



**2015-16
ROTARY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**THE PURPOSE OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR AWARD
IS TO HONOR AN OUTSTANDING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
AND TO HELP PUBLICIZE THE LASTING BENEFITS
OF ROTARY'S PROGRAMS.**

This annual award established in 2011 recognizes an alumni association that has displayed a heightened awareness of the significant role that alumni play in Rotary and has demonstrated the significant impact of Rotary programs. Any Rotarian or alumnus can nominate an association.



2015-16 Award Winner

Rotary Fellows Tokyo (nominated by Zone 2)

Rotary Fellows Tokyo (RFT), located in Tokyo, Japan, was chartered in 1967. The association has over 700 members that regularly participate in events and fundraisers. RFT holds two meetings a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The spring event is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate alumni accomplishments. The fall event serves as a welcome for current program participants who are studying abroad in Tokyo. As a group, they have raised money for PolioPlus and the Great East Japan Earthquake, and organized charity concerts. Members attend Rotary club meetings to talk about their alumni experience and support Rotary Peace Fellows during their graduation ceremony at International Christian University.



2014-15 Award Winner

Rotary District 4920 Alumni Association (nominated by Zone 23 B&C)

The Rotary District 4920 Alumni Association (La Pampa, Argentina) was chartered in 2008. The association has over 100 members that carry out joint projects with other service groups, contributes to PolioPlus, meets periodically on Facebook, participates in district conferences, and produces a quarterly newsletter. They have also helped coordinate an international student exchange with an American high school to promote cross-cultural communication and language development between students. They plan to become the first association in which all members contribute toward Paul Harris Fellow recognition.



2013-14 Award Winner

Rotary District 3020 Alumni Association (nominated by Zone 5)

The Rotary District 3020 Alumni Association (Andhra Pradesh, India) was chartered by Rotary in 1994. They regularly collaborate with Rotarians and alumni on local and global levels. They keep the Rotary community updated and engaged with their newsletter, REACH, social media, alumni reunions, and district conferences. In addition to their involvement with grant programs, they participate in National Immunizations Days and other polio eradication efforts.



2012-13 Award Winner

Rotary District 6560 Alumni Association (nominated by Zone 30)

The Rotary District 6560 Alumni Association (Indiana, USA) was chartered by Rotary in 2007. Focused on connecting alumni with Rotary clubs, it holds annual alumni gatherings; sends representatives to Rotary district conferences, Rotary International conventions, and other events; and provides orientations for current program participants and alumni. Members of the association participate in and raise funds for Water Is Life, a project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fishers, Indiana, that has installed more than 80 wells serving over 80,000 people in Sierra Leone. Also a supporter of PolioPlus, the association invites new members to contribute during their orientation.



2011-12 Award Winner

Rotary Foundation Alumni Deutschland (nominated by Zones 14 and 19)

Rotary Foundation Alumni Deutschland, the alumni association in Germany, is dedicated to maintaining and strengthening the contact between alumni and Rotary. The group's members organize outbound and inbound seminars for Rotary program participants, celebrate Oktoberfest with alumni from around the world, and meet regularly with local Rotarians. They support a variety of humanitarian projects internationally, fund their own Rotary scholarship through the Foundation every five years, and also organized a project to provide books to tsunami-affected libraries in Japan.

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