

***NEW* The 2019-2020 Rotary Connects Award**

This award will highlight a person, group or club who has collaborated with others to maximize the impact of Rotary in their club, community, the district or the world. Submit the following:

- Describe the program, project or event
- List the collaborating partners, groups, businesses, etc.
- Impact statement:
Describe the goals for the collaboration and how the collaboration maximized and affected Rotary's reach in the club, community, District or world. What were the outcomes of the collaboration and how did those outcomes make an impact? 500 words or less

Club Administration Award

(Formerly Club Service Award) – Tier Awards Apply
Recognizes the Club that best demonstrates effective internal club administration, develops fellowship among members, utilizes club activities to advance the Objects of Rotary, and fosters the Family of Rotary. Answer each of the following questions:

- Does the club have a club officer succession plan showing officers as well as Board, a process for the conduction of election of the slate of officers and a set timeline for the election? (2 points)
- Does the club have up-to-date bylaws and a plan or schedule to review annually and revise when necessary? (2 points)
- Does the club have an up-to-date strategic plan and plan or schedule to review annually and revise when necessary? (2 points)
- Did the club conduct and record monthly club board meetings? (2 points)
- Did the club secretary submit membership changes, additions and corrections to DACdb within 2 weeks of the occurrence? (2 points)
- Did the club comply with all club corporate filings and tax filings? (2 points)
- Number of club member(s) who attend to members' wellbeing, i.e. Condolence cards, get well cards, birthday cards, etc.; calls to members who haven't attended meetings. (1 point)
- Sample calendar of club socials/holiday celebrations/charter night celebrations, etc. arranged by the Club Service Chair or their designee. (1 point)
- Impact statement:
Describe how your club administration/service influenced the club. Indicate how the benefits of the club administration efforts impacted the club and its members. 250 words or less. (1-5 points)
- Review committee will also consider and may award additional points based on ease of review, completeness of documentation and overall presentation of the application. (1-3 points)

Club Bulletin Award (Monthly/Weekly)

Tier Awards Apply

This award will be based on the club bulletin as a whole - its content, its appearance, and its regularity. Documentation must be provided to be eligible for this award.

Answer each of the following questions:

Submission of four (4) consecutive issues are required. They will be reviewed for the following criteria:

- Attractive (1-3 points)
- Current RI Presidential theme displayed (1 point)
- Program schedule displayed (1 point)
- Birthdays displayed (1 point)
- Anniversaries displayed (1 point)
- 4 Way Test displayed (1 point)
- Foundation Information (1 point)
- Public Image Awareness (1 point)
- Membership Information (1 point)
- Is it printed, electronic, or both?
(5 points for both, 3 points for either printed OR electronic)
- Printed copies of the bulletin/newsletter are sent to absent members and to those without computer access? (3 points)
- Is a printed copy of the newsletter available at club meetings to club members and guests? (3 points)
- Is your bulletin distributed at each meeting? (3 points)
- Impact statement:
Describe your club's bulletin distribution beyond the club if any and describe how the bulletin benefited the club members or others. 150 words or less. (1-5 points)
- Review committee will also consider and may award additional points based on ease of review, completeness of documentation and overall presentation of the application. (1-3 points)

Club Website Award

Tier Awards Apply

These awards will be based on a review of the club's website. To be eligible, the clubs must submit its web address to the committee.

Websites will be reviewed for the following:

- A way to contact (1 point)
- About Rotary (1 point)
- Appearance (up to 5 points)
- Calendar (1 point)
- Current year theme logo displayed (2 points)
- Current approved logos and wheel images from the Rotary Brand Center (2 points)
- Functionality (up to 5 points)
- How to become a member (1 point)
- Link to social media – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, etc. (up to 5 points)
- Make-up meeting information (1 point)
- Meeting information (1 point)
- Name of club (1 point)
- Newsletter(s) (1 point)
- Officers (1 point)
- Useful (working) links (up to 5 points)
- If payments are accepted online, the website has an SSL Certificate (URL starts with "HTTPS") (2 points)

Community Service Award

Tier Awards Apply

An award will be made for the club that best demonstrates "Service Above Self" based on all activities/projects provided to its community. Answer each of the following questions:

- List up to five (5) community service activities/projects in which club members participated. (1 point per project)
- Number of club members who participated in each listed activity/project. (1-3 points per project)
- List collaborating groups, organizations, businesses, clubs, etc. for each activity/project. (1-3 points)
- Link to supporting video, online story or a news article describing the project(s). (1-5 points)
- Submission of an approved District Grant that addresses needs in your community. It can be one of the projects already listed. (3 points)
- Impact statement:
Describe the community needs that were addressed and the impact that was made on the community. 150 words or less for each listed activity/project. (1-10 points awarded)
- Review committee will also consider and may award additional points based on ease of review, completeness of documentation and overall presentation of the application. (1-3 points)

***NEW* The D7600 Innovator Award**

This award will celebrate a person, group or club who has demonstrated an innovative spirit in District 7600.

• This award will recognize an individual, group or club that has developed and implemented a brand new Rotary project, program, event or procedure or has enhanced and improved an existing Rotary project, program, event or procedure with a fresh or creative idea or strategy. Submit the following:

• Impact statement:

Describe the innovative concept that was implemented. What were the goals for the concept and what were the outcomes? How did the concept make the project, program or procedure better and how did the benefits of the concept impact the club, district, area, community, RI and/or the international community? 500 words or less.

District Rotary Foundation Award

Tier Awards Apply

This award will be presented to the Rotary club(s) which does the best job of informing and engaging its membership and its community about

The Rotary Foundation and its programs.

Answer each of the following questions:

- All Foundation giving goals input into Rotary Club Central. (2 points)
- Number of Club members enrolled in Rotary Direct (recurring giving, any amount). (1-3 points)
- Club contributed an average of at least \$100 per member to the Annual Fund. (1 point)
- Club contributed an average of at least \$200 per member to the Annual Fund. (2 points)
- Club added at least one new Paul Harris Fellow by April 30, 2020. (2 points)
- Club had at least one attendee at the Grants Management Seminar. (1 point)
- Club had at least one attendee at the Foundation Workshop. (1 point)
- Club had at least one attendee at the Foundation Banquet. (1 point)
- Club regularly used the Rotary Foundation messaging to educate the club, or the club devoted a meeting program to the Rotary Foundation topic. Examples: Rotary District 7600 Foundation Committee messages/speakers, the RI Trustee Chair monthly messages, etc. (1 point)
- Club participated in funding a District or Global Grant prior to March 31, 2020. (2 points)
- Club contributed at least \$500 to Polio Plus. (1 point)
- Number of club members who attended PolioPlus ballgame. (2 points)
- Club participated in at least one program, activity or event that promoted Rotary's polio eradication campaign. (1 point)
- Club featured an alumni speaker at a meeting program. (2 points)
- Club supported the selection of alumni for Rotary club or Rotaract club membership. (1 point)
- Impact statement:
Describe the benefits regarding the club's promotion and awareness efforts of the Rotary Foundation and the District Rotary Alumni Association. Indicate how these benefits made an impact on the club, the district or the community/world. 250 words or less. (1-10 points)
- Review committee will also consider and may award additional points based on ease of review, completeness of documentation and overall presentation of the application. (1-3 points)

Governor's Circle Award

This award will be presented to those clubs which have demonstrated excellence over the course of the Rotary Year through:

- Significant achievements in all Avenues of Service
- Promotion of Rotary Education
- The enhancement of Rotary's public image
- Upholding the ideals of Rotary through observance of the Four-Way Test and pursuit of the Objects of Rotary.
- Support for the Rotary Foundation through financial support and program participation
- Development and retention of membership
- Must receive the Rotary Citation

International Service Award

Tier Awards Apply

Recognizes the club that best exemplifies international service, especially in the promotion of understanding, goodwill and peace. Answer each of the following questions:

- List up to five (5) international service activities/projects in which club members participated. (1 point per project)
- Number of club members who participated in each listed activity/project. (1-3 points per project)
- List collaborating groups, organizations, businesses, clubs, etc. for each activity/project. (1-3 points)
- Link to supporting video, online story or a news article describing the project(s). (1-5 points)
- Impact statement:
Describe the international needs that were addressed and how this project made an impact to the international community. 150 words or less for each listed activity/project. (1-10 points awarded)
- Review committee will also consider and may award additional points for the following: International service project Global Grant sponsor club, Global Grant contributor club, District Grant sponsor club, District Grant contributor club (the points were included on the original awards from last year. To be consistent we can make it 1-3 points)
- Review committee will also consider and may award additional points based on ease of review, completeness of documentation and overall presentation of the application. (1-3 points)

Most Improved Club Award

Tier Awards Apply

This award will be presented to the Rotary clubs that have demonstrated outstanding overall improvement in its performance during the Rotary year, as demonstrated by:

- Improvements in attendance
- Membership development and retention
- Support for the Rotary Foundation
- Participation in all avenues of service
- Impact statement:
Describe achievements the club has made that demonstrate outstanding improvement in performance and how these achievements impacted the club and the community. 500 words or less.



Outstanding President Award – Tier Awards Apply

This award recognizes a Rotarian who has done an outstanding job while serving as Club President during the current Rotary year. The review committee will also consider the Rotary Citation materials and other information available regarding the president. Submit the following:

- Impact statement: Describe the president’s leadership, club achievements and impact on the club, district, area, community, RI and/or the international community. 500 words or less.
- Attach (or upload if submitting online) A brief narrative from the Assistant Governor (AG) supporting the application. Assistant Governors list is here: <https://rotary7600.org/assistant-governors/>

Public Image Award

Tier Awards Apply

This award recognizes the club that best uses media platforms to promote awareness of Rotary and the work of Rotarians in the community and the world. An award will be made for the best overall demonstrated achievement in Public Image. Answer each of the following questions:

- Rotary’s public image is shaped by the actions of each of its members, as well as by its involvement in the community, its presence on the web and social media, and the publications it produces. The overall goal is to increase membership, expand community partnerships, improve fundraising opportunities, and promote involvement in club projects.”
- Impact Statement:
Describe activities and media used to promote the awareness of Rotary and the work of Rotarians. Describe how the publicity/awareness that was generated impacted Rotary and your club. 250 words or less. (1-10 points)
- Number of members that were involved in developing/distributing the publicity. Briefly describe their efforts. 150 words or less. (1-10 points)
- Supporting Material: Include examples of the activities/media used by your club. Examples may include copies of press releases, activities, and photos; links to the club’s Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, etc.; copies of communications soliciting new members, promoting Rotary’s mission, telling Rotary stories. (1-10 points)
- Review committee will also consider and may award additional points based on ease of review, completeness of documentation and overall presentation of the application. (1-3 points)

Rotary Education – Tier Awards Apply

Awards will recognize clubs that demonstrate the best education and speaker programs for club meetings. Education and speaker programs and education efforts are reviewed on informative, noteworthy and consistent content. Answer each of the following questions:

- Number of members that plan and execute New Member Orientation sessions. (2 points)
 - Number of members who attended current year RI, Area and District activities (1-10 points)
 - District Training assemblies or retreats
 - District Conference
 - Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)
 - Pre-PETS (1 point)
 - PETS (1 point)
 - Area Training assemblies or retreats
 - Other
- Impact statement:
Describe the efforts the club made regarding Rotary Education and indicate how these efforts impacted the club, the district or the greater community. Items could include: a description of engaging speakers, a Rotary history moment at club meetings, a review of an article in the Rotarian Magazine; a mention of famous Rotarians; knowledge of Rotary impact in the world, the club's support to district, area or RI education, etc.. 250 words or less. (1-10 points)
- Supporting Material: Include a sampling of the club's calendar of speakers, a copy of the club's New Member Induction and Orientation programs and other supporting material. (1-10 points)
- Review committee will also consider and may award additional points based on ease of review, completeness of documentation and overall presentation of the application. (1-3 points)

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

This award recognizes the club that best promotes activities which support youth participation in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). Answer each of the following questions:

- Number of RYLA delegates sponsored (1 point per delegate sponsored)
- Description of club involvement such as delegate presentations to club meetings, transportation to and/or from RYLA; collaboration on projects with delegates, etc. 150 words or less. (1-5 points)
- Impact Statement:
Describe the benefits and the impact of RYLA on the delegates sponsored by your club. 150 words or less. (1-5 points)
- Review committee will also consider and may award additional points based on ease of review, completeness of documentation and overall presentation of the application (1-3 points).

Vocational Service Award – Tier Awards Apply

This award recognizes the club that best promotes the Object of Rotary through the work of its Members, showing (1) high ethical standards at work and (2) best use of their occupation to make an impact in the Community. Answer each of the following questions:

- List up to five (5) activities/projects your club did to feature Members' professions in the community. Items could include visiting or touring members workplaces, having meetings at members' workplaces, providing career information to youth, providing business ethics information to youth, a club member is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the club held a networking event in collaboration with a business, etc. (1 point per activity/project)
- List collaborating groups, organizations, businesses, clubs, etc. for each activity/project. (1-3 points)
- Number of club members who participated in each listed activity/project (1-5 points per activity/project).
- Impact statement:
Describe how Rotary's ethical standards provided benefits to each project. What other benefits were achieved regarding each activity/project and what was the impact to the club and community? 150 words or less for each listed activity/project. (1-5 points per activity/project).
- Review committee will also consider and may award additional points based on ease of review, completeness of documentation and overall presentation of the application. (1-3 points)

Youth Service Award –

Tier Awards Apply

An award that recognizes the club that best promotes activities which encourage youth to be productive and involved citizens in their communities. Answer each of the following questions:

- List up to five (5) youth activities/projects such as Youth Exchange sponsorships, Interact Clubs sponsored, Rotaract Clubs sponsored, joint activities involving youth and Rotarians and other club engagement activities that support youth. (1 point per activity/project)
- Number of club members who participated in each listed activity/project. (1-5 points per activity/project)
- Number of participating youth in each listed activity/project. (1-5 points per activity/project)
- Describe the collaboration that occurred regarding the activity/project. May include youth attendance or speaking at Rotary meetings; reciprocal attendance at youth club by Rotarians, youth and Rotarian involvement in joint activities; student and club faculty sponsor recognition; financial support, etc. 150 words or less for each listed activity/project (1-5 points per activity/project)
- Impact statement:
Describe the activity's/project's impact on the youth participants and the community. 150 words or less for each listed activity/project. (1-5 points per activity/project)
- Review committee will also consider and may award additional points based on ease of review, completeness of documentation and overall presentation of the application. (1-3 points)

ADDITIONAL AWARDS & INFORMATION

GOVERNOR'S CUP

Governor's Circle Award Prerequisite

- From among those clubs who are selected as Governor's Circle Award recipients, a club that demonstrates an outstanding level of achievement will be selected to receive the Governor's Cup. Such recognition will be reserved for a club judged to have achieved truly exceptional results during the year. ***Clubs may (but are not required to) submit an impact statement of 500 words or less describing their achievements during the Rotary year,*** which will be considered in conjunction with Rotary Citation materials and other information from input of Assistant Governors, Committee Chairs and other sources.

Benefactors Award

This award will be presented to the Rotary clubs that have increased their percentage of Benefactors between July 1, 2019 and June 15, 2020. Results will be determined by the Executive Secretary and District Secretary.

Statistical Awards

The statistics will automatically be compiled by the District Secretary at the end of the Rotary Year for the following awards:

- Net Membership Growth - Tier Awards Apply
- Most Improved Attendance - Tier Awards Apply
- Best Attendance - Tier Awards Apply

Rotary Foundation Awards

Awards will be presented to the top three clubs in both per capita giving and gross contributions to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation. Special awards may be given to recognize participation and support for the Rotary Foundation.

Other Awards

Rotary International awards, such as the Rotary Citation, Rotary International Public Image Award, Significant Achievement Award, etc. will be awarded based upon compliance with the criteria established by Rotary International for such awards.

Tier Awards

Tier awards are based on Club membership as of July 1, 2019

- Tier I: Under 32 members
- Tier II: 33-56 members
- Tier III: 57 or more members

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