



Rotary Foundation Alumni Network and Rotary Foundation Alumni Associations



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: ***What is a 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.

Q: ***What is the Rotary Foundation Alumni Network?***

A: The Rotary Foundation Alumni Network is the Foundation's alumni association that seeks to keep all their alumni connected to Rotary. All alumni and alumni associations are members of the network.

Q: ***When does the Rotary Foundation Alumni Network meet?***

A: The annual meeting of the network takes place during the Rotary International convention. The first meeting will take place at the inaugural pre-convention alumni event from 13-14 June in Los Angeles, California, USA. The event is called the Rotary Alumni Celebration and will give alumni the opportunity to **Reconnect, Engage and Celebrate** with special events, notable speakers and social gatherings for alumni and friends.

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 via e-mail 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 to cover operational costs.

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 required number of members to form an alumni association, although practice has shown a good starting point 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.

Q: ***How can I get more information?***

A: Contact alumni@rotary.org for more information about the Rotary Foundation Alumni Network, the Rotary Alumni Celebration, and alumni associations.