



**2018-19
ROTARY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**THE AWARD HONORS AN OUTSTANDING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
AND HELPS PUBLICIZE THE LASTING BENEFITS OF ROTARY'S
PROGRAMS.**

This annual award, established in 2011, recognizes an alumni association that has displayed heightened awareness of the significant role that alumni play in Rotary. The winning association has also demonstrated the significant impact of Rotary programs.



2018-19 Award Winner

Rotary District 7600 Alumni Association (nominated by Zone 33)

This association in Virginia, USA, was founded in 2014. Every fall, the association is an integral part of the district conference. During the conference, alumni of various Rotary programs host a breakout session to share their program experiences with local Rotarians, hold an induction ceremony for new members of the association, and work together with Rotarians on service projects. Alumni coordinated the use of the city's mobile mammogram unit, which completed more than 17 exams. The association also supported H.O.P.E. Village, a residential housing program sponsored by the Salvation Army. In the spring, the alumni association partnered with Oyster Point Rotary Club on a district grant service project to upgrade a day care facility. Other regular activities include presenting an alumni of the year award at the district's November Foundation banquet and operating a speaker's bureau that connects alumni to Rotary clubs to promote various programs. In the past year, members also attended two baseball games that raised funds for PolioPlus and took a trip to the Duke-UNC Peace Conference in North Carolina.



2017-18 Award Winner

Rotary District 9141/9142 Alumni Association (nominated by Zone 20A)

This association from Nigeria, formed in 2014, fosters goodwill and understanding by holding events throughout the year involving Rotarians, alumni, and other groups. In 2016, they participated in Rotary events such as Reconnect Week, where they collaborated with the district alumni committee for a meet-and-greet session between alumni and Rotarians. The association has demonstrated Service Above Self through projects like a tree planting program it held in February 2017. This included a public rally titled Plant a Tree, Save the Planet and a promotional billboard along a busy road. The association also organized a public lecture by one of its Rotarian members on the relationship between hunger, civil unrest, and war. At that event, it also recognized six distinguished alumni for their service and commitment to the ideals of Rotary. It maintains an active presence on Facebook and the messaging platform WhatsApp, where Rotarians and alumni regularly interact.



2016-17 Award Winner

Alumni Association of Rotary District 1210 (nominated by Zone 17)

This association was established in 2009. Its members participate in the district assembly and district conference and visit clubs to promote the association and the benefits of reconnecting with alumni. They also work with clubs to keep updated contact information for as many alumni as possible. The association leads a Rotary Books4Home Project, in conjunction with local clubs. This project has influenced local schools to improve literacy and demonstrates Service Above Self, as well as the Object of Rotary. This group enjoys strong district support and has an active website, electronic mailing list, and a regular newsletter. It participated in Reconnect Week in October 2016 by holding a Rotary Alumni Reunion, which included hosts, sponsors, friends, and family of alumni. Notably, the group recently reconnected with a former Rotary scholar hosted in the district 43 years earlier.



2015-16 Award Winner

Rotary Fellows Tokyo (nominated by Zone 2)

Rotary Fellows Tokyo (RFT), located in Tokyo, Japan, was chartered in 1967. The association has over 700 members that regularly participate in events and fundraisers. RFT holds two meetings a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The spring event is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate alumni accomplishments. The fall event serves as a welcome for current program participants who are studying abroad in Tokyo. As a group, they have raised money for PolioPlus and the Great East Japan Earthquake, and organized charity concerts. Members attend Rotary club meetings to talk about their alumni experience and support Rotary Peace Fellows during their graduation ceremony at International Christian University.



2014-15 Award Winner

Rotary District 4920 Alumni Association (nominated by Zone 23 B&C)

The Rotary District 4920 Alumni Association (La Pampa, Argentina) was chartered in 2008. The association has over 100 members that carry out joint projects with other service groups, contributes to PolioPlus, meets periodically on Facebook, participates in district conferences, and produces a quarterly newsletter. They also help coordinate an annual international student exchange with an American high school, to promote cross-cultural communication and language development between students. They plan to become the first association in which all members contribute toward Paul Harris Fellow recognition.



2013-14 Award Winner

Rotary District 3020 Alumni Association (nominated by Zone 5)

The Rotary District 3020 Alumni Association (Andhra Pradesh, India) was chartered by Rotary in 1994. They regularly collaborate with Rotarians and alumni on local and global levels. They keep the Rotary community updated and engaged with their newsletter, REACH, social media, alumni reunions, and district conferences. In addition to their involvement with grant programs, they participate in National Immunizations Days and other polio eradication efforts.



2012-13 Award Winner

Rotary District 6560 Alumni Association (nominated by Zone 30)

The Rotary District 6560 Alumni Association (Indiana, USA) was chartered by Rotary in 2007. Focused on connecting alumni with Rotary clubs, it holds annual alumni gatherings; sends representatives to Rotary district conferences, Rotary International conventions, and other events; and provides orientations for current program participants and alumni. Members of the association participate in and raise funds for Water Is Life, a project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fishers, Indiana, that has installed more than 80 wells serving over 80,000 people in Sierra Leone. Also a supporter of PolioPlus, the association invites new members to contribute during their orientation.



2011-12 Award Winner

Rotary Foundation Alumni Deutschland (nominated by Zones 14 and 19)

Rotary Foundation Alumni Deutschland, the alumni association in Germany, is dedicated to maintaining and strengthening the contact between alumni and Rotary. The group's members organize outbound and inbound seminars for Rotary program participants, celebrate Oktoberfest with alumni from around the world, and meet regularly with local Rotarians. They support a variety of humanitarian projects internationally, fund their own Rotary scholarship through the Foundation every five years, and also organized a project to provide books to tsunami-affected libraries in Japan.

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