



## District Rotary Foundation Alumni Associations

### Frequently Asked Questions



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**Q: *What is a district Rotary Foundation alumni association?***

**A:** An active organization of former Rotary World Peace Fellows, Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange team leaders and members, and other Rotary Foundation program participants. Such district associations are growing throughout the world and are commonly referred to as Rotary Foundation alumni associations.

**Q: *What are the purposes of an alumni association?***

**A:** There are five main purposes:

1. To establish and maintain a common bond among Rotary Foundation alumni
2. To provide a connection enabling alumni to network with one another and with Rotarians
3. To link the vocational interests of alumni with similar interests of Rotarians and other alumni
4. To provide opportunities for involvement in Rotary educational and humanitarian service projects
5. To facilitate membership in Rotary clubs, including e-clubs

**Q: *How do members of an alumni association meet and communicate?***

**A:** Members of an alumni association meet as often as decided by the members. They communicate between meetings through the Internet and other available methods.

**Q: *How often do the members of an alumni association meet in person?***

**A:** The times and places of all meetings are determined by the members. However, it is strongly recommended that an annual meeting take place in conjunction with the local district conference.

**Q: *What are some of the benefits of joining an alumni association?***

**A:** There are countless opportunities, in addition to gaining friendships. They include

- Networking with leaders in all professions who share a Rotary experience
- Direct business and professional opportunities
- Serving on district Rotary Foundation selection committees for Rotary World Peace Fellows, Ambassadorial Scholars, and GSE teams
- Serving as a mentors to other Rotary Foundation program participants
- Speaking at Rotary club meetings and district events
- Participating in international and local service projects

**Q: *What are the dues or costs involved with membership in an alumni association?***

**A:** None, unless the association itself decides to establish a nominal fee for specific purposes.

**Q: *Are members of an alumni association required to contribute to The Rotary Foundation?***

**A:** No, alumni are not required to make contributions to the Foundation. However, contributions of any amount, particularly annual contributions, are always encouraged, welcomed and appreciated!

**Q: *How many members can form an alumni association and what is its structure?***

**A:** There is no minimum number of members to form an alumni association, although practice has shown a good starting number is 15 members. Each alumni association elects its own officers. The president of the alumni association serves as a liaison to the district governor and district Rotary Foundation committee. Sample alumni association by-laws and other support are available from The Rotary Foundation Alumni Relations staff at RI Headquarters.

**Q: *What is the Worldwide Rotary Foundation Alumni Association?***

**A:** The Worldwide Rotary Foundation Alumni Association is a new group within the Rotary family that seeks to keep all Foundation alumni connected to Rotary. The inaugural international meeting of this new worldwide association will be held in conjunction with the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles on 14 June, 2008. All Rotary Foundation alumni are invited and encouraged to attend. The goal is to have at least one scholar alumnus and one GSE alumnus from every Rotary district in the world attend and participate!