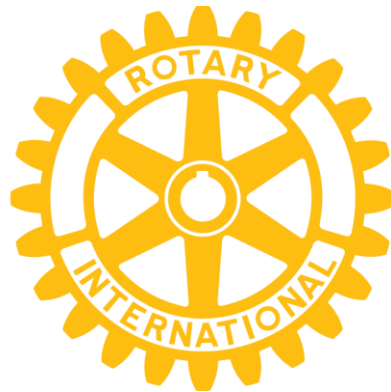


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Rotary Fellowships
2017 Annual Report

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Introduction

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, Rotarians' family members, program participants and alumni who:

- Share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions
- Further their vocational development with others in the same profession or field
- Enhance their Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world

Every year fellowships submit a report of activities to Rotary International. The following compilation summarizes each fellowship's reported membership statistics and key activities during Rotary year 2016-17.

Additional information about fellowships can be found online: www.rotary.org/fellowships.

Rotary Fellowships at a Glance

Historical Background

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the language Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians; this fellowship now boasts the longest continuous existence. The scope of Rotary Fellowships has greatly changed over the years, but today their purpose is still to unite the Rotary family in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favorite recreational or professional activities.

Membership

In 2016-17, 71 Fellowships reported a combined membership of 82,218 people in more than 150 countries worldwide. The average size for each Fellowship is 1158 members. Rotary Fellowships have experienced a significant growth in membership over the past year as the combined reported membership increased by 62%. As of October 2017, 31 Fellowships (43%) charged no membership dues. For those Fellowships that charged dues, the average annual membership cost was US\$26 and average lifetime membership cost was US\$136. Rotary Fellowships reported a combined income of US\$ 395,950 and a combined expenditure of US\$ 358,867.

Recent updates

In 2016-17, the Global Networking Groups Committee recognized six new Rotary Fellowships:

- International Fellowship Draughts Playing Rotarians
- Fellowship of Rotarian Genealogists
- International Hiking Fellowship of Rotarians

- International Fellowship of Military Veterans
- Russian Culture Worldwide Rotarian Fellowship
- Whisk(e)y Drinking Rotarians and Members

In 2016-17, the General Secretary terminated the following Fellowships:

- Fellowship of Carnival, Parades and Festivals
- Fellowship of Geocaching Rotarians
- Pre-Colombian Civilizations

For a current list of Rotary Fellowships, visit www.rotary.org/fellowships.

Rotary Fellowships' Annual Reports

4X4 International Fellowship for Rotarians (4x4)

Topic of Interest: outdoor exploration in 4x4 vehicles

Membership Data for 2016-17: 18 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

Some members of 4x4 toured various cities and landmarks in Sweden, traveling 11,400 kilometers in total. They also went to Mozambique and will finalize a tour soon.

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International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR)

Topic of Interest: amateur radio operation

Membership Data for 2016-17: 168 members in 37 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual; US\$90 for five years

Highlights from 2016-17

Two powerful transmitting stations were made available to IFROAR and members were able to access them remotely from the RI Convention Booth. Dozens of contacts were made in the Atlanta Convention House of Friendship booth.

The Fellowship also has a project underway to incorporate under USA laws.

Contact Information

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Social: [Facebook](#)

Antique, Classic and Historic Automobile World Fellowship of Rotarians (ACHAFR)

Topics of Interest: ownership, restoration, preservation, or enjoyment of antique, classic, and historic automobiles

Membership Data for 2016-17: 300 members in 12 countries

Membership Dues: US\$240 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

From 6-8 June 2017, ACHAFR organized the international "Europe Tour" in Yorkshire. No less than 48 cars/teams from various European countries participated at this event. In addition, ACHAFR supported and participated in a coast-to-coast tour 25-28 April in Italy; proceeds from the tour have been donated to benefit victims of the devastating earthquakes in Italy.

Contact Information

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Social: [Facebook](#)

Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide Fellowship (BREW)

Topic of Interest: consumption of beer and the fellowship that it generates

Membership Data for 2016-17: 731 members in 40 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

The collaboration between BREW and WASRAG (Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group) moved forward with a \$2500 donation from BREW to WASRAG at their Annual General meeting at the RI Convention in Atlanta. This donation is the first of future donations in accordance with BREW's decision to donate 25% of their annual membership revenue to WASRAG every year at the RI Convention.

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International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians (IFBR)

Topic of Interest: birdwatching

Membership Data for 2016-17: 75 members in 13 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual; US\$60 for 5 years

Highlights from 2016-17

On the Thursday following the conclusion of the Atlanta Convention, IFBR went on a bird walk for members and their guests. This year, the group birdwatched in Piedmont Park in Midtown, Atlanta, with three guides from the Atlanta Audubon Society. They presented the Atlanta Audubon Society with a check for \$100 to support one of their numerous bird conservation projects.

The group was also featured in the March 2017 edition of *The Rotarian* magazine, which generated interest in their Fellowship.

Contact Information

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Fellowship of Bowling Rotarians (FBR)

Topic of interest: To serve as a Fellowship of bowling participants and fans.

Membership Data for 2016-17: 36 members in 7 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

From 26-27 November 2016, the 14th international bowling tournament for Rotarians took place in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

In November 2017, the 15th international bowling tournament for Rotarians will take place in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians (IFCR)

Topics of interest: canoeing, sea kayaking, outrigger canoeing, dragon boating, and rafting

Membership Data for 2016-17: 146 members in 20 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

Members used the Fellowship's Facebook page to connect at the Atlanta Convention.

On 21 September 2017, Chairman Dan Herbert stepped down his position. IFCR has now started the process of finding a replacement.

Contact Information

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International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR)

Topic of interest: use of recreational vehicles at organized events

Membership Data for 2016-17: 822 members in 6 countries

Membership Dues: US\$13 annual

Highlights from 2016-17

ICFR celebrated the 50th anniversary of their Fellowship. 160 members were present at a formal dinner held at the Stratford Manor Hotel in England. A rerun of the route taken by the initial group, who had traveled to Nice in 1967 and met later that year to initiate the Caravan Fellowship, followed the dinner.

ICFR recently held their Autumn Fellowship Rally, where they met to discuss the past summer season and plan for the forthcoming summer.

Contact Information

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International Chess Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR)

Topic of interest: chess

Membership Data for 2016-17: 59 members in 18 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

ICFR played both individual matches and tournaments in a quad format of four players for each section.

Contact Information

Chair: Dr. Brian Clark (Canada)

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International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians (ICUFR)

Topic of interest: using electronic communication to serve, share, and enjoy fellowship

Membership Data for 2016-17: 829 members in 93 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

ICUFR continued working on their initiative called Membership Development and Member Engagement, which will update member details and record member activities in real time.

In June 2017, the Fellowship conducted an online annual general meeting, which was attended by many members.

Contact Information

Chair: Moritz-G Freiherr von Eckardstein (Germany)

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Convention Goers (CGF)

Topic of interest: promoting attendance at RI Conventions as a means toward fulfilling the Object of Rotary, which begins with the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service

Membership Data for 2016-17: 419 members in 53 countries

Membership Dues: US\$50 annual; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

CGF's most significant activity each year is the Annual Rotary Reunion Dinner, which the Fellowship hosts during the convention. This year, the Reunion was held at "Miss Pitty Pats" on Monday evening during the convention. It was attended by 142 Fellowship members and their spouses/guests.

The Fellowship also had a raffle for PolioPlus, raising over \$3000.

Contact Information

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Rotarian Fellowship of Corporate Social Responsibility (RFCSR)

Topic of interest: Supports organizations, either private or public, in achieving the main social responsibility objectives, such as accountability, transparency, and ethics.

Membership Data for 2016-17: 34 members in 10 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual

Highlights from 2016-17

RFCSR conducted a partnership project with third sector associations.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians (IFCR)

Topic of interest: playing cricket

Membership Data for 2016-17: 1200 members in 12 countries

Membership Dues: varies by country

Highlights from 2016-17

From 22-28 January 2017, IFCR New Zealand hosted the 9th World Rotary Cricket Festival in Christchurch. About 130 Rotarians from various IFCR countries, the majority being from India, participated in the festival.

IFCR is also planning events that are annually held in India and in Australia, bilateral tours between IFCR countries, as well as a number of global mini-festivals.

Contact Information

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Fellowship of Cruising Rotarians

Topic of interest: A social media based fellowship for Rotarians who are interested in pleasure cruising

Membership Data for 2016-17: 244 members in 13 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship's membership and the number of individuals who are active on its Facebook page continued to rise. Members have also arranged to meet each other on cruises. The Fellowship maintains a database of cruises its members have booked and uses this to 'match' members with one another. In addition, the Fellowship President and Online Content Manager self-funded the production of Fellowship lanyards and lapel pins for members.

Contact Information

Chair: Ray Scheffer (Australia)

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International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic: the sport of curling

Membership Data for 2016-17: 400 members in 4 countries.

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship's last meeting was at the Curling World Championships in Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada, 2-8 April 2016. Since April, various competitions have taken place in Eastern and Western Canada, the United States, and Scotland to choose teams that will meet for the next World Championship in Hamilton, Scotland, in April 2018.

Contact Information

Chair: Vernon Boyd (Canada)

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Fellowship Cycling to Serve

Topics of interest: cycling and service activities

Membership Data for 2016-17: 400 members in 18 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual; US\$20 or EUR€20 per year, except for India and Sri Lanka (US\$10)

Highlights from 2016-17

In May, the Fellowship held its 4-day event in Perg, Austria, with around 100 European participants. In September, the Fellowship held the World Championships in Montegranaro, Italy, with 60 racers and 200 people attending the gala dinner; donations benefitted the Italian earthquake victims. In addition, many people participated in El Tour of Tuscan, Arizona.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors

Topic of interest: networking with health professionals and carrying out service activities

Membership Data for 2016-17: 326 members in 38 countries

Membership Dues: US\$120 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship has rolled out to members and the wider family of Rotary its first vocational project: "A Good Cause for Good Care" with their partner [Aging with Dignity Foundation](#). The partnership allows Fellowship members to undertake a vocational service project for fellow Rotarians and their families.

The Fellowship's members were special guests at the CDC during the Atlanta Convention; a direct result of this was an agreement between the Fellowship and CDC/Emory Rotary Club to collaborate on a campaign in India to eradicate measles and rubella.

At the Fellowship's annual general meeting, they made an important decision to request RI to recognize them as an Action Group that will try to reduce health inequalities.

Contact Information

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Doll Lovers Fellowship

Topic of interest: dolls as a symbol of international culture and friendship

Membership Data for 2016-17: 500 members in 100 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship attended the Kalrav photography exhibition at the Rotary Dolls Museum which featured photographs of renowned photographers from all over India.

Members of the Fellowship also visited Gnesh Utsav (a popular festival in India), where children danced and played at the Rotary Dolls Museum, Bal Gansesh Utsav, while students from different schools performed various dances. The Fellowship also arranged a puppet show and a pottery demonstration.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Draughts Playing Rotarians

Topic of interest: Bringing together Rotarians who share an interest in draughts

Membership Data for 2016-17: 32 members in 6 countries

Membership Dues: US \$100 Annual

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship participated in the World Greatest Meal held in Lagos, Nigeria, in June 2017. The Fellowship was also able to partake in the House of Friendship at the Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Fellowship had a booth display at the 2016 West African Project Fair. Additionally they held their first Annual International competition where members displayed their skills of the game.

Contact Information

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Rotarian E-Club Fellowship (REF)

Topic of interest: sharing e-club resources and knowledge

Membership Data for 2016-17: 1472 members in 40 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship continues to be a place for E-Clubs as well as traditional clubs to engage and share ideas about eRotary using modern technology. Over the past year the Fellowship held eMeetings including speakers such as, General Secretary John Hewko, World Champion Sports Personalities, Polio Messages, Rotary Clubs in War Torn Countries, and more.

During the International Convention in Atlanta, the E-Club Fellowship arranged to have a “live hook up through mobile phone” in order to talk to with delegates and eClub/REF members around the world.

Contact Information

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Fellowship of Rotarian Editors and Publishers (IFREP)

Topic of interest: enabling Rotarian editors and publishers to share knowledge

Membership Data for 2016-17: 23,301 members in 150 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

IFREP has experienced significant growth in membership from Asian countries. Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors shared their projects, their celebrations, and their special events with the group.

The group has two Co-Chairs and four Administrators who monitor and publish routinely through the group's web presence. The Fellowship's attempt to have a session in Atlanta was not fruitful because of a last-minute change by RI, but the mishap did not affect their enthusiastic membership level of activities.

Contact Information

Chair: Dr. James J. Yarmus (United States)

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Educators

Topic of interest: education, training and development

Membership Data for 2016-17: 67 members in 14 countries

Membership Dues: \$20 annual, \$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship hosted a booth in the House of Friendship at the Rotary International Convention last June in Atlanta, Georgia. At the House of Friendship, the Chair met representatives from The Free Reading Program, and the Fellowship is now in partnership with this literacy program.

Contact Information

Chair: Charles Grant (United States)

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Ethics Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: Connects Rotarians interested in ethics; promotes ethics in all personal and professional interactions and in future generations.

Membership Data for 2016-17: 1140 members in 84 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

Membership in the Ethics Fellowship has grown in a very short time, with over 1000 members currently in 84 countries. The Fellowship was also able to participate in Institutes, District Conferences and Rotary Clubs, as well as giving lectures to groups. They had a booth in the House of Friendship that was well received and allotted 250 new members from 11 additional countries.

Additionally, the Fellowship held its first Ethics Fellowship of Rotarians meeting with keynote speaker RIPE Sam Owori. There was representative from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, India, Italy, Mexico, Pakistan Uganda and the USA.

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Environment Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: environmental concerns and related service activities

Membership Data for 2016-17: 3,628 members in 96 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship's booth in the House of Friendship during the RI Convention was well-received.

Some members participated in the "World Water Summit 9," which gave participants the opportunity to learn about choosing the right projects, do the community assessment, as well as find partner Rotary clubs, understand the Global Grant process, the life-cycle process, the technology, etc., notions useful to realize always better projects.

Members in Italy and Brazil spent two years helping 50 young adults to acquire the tools and knowledge to be successful farmers and planted trees.

Contact Information

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Esperanto World Fellowship of Rotarians (RADE)

Topic of interest: using and sustaining the language Esperanto

Membership Data for 2016-17: 120 members in 15 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

A new E-Club chapter of the Fellowship was founded in Brazil, with 23 new members from ten different countries.

The Italian E-Club of the Fellowship published an Italian version of the cartoon book “Paul Harris Pioneer of a New World”. The profits from the sales of the book will go to the PolioPlus program. The E-Club also donated agricultural tools to young people in Brazil.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians

Topics of interest: fishing and conservation of fisheries

Membership Data for 2016-17: 859 members in 40 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship's Facebook Group serves as a 24/7 virtual House of Friendship. It helps members contact each other to provide fishing tips, promotes clubs' and fellowship chapters' fishing tournaments, sends out fishing invitations, and publishes comments and photographs associated with all of the preceding.

The Fellowship also added some historical content to its new website, as well as planted trees and vegetation in marine wetlands.

Contact Information

Chair: David A. Kroner (United States)

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Social: [Facebook](#)

International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR)

Topic of interest: aviation

Membership Data for 2016-17: 1,523 members in 57 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual

Highlights from 2016-17

IFFR held a fly-out after the Atlanta convention. Each section also had multiple activities throughout the year.

Contact Information

Chair: Svend Anderson (Denmark)

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Website: www.iffr.org

Social: [Facebook](#)

Fellowship of Rotarian Genealogists

Topic of interest: To unite Rotarians with an interest in family history and exploring genealogy

Membership Data for 2016-17: 65 members in 7 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship held its first Annual General Meeting during the Atlanta Convention with 45 current and prospective members.

Contact Information

Chair: Lawrence Tristram (UK)

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International Go Playing Fellowship of Rotarians (GPFR)

Topic of interest: playing Go, a strategic board game

Membership Data for 2016-17: 265 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual

Highlights from 2016-17

GPFR held its 16th Local Tournament in Japan in October 2016 and its 18th International Tournament in Taiwan in April 2017.

GPFR has been developing a way to publish its newsletter in English. GPFR published its 30th newsletter since it started in 2000.

Contact Information

Chair: Yoshimasa Ishii (Japan)

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International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians (IGFR)

Topic of interest: golfing

Membership Data for 2016-17: 979 members in 45 countries

Membership Dues: US\$30 annual; US\$230 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

Younger Rotarian Golfers continue to struggle with finding the time and money to participate in at least at one major tournament; the average age of participants at world championships continues to rise.

In July 2016, some 160 golfers from about 20 nations participated in the yearly world championship in Rotterdam. Despite the absence of international sponsoring, the organizers of the WC in Rotterdam managed to make a small profit.

150 people participated in the European championship in Sicily GC Donnafugata.

Contact Information

Chair: Robert Motteram (Australia)

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World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets

Topic of interest: the preparation and enjoyment of fine foods from around the world

Membership Data for 2016-17: 160 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$30 annual

Highlights from 2016-17

Through the Rotarian Gourmet Italian Renaissance, the Fellowship was able to raise money for the earthquake victims of Emilia Romagna. The Association of Producers provided a gourmet lunch sold Aceto Balsamico.

The Fellowship also partnered with two associations in Tuscany, Chef and Butchers, to hold the festival of "Florentina T-Bone Steak" in Piazza della Signoria, Florence.

Contact Information

Chair: Sonia Baron (Canada)

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International Hiking Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: For Rotarians who love hiking

Membership Data for 2016-17: 50 members in 10 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

Contact Information

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Website: [Facebook](#)

International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: promoting home exchange amongst Rotarians as an opportunity for fellowship and service.

Membership Data for 2016-17: 46 members in 12 countries

Membership Dues: US\$52 annual

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship encouraged Rotarians to exchange their homes with other families, working with a commercial home exchange agency to facilitate this activity. That agency has significantly improved and redesigned their website.

Contact Information

Chair: John Mesinger (United States)

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Website : www.RotarianHomeExchange.com

Honorary Consuls' Fellowship of Rotarians (HCFR)

Topic of interest: building international understanding, goodwill and peace while promoting the best in Honorary Consuls' experience

Membership Data for 2016-17: 244 members in 68 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17:

HCFR strove to actively promote ethical behavior, especially as Consuls' & Diplomats'. They sought to contribute to Rotary's objective and attract World Peace & Understanding, inspired by the 4WayTest and Rotary's vision. United in their service to humankind, members of HCFR furthered their vocational development, continually making and developing new friends around the world, exploring new service opportunities, and having fun enhancing their Rotary experience.

Contact Information

Chair: Marco G. Kappenberger (Samoa)

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Rotarian Fellowship of Touring Horseback Riders

Topic of interest: horseback riding

Membership Data for 2016-17: 26 members in 5 countries

Membership Dues: US\$55 annual

Highlights from 2016-17

In September 2016, the Fellowship held a horseback-riding tour for seven days in the Ardennen, Luxembourg. In February 2017, the Fellowship also held a General Assembling meeting.

Contact Information

Chair: Franz-Henri Gillieron (Switzerland)

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Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI)

Topic of interest: applying information technology to enhance Rotary service, fellowship and knowledge

Membership Data for 2016-17: 2,200 members in 131 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

ROTI talked every day on the Internet through their Yahoo Groups with members, holding their Board meeting through Yahoo Groups only. They discussed everything, except religious and political issues. Their annual activity is a dinner held during the RI Convention in Atlanta, where the Immediate Chair handed over the mantle of leadership to the current Chair. They will have an annual dinner in Toronto.

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Rotarian Jazz Fellowship

Topic of interest: jazz music

Membership Data for 2016-17: 192 members in 6 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship's Austrian chapter incorporated at the RI Convention. The Fellowship also sponsored the well-recognized startup Jazz Band Filou and the first CD of Fillou ('Live: Modern Groove Stylez). They organized a jazz concert with various unknown jazz artists, Rotary Jazz Messengers (Rotarian Jazzer), and Filou as the main performers of the evening (ca 400 people at Burg Vischering). Finally, the Fellowship produced a Christmas Jazz CD.

Contact Information

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Rotarians for the Advancement of Latin Culture

Topic of interest: the appreciation of Latin cultures and languages

Membership Data for 2015-16: 360 members in 23 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2015-16

Over the past year there was daily communication via Yahoo Groups and WhatsApp with more than 70 members. The Fellowship meets physically at least once a year. This year two physical meetings took place, one in Lima, Peru and one in Tucumán, Argentina.

Additionally, the Fellowship gifted all of the Presidents of the Association a statue of Paul Harris with an engraved plaque.

Contact Information

Chair: Roberto Avila Astudillo (Ecuador)

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Social: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#)

Rotarian Lawyers Fellowship (RLF)

Topic of interest: the vocation of law

Membership Data for 2016-17: 250 members in 20 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The fellowship continued to organize a more consistent professional network.

Contact Information

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Social: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [My Rotary](#)

Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians

Topic of interest: the performance of magic tricks as a vocation and as a hobby

Membership Data for 2016-17: 20 members in 7 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship shared a booth with the Wine Appreciation Fellowship. Four of the members "worked" the booth entertaining the crowd and promoting both Fellowships. They also held an annual meeting and elected officers.

Contact Information

Chair: Jim Lang (United States)

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International Fellowship of Magna Graecia

Topic of interest: historical study of the Greek, Roman, and Italian roots of modern culture

Membership Data for 2015-16: 90 members in 8 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

On 24-25 September, members of the Sicily Delegation and Magna Graecia Fellowship participated in the “Fellowship Festival” programmed in Palermo by District 2110 Governor Nunzio Scibilia. Ten Fellowships contributed to the event’s success.

“Rotary No-Ictus Screening” was first illustrated in Piazza Plebiscito, before everyone moved toward the Overseas Exhibition site, where members of the Cycling Magna Graecia Fellowship and Cicloverdi Fiab-Napoli participated in the “Naples Bike Festival.”

Contact Information

Chair: Angelandrea Casale (Italy)

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International Fellowship of Marathon Running Rotarians (IMFR)

Topic of interest: marathon running

Membership Data for 2016-17: 247 members in 30 countries

Membership Dues: US\$120 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

From 7-9 October, IMFR met in Budapest, Hungary, commencing with a dusk river cruise on the Danube on Friday evening. They then went on a city tour of Buda and Pest and had their pre-race pasta party on Saturday, before running the marathon and having their post-race dinner on Sunday. It was a highly successful get-together with much local assistance from and fellowship with then President Dorka Ballo and members of RC Budapest Center and then DG Ilona Penzes.

IMFR also had a booth at the Atlanta Convention, which was shared with the Educators Fellowship. Their members spoke to many convention delegates and gave out information to about 150 interested people. Members in France and Germany attended get-togethers as part of other running events in their respective countries.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Military Veterans

Topic of interest: to bring together military veterans from as many countries as possible in support of Rotary's efforts toward Peace and Conflict/Resolution

Membership Data for 2016-17: 44 members in 7 countries

Membership Dues: US \$10 annual; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

The International Fellowship of Rotarian Military Veterans held its first annual meeting at the International Convention in Atlanta. At that meeting it was determined that the Fellowship would work to share programs that support Veterans from around the world. By using this as a common service project regardless of country, they will be bettering the lives of Veterans and exposing those who served their country.

The Fellowship has collected contact information for 300+ potential members and is beginning a membership campaign this Rotary year to reach their next milestone of 500 members from at least a dozen countries.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

Topic of interest: motorcycle riding

Membership Data for 2016-17: 2,200 members in 24 countries

Membership Dues: Varies by chapter \$0-\$80

Highlights from 2016-17

In November 2017, the Fellowship will hold the one formally recognized World Ride. Post-convention rides were held from Atlanta. In addition, each Chapter has continued to organize major rides within their locality and promote them through their website and post them on the international website. Individual Chapters raised funds as they saw fit and donated to worthy causes (e.g. Australia supported the Royal Flying Doctor Service from proceeds of its major rides). It was also noted that there had been contributions to the Rotary Foundation by awarding PHFs.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians (IFRM)

Topic of interest: singing and musical activities

Membership Data for 2016-17: 510 members in 44 countries

Membership Dues: US\$12 annual; US\$35 for three years; US\$200 lifetime; US\$100 for spouse (lifetime)

Highlights from 2016-17

Under the choral direction of PDG Judith Walker, the IFRM-sponsored Rotary World Choir performed at the Interfaith Service at each annual RI Convention. In Atlanta, they had 124 voices to celebrate the RI Foundation's Centennial. Later that day, the full Choir performed on the main stage of the Hall of Friendship. They received standing ovations at both performances.

This year, the Fellowship also enrolled 137 new members at the IFRM Booth. Rotarians flocked to the booth for the sing-alongs. IFRM also sponsored a Showcase of Talent from around the IFRM world on the main stage in the House of Friendship.

Contact Information

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Social: [Facebook](#)

Fellowship of Old and Rare Antique Books and Prints

Topic of interest: collection and appreciation of old and rare texts

Membership Data for 2016-17: 603 members in 44 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The group works through its web site that allows participants to submit contacts. Members of the fellowship can share rare and precious material and perform searches through www.rotaryoldbooks.org

Contact Information

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Social: [Facebook](#)

Fellowship of Rotarian Past District Governors (and Friends)

Topic of interest: facilitating fellowship and the exchange of ideas between past district governors

Membership Data for 2016-17: 418 members in 44 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual

Highlights from 2016-17

At the Atlanta Convention, the Fellowship partnered with the All Africa group to host a breakfast. Their keynote speaker was RIPE Sam Owori, and they had over 600 people in attendance.

In addition, there were various PDG Fellowship reunions around the world.

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Social : [Facebook](#)

International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers

Topic of interest: photography

Membership Data for 2016-17: 470 members in 62 countries

Membership Dues: none

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship's new membership team worked hard, which resulted in steep membership growth in the last 6 months. They have sent SMS, emailed, as well as used Rotaract clubs and club meetings to promote the same, resulting in membership growth.

From the month of August, they have started to recognize the MOST Popular images by posting them as a Banner on their Facebook page.

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Police/Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians (Polepfor)

Topic of interest: the vocation of police and law enforcement

Membership Data for 2016-17: 100+ members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship had a booth in the House of Friendship at the Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. The booth was well received, and the Fellowship was able to gain new members. The Fellowship will soon be a co-sponsor for the Rotary New South Wales Police Officer of the Year Awards, which has taken place for the past four years. Additionally, the Fellowship will be participating in a Wreath Laying Ceremony during United Nations Day in Sydney.

Contact Information

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Social: [Facebook](#)

Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists

Topic of interest: quilting and other fabric art forms

Membership Data for 2016-17: 225 members in 13 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship “sold” every handmade item displayed in their booth at the RI Convention, and over \$8,000.00 US was contributed to the PolioPlus fund. In addition, Chairman Cheryl Minshew rented an 8-bedroom large house in the suburbs of Atlanta, GA, where several of the Fellowship’s members stayed during the convention; members staying there were from four countries (Mexico, Canada, England, and USA).

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Railroading Rotarians

Topics of interest: railroads, scale models, narrow gauge railways, as well as steam, diesel, and electric trains.

Membership Data for 2016-17: 25 members in 15 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship distributed their newsletter "Smokestack" electronically throughout the membership and the proceedings at the RI Convention in Atlanta. During the Atlanta Convention, attendees learned about the business and control of railroading, visiting the headquarters of the Norfolk Southern Railway Co.

Outline plans have been made for the Toronto Convention in 2018. The new President aims to increase the international interest in the Fellowship.

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Recreational Vehicles Fellowship of Rotarians (RVF)

Topic of interest: use of recreational vehicles to rally and camp at scenic locations in North America

Membership Data for 2016-17: 750 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: member countries have individual dues

Highlights from 2016-17

During the RI Convention, the Fellowship held the RVF Annual Rally and had 65 RV's, which included 12 from Australia and 1 from Britain. Prior to the convention, the Fellowship held a rolling rally, which included Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and North and South Carolina. There were 24 RV's, and the event lasted 21 days.

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Rotary Global History Fellowship (Internet Project) (RGHF)

Topic of interest: collecting and preserving the complete history, values, and philosophy of Rotary

Membership Data for 2016-17: 810 members in 160 countries

Membership Dues: US\$30 annual; US\$50 for two years; US\$120 for five years

Highlights from 2016-17

During the 2016-17 Rotary year, the RGHF continued updating the capabilities of their website to enable members to have an improved experience with their search for the History of Rotary, Zones, Districts and Clubs. The Fellowship also updated the RGHF ByLaws and streamlined their organization.

The Fellowship has continued to focus on the history of Young Professionals, an initiative which they started during the past year.

Contact Information

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Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship of Rotarians (RHHIF)

Topic of interest: exchanging information about Rotary heritage and history

Membership Data for 2016-17: 121 members in 7 countries

Membership Dues: one-time fee of US\$50 to be in the RHHIF Hall of Fame

Highlights from 2016-17

RHHIF decided to allow Rotarians to be admitted to our Hall of Fame after 30 and 40 years of service to Rotary so that women could be included in the HOF. The Fellowship honored Dr. Sylvia Whitlock, the first woman president of a Rotary club, as the first woman in their Hall of Fame. They also subsequently honored two women of the Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Breakfast Rotary Club - Linda L. Brown and Mary Lou Auxier.

In addition, the Fellowship made three donations of \$1,000 each to the following organizations that align with their core values: The Comely Bank restoration project; the Roosevelt Historic Pool & Museum Complex restoration in Warm Springs, Georgia; and the International Friendship Bell and Peace Pavilion in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Contact Information

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Rotary Means Business Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: support the success of fellow Rotarians by doing business with them

Membership Data for 2016-17: 600 members in 30 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual; US \$75 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship underwent a massive expansion in 2017, especially in India (before the Atlanta Convention) and Africa (after the Atlanta Convention).

Contact Information

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Rotary on Pins Fellowship (RPF)

Topic of interest: Engage Rotary through Rotary pins. Learn about the world of Rotary history, annual themes, events, and unique aspects of Clubs, Districts, Zones and the Foundation through Rotary pins. Share collect, highlight and trade pins affiliated with Rotary.

Membership Data for 2016-17: 1,200 members in 40 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

RPF had a booth in the International Convention House of Friendship, and the Fellowship was packed during all open hours and had an incredible amount of interest.

In addition, RPF created a website page and a Fellowship Pin (by Russell Hampton), which they have given away or sold for cost. They also participated in numerous House of Friendships, including the D-6970 Annual Conference and Florida PETS training.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Rotary on Stamps

Topic of interest: collecting and sharing Rotary-related postage stamps

Membership Data for 2016-17: 180 members in 36 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual; US\$200 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

Members of the Fellowship sponsored the issue of personalized stamps for “End Polio Now” as well as “Presidential Themes”.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Rowing Rotarians (IfoRR)

Topic of interest: Promotes the friendship of Rotarians around the world, who have common interest in rowing.

Membership Data for 2016-17: 37 members in 5 countries

Membership Dues: US\$22 annual

Highlights from 2016-17:

This year IfoRR's first full year as a Rotary Fellowship. A board meeting took place on 12 December 2016 while the Annual General Assembly was held on 25 May 2017 in Mainz. In July 2016, the Fellowship visited another club for the first time rode with a coxed eights from the Mannheimer Rudergesellschaft Baden von 1880. IfoRR also started the 2017 rowing season in May with a trip around a protected island.

During the weekend of 29 September - 2 October 2017, the Fellowship rowed on the Chiemsee in Bavaria.

Contact Information

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Russian Culture Worldwide Rotarian Fellowship

Topic of interest: develop and extend Russian culture to Rotarians around the world

Membership Data for 2016-17: 50 members in 12 countries

Membership Dues: US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17:

The Fellowship supported the Russian Theater project in Washington, as well as Russian Scout School in Sydney, and the publication of a book in Russia and the US. Additionally, they participated in a Russian Evening in a casino in Cavaler-sur-Mer, France.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR)

Topic of interest: strengthening Rotary's connection to the scouting movement through activities, projects, and training

Membership Data for 2016-17: 1,106 members in 42 countries

Membership Dues: US\$35 annual; US\$275 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17:

The IFSR has continued to recognize Scouts and their Troops for their noteworthy accomplishments in serving the public with certificates of achievement. The Fellowship awarded 46 adults who had done extraordinary service to both Rotary and Scouting.

This past year, the IFSR had a presence at many Zone Institutes, the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, the BSA annual meeting in Orlando, and many world Scout meetings, including the tri-annual Eurasian Scout conference in Yerevan Armenia.

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers (IFRSD)

Topic of interest: scuba diving

Membership Data for 2016-17: 87 members in 7 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The IFRSD organized two scuba diving trips: one land-based to grand Cayman and the other live-aboard trip to Cuba.

Contact Information

Chair: Jim Kueny (USA)

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International Fellowship of Shooting Sport Rotarian (IFSSR)

Topic of interest: marksmanship and the safe handling of firearms

Membership Data for 2016-17: 50 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$25 annual; US\$100 lifetime; US\$125 lifetime for Rotarian and spouse

Highlights from 2016-17

In April of 2017, the IFSSR held a Spring Clay Shoot, which was sponsored by local businesses, medical facilities, and individuals. Shooters of all ages came for a day of fun, fellowship, sporting clay shoot, and BBQ to raise funds for PolioPlus; the event raised \$11,500 from the shooting event and raffle.

The IFSSR also discussed a new policy for guns and Rotary, working hard to make sure that it would be beneficial to all concerned. During that time, the Fellowship's website was down so that they could ensure they were complying with all Rotary guidelines. The website is up now but is being reworked to make the Fellowship more attractive and engaging for Rotarians.

Contact Information

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Rotarian Singles Fellowship (RSF)

Topic of interest: promoting fellowship, friendship, and Rotary service among single Rotarians

Membership Data for 2016-17: 396 members in 41 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 lifetime

Highlights from 2015-16

In February, the RSF chartered a new Chapter in Rome, Italy; this is the first new Chapter since the Fellowship was chartered in 2007.

Contact Information

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International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians (SFR)

Topic of interest: skiing

Membership Data for 2016-17: 372 members in 16 countries

Membership Dues: US\$35 annual; US\$350 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

Over 300 members and spouses from 20 different countries and 5 continents attended the European Chapter's annual meeting in Cortina d'Ampezzo from 4-11 March. The Chapter raised 15,000 Euros to help disabled individuals.

During the ISFR meeting in Jackson Hole, the Fellowship visited Yellowstone National Park, went on the Wild Animal Safari in Grand Teton National Park, snowmobiled, and partook in other fun activities. At the Gala Dinner, the Fellowship raised \$15,000.

Contact Information

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Social: [Facebook](#)

Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship

Topic of interest: promoting fellowship and service utilizing all the tools available on social networks

Membership Data for 2016-17: 1,073 members in 13 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship significantly upgraded their website by changing hosting arrangements, redesigning the layout, and transferring the best material from their old website across. The Fellowship also decided that their website's chat rooms were no longer necessary. In addition, Don Higgins designed a new tool that would allow members to self-register using their Facebook profile, along with some added detail about which club/district they belong to.

Contact Information

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Table Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: for Rotarians with interest in table tennis

Membership Data for 2016-17: 45 members in 6 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

In May, the Fellowship had two Table Tennis Tournaments. They also plan to hold a tournament with the Rotary Club of Krasnodor in Antalya, Turkey.

Contact Information

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International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: tennis

Membership Data for 2016-17: 17,000 members in 107 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship held several tournaments in Europe, South America, and North America, concluding the year with the 13th World Championship Tournament on 7-9 June in Atlanta to coincide with the RI Convention.

The Fellowship also raised almost \$500,000 for PolioPlus and many more thousands for local Rotary club programs.

Contact Information

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Social: [Facebook](#)

Rotarians' International Fellowship of Total Quality Management

Topic of interest: the business concept of “total quality management”

Membership Data for 2016-17: 37 members in 9 countries

Membership Dues: US\$48 annual

Highlights from 2016-17

The Italy Chapter's adoption of ISO 9001 procedures is still in progress, producing good results: so far, three different R.C. Clubs and District 2080 operate according to the ISO standards. The Chapter also organized training courses to help individuals attain the title of Internal Auditor ISO 9001.

Contact Information

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International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF)

Topic of interest: facilitating opportunities for Rotarians to visit one another in the course of their travels.

Membership Data for 2016-17: 1,086 members in 60 countries

Membership Dues: US\$35 annual; US\$55 for three years

Highlights from 2016-17

From 13 February to 1 March 2017, ITHF members and their families toured Nepal and Bhutan. In addition, past ITHF Administrator Uen-hua Chao organized a homestay program to attract volunteer English teachers to Dadu, Taiwan.

90 members attended the 2017 Annual General Meeting during the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. The Fellowship's booth in the House of Friendship was very successful, as 150 new members were enrolled and quite a few more renewed their membership.

Contact Information

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International Fellowship of Wellness and Fitness Rotarians (IFWFR)

Topics of interest: maintaining personal health through running, exercise, and fitness

Membership Data for 2016-17: 142 members in 24 countries

Membership Dues: No annual or lifetime dues

Highlights from 2016-17

IFWFR members exchanged emails on wellness and Fitness: sharing experience, answering questions, and encouraging Rotarian activities with their health and the object of Rotary in mind. IFWFR also continued to cooperate well with the "Fitness Loving Rotarians Fellowship" of India's RI District 3230.

In August and September, Rotarians regularly gathered together and practiced good fitness and wellness in Lech/Austria, while also indirectly supporting the underprivileged communities in Lech. In addition, Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Misen have continued to organize and hold their annual walks in the pristine mountain landscape west of Hiroshima. Other Rotarians in Hobart/Tasmania, Samoa, Harare/Zimbabwe, and Northeast Africa have organized similar events to practice good fitness and wellness.

Contact Information

Chair: Marco Kappenberger (Samoa)

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Whisk(e)y Drinking Rotarians and members (Whiskey DRAM)

Topics of interest: facilitating opportunities for Rotarians and family to learn about whisk(e)y, food pairings and other topics related to the appreciation of all whiskies produced worldwide.

Membership Data for 2016-17: 351 members in 29 countries

Membership Dues: US \$35 annual; US \$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

The Whiskey DRAM Fellowship was able to secure a booth in the House of Friendship during the International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. It was considered to be a wonderful experience for all members of the Fellowship, especially meeting individuals who have been communicated with previously in person.

Whiskey DRAM also hosted an off-site event during the convention in Atlanta at the Southern Art Restaurant and Bourbon Bar. The event included a four course meal with appropriate whiskeys served with each course. A mixologist also joined for an evening of discussion on the finer points of whiskey.

Contact Information

Chair: Terry Moore (USA)

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Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship

Topic of interest: exploring the making, tasting, consumption, collecting, and production of wine

Membership Data for 2016-17: 4,000+ members in 66 countries

Membership Dues: US\$25 annual; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2016-17

The Fellowship organized three well received wine dinners at the Atlanta Convention with a total of over 400 members in attendance. Additionally they hosted a booth in the House of Friendship and added over 150 new members.

The Fellowship also helped organize and fund a container load of wheelchairs from the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation to send to Cuba in partnership with a past Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar who recently graduated from the University of Havana Medical School. A group of 18 Rotarians traveled to Cuba last March to confirm the arrangements. Unfortunately, the Cuban government decided that any shipments such as this now need a special permit and the organization with whom the Fellowship worked with to receive the shipment, Carritas Cuba (a Catholic Charities organization), has not been able to secure a permit yet. The Shipment is now going to the RC of Parras in Mexico to add a Grapevine RC District Grant project to provide a wheelchair-equipped school bus for them so they can drive into the mountain villages around Parras to transport handicapped children to the schools in the city so they can get an education. If and when the Cuban government issues the required permit, the Fellowship plans to fund a second container of wheelchairs to send there as originally intended.

Finally, the Fellowship plans to contribute over \$6,000 to PolioPlus, bringing their total contribution to over \$140,000.

Contact Information

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Social: [Facebook](#)

International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR)

Topics of interest: cruising, racing, yachting, sailing, and boating, and encouraging high standards of seamanship through recognized customs and etiquette of the water

Membership Data for 2016-17: 3,685 members in 39 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual

Highlights from 2015-16

The IYFR held an International Annual General Meeting in Atlanta, followed by a Post-Convention Cruise in Pensacola.

The IYFR continued to grow during its 70th year with many new fleets chartered through the world. In addition, Area 1 (Europe, the Middle East, and Africa) of the IYFR launched Operation Barracuda, a project seeking to locally produce life jackets for South African fishermen communities. Area 2 (the Americas) focused on the development of the Sea Scouts of Chile and Ecuador; and Area 3, the annual International Coastal Clean-up in Subic Bay and Zambales, Philippines.

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