeavors.

Following is the complete text of the Object.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The 4-Way Test

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary 4-Way Test. It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy.

Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International in 1954-55. The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. The text is printed below.

THE 4-WAY TEST Of things we think, say, or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions

The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions is a statement of recent origin. It was adopted by the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary. Here is the text:

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
3. Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
5. Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations, which are useful to society;
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
7. Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
8. Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

Philosophy

The vision of Rotary founder Paul Harris was of a club that would kindle friendship among members of the Chicago business community. He wanted to find in the large city the kind of friendly spirit and helpfulness that he had known in the small towns where he had grown up—the spirit to reach out in service to others less fortunate. Through the subsequent spread of the Rotary movement, the spirit of friendship and service evolved quite naturally into a focus on helping to build goodwill and peace in the world.

It was also Harris' thought that the first club should represent a cross-section of the business and professional life of the community. From this idea developed Rotary's Classification Principle. Admission to Rotary club membership is by invitation, and accepting the invitation represents a personal commitment of the Rotarian to exemplify high ethical standards in one's own vocation or occupation.

As the entity representing the global association of all Rotary clubs, Rotary International's mission is to assist Rotarians and Rotary clubs to accomplish the Object of Rotary, emphasizing service activities by individuals and groups that enhance the quality of life and human dignity, encouraging high ethical standards, and creating greater understanding among all people to advance the search for peace in the world.

Classifications

Membership in a Rotary club is by invitation and was based on the founders' paradigm of choosing one representative of each business, profession and institution in the community. What is called the "classification principle" is used to ensure that the members of a club comprise a cross section of their community's business and professional life.

A Rotarian's classification describes either the principal business or professional service of the organization that he or she works for or the individual Rotarian's own activity within the organization. The classification is determined by activities or services to society rather than by the position held by the particular individual. In other words, if a person is president of a bank, he or she is not classified as "bank president" but under the classification "banking." The classification principle fosters a fellowship for service based on diversity of interest, and seeks to prevent the predominance in the club of any one group.

When a person becomes an active member of a Rotary club, it is said that the member has been "loaned" a classification. He or she may propose one additional active member in that classification.

Service Above Self

Early in its history, the members of the first Rotary club realized that fellowship and mutual self-interest were not enough to keep a group of busy professionals meeting each week. Undertaking efforts to improve the lives of others proved an even more powerful motivation. In 1907 the club adopted a practical community service project the installation of a public comfort station near the city hall in downtown Chicago.

Three years after the organization of the Chicago club, a second club was formed in San Francisco, California, and three more clubs were founded the following year. By 1910, there were 16 clubs in the United States, and the first convention was held in Chicago where the clubs organized themselves to form the National Association of Rotary Clubs. At that convention, a member of the Chicago club proposed a motto for the new organization, recognizing its commitment to the idea of service "He Profits Most Who Serves His Fellows Best."

The following year, another early leader spoke of the importance of serving others and promoted the idea that a club should be organized on the principle of "Service, Not Self." The two sayings, modified to "He Profits Most Who Serves Best" and "Service Above Self," were quickly embraced by all Rotarians and were officially designated as Rotary mottoes at the 1950 convention in Detroit, Michigan. In 1989, the Rotary International Council on Legislation established "Service Above Self" as the organization's principal motto.

Avenues of Service

The term "Four Avenues of Service" is frequently used in Rotary. The "Avenues" refer to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: club service, vocational service, community service and international service. They describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

Club service involves all of the activities necessary for Rotarians to make their club function successful. Vocational service is a description of the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's own vocation to other members of the club. Community service pertains to those activities which Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, the handicapped and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life. International service describes the many programs and activities which Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. International service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands.

International Structure

The world's first Rotary club was formed in 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., and that city became the headquarters for the Rotary movement as it expanded. The first organizational structure was a national association formed in Chicago in 1910 when there were 16 clubs, all in the United States. It was transformed into the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1912 after new clubs had been organized in Canada, Ireland, Northern Ireland, England and Scotland.

Today, Rotary International has more than 33,000 clubs in 200 countries. The global association of Rotary clubs is governed by the Rotary International Constitution and Bylaws. This body of Rotary "law" was adopted in 1922. The Constitution has 16 articles that set forth Rotary's name, purpose, object, and the rules of membership for both the clubs in RI and the Rotarians in the clubs. The Bylaws define the powers and responsibilities of the RI Board and qualifications for and election of international officers.

The Constitution and Bylaws can be amended by a body called the Council on Legislation, which in 1970 was constituted as the organization's "parliament." The council, with members representing all Rotary districts, meets triennially to consider proposed legislation and resolutions. Its legislative actions are subject to ratification by the International Convention. The Convention conducts business sessions, hears internationally known speakers, celebrates successful Rotary programs, and enjoys fellowship activities and colorful entertainment spectacles. It is held in a different region of the world each year and is open to all Rotarians and their guests. As many as 40,000 Rotarians have attended.

The international organization is governed by a Board of Directors with a President as its chief executive. Individuals who are elected to the office give two years of service to the Rotary, the first as President-elect and the second as President. Members of the Board serve two-year terms. The active managing officer is the General Secretary who heads a staff of about 550 persons working at the world headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Illinois, or in one of nine other locations around the world.

District Structure

The chief officer of a Rotary district is called the District Governor, and each of these men and women is considered an officer of the international organization. Typically, a district consists of about 45 Rotary clubs. The governors serve one year, providing leadership and guidance to help clubs carry out the Object of Rotary and strengthen the programs of Rotary within the district. A District Leadership Plan allows for the appointment of assistant governors to help with this task.

The annual district conference, lasting two or three days, is open to all Rotarians in the district along with their families, Youth Exchange students, Interactors, Rotaractors, and Group Study Exchange teams are welcome. The district conference furthers Rotary's program through a keynote address by a personal representative of the RI President, group sessions, forums, exhibits and fellowship. It usually focuses on the current RI theme. The conference can legislate on matters of concern to the districts and may consider special matters submitted to it by the RI Board. It may propose legislation for consideration by the next triennial Council on Legislation.

Club Structure

Many Rotary clubs operate under the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, originally adopted in 1922, however commencing in 2007 Rotary International has asked that all Rotary Clubs convert to the Club Leadership Plan. The Club Leadership Plan has been adopted by the Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club and is in the process

of implementation, with full implementation occurring during the 2009/2010 Rotary year. It contains the club's name, definition of its territorial limits, and rules for regular club meetings, membership, attendance, admission fees and dues. It provides for a board of directors as the club's governing body and a president and other officers. Their terms of office--like those of international and district officers--begin on July 1 each year.

Most clubs use the "recommended committee plan" to carry out service projects and activities. It includes four main committees corresponding directly to Rotary's Four Avenues of Service. The club president assigns a director to each avenue to act as coordinator and super-visor of the work of several subcommittees.

Structure Administration

Rotary is organized at club, district and international levels to carry out its program of service around the globe. Rotarians are members of their clubs, and the clubs are members of the global association known as Rotary International. Each club elects its own officers and board of directors and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of its constitution and the constitution and bylaws of Rotary International.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs.

The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs fund international Rotary club and district projects designed to improve the quality of life. Providing health care, clean water, food, education, and housing are a few of the basic goals that these projects work toward--primarily in the developing world. One of the key humanitarian programs is Polio Plus, which seeks to eradicate the polio virus worldwide by the year 2005.). Rotary and its partners have renewed their efforts to finally eradicate Polio by the year 2010. In 2007 the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation provided Rotary with a \$100 million challenge grant (the "Gates Grant"). Rotary has three years in which to match the Gates Grant by December 31, 2010. To meet the challenge each Rotary club will raise at least US\$1,000 annually for three years. The \$200 million generated by the Gates Grant and Rotary will be a vital catalyst to help achieve Rotary's goal of ending polio worldwide.

Through its Educational Programs the Foundation provides funding for about 1200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people. In all cases, recipients are expected to act as ambassadors of goodwill, furthering international understanding and promoting friendly relations between their host and sponsoring countries. Former participants in the Foundation's educational programs often continue their affiliation with Rotary as Foundation Alumni.

The Rotary Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. Contributions to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund are invested for three years, with interest being used to cover all administrative costs. Fully 100 percent of every dollar donated goes directly to humanitarian and educational program expenditures three years later. Gifts to the Foundation's Permanent Fund are invested, with only the earnings being used to support programs.

The Rotary Foundation is governed by 13 Trustees -- four of whom are past RI Presidents--who are appointed by the current President of RI and confirmed by the Board of Direct

The Foundation was conceived as an endowment fund in 1917 by Rotary's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, "for the purpose of doing good in the world." Although The Rotary Foundation was formally established in 1928, significant contributions were not received until 1947, when the death of Rotary founder Paul Harris

generated an outpouring of support. Since that time, The Foundation's nine programs have been established, and cumulative contributions have reached over US\$1 billion.

Governance of the Rotary Foundation

The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation have the following responsibilities:

1. Hold, invest, and manage all the Foundation's funds and property;
2. Administer all programs, projects and activities of the Foundation;
3. Assume primary responsibility for developing and initiating new Foundation programs;
4. Raise funds and set policies for the manner in which contributions may be received;
5. Provide appropriate forms of recognition of Rotarians, Rotary clubs, and others who support the Foundation;
6. Promote the Rotary Foundation and inform the public about its activities.

The Trustees also administer the following Foundation awards; the Distinguished Service Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service, which recognize exemplary personal service and devotion to the Foundation, and two awards presented to scholarship alumni - The Rotary Foundation Scholar Alumni Achievement Award and The Rotary Foundation Scholar Alumni Award of Excellence

The Rotary Foundation History

In 1917, Arch C. Klumph, Rotary's sixth president, proposed to the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, the creation of an "endowment fund for Rotary ... for the purpose of doing good work in the world in charitable, educational and other avenues of community service." A few months later, the endowment received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA.

In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than \$5,000, the fund was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property ... as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI."

Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The ISCC--created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen--since grew into the Easter Seals organization.

The Great Depression and World War 11 both impeded significant growth for the Foundation, but the need for promoting a lasting world peace generated great post-war interest in developing Foundation programs. After Rotary founder Paul P. Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created for the purpose of building the Foundation.

That same year, the first Foundation program was established Fellowships for Advanced Study--which was the forerunner of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships program. Then in 1965-66, three new programs were launched--Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) program was launched in 1978, with the Rotary Volunteers program being created as a part of 3-H in 1980. The Polio Plus Program was announced in 1984-1985, and the following year saw the introduction of Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first Peace Forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the establishment of Rotary Peace Programs. Then in 1989, 1964-64 RI President Carl P. Miller and his wife, Ruth, donated \$1 million to establish the Discovery Grants program.

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since that first \$26.50 donation in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling over US\$1 billion. To date, some 492,000 individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows that is, someone who has contributed \$1,000 or has had that amount contributed in his or her name. For the Rotary year ending 2007-08, every member of the Las Vegas Southwest Club was a Paul Harris Fellow. The Club was recognized by District 5300 for this unique accomplishment. The Club has also planned to fully support Rotary by making an additional annual contribution of \$1,000 over the next three years to assist in matching the Gates Grant for Polio eradication.

Such strong support and involvement of Rotarians worldwide secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

Foundation Support

The Rotary Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. The financial support the Foundation receives today will help secure many better tomorrow's for people all over the world, assisted through the Foundation's many humanitarian and educational programs.

Donors can contribute to any one of three specific funds, each supporting Rotary Foundation programs in a different way. The Foundation accepts gifts of cash, publicly traded securities, some closely held securities, life insurance, real estate, and tangible personal property including art, jewelry and collectibles. Additionally, the Foundation will accept your contribution as a pledge over a number of years. The Foundation also offers a variety of planned gifts or Life Income Agreements.

The Foundation will also accept donations as a bequest for those donors who wish to include The Rotary Foundation in their final estate plans or will.

The Rotary Foundation honors its donors, providing recognition of gifts to its various funds. Paul Harris Fellow recognition, named after the founder of Rotary, is given for gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund. Benefactor Recognition is given to the Permanent Fund, the Foundation's endowment. Major Gift recognition is given for gifts of \$10,000 or more to either the Annual Programs Fund or the Permanent Fund.

What it Means to be a Rotarian

Being a Rotarian means making a strong commitment of time and energy. Each Rotary Club meets weekly and members are expected to maintain good attendance records. Rotarians may "make-up" a missed meeting by attending the meeting of any other Rotary Club in any country of the world within 14 days before or after the absence.

Being a Rotarian means a true commitment to the Ideals of Rotary, including support of all Avenues of Service. Rotarians are committed to World Peace and understanding through The Rotary Foundation.

The rewards generally equal or surpass the level of commitment. To become a Rotarian is to join an organization whose members make an important difference in the quality of life in the community B and worldwide. It is a doorway to a unique network, linked by fellowship and spanning the globe. Being a Rotarian means being able to enrich the lives of others, while enjoying yourself in the company of your peers.

Programs of Rotary International

Vocational Service:

Rotary Volunteers - An information network operating at the club, district and international levels that encourages active volunteering by Rotarians, Rotary Foundation Alumni, Rotaractors and others. Semiannual listings provide information on projects that need volunteers and on volunteers who wish to serve abroad.

Rotary Recreational & Vocational Fellowships - A means for Rotarians sharing common vocational and recreational interests to associate with each other to further international fellowship and service.

Community Service:

Rotaract - A worldwide service organization for men and women age 18-30 that affords members the chance to develop their own personal and professional skills while addressing the need of their communities and the world. Rotaract clubs are sponsored by Rotary Clubs and are either community or school based.

The Rotary Community Corp. (RCC) Program - Organized and guided by a sponsoring Rotary Club, each RCC is a non-political, non-sectarian organization of service-minded men and women who work together to improve their community's quality of life. The RCC program stresses self-reliance.

Literacy Promotion - A campaign to fight the growing problem of illiteracy in both developed and developing nations. Donations are urged to use their contacts in business, government, and industry to initiate and promote literacy projects.

Concern for the Aging - Rotary Clubs are urged to examine and help meet the needs of senior citizens in their communities and to plan for future needs.

Drug Abuse Prevention - A program through which Rotary Clubs examine the drug abuse in their community and identify resources to address this problem.

Interact - A worldwide network of school or community based clubs for young people of secondary school age. Each Interact Club is sponsored by a Rotary Club and is dedicated to community service and international understanding.

Youth Exchange - Promotes international friendship by giving young men and women between the ages of 15 and 18 the opportunity to experience a long or short term exchange in a country other than their own.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) - Operates in a variety of forms worldwide to provide leadership training camps and seminar for young men and women who are elected by their local Rotary Clubs.

International Service:

World Community Services (WCS) - Provides material, technical and professional assistance to communities around the world through a centralized Project Exchange listing and Donation-In-Kind Network (DKN). Both services link Rotarians in areas where community service projects cannot be implemented with locally available resources to Rotarians who have the necessary resources.

Inter-Country Committees-Each committee includes Rotarians from two countries appointed by District Governors and helps to encourage inter-country contacts, between clubs and Rotarians in these countries in the interest of international understanding.

World Fellowship Activities-Groups of Rotarians sharing common recreational, avocational and vocational interests organized, with R.I. approval, as fellowships for the purpose of planning activities and promoting friendship.

Rotary Friendship Exchange-A program enabling Rotarians and their families to carry out reciprocal visits with Rotarians and families in countries other than their own, either on an individual basis or as a team of four

to six Rotary couples.

Pre or Post Convention Homestays-Program through which Rotarians living in or near the country hosting the International Convention offer home hospitality to Rotary families attending the Convention from other parts of the world.

Programs of the Rotary Foundation

PolioPlus - The eradication of polio is a priority of the highest order of Rotary International. By the year 2005, Rotary's centennial, Rotarians' contributions to the global polio eradication effort exceeded \$425million. Of even greater significance has been the extensive volunteer army mobilized by Rotary international, numbering in the hundreds of thousands providing support at clinics or mobilizing their communities for immunization, surveillance, and other polio eradication activities. To date, 170 nations around the world have benefited from PolioPlus grants, and since the PolioPlus Program began in 1985, more than one billion children have received oral polio vaccine as a result of the efforts of Rotary International, its Foundation, and our partners. As of June 2008, Rotary has committed more than \$650 million for global polio eradication. **PolioPlus Partners** is a program that allows Rotarians to participate in the polio eradication effort by contributing to specific social mobilization and surveillance activities in polio-epidemic countries. As such, it also supplements the funds available to complete the eradication of polio. The program allows Rotarians in polio-free countries to walk side by side with Rotarians in polio-endemic countries who are actively working in their cities and villages to find children who need to be immunized, bring them vaccine and educate their parents, and to find children who may be infected with the virus. Rotary and its partners have renewed their efforts to finally eradicate Polio by the year 2010. In 2007 the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation provided Rotary with a \$100 million challenge grant (the "Gates Grant"). Rotary has three years in which to match the Gates Grant by December 31, 2010. To meet the challenge each Rotary club will raise at least US\$1,000 annually for three years. The \$200 million generated by the Gates Grant and Rotary will be a vital catalyst to help achieve Rotary's goal of ending polio worldwide.

Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants fund large-scale, one to three-year projects that enhance health, help alleviate hunger or improve human development.

3-H Planning Grants subsidize the advance planning activities of Rotary clubs and districts designing 3-H projects of a significant size and impact.

Matching Grants provide matching funds for international service projects of Rotary clubs and districts. Since 1965, over 7,700 Matching Grant projects in 165 countries have been funded at a cost of more than \$70 million.

Helping Grants provide a 50% match of club and district funds up to \$15,000 for international service projects in non- Rotary countries or in countries where the local Rotary clubs cannot provide significant Rotarian involvement and oversight.

New Opportunities Grants provide districts with an opportunity to use their District Designated Funds (DDF) for an international humanitarian service project which advances Rotary ideals, is unique, and may not meet the eligibility criteria of existing Rotary Foundation programs.

Rotary Peace Programs partially subsidize international conferences that focus on conflict resolution and ways to enhance the search for peace. Since 1987-88, 43 conferences have taken place in different regions of the world.

Grants for Rotary Volunteers. These grants subsidize the expenses of Rotarians, Foundation Alumni, and Rotaractors who volunteer their services in another country.

Discovery Grants provide seed money to Rotary clubs and districts to help investigate potential international service Projects.

Disaster Relief Grants provide a concrete expression of sympathy through a modest financial response of up to \$5,000 out of the Foundation's World Fund.

Ambassadorial Scholarships. The Foundation sponsors one of the largest and most international scholarship programs in the world. Scholars study in a country other than their own where they serve as unofficial "ambassadors of goodwill." Since 1947, over 35,000 scholars from 120 countries have received scholarships at a cost of more than \$360 million.

Rotary Grants for University Teachers to Serve in Developing Countries are awarded to faculty members to teach in a developing nation for three to ten months. Since 1985-86, 250 university teachers have shared their expertise with a college or university in a developing country.

Group Study Exchange (GSE). These annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts to provide travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of vocations. Rotarian hosts organize a four to six-week itinerary of educational and cultural points of interest. Since 1965, more than 40,000 individuals (about 7,500 teams) from more than 120 countries have participated at a cost of almost \$75 million.

Rotary International's Current President



DONG KURN LEE, Seoul, Korea RI President

- **Trustee, The Rotary Foundation, 2003-07**
- **Treasurer, Rotary International, 2002-03**
- **Director, Rotary International, 2001-03**
- **Chair, Presidential Celebration Committee – Community Concerns, 2004-05**
- **Director Governor, 1995-96**

Dong Kurn Lee is chair of Bubang Co. Ltd. and Bubang Techron Co. Ltd., manufacturing companies based in Seoul. A graduate of Yonsei University, D.K. Serves as a trustee of the Busan College of Information Technology and is a past president of both his high school and college alumni associations. He has served as a trustee of the Bank of Seoul and honorary consul of Italy in Korea.

He joined the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang in 1971 and has served RI as director, treasurer, trustee, district governor, and International Assembly training leader. He also has been a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator and zone and regional coordinator for membership development. He is chair of the Polio Eradication Private Sector Initiative in Korea and serves as Korea's PolioPlus national advocacy adviser. He is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. In 1996, as district governor, D.K. was recognized at the RI Convention as the winner of the Calgary Challenge, which recognized the district with the most successful membership development efforts, chartering 32 new clubs and adding nearly 1,800 new members.

He lives in Seoul, Korea, with his wife, Young. They have four children and five grandchildren.

GLOSSARY B WORDS AND PHRASES USED BY ROTARY

Active Member. A member of a club who has been elected to membership in the club under a classification of business or profession and who has all the obligations, responsibilities, and privileges of membership as provided in the RI Constitution and Bylaws.

Additional Active Member B There are three types of additional active membership: (1) a member of a club who is elected to membership under the same business or professional classification as that of the proposer; (2) a former active member of a club who has terminated membership because of ceasing to be actively engaged within the territorial limits of that club in the business or profession under which such member was classified. The Member could then be elected to membership in another club, provided the member is qualified and subject to the approval of the active member holding that classification; and, (3) a former member of a Rotaract club for at least four years and whose membership in the former Rotaract club terminated due to reaching the age limit for membership or relocating outside the territorial limits of the former Rotaract club. An additional active member has the same obligations, responsibilities, and privileges of an active member.

Admission Fee B Fee paid to a club by an applicant for membership in the club. The fee varies according to the amount, specified by each club in its bylaws.

Alternate (delegate) B Any club may, at the time of selecting its delegates to the convention, choose for each delegate one alternate, such alternate being entitled to vote at the convention in case of the absence of the delegate for whom the alternate was chosen.

Assembly Club B Meeting of incoming club Presidents, Secretaries and other club leaders (designated by the RI Board) in a district. It provides a program of instruction and Rotary information as well as a chance to share local and district plans and objectives.

Assembly International B Annual meeting attended by general officers, Incoming governors, RI committee chairs, and other designated by the RI Board. Its purpose is to provide Rotary education. Instruction in administrative duties, motivation and inspiration to governors-nominee and to afford them and others in attendance an opportunity to discuss and plan how to implement Rotary=s programs and activities during the ensuing year.

Attendance Report B Report of the attendance at meeting which each club is required by RI bylaws to report each month to its governor, if the club is within a district, or otherwise to the General Secretary.

Board of Directors (Club) B Governing body of Rotary club, to be constituted as the bylaws of the club may provide.

Charter Member - founding member of a Rotary club. This member is elected to membership prior to the admission of the club to membership in RI.

Classification B Word or phrase which describes a separate and distinct business or professional service rendered to the community. As a term, it is the word or phrase which most accurately describes the principal and recognized business or professional activity of the firm, company, or institution, with which an active member is connected or that which covers the active member=s principal and recognized business or professional activity.

Club Forum B Formal meeting of the entire club membership to inform members about service activities.

Community Service - Rotary's third Avenue of Service is comprised of varied efforts that Rotarians make, sometimes in conjunction with others (e.g., a Rotaract or Interact club or a Rotary Village Corps), to improve the quality of life for those who live within their club's territory or municipality.

Convention - Annual international meeting of Rotary International, its primary Purpose is to stimulate, inspire, and inform Rotarians at an international level. Club delegates from around the world elect RI Officers for the coming Rotary year, including the President and RI Board.

Delegate - Representative of a Rotary club at the international convention. Each club is entitled to send one delegate for each fifty of its members, or major fraction thereof, honorary members excepted.

District - Name given to a limited territory within which clubs are grouped for RI administrative Purposes.

District Conference - meeting held annually in each district to further the program of Rotary through fellowship, inspirational addresses, and the discussion of matters relating to club and district affairs. It is open to all Rotarians in the district and their families.

Dues and Fees - Every active and past service member of a club pays as an admission fee and annual dues to the club such sums as may be prescribed in the Bylaws of the club.

Excused Attendance - A member's absence shall be excused if:

(a) 1. The absence is caused by protracted ill health or impairment or by stay of two or more than two weeks in a country in which Rotary clubs do not exist so that such member is physically unable to attend a regular meeting and the Board approves such absence in which case it shall not be computed in the club's attendance record.

2. In the case of intended absence in a country in which there are no Rotary clubs, the member shall inform the secretary of this club before starting the journey or, if that is impossible, in writing from that country. Before approving such absence, the Board shall satisfy itself that the journey will prevent the member from making up an absence in accordance with Section 1 (a) of this Article; or

(b) a member is a senior active member and years, (i) has been a member of one or more clubs for an aggregate of twenty years or more and has reached the age of 65; or (ii) has been a member of one or more clubs for an aggregate of fifteen years or more and has reached the age of 70 years and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance. In this case, if approved by the Board, such members absences shall not be computed in the club's attendance records, unless so desired by the members. However, when a member who has been granted excused attendance attends a club meeting, their attendance may be computed in the club attendance record.

"Fellowship Through Service" - Rotaract motto which may be used in Rotary literature and elsewhere. Founder of Rotary - Term used in reference to Paul P. Harris, who organized the first Rotary Club in Chicago in 1905. Paul Harris was born 19 April 1868, and died 27 January 1947.

Four Avenues of Service - Term used in referring to Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service.

General Officers of RI - The President, the Vice President, other members of the RI Board (including the President-elect and the Treasurer of RI), and the General Secretary.

"Good Standing" - As used in the constitutional documents of RI, this phrase applies to a member of a Rotary club or to the membership of a Rotary club in RI, and means that the Rotarian or club continues to fulfill all requirements for membership in the club or in RI.

Governor's Monthly Letter - Personal, official communication issued every month by the Governor to the President and Secretary of each club in the District containing items of special interest and importance, including the Monthly Membership Attendance Report.

"He Profits Most Who Serves Best" - Motto used in Rotary literature and elsewhere.

Honorary Member - A person who, by serving with distinction in the furtherance of Rotary ideals, has been elected to honorary status by the club. An honorary member is exempt from Payment of fees and dues, has no vote, and may member an honorary member may attend all meetings and enjoy the privileges of the club. Honorary membership terminates each year on 30 June but may by resolution be continued from year to year.

Institute - Instructional, motivational, and fellowship meeting for past, current, and incoming governors and other RI Officers from certain districts which comprise a zone or zones. A Zone Institute (to known as Rotary Institute), is intended to provide participants with up-to-date information about Rotary's programs and is a source of ideas for improving and strengthening the Rotary movement. A Zone Institute is usually held at the time and location of the international assembly. Timely topics related to the program of Rotary and administration of RI is informally discussed.

Interact - Rotary club-sponsored clubs for young people dedicated to service and international understanding. Membership is open to students at secondary school (ages 14-18) level.

International Service - Rotary's fourth Avenue of Service comprises all the things that a Rotarian can do to advance "International understanding, goodwill, and peace" by getting acquainted with people of other countries, their Culture customs, accomplishments, aspirations, problems-through personal contacts, travel and attendance at conventions through cooperation in all club activities and Projects-including those of The Rotary Foundation in other lands. -that will help people

Make-up - To attend the meeting of another Rotary club or certain other functions, within 14 days before or after the absence, thereby protecting membership and receiving attendance credit when a meeting of the Rotarian's own club is missed. When attendance is made up at another Rotary club, it is reported to the Rotarian's home club.

Object of Rotary - The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise as set forth in the RI constitution, and the standard Rotary club constitution.

Officers, Club - Duly elected Officers of a club are the President, the President-elect, one or more Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Paul Harris Fellow - Individual who contributes or in whose honor or memory is contributed us \$ 1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris Sustaining Member - Individual who agrees to contribute \$1,000 (or in whose honor or memory the reach \$1,000, the person is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. There is no time limit.

Per Capita Dues - The per capita dues which each club pays to RI semiannually on I July and I January, for each and every active and past service members of the club.

Perfect Attendance Term used by many clubs to refer to a Rotarian's 100 percent attendance record. However, no official definition of the term exists.

Pre/Post-Convention Homestay - Program that offers an opportunity for visiting Rotarians to get an inside look at the country or countries of the annual convention site for a few days immediately prior to or after the event. Rotarians in the host area volunteer their homes. The Secretariat then matches the host with a prospective Rotarian guest (or Rotary family) from another country.

President-elect Training Seminar (PETS) - PETS is a training and informational program for club presidents-elect, planned and organized by the governor-nominee in cooperation with the governor. Its main purpose is to help implement the RI theme for the ensuing year and to motivate incoming presidents in leadership roles in club, district and RI activities.

Resolution - Action by the council on legislation which does not amend or conflict with the constitutional documents of RI but which expresses an opinion or makes a recommendation to the RI Board.

Rotaract - Rotary club-sponsored clubs for young adults (ages 18-30) for the purpose of developing leaders and service minded citizens.

Rotary - Rotary is used as expressive and indicative of the organized body of Rotary Clubs and Rotarians, of the spirit which animates them, of the principles and practices and precedents which guide them, and of the purposes and object they seek to accomplish.

Rotary Basic Library - A major resource for all Rotarians and essential for Club Presidents as a companion publication to the Club President's Workbook. An introductory volume focuses on the total story of Rotary history, philosophy, operational procedures, and overview of programs. Two additional volumes are devoted to the four Avenues of Service and The Rotary Foundation. The library is published in nine languages. Revised periodically to reflect change by the council and actions by the RI Board.

Rotary Emblem - Symbol of Rotary International, consists of a gear wheel with six spokes, 24 cogs and a keyway, colored Royal Blue and Gold, it is worn with pride by Rotarians as a lapel button.

Rotary Foundation of RI, The - A not-for-profit corporation providing ambassadorial scholarships, humanitarian grants to needy peoples and worthy projects, and educational awards for international exchanges of university scholars, teachers, and business and professional people. Its objective is the achievement of world understanding and peace through international charitable and educational programs.

Rotary Theme- Annual Rotary message expressed through the President. The theme is of paramount importance to the implementation of service throughout each Rotary year.

Rotary World - Tabloid newspaper published five times a year, in ten languages, for Rotary club, district and international leaders. A universal source of information on all programs of RI and The Rotary Foundation, and on Rotary news of interest originating in the clubs and districts.

Secretariat - The entire operations of the General Secretary and staff including service centers and all staff assigned to Rotary Foundation matters.

Semiannual Report - Report which each member club makes to RI on 1 July and 1 January each year certifying to the RI Board the number of its members on such dates. The report is signed by the club President and the club Secretary and is transmitted to the General Secretary on forms provided by the Secretariat for that purpose. These reports are used as the basis on which the club makes payment to RI for per capita dues.

Voting Delegate's Form - Form issued to voting delegate to the convention by the club secretary and approved at the convention by the credentials committee of RI. This form is evidence of the delegate's right to vote or otherwise participate in the convention as a voting delegate.

World Community Service (WCS) - An aspect of International Service that promotes development and goodwill on a global scale. Through WCS, Rotarians conduct projects to improve lives and meet human needs, and thus promote international understanding and goodwill by means of material, technical and professional assistance. There are several paths that a club can take to become involved in WCS, including the WCS Projects Exchange, club-to-club interaction and Disaster Relief.

World Headquarters - The World Headquarters of the Secretariat located at One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, 60201 USA.

World Understanding and Peace Day - The anniversary of Rotary's birth, 23 February 1905, is also observed as World Understanding and Peace Day. Each club, on that day, gives special recognition and emphasis to Rotary's commitment to international understanding, friendship and peace.

Youth Exchange - An RI program for students of secondary school age to engage in study or travel abroad for one academic year or less for the purpose of advancing international understanding and goodwill, Sponsored by sending and receiving Rotary clubs or districts, the exchanges is selected according to guidelines and procedures suggested by the RI Board.

Zone - Grouping of clubs established by the RI bylaws and constituted by the RI Board, for the purpose of electing members of the nominating committee for president and for the nomination of director. Zone alignments are also often the basis upon which institutes are organized.

