

Rotary Fellowships 2013 Annual Report

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Introduction

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, and Rotaractors 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 report summarizes each fellowship's reported membership statistics and key activities during Rotary year 2012-13.

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 changed much over the years, but today their purpose is still to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favorite recreational or professional activities.

Membership

In 2012-13, 63 fellowships reported a combined membership of 31,513 people in more than 180 countries worldwide. The average size for each Fellowship is 500 members. As of October 2013, 27 fellowships (33% of all fellowships) charged no membership dues.

Recent updates

In November 2013, the RI Board of Directors recognized three new fellowships:

- o Rotarian E-Club Fellowship
- o Rotary Means Business Fellowship of Rotarians
- o Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide (BREW) Fellowship

As these are new groups, they did not submit an annual report for 2012-13. For a current list of Rotary Fellowships, visit www.rotary.org/fellowships.

Rotary Fellowships' Annual Reports

International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio

Topic of Interest: amateur radio operation

Membership Data for 2012-13: 333 members in 29 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

At the 2013 Rotary International Convention in Lisbon ROAR "Hams" visited the fellowship's booth. ROAR members successfully made contact with Rotarians both in Europe and in Oceania. On one occasion, Russian Rotarian, Victor (UA3IBK), operated the station and he succeeded in working a solid pile-up of Russian operators. Steve (KL7SB) also dropped by and also attracted a huge pile-up on more than one occasion.

The activation of VI4POLIO this year proved how successful this can be with 818 contacts being made with 66 countries and over 3500 lookups on the qrz.com web page - all in just 48 hours.

The annual meeting attracted a good number of ROAR members and the items under discussion received good input from many members.

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Antique, Classic and Historic Automobile World Fellowship of Rotarians

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 450 members in 13 countries

Membership Dues: US\$67 annual; US\$203 lifetime

Highlights from 2012-13

In 2013, ACHAFR added three new chapters in Germany, Portugal and Spain. Plans to create chapters in Finland and Belgium were discussed at the annual meeting.

Chapters around the world carried out multiple-day country tours in the United States, Portugal, and Great Britain. Some of the museum stops along the way included the CPAA Auto Museum in Lisbon and the Route 66 Museum in Kingman, Arizona.

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Rotarians' International Fellowship of Authors and Writers

Topic of Interest: writing

Membership Data for 2012-13: 21 members in 6 countries

Membership Dues: No annual dues, US\$145 lifetime.

Highlights from 2012-13

- Held a birthday party, workshop and annual meeting in Lisbon with 5 new members joining.
- Transformed its website to a more user friendly WordPress model, enabling members to interact more freely.
- Opened up social media accounts with Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

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International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians

Topic of Interest: birdwatching

Membership Data for 2012-13: 104 members in 23 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

After the International Convention in Lisbon members of the fellowship went on a birdwatching fieldtrip. The intrepid group of IFBR members, and a wonderful young guide named Nuno Barros, braved nearly 100 degree heat (37C) to see the birds of two areas near Lisbon this year. We are grateful to Nuno, to Domingos Leitao, who organized the trip, and to the *Sociedade Portuguesa para o Estudo das Aves* (SPEA) for providing the leadership of these two outstanding birders free of charge to our group.

From Nuno, we learned that the economy of Portugal has made it very difficult for ecologists to make any headway in wildlife preservation. We saw a shopping mall that used to be a nature preserve. We are grateful to men like Nuno and Domingos for their dedication to wildlife.

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International Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarians

Topics of interest: canoeing, kayaking, sea kayaking, outrigger canoeing, dragon boating, rafting, other paddling disciplines and activities that relate to the preservation of waterways

Membership Data for 2012-13: 82 members in 7 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

IFCR member Anders from Sweden built a couple of wooden kayaks and shared pictures with members of the fellowship, while IFCR member Dan continues to share photos of the waterways around his home in Ontario, Canada.

Other items shared with IFCR membership include a video made while canoeing and kayaking in the state of Washington, U.S.A.

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International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: use of recreational vehicles at organized events throughout Europe and elsewhere

Membership Data for 2012-13: 1027 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$16 per couple

Highlights from 2012-13

ICFR continues to arrange about 35 to 40 meetings each year where its members can be together for five days or more around the United Kingdom. On average between 15 and 40 outfits will attend these apart from our two major meetings. We hold our annual Rally over five days in May with the annual meeting being held on the Saturday morning. There are usually approaching 90-100 outfits (180 - 200 members) for this meeting. A similar meeting is held for five days in September called the Autumn Fellowship Rally.

Longer meetings of three to four weeks duration are arranged in Europe each year. These gatherings will involve a range of social activities and where possible a visit to the local Rotary Club will be made. In 2013 there have been four rallies in France and one in the Netherlands.

From time to time extended tours will be held further afield i.e., South Africa, New Zealand & North America.

ICFR also continues to operate at the district level, having its own small committee structure within each district. This keeps local involvement to a maximum and gives greater encouragement to organizing future rallies as well as pushing to find new members. Frequently districts will support its local conference and at the same time try to attract new members in the House of Friendship.

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International Fellowship of Carnival, Parades and Festivals

Topics of interest: the traditions and customs of Carnival and other parades and festivals

Membership Data for 2012-13: 32 members in 5 countries

Membership Dues: US\$25 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

The International Fellowship of Carnivals, Parades and Festivals came together on the 10th of February in Cologne, Germany with members of the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR) to celebrate one of the oldest festivals in the country, "Cologne Rosenmontagszug."

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International Chess Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: chess

Membership Data for 2012-13: 117 members in 26 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

ICFR had a booth at the House of Friendship during the RI convention in Lisbon, Portugal 2013. The present chair and past chair welcomed visitors at the booth and played chess and discussed with visitor the activities and structure of IFCR.

Throughout the year, tournament chair Brian Clark arranged chess matches between members and published games in the monthly newsletter. ICFR publishes a monthly newsletter, which is sent to members electronically. The fellowship maintains an active series of games between members.

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International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 786 members in 68 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

ICUFR attracted 30 new members. The majority of new members hail from India and United States. As of 2013, ICUFR had members on every continent, with the exception of Antarctica. Contact was maintained with our membership through the web forum, web site, newsletters and the use of a mailing list to which all new members were subscribed.

This year marked the end of an era. The secretary and treasurer who had served for many years, and the chairman who had completed the maximum term of office allowed under the bylaws, all retired. New officers were elected (from India, Ghana and the United Kingdom) and the Lisbon Convention provided an opportunity for them to meet and get to know each other. 2013-14 promises to be an interesting year under the new leadership.

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Convention Goers

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 2012-13: 471 members in 42 countries

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

Highlights from 2012-13

We once again had a booth during the convention, which members helped staff for five days. As part of the booth, we made nearly 1000 free luggage tags for convention goers for their convention bags using their business cards and a exclusively developed "Sydney Convention" business card to promote attending the 2014 convention in Sydney. This is the 5th year we have done this, and once again it was a big success.

Our most "fun and exciting" event was the annual "Rotary Reunion" banquet. This year it was held at the magnificent Corinthia Hotel that maintains sweeping views of the city. The food was fabulous and the more than 270 attendees helped raise more than \$400 for the PolioPlus campaign, which was donated in honor of our past Chairman, PRIVP Lou Piconi who passed away this past December. The event was attended by Rotarians from all over the world.

As we've done since 2006, the CGF was responsible for working with RI to develop and present two "First Time Convention Goers" orientation sessions at Lisbon. As usual, they were very successful and widely attended.

We also exhibited at Pacific Northwest President Elect Training Session (PETS) in Seattle in February to promote the convention in Lisbon, showed the Lisbon Convention Video and made LOTS of Lisbon Luggage tags for the PE's. This is the largest PETS in the world with more than 1000 in attendance and we registered 43 Rotarians for Lisbon over the weekend.

Overall it was a great year but we were all deeply saddened by the passing of our Past Chairman PRIV Lou Piconi. Lou's passion was PolioPlus and I think he would be very pleased with the money that was given by our members to Polio in his honor. We all miss him greatly. He was truly "One of a Kind".

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International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians

Topic of interest: playing cricket

Membership Data for 2012-13: 1037 members in 11 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

- Expansion of IFCR into new countries, including Bangladesh and Greece.
- The IFCR Festival this year was held in Hyderabad, India and was sponsored by District 3150 with the theme of "Cricket for Education." In attendance for the event was the Rotary International President.
- IFCR Inter Club Tournament 2012 was held in Mumbai, India in June 2012.
- The "All India IFCR Festival" was held from February 21st to February 24th ,2013 in Chennai , India with proceeds collected for the project "Cricket Vision," which benefits Indians suffering from vision deterioration or limitations.
- The South Asia Rotary Cricket Tournament was held during May 9th and 10th in Munnar, Kerala, India, and was conducted with the support of District 3201.

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International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic: the sport of curling

Membership Data for 2012-13: 400 members in 4 countries.

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

The last meeting of the fellowship as a whole was at the World Championships in Laurel, Maryland, USA in April 2012. In the mean time various competitions took place in Eastern & Western Canada, Madison, Wisconsin, and Scotland. These games were held to select what teams will meet for our next World Championship in Aberdeen, Scotland in March 2014.

During the past year we lost two members long associated with our Fellowship. Dr. William Rotton of Utica N.Y. was a Director of the Fellowship from 1976 to 1996. Mr. Rolf MacKeen was Secretary-Treasurer of the Fellowship from 1974 to 2002

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Fellowship Cycling to Serve

Topics of interest: cycling and service activities

Membership Data for 2012-13: 323 members in 20 countries

Membership Dues: No annual dues; US\$20 lifetime

Highlights from 2012-13

The official 28th Rotary Cycling World Championship was organized this year by RC La Rochelle and Gilles Denis on the French Atlantic coast. There were fascinating races in the several age categories and wonderful Rotary friendship. About 150 participants from over 12 countries partook in the various races. More than 250 attending members gathered and enjoyed a great weekend on the French Atlantic coast. The proceeds of the event were then given to support Crohn's disease research.

A four day cycling tour was organized by RC Hallein-Süd, near Salzburg, Austria with individual cycling tours for different distances in the alpine area between Austria and southeast of Germany.

The Fellowship also partook in an interesting cultural program in historical Salzburg, with visits at the Festival Theater Palace. This unique opportunity was organized by Bostjan Fuijs and a local Rotary club. With the funds raised by the event it was possible to sponsor a handicapped young wheelchair basketball talent and the national wheelchair team of Austria.

National Representatives organized several events in their respective countries and brought the members together in a real fellowship spirit as well. For example, the Austria FCS-team rode from lower Austria to the Lake of Constance in support of the Stop Polio Now campaign. They covered a distance of 625km non-stop.

FCS was also present during the 2013 RI Convention in Lisboa inside the House of Friendship, and was met with great attention by the convention attendees.

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors

Topic of interest: facilitating the exchange of ideas among Rotarians in the health professions and allied fields

Membership Data for 2012-13: 250 members in 38 countries

Membership Dues: US\$120 annual; US\$120 lifetime

Highlights from 2012-13

Past Chairman Dr. Himansu Basu led a Vocational Training Team of 5 Senior Obstetricians to Sikkim, India to assist local trainers in coping with obstetric emergencies by utilizing the CALMED model. The team contacted community women's groups regarding the improvement of maternal health and further advocated for ambulances, mobile phones, information leaflets etc. Further training visits, ongoing monitoring and evaluation are in place for the project..

Chairman John Philip led a team Rotarians to Ukerewe in Tanzania to monitor the impact of a waiting hostel for high risk pregnant women. There has been a marked decrease in maternal deaths since 2010 when the hostel opened.

Dr Manzoor continues to lead a campaign to reduce salt intake. Many people are unaware of the 'hidden salt' in many processed food products. High salt intake can cause a rise in blood pressure – one of the main risk factors of stroke.

Dr Jim Gude from California provided a 'cloud based' medical record system to enable a hospital in Nagercoil to hook up to telemedicine facilities. His own club in Sebastopol, California provided an iPad on a movable stand (robot) to enable consultations with patient and doctors to take place where there were puzzling symptoms. Any hospital that wanted to join the system would receive 20 training tapes and hospitals can be linked up across the world. He said that there had been great interest at the booth in Lisbon and they were looking forward to expanding the links.

John Miles is working with the fellowship to promote the Guildford eye project. The project started in 1998 and to date has completed 100,000 cataract operations. Help is needed both financially and in the form of volunteer eye surgeons to give their time to do the operations — especially in Africa.

The fellowship is exploring the possibility of collaborating with a group of Rotary Doctors in Sweden. Dr Sven Hedstrom was the founder of this group, which was now celebrating 25 years of service – mainly in Kenya. They have 700 doctors on their register – and they send doctors, nurses and dentists out to Kenya especially to the rural areas where health facilities are often nonexistent.

Dr. Kusum Chopra is running a project in Delhi to reduce maternal mortality. She emphasizes that the process must begin with young girls and that at school they need to be educated about pregnancy and childbirth. There is a huge regional variation in India in maternal mortality – the commonest cause of death in mothers being due to sepsis or hemorrhage. Illiteracy is a factor as well as lack of trained help. The Indian government isworking to provide locally trained women(ASHAS) and to provide them with mobile phones and a contact telephone number of hospital or health centre so that they can immediately refer labour problems before disaster happens.

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The fellowship is seeking ways to support Dr Olalunji Olalaye to set up a program to train medical personnel in Nigeria in resuscitation and also provide training about blood donation.

Chairman John Philip led a team to South India to take part in a National Immunization Day.

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Doll Lovers Fellowship

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 632 members in 102 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

The fellowship continues to promote the Rotary Dolls Musuem and make it available for school visits. This is a unique initiative supported by Rotarians from 102 countries. More than 8800 students have visited and enjoyed this museum.

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Fellowship of Rotarian Editors and Publishers

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 206 members in 31 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

PDG Yarmus has called Rotarians in India, Uganda, Nepal, Brazil, Nigeria, Mexico, Peru, Israel and other countries, and has exchanged chats with many more. He routinely chats with members as they ask him to learn more about Rotary or the use of IFREP as a service.

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Environment Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: environmental concerns and related service activities

Membership Data for 2012-13: 2,200 members in 95 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

At the Rotary International (RI) Convention in Lisbon, we greatly enjoyed meeting and hearing plenary speakers Jane Goodall and Céline Cousteau, who shared their unique vision and example of dedicated world citizens from whom we have so much to learn in order to make our planet a better place.

During the convention, as usual we attended and introduced ourselves at the annual meeting organized by the RI Fellowships Committee for all Rotary Fellowships' representatives. We showcased and highlighted Rotary environmental activities and projects from all continents. With our presentation on the environment and sustainable development, we attracted many interested Rotarians, their spouses and guests, as well as Rotaractors. Visitors looked at the photos and displays and asked questions about the environmental projects they were most interested in. Our display showcased examples of Rotarian environmental activities in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia and Europe. These projects included alternative energies, dengue fever prevention, cleaning of the ocean in coastal areas, reforestation, ecotourism, sustainable development, availability of clean water for all, preservation of animal species from extinction, and climate change awareness.

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Esperanto World Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: using and sustaining the language Esperanto

Membership Data for 2012-13: 80 members in 17 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

Our fellowship participated with five members at the Lisbon Convention where we informed hundreds of interested Rotarians about our undertakings.

At the Annual World Congress of the International Esperanto Movement, Joseph van der Vleugel held a discussion with other attendees about Rotary International, explaining the aims and accomplishments of the organization. He also used the opportunity to invite Esperanto speakers to join Rotary. Many of our Fellowship members had special meetings during this convention with new prospective members.

Rotary clubs in Belgium and in Brazil, along with with RADE members implemented an interesting matching grant to preserve seeds of high quality Amazon trees, such as Mahagony and Jacarandá in Brazil. Esperanto was used between members of these two countries to correspond about the details of the project.

Italian members of our Fellowship are considering starting an eClub for Esperanto speakers. The eClub would use one neutral language and would be open to all Rotarians who understand Esperanto.

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International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians

Topics of interest: fishing and conservation of fisheries

Membership Data for 2012-13: 400 members in 40 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

We opened a Facebook group as our 24/7 virtual House of Friendship to help facilitate members contacting each other, provide fishing tips, promote clubs' and fellowship chapters' fishing tournaments, exchange fishing invitations and publish comments and photographs associated with all the preceding.

A South Florida chapter took groups of new anglers from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and a Pompano Beach Boys and Girls Club out to the Atlantic Ocean for deep sea fishing. The children learned how to: bait hooks, handle fishing tackle, walk safely on a heaving deck, and haul fish aboard.

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International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

Topic of interest: aviation

Membership Data for 2012-13: 890 members in 30 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

Prior to the RI Convention in Lisbon the Portugal Section of IFFR hosted an 8 day coach tour of Portugal, going from Lisbon up the coast to the North, touring the spectacular Doro Valley wine-producing area - a World Heritage site. Following the convention the French Section hosted a 10 day Fly-Away, beginning in Toulouse and ending in Strasbourg, with visits to several delightful villages, historical sites and wineries along the way. The entire group celebrated the 40th anniversary of the French Sectionat the Chateau de Meusault in Burgundy, with over 100 people in attendance, including the 90 year-old founder of the Section who was helicoptered in especially for the event. 52 members participated in the Portugal tour and 54 participated in the Fly-Away. There were representatives from every continent and a total of 19 different countries. Both tours provided fantastic fellowship opportunities.

The annual IFFR Board meeting, annual general Membership meeting and annual banquet were held in Lisbon during the Convention. The 2014-2016 President of IFFR was elected at that time. The IFFR booth in the House of Friendship provided Members with a great place to meet one another and 20 new members representing 6 different countries were signed up.

Each Section of IFFR held its annual meeting during the course of the year. IFFR President Michael Graves attended many of the meetings. Most sections hosted at least one Fly-In.

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International Fellowship of Geocaching Rotarians

Topic of interest: the hobby of geocaching, a treasure-hunting game using GPS devices

Membership Data for 2012-13: 15 members in 5 countries

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

Highlights from 2012-13

To commemorate the chartering of the fellowship, the group designed and manufactured a geocoin with the name of the fellowship on one side and an "End Polio Now" theme on the reverse. The coins were provided to fellowship members, who have placed them in geocaches in different countries around the world. The geocoins will be passed from cache to cache and will spread the message of Rotary and ending Polio to many non-Rotarians.

As this was our charter year, the primary activities were organizing an initial board, selecting officers, setting a dues structure, creating a fellowship brochure, creating a Facebook Group for fellowship members, creating a Facebook page for the general public, and participating in the Rotary Convention in Lisbon by having a presence at the fellowship booth.

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International Go Playing Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: playing Go, a strategic board game

Membership Data for 2012-13: 476 members in 3 countries

Membership Dues: US\$25 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

Since 2000, the International Go Playing Fellowship of Rotarians has held an international competition. The 13th competition was held in Korea, despite the difficult situation between North Korea and South Korea. The winner of the competition was given the title as world champion of Rotarians. Besides the international competition, each country holds domestic competitions in the fall.

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International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: golfing

Membership Data for 2012-13: 930 members in 65 countries

Membership Dues: US\$35 annual; US\$280 lifetime

Highlights from 2012-13

2012 was highlighted by the IGFR world championship played in Crans-Montana, Switzerland. 162 IGFR members and partners attended from 19 countries around the world. The championship was organized to the satisfaction of the participants. The contributions of the sponsors and the offerings of Rotarian participants were so generous that excess funds were donated to various charities.

A number of national championships took place as well during the reporting period. IGFR International provides advice to these local organizers when requested. The European IGFR championship took place in Strasbourg, which was once again a successful championship.

IGFR International also added two new national IGFR Chapters in Lithuania and Morocco. It is expected that these new units will provide future venues for International IGFR championships.

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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 2012-13: 129 members in 3 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10-45 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

We invite guests from time to time, mainly interested Rotarians, but spouses and children of the Rotary family are all welcome.

We keep the administrative part of any gathering to an absolute minimum, and we do not charge a membership fee. When we cook, the cost is divided by the number of attendees.

Sometimes, however, it becomes work. Our local chapter helped to prepare a buffet for 220 people at a Rotary fund raiser, *An evening at the Casino Royal* on March 22nd.

The Fellowship's Cooking show promo for the gala on Roger's TV Daytime was fun, and video from the event can be viewed here: www.youtu.be/AlcrPIzxN-M

This past year also saw the addition of a second Chapter in Kolkata India.

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International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 150 members in 18 countries

Membership Dues: US\$50

Highlights from 2012-13

Rotarians in the fellowship continue to enjoy trading homes. For example this summer, I had home exchange vacations in France and England. In France three other Rotary families (two from California, one from France) joined us on vacation. We enjoyed attending a French club Garden Party and three other Rotary meetings. We were guests of a Rotarian at an outdoor village festival with live music and roast pig.

Our fellowship was organized to facilitate and encourage Rotarian to exchange their homes with other Rotarians. This furthers Rotary goals of encouraging peace and understanding. It often includes an aspect of vocational service, as one can learn a great deal by seeing their profession practiced in another country.

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Rotarian Fellowship of Touring Horseback Riders

Topic of interest: horseback riding

Membership Data for 2012-13: 30 members in 5 countries

Membership Dues: US\$100 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

This year the fellowship conducted a horseback riding tour "à la Margarite" in Alsace, France. For next year the horseback riding week is planned for the region of Frauenfeld in Switzerland, and will be organized by our colleagues living in the area. It is currently planned for 7-13 September 2014.

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Rotarians on the Internet

Topic of interest: applying modern information technology to enhance Rotary service, fellowship and knowledge, and further world understanding and peace

Membership Data for 2012-13: 1,644 members in 94 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

Members interact daily through the medium of our Yahoo groups to discuss Rotary and non-Rotary matters.

A monthly, very excellent, newsletter named the ROTI Breadbasket was produced by Rotarian Glo Nethercutt.

We are very involved in supporting one of the last Matching Grants to provide Hearing Aids to India.

We had a meeting at the RI Convention in Lisbon where there was a handover of the Chair, and a very interesting meet and greet between members who frequently only have the opportunity to interact online.

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Italian Culture Worldwide Rotarian Fellowship

Topic of interest: appreciation of Italian culture

Membership Data for 2012-13: 25 members in 5 countries

Membership Dues: US\$200 Lifetime

Highlights from 2012-13

An electronic ICWRF magazine has been published in June and circulated among members and perspective members.

The ICWRF's website is currently under revision. The program "Family stories" has been downloaded and is under re-organization.

A reserved Linkedin discussion group has been opened and 100 new ICWRF lapel pins have been acquired.

A new International President will be elected for the remainder of this Rotarian year, and for the next two-year duty, since Francesco Clemente, the current President, moved some month ago to Oman for work, where no Rotary Clubs are present.

Members of the fellowship are promoting a twin club relationship between the two Rotaract Clubs of Naples (FL) and Naples (Italy) with the aim of promoting the Italian-American relationship through a youth exchange.

Contact Information

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Rotarian Jazz Fellowship

Topic of interest: jazz music

Membership Data for 2012-13: 154 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

- Participated in the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon
- Promoted various jazz events in Germany
- Mutual meeting with German chapters of the Wine Fellowship and Antique, Classic and Historic Automobiles Fellowship
- Attempted to establish US chapter of Rotarian Jazz Fellowship

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Rotarians for the Advancement of Latin Culture

Topic of interest: the appreciation of Latin cultures and languages

Membership Data for 2012-13: 319 members in 23 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

- Hosted internet forums and chats
- Birthday and independence celebrations for select Latin American countries
- Held a photo contest (targeting Rotarians, Rotaractors and spouses) with the publication of images in regional Rotary magazines
- Held an annual meeting of the fellowship, attended by 40 members
- Supported a Rotary twin club relationship between Rotary clubs in Argentina and Uruguay

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Rotarian Lawyers Fellowship

Topic of interest: the vocation of law

Membership Data for 2012-13: 134 members in 39 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

The fellowship hosted an annual meeting in Lisbon during the Rotary International Convention, and sponsored a booth as well, where we met more than 130 Rotarian lawyers representing a variety of countries.

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Rotarian Automobile License Plate Collectors Fellowship

Topic of interest: the hobby of license plate collecting

Membership Data for 2012-13: 25 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

Our Fellowship has been recognized by the Rotary International Board of Directors since 1992. This year members have visited many other clubs and as is customary exchanged a Rotary license plate for a club banner. Two members have presented a program on license plate collecting to several clubs in Florida and one in Virginia. We hope that these presentations will increase interest, awareness of the hobby and some new members. Currently, we have 25 members.

One member has presented a display of Breast Cancer Awareness license plates from 15 states to be displayed in the Hahn Cancer Center in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Members have exchanged plates through the mails and at several plate meets during the year. Our Fellowship is not incorporated and there are no lifetime memberships. Current dues are \$20 per year.

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Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 22 members in 9 countries

Membership Dues: US\$25 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

We published new tricks for members including downloadable templates. One mind-reading effect features famous Rotarians and is educational and fun.

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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 2012-13: 90 members in 8 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

Members attended many events including:

- A meeting on the subject "Visible and hidden treasures the future of archaeological heritage of Naples and Pompeii."
- A guided tour of the so-called "Augustus' Villa" at Somma Vesuviana (Naples).
- A meeting on the topic "Bacchus Wine and the Divine, between Mediterranean Tradition and Culture."
- District 2100's "Mediterranean Peace Forum." Our members in attendance used this opportunity to share the aims and activities of the 'Magna Graecia' Fellowship.
- A symposium on the "Ager Nolanus" organized by the Naples and Pompeii Archaeological Superintendence and the Ministry of Cultural Heritage.
- A meeting commemorating the 50th anniversary of death of the great archaeologist Amedeo Maiuri.
- Lectures at the "Università della Terza Età" on the "Rural Villas of Roman Pompeii" and on "The Boscoreale Treasure of Roman Silverware at the Paris' Louvre".
- A conference by Dr. C. Cicirelli, a leading archaeologist of the Naples and Pompeii Superintendence, on the topic "A Patrimony to be Promoted: The Longola Village and the Fosse Graves (XVI to VII Century b.C.)."
- Hosted a delegation from the Bucarest (Romania) Rotary club and provided a guided tour of the Pompeii excavations.
- A meeting "Enclosing Walls and the City Fortifications in Pompeii and the Gulf of Naples between Archaic and Roman Age".
- A meeting dealing with "Alimentation in Ancient Italy's Harbor Cities", was attended by several members, due to the topic's special interest for the Vesuvian area cities.
- A visit to the archaeological area of Agrigento "Valley of Temples" in Sicily.

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Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: marathon running

Membership Data for 2012-13: 125 members in 16 countries

Membership Dues: No annual dues; US\$100 lifetime

Highlights from 2012-13

Each year the fellowship meets for a marathon event. During this event we will held our Rotarian Marathon Championship. This year, this event occurred April, 20th to April, 22nd in London, giving us a chance to participate in one of the most famous Marathons in the world. There were 107 Rotarians with their partners and families. We had a special program including a sightseeing tour of the city and a very friendly private pasta party.

The main event was the exceptional race on April, 22nd with an incredible crowd cheering the runners all the way long. 52 Rotarian runners, all very proud to wear the official IMFR's T-shirt, completed the race and had the honor to exhibit the official finisher medal. Our new member Mike Thorn DG 1140 made our group even more visible carrying a big Rotary wheel along the 42k.

The farewell dinner took place at the Albert Pub, one of the oldest London Pub where all participants had a chance to experience a traditional English Sunday dinner. The president Georges Chasseuil thanked all Rotarians for coming and running and announced the next events for 2013 and 2014.

This year, for the first time in its short history our fellowship was present in Lisbon for Rotary World Convention sharing a booth with the cycling fellowship and had the opportunity to promote its activities and announce the 2014 event.

Next year we will all meet together in Rome in March, running the iconic Maratona di Roma. We will have a fantastic support from the local District 2080 and his Governor Pier Giorgio Podighe who set up a special committee led by Mario Morelli immediate past President of the Roma Centenario Rotary Club.

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International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

Topic of interest: motorcycle riding

Membership Data for 2012-13: 2107 members in 25 countries

Membership Dues: Varies by chapter

Highlights from 2012-13

IFMR consists of 17 chapters, each of which carried out several tours from 2 to 14 days last year, according to the different chapters. IFMR-tours took place on five continents.

One remarkable tour (of many others) was a 10-days ride to Rotary International Convention 2013 in Lisbon, which passed thru four different countries.

Each chapter put their various activities on their respective websites. Detailed reports about the events, supported social projects and collected donations for non-profit purposes were also published.

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians

Topic of interest: singing and musical activities

Membership Data for 2012-13: 450 members in 45 countries

Membership Dues: US\$25 for 3 years; US\$200 lifetime

Highlights from 2012-13

Rotary year 2012-2013 has been a banner year in terms of IFRM-sponsored musical events and expansion of membership with other groups and the formation of new IFRM hapters. IFRM is now linked with the Jazz Fellowship as well as the German Rotary Chorus and the German Rotary Orchestra. Additionally, we have expanded to an IFRM Chapter in Istanbul, Turkey and in Pakistan. Most significantly, IFRM members traveled to Amsterdam in November 2012 to the North Sea Zone Institute at the invitation of convener RI Director Paul Knyff. There, we joined with voices from around Europe in the Rotary World Choir, directed by IFRM member DG Judith Walker. In June, the Rotary World Choir of over 50 voices from nine countries performed at the Interfaith Service at the RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. Lastly, our sing-alongs at the IFRM Booth brightened the musical spirit in the House of Friendship at the Lisbon Convention

IFRM United Kingdom helped to sponsor the regional finals of the Young Musicians Talent Competition (RIBI). In India, IFRM Chapter 3190 continued producing IFRM-sponsored musical events to raise money for local charities. In the United States of America, IFRM District 5170 had a holiday sing-along with the District's leadership, Interactors and Rotaractors. The monthly e-bulletin, Staccato, continues to bring news of IFRM activities and events to its members. In February and August, the biannual 12-page newsletter includes articles in depth of what is happening in each region.

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Fellowship of Old and Rare Antique Books and Prints

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 609 members in 44 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

Our Fellowship continued the collection of rare materials from private libraries and collections. Often it was necessary to intervene with restoration work to protect ancient documents in order to offer scholars and enthusiasts the opportunity to study the material made available free of charge on site www.rotaryoldbooks.org

Chat language: Italian 3,384, 2,783 English, German 2,198, 1,178 Chinese, French 521, Spanish 391. Total contacts and chat: 10,455

Full Book Downloads: "Re: Rotary" 750 times, "*The secret rooms*" 8,533 times, "*Concordances code*" 851 times, "*Atlas 1793*" 362 times, "*Burato book of embroidery*" 645 times. **Total books: 11,141**

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers

Topic of interest: photography

Membership Data for 2012-13: 66 members in 14 countries

Membership Dues: No annual dues; US\$20 lifetime

Highlights from 2012-13

This relatively new fellowship is still in building mode. So far, the focus has been on attracting members and building two websites. One is a forum and the other is for storage and sharing of members' photography. The forums are now up and running. The fellowship is working to increase member participation on the discussion forum and populate the photo site with member work.

Forum site: www.photofellowship.org/fom/

Photo site: www.photofellowship.org/gal1/

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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 2012-13: 346 members in 40 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

The PDGs Fellowship conducted an annual meeting at the Lisbon convention center, just prior to the 2013 RI convention. A two hour reception for members and guests was held following the annual meeting, which was very well attended.

The PDGs Fellowship officers attended the Past Officers Reunion (POR) in San Diego, which was held in conjunction with the 2013 International Assembly, and the officers outlined the ways in which the PDGs Fellowship plans to support the POR and similar reunions for PDGs around the world

The PDGs Fellowship officers conferred by conference calls on a monthly basis, and the 14 members of the fellowship board of directors met in Lisbon.

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Police/Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: the vocation of police and law enforcement

Membership Data for 2012-13: 100 members in 10 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

We recently conducted our UN Day Wreath Laying Ceremony in Sydney, which celebrates the work of our UN Police and Military Peacekeepers.

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International Fellowship of Pre-Colombian Civilizations

Topic of interest: the study and understanding of the people of Latin America before the arrival of Christopher Columbus

Membership Data for 2012-13: 14 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$48 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

We meet once a month. At each meeting we extrapolate upon the work prepared by one of the Fellowship members or by a guest speaker, or video project related to the subject.

Topics have included:

October 2012: "Lord of Sipan "

November 2012: Anniversary Party, with guests and musical

March 2013: Ethnology of Easter Island (Part One)

April 2013: The museum "Lanco Rafael Herrera" in Lima Peru

May 2013. The Population of Easter Island as the Legend (Part Two)

June 2013: Celebrating the Winter Solstice in pre-Columbian cultures.

July 2013: Exhibition of an article related to Peru Easter Island and its relationship with the Hispanic cultures of Peru .

August 2013: Polol Vuh. Legend on the principle of humanity (Maya)

Our fellowship also traveled to exhibitions sponsored by the government of Chile regarding the cultural aspects of fabric selection and costumes of Latin American cultures .

We are also printing the work presented in our organization as a special production.

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Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists

Topic of interest: quilting and other fabric art forms

Membership Data for 2012-13: 212 members in 10 countries

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

Highlights from 2012-13

The fellowship had a booth at the RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. During the year members collaborate to get donated handmade quilts, knitted items, and other fiber crafts to put in our booth. Members attending the convention volunteer to staff the booth during the required hours. Items from our booth are exchanged for donations to the Foundation PolioPlus fund. This year more than US\$6,000 was donated. This is an annual event that our group looks forward to participating in. Our booth is colorful and interesting and draws a crowd every year. Members enjoy the fellowship of working together and showing off a wide variety of crafts

Our fellowship started a Facebook page and enjoy using it to share photos of their handwork, information about quilt shows, and ways that we can donate goods for humanitarian causes such as Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey.

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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 2012-13: 125 members in 9 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

During and after the RI Convention in Lisbon, the IFRR had significant, interesting, fun, events.

After the annual meeting of IFRR membership, part of the group hopped in the Metro (subway or underground) and local tram to visit the Carris Museum. The museum displays the history of public transportation in Lisbon through documents, everyday objects, horse drawn and electric trams and single and double-deck buses. The exhibits are in three buildings. Visitors are transported between the buildings in an early nineteenth century electric tram. In 1873 the horse drawn trams began service and in 1901 the electric ones followed. 1944 saw the arrival of the first busses.

The fellowship arranged with the "Conductor," Anton Seckler, a special tour after the convention. Activities included five rides on prototype IC and ICE trains, visiting Hamburg, Berlin, Dresden, Stuttgart, the Black Forest, Freiburg and Frankfort, viewing ten model railroads of various gauges, visiting a dozen museums, castles, plants and churches, and eating and staying in delightful and quaint restaurants and hotels.

This certainly was a great example of Rotary Fellowship at its best with compatible associates and a caring and knowledgeable guide.

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Recreational Vehicles Fellowship of Rotarians

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 228 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

RVF holds one annual rally of members and many local rallies. The fellowship also coordinates an annual donation of equipment to an emergency service organization.

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Rotary Global History Fellowship (Internet Project)

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 1,200 members in 180 countries.

Membership Dues: US\$30 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

RGHF was active at the RI Convention in Lisbon, including hosting an annual awards breakfast.

RGHF created a public space for all club/district histories at www.historylibrary.org

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Rotary Heritage and History International Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: exchanging information about Rotary heritage and history

Membership Data for 2012-13: 109 members in 9 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

Earlier this year the three Rotary clubs located in Oak Ridge, TN and sixteen other Tennessee Rotary Clubs hosted President Tanaka's Peace Forum. He spoke on Peace through Service. Oak Ridge National Laboratory Director Thom Mason gave President Tanaka a tour of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and took him on the "Secret City Commemorative Walk" built by the Rotary club of Oak Ridge. RI President Tanaka rang the Friendship Bell and was welcomed by 6780 District Governor Jack Bailey. Oak Ridge resident Shigeko Uppuluri, coordinator of Oak Ridge's partnership with its sister city Naka Japan, gave a history of the bell and presented a replica of it to President Tanaka. I was honored to present a children's book on peace to President Tanaka along with a copy of our Rotary Heritage & History International Fellowship newsletter.

The RHHIF has set up a new website (www.RHHIF.org), and reached out to the members by email and regular mail. The officers have begun making presentations to local Tennessee Rotary clubs about the fellowship and recognizing Rotarians who have been members for 50 years. Since July 2011, 23 Rotarians have been added to the membership of the RHHIF Hall of Fame and provided with a framed certificate, letter of congratulations, and complementary membership in the fellowship for the next full Rotary year. A program has been developed to explain the RHHIF, its history and mission. We continue to invite new members to the fellowship.

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International Fellowship of Rotary on Stamps

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 220 members in 35 countries

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

Highlights from 2012-13

At the RI Convention in Lisbon, the fellowship hosted a booth with a stamp picking table and held an annual meeting for members.

Members sponsored the issue of personalized stamps for the "End Polio Now" campaign.

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International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 1160 members in 49 countries

Membership Dues: US\$25 annual; US\$275 lifetime

Highlights from 2012-13

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians promotes both scouting and rotary in 49 countries around the world. The fellowship has increased its membership in the former USSR countries including Russia and middle European Counties. Recently we have enrolled scouters in Napal and China and the fellowship is especially active in Africa.

The fellowship was present at the National Boy Scouts of American Jamboree at the New National Jamboree site in West Virginia. We sponsored a luncheon with over 90 Rotarian Scouters in attendance. The speaker for the event was Wayne Block, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America and after his presentation; we presented Wayne with a Cliff Docterman Award. This was excellent event and fostered the historic relationships between scouting and Rotary.

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International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers

Topic of interest: scuba diving

Membership Data for 2012-13: 95 members in 8 countries

Membership Dues: US\$15 annual; US\$40 for three years

Highlights from 2012-13

The IFRSD organized a trip a trip to Palau. We spent a week of spectacular diving on a live aboard boat that was filled exclusively with members of the fellowship. As is our custom, we also worked with a local Rotary club to help fund a local service project. In this case we partnered with the Rotary Club of Palau to provide a state of the art electronic learning system to a remote elementary school that had recently been devastated by a typhoon.

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International Fellowship of Shooting Sports Rotarians

Topics of interest: marksmanship and the safe handling of firearms

Membership Data for 2012-13: 50 members in 4 countries

Membership Dues: US\$25 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

During the past year the Fellowship sanctioned a Sporting Clays Shoot in April 2013 thru the Rotary Club of Southpoint and co-sponsored the shoot. \$22,500 was raised to support the service project for the club. The IFSSR Board of Directors met at the shoot.

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Rotarian Singles Fellowship

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 294 members in 32 countries

Membership Dues: US\$20 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

Members interact daily through the medium of our Yahoo groups to discuss Rotary and non-Rotary matters

A monthly, very excellent, newsletter named the ROTI Breadbasket was produced by Rotarian Glo Nethercutt.

We are very involved in supporting one of the last Matching Grants to provide Hearing Aids to India and we are actively pursuing this.

We had a meeting at the RI Convention in Lisbon where there was a handover of the Chair and a very interesting meet and greet between members who frequently only met online.

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International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: skiing

Membership Data for 2012-13: 215 members in 9 countries

Membership Dues: US\$50 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

120 Rotarians and guests from 7 countries attended a weeklong event at Telluride, Colorado featuring great skiing and numerous optional events including a welcome reception; radio station, power plant and museum tours; an art walk along main street, pub crawl; gala dinner and the always popular home hosted dinner by local Rotarians.

The annual meeting was held in the historic Sheridan Opera House. Officers elected were President Tony Sheer from Australia, President-Elect Albert Morris of the USA, Secretary/Treasurer Lynne Beck with a number of Directors elected and/or re-elected.

The site for next year is Winter Park, Colorado, February 1 - 9, 2014, where ISFR will be celebrating its 40th anniversary.

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Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 1745 members in 101 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

ROSNF, since its inception, has offered an advisory, training and support service to clubs and districts by way of our subject matter expert and champion programs. Last year, Chair 2012-13 Philip Merritt extended that program significantly through the launch of the "ROSNF Mentors" program, which in partnership with Rotary International, sought out members with social media expertise to assist Rotary Fellowships and RAGs with their social media presence on the Internet. The Mentors program will continue to provide support to groups within the family of Rotary.

In June of 2013 ROSNF launched its ROSNF Francophone presence in social media, with a Facebook Page for the public, a Facebook Group for ROSNF members only, and a Twitter account to promote Rotary and ROSNF in French. Prior to this initiative, for practical purposes any ROSNF member had to understand enough English to register on our ROSNF.net website, but our Francophone project allows French-speaking Rotarians/spouses/Rotaractors who speak no English to join through other avenues. Captained by Rotarian Jacqueline Fetis in France, this initiative is the first to be coordinated by a member of ROSNF who is not also on the Board of Directors. ROSNF Treasurer Mel Powell played an important role in the development of our language groups and continues to play a vital coordination and support role.

With the early success of the Francophone project, ROSNF successfully launched ROSNF in Español in July 2013 so you'll have to wait until next year's Annual Report to hear all about it.

A priority item for ROSNF in 2012-13 was the development of appropriate guidelines to assist members of the Family of Rotary to optimise the use of social networking sites. These guidelines were developed by our Charter Chair Simone Collins with assistance from other ROSNF members. The current guidelines, known as Snetiquette Guidelines are available at www.rosnf.net/training/snetiquette/

ROSNF members continued a proud tradition of working with their local districts and zones to provide important training and briefing of members of the Family of Rotary. Charter Chair Simone Collins and Chair - elect Kero O'Shea delivered an important Facebook seminar for beginners on behalf of the combined Rotary districts in Western Australia in March 2013. In October 2012, French Group Captain Jacqueline Fétis delivered a seminar about social networks for the DGE and PIC of all districts in Zone 11.

ROSNF played a vital role in promoting the December 2012 "10 Million Charity Miles" competition by informing and encouraging members to vote every day. This support helped Rotary to achieve nearly 25% of the votes in a very competitive contest.

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International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians

Topic of interest: tennis

Membership Data for 2012-13: 1,315 members in 69 countries

Membership Dues: None

Highlights from 2012-13

The main event of ITFR is the World Championship which is organized every year. The 8th World Championship was held in Guarapari, Brazil, from August 29th until September 5th.

We had 25 players from 5 countries: Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and the United States. The funds raised on the event (\$6033 USD) were given for reading room installation at a Tennis Academy in a poor neighborhood of the city of Vila Velha near Guarapari, and the rest was included in donation to Rotary Foundation.

On 2nd September we held ITFR General Assembly with following adopted decisions:

- 1. Investigating new membership possibilities
- 2. Due to an increase in membership, the creation of two regions (North and South America)

ITFR exhibited in the House of Friendship at the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon. We had also one day tennis tournament and funds we raised (\$420 USD) were given to the Rotary Foundation to support PolioPlus.

During last Rotary year we managed to improve our website which is now multilingual! At the moment we have communication on the web in English, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian and Croatian language.

Besides the World Championship, various chapters of the fellowship held a dozen tournaments in 5 different countries.

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Rotarians' International Fellowship of Total Quality Management

Topic of interest: the business concept of "total quality management"

Membership Data for 2012-13: 32 members in 6 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

The fellowship has helped several clubs obtain ISO 9001 certification. The ISO 9000 family of standards is related to quality management systems and designed to help organizations ensure that they meet the needs of customers and other stakeholders while meeting statutory and regulatory requirements related to the product. The standards are published by ISO, the International Organization for Standardization, and available through National standards bodies.

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International Fellowship of Travel Agents

Topics of interest: the vocation of travel agents and international travel

Membership Data for 2012-13: 81 members in 13 countries.

Membership Dues: US\$25 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

An IFTA team travelled to India where they shared fellowship with Rotarians.

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International Travel and Hosting Fellowship

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 1135 members in 85 countries

Membership Dues: US\$25 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

ITHF members continue to host and visit fellow members on a regular basis.

The 2013 Pre-Convention Fellowship Tour of Portugal's Cities and Villages led by President Peter and his wife, Rosemary, was a tremendous success. Eighty-seven ITHF members took advantage travelling in two groups to not overwhelm the historic sites. This 10 day tour took advantage of many of Portugal's historic buildings for the members' accommodations.

An annual membership breakfast meeting was held at the convention, with nearly 100 people in attendance. President Ibbotson highlighted the need for better communications with individual members as being of utmost importance to maintaining the Fellowship's members. He has asked our VP's to appoint a representative in each Rotary district who would communicate by phone with each member in their district at least once a year. Making that personal connection is important to know what is working and not working for each member.

ITHF ran a very well-managed and well-staffed booth with officers and numerous other member volunteers from all over the world meeting, greeting and explaining ITHF to the numerous visitors and signing up 115 new members to the fellowship.

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International Fellowship of Wellness and Fitness Rotarians

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 80 members in 24 countries

Membership Dues: No annual dues; US\$50 lifetime

Highlights from 2012-13

At the 2013 RI Convention, we enjoyed walks through beautiful old Lisbon and connected with several new prospective members.

Using a dozen languages we have been in touch and are continuing to actively communicate with our membership around the world. We welcome all good news shared with us about the wellness and fitness activities of our membership's Rotary clubs and with the family of Rotary, anywhere, which we continue to share with our membership and with interested Rotary clubs worldwide.

All along we exchange email and other correspondence and wellness and fitness experience among members. We're pleased to note a distinct global growing interest in our IFWFR and growing activity of our membership within each continent. The fellowship is attracting a new generation of Rotarians, as well as retaining active Rotarians of older generations.

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Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship

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

Membership Data for 2012-13: 1550

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

Highlights from 2012-13

RWAF provided a refrigerated food truck enabling an increase in the quantity and quality of food supplied to an all-volunteer food bank in Lisbon, Portugal. The project was funded by members of the RWAF from Portugal, Sweden, the UK, various parts of the US and from Brazil.

The RWAF contributed another \$8,000 to TRF for PolioPlus, exceeding a goal of \$100,000.

During the 2014 RI Convention, RWAF held seven wine related events, each of which were sold out:

- Saturday: Kiss The Cook: two classes held.
- Sunday: Dinner in the Vineyard
- Monday: Wine Tasting Cruise
- Tuesday: Wine with a View
- Wednesday: Grand Farewell Dinner at Claro
- Post Convention Six Day Douro Valley Wine Country Trip

Furthermore, the RWAF added a number of new local chapters in Russia, Croatia, Portugal, USA, Nigeria, Uganda, and Lebanon and more are being formed. This has greatly increased and diversified membership.

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International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

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 2012-13: 2,950 members in 24 countries

Membership Dues: US\$10 annual

Highlights from 2012-13

This past year was a most enjoyable time of fun and fellowship. IYFR was active at the Lisbon Convention, having a booth in the House of Friendship manned by members in whites and attending the All Fellowships annual meeting to represent our point of view. Specific IYFR activities included an annual meeting, several receptions and dinners for members, as well as a post-convention cruise through the Douru River valley.

Mariner numbers have overall held relatively constant, with some losses and some gains. In the past year new fleets were chartered in the Philippines and Monaco and new squadrons formed in Israel and south east Africa. While the final accounts are yet to be received, funds in reserve do appear to be declining more or less as expected, due to IYFR's grants program.

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