

# Rotary



**Rotary Fellowships**  
**2015 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 report summarizes each fellowship's reported membership statistics and key activities during Rotary year 2014-15.

Additional information about fellowships can be found online, [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships).

## Rotary Fellowships at a Glance

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### 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 Rotarians in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favorite recreational or professional activities.

### Membership

In 2014-15, 62 fellowships reported a combined membership of 40838 people in more than 180 countries worldwide. The average size for each Fellowship is 692 members. As of October 2015, 27 fellowships (44% of all fellowships) charged no membership dues. For those fellowship that charged dues, the average annual membership cost was US\$25 and average lifetime membership cost was US\$150. Rotary Fellowships reported a combined income of US\$ 391,656 and a combined expenditure of US\$ 324859. The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians reported the highest revenue with US\$74,036.00 and the highest expenditure with US\$80,218.

### Recent updates

In December 2015, the RI Rotary Fellowships Committee recognized two new Rotary Fellowships:

- International Fellowship of Rotarian Educators
- 4 X 4 International Fellowship for Rotarians.

For a current list of Rotary Fellowships, visit [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships).

# Rotary Fellowships' Annual Reports

## International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR)

**Topic of Interest:** amateur radio operation

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 403 members in 32 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$20 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

Celebrating Rotary International's 110th Birthday & the Polio Plus Program, ROAR decided to activate Special Event call-signs over Rotary's Birthday on 23 February 2015. ROAR members participated worldwide, including OUoPOLIO.

At the 2015 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, ROAR collaborated with the Brazilian Amateur Radio Association (LABRE) where they provided equipment for the Fellowship Booth and also established a working radio station elsewhere in São Paulo using the callsign ZW110ROAR and worked many amateurs throughout the world during the convention. ROAR also used Facebook to reach those who were unable to attend. Up to the minute Facebook postings were made whenever new members joined the Fellowship, when updates were made to the off-site radio schedule, and when visitors joined the Booth.

On a weekly basis, ROAR engages 40 members in International Fellowship via scheduled radio networks (on several amateur bands) between Australia and New Zealand; Australasia and Europe, Europe and North America.

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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 2014-15:** 250 members in 10 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$11 annual; US\$63 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

From 3-5 June 2014, organized the Three Counties Tour in England. 35 Rotarian teams from the United Kingdom and other European Countries participated at the event.

The ACHAFR also exhibited at the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo. Additionally, a new national chapter has been established: Rotarians in Belgium set up a Classic Car Fellowship.

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## **Rotarians' International Fellowship of Authors and Writers**

**Topic of Interest:** writing

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 23 members in 6 countries

**Membership Dues:** No annual dues, No lifetime.

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The Fellowship has changed to an electronic only Fellowship, with no dues, and has been very successful. Communication is mostly through their LinkedIn account, and some by email. Membership has increased to 23 members.

While the Fellowship is still working to increase discussions, they are pleased with the controlled interest. Several members have published books, while others have ventured into the area of blogs. Support and critique are given by members through the LinkedIn connection.

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## **Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide Fellowship (BREW)**

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

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 350 members in 45 countries

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

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

BREW participated in the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, registering over 120 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their Spouses. While in Brazil, BREW members toured the Carvejaria Nacional Brewery and Restaurant. Additionally, the Fellowship held its Annual General Meeting at the Holiday Inn Hotel, which was well attended.

Since water is a primary ingredient in beer, BREW is officially collaborating with the Water and Sanitation Action Group (Wasrag), to support Wasrag Projects around the world. Wasrag is identifying projects in the following locations that Brewers and BREW members can financially support: 1) Ethiopia 2) Uganda 3) Philipines 4) India 5) Mexico 6) Fiji

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## **International Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians (IFBR)**

**Topic of Interest:** birdwatching

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 50 members in 11 countries

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

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The IFBR held its Annual Meeting and Annual Field Trip in conjunction with the Rotary Convention in São Paulo. While there were a smaller number of birds than usual, members enjoyed up close looks at the birds in the oldest municipal park in the city, Parque de Luz. In addition to the birds, they enjoyed other features of the park including outdoor exercise areas complete with different types of apparatus, a variety of sculptures, gardens, and water features.

IFBR completed their service project, “Donate the Guia” which provided Spanish language field guides for bird guide training workshops in Southern U.S., Mexico, and some areas in Central America. The Fellowship provided funding for 50 of these guides. Their contribution was publically recognized on [www.facebook.com/DonateTheGuia](http://www.facebook.com/DonateTheGuia).

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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 2014-15:** 138 members in 20 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The IFCR members actively use the group's Facebook page to share their paddling activities. Here are some examples:

- September 2014 – Bruce Peterson paddling on Lost Grove Lake in Iowa, a man made lake that is still filling

24 new members joined IFCR in 2014-2015.

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## **International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR)**

**Topic of interest:** use of recreational vehicles at organized events

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 910 members in 3 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$16 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

ICFR continues to hold rallies throughout the United Kingdom and into Europe in most months of the year. The location of the rallies can be found on the [website](#). The UK rallies are usually of five, six or seven day duration and the rallies in Europe tend to be almost three weeks long. All rally programs have a range of visits and social activities.

In May and September the Fellowship held two large rallies for its Annual General Meeting and Autumn Fellowship Meeting. These meetings attracted between 122 and 142 members for five days.

The ICFR continued to publish a semi-annual newsletter (magazine) "News & Views" which are available on the website. The group keeps its members updated on membership news with a monthly circulation covering new members, deaths, resignations and changes of personal details. All members also receive an annual Directory of Members.

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## **International Chess Fellowship of Rotarians (ICFR)**

***Topic of interest:*** chess

***Membership Data for 2014-15:*** 41 members in 14 countries

***Membership Dues:*** None

### ***Highlights from 2014-15***

This fellowship distributed a total of 12 newsletters this past year where they published past games and outlined various strategies.

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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 2014-15:** 797 members in 93 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

ICUFR's focus continued to be on membership development and member engagement. Accordingly, the Fellowship has revamped its old website and started online updating system of member details and real time online recording of member activities. The Fellowship maintained contact with its membership through the web forum, web site, and newsletters to which all new members were subscribed. The ICUFR attracted 56 new members in 2014-15.

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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 2014-15:** 438 members in 42 countries

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

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The CGF did not hold a booth during the convention for the first time in 11 years, as none of the Board members were able to attend the convention due to numerous conflicts. Additionally, they did not host their annual Reunion Dinner due to lack of support. The Fellowship was also not able to assist the Rotary staff in planning and putting on the two First Time Convention Goers Orientation Sessions this past year.

The loss of two Rotary International headquarters Liaisons (L.J. Williams and Moira Sullivan) for the CGF due to their departure from Rotary took a toll on the Fellowship. CGF will endeavor to re-establish these lines of communication with the RI staff during the 2015-2016 Rotary year.

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## **International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians (IFCR)**

**Topic of interest:** playing cricket

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 1000 members in 12 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

- The Games Bond – 15 festivals was held in Chennai in early February 2015 with members from 6 countries attending.
- The All India Cricket Festival in Chennai in late February.
- The week-long Australian national Rotary cricket festival

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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 2014-15:** 156 members in 9 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

This past year, the group has been focusing on expanding their membership and is averaging one new member per week. Members are encouraged to establish contact with other members prior to a cruise and initiate a Rotary meeting on board the cruise. Pictures of the Rotarian meet-ups are continually posted on their Facebook page throughout the year.

The President of the Fellowship was also able to secure a deal with the cruise ship Queen Mary 2- every Monday at 11am, the cruise ship will hold meeting for all Rotary members on board. This was the first of such arrangements and they are hoping many more are to come in the next year.

In September, the Fellowship had their first teleconference. Eight members were in attendance and used the meeting to elect the President, Secretary, and Online Content Manager. A new position, Membership Manager, was also elected.

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## **International Curling Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topic:** the sport of curling

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 400 members in 4 countries.

**Membership Dues:** None

### ***Highlights from 2014-15***

The last meeting of the Fellowship as a whole was at the Curling World Championships in Aberdeen.

Various competitions are taking place in Eastern Canada, Western Canada and in Scotland to choose teams that will meet for the next World Championship in Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada in April 2016.

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## **Fellowship Cycling to Serve**

**Topics of interest:** cycling and service activities

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 411 members in 21 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$20 annual, No lifetime

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The annual, and now 31st Rotary Cycling World Championships, took place this year from 28th to 30th of August 2015 in Nimes, France. From May 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> more than 35 members took part in the international cycling tours on the east coast of Sardegna, Italy. The event was organized by Meinhard Huber. Profits were put toward a social project for the Rotary Club of Enns, Austria.

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## **International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors**

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

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 242 members in 43 countries

**Membership Dues:** No annual; US\$120 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

#### **PEOPLE WITH ALBINISM (Global Grant)**

The United Republic of Tanzania and Barundi currently have the highest incidence of violence against persons with albinism(PWA). In order to curb many of the false beliefs that are the root of such marginalization, Chairman John Philip is leading a project in Northern Tanzania. Through his efforts, Chairman John is leading a project in the Northern part of Tanzania to help the Albino community. Rotary will aim to

1. Address the root causes of discrimination against persons with albinism, by combating superstition and stigma, through education and awareness-raising campaigns;
2. Encourage the adoption by Government institutions of measures and policies to address discrimination against persons with albinism - in particular with regard to access to education, employment and health care,
3. Ensure that PWAs have access to high quality eye care,
4. Encourage regular skin cancer screening and provide support to the PWAs when they seek access to good quality medical care for skin cancer,
5. Provide vocational training to help PWAs to become economically active.

#### **THE CALMED PROJECT TO REDUCE MATERNAL AND CHILD MORTALITY (Global Grant)**

This project, led by Past Chairman Himansu Basu, was created to improve the quality of care for both mothers in labor and their newborns. The project begins with basic pediatric training for both midwives and local birth attendants. So far the program has been very effective and has had a noticeable impact on infant mortality.

#### **A DEATH PLAN**

This project is led by Vice Chair John Dugaw. His concern was that many people fail to ask patients and their families about their personal care. He believes that professionals should be trained to have those conversations.

#### **TELEMEDICINE (Global Grant)**

This program was started by a group of doctors in California. By providing basic training, Wi-Fi, and iPads, hospitals are now able to provide appropriate medical advice without a doctor being present. They also help in setting up Electronic Medical Record systems so that patient details can be accessed by consulting specialists with the permission of the patient. Telemedicine systems have already been set up in a private hospital in Kampala, Uganda and in Peniel in the Congo. A Global Grant has been given to set up telemedicine in a hospital in Nigeria.

#### **OTHER PROJECTS**

#### **Rotary Fellowships**

There are a number of other projects our members are actively involved in such as the School Health Program in Delhi led by Vice Chair Kusum Chopra, Project Peanut Butter led by Denis Spurgeon, and Mobile Clinics in Rome led by Viviana Paliota.

### **LIAISON AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION**

There have also been efforts to compile a directory of health projects as a useful resource for people who are trying to plan new projects. It would be useful for rotary and non-rotary members, alike.

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## **Doll Lovers Fellowship**

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

**Membership Data for 2013-14:** 102 members in 102 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

This past year, the Doll Lovers Fellowship was visited by youth exchange students, the Rotary Friendship Exchange team, and members of Rotary and Interact. They organized a variety of events for local school children from drawing competitions to clay workshops. For all of their outstanding work within the community, the Fellowship was recognized by the Commissioner of Police and the Government of Gujarat Tourism department.

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## **Rotarian E-Club Fellowship (REF)**

**Topic of interest:** sharing e-club resources and knowledge

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 580 members in 59 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

This year, there was a large increase in membership, rising from 468 to 580. The group has also been involved with many social media platforms. On Facebook there is now an exclusive member only group and their twitter account has 10,200 tweets, 426 following, 461 followers, and 11 favorited tweets.

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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 2014-15:** 5000+ members in 200 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The group has been publishing Fellowship activities daily and keeping members informed about upcoming and previous projects. They are also publishing in multiple languages including Italian, Portuguese, English, Spanish, Urdu, and French.

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## **Environment Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topic of interest:** environmental concerns and related service activities

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 2,800 members in 95 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The Fellowship had a large turnout for São Paulo Convention where they bolstered membership and increased awareness on ways to protect the environment. They were also able to host their annual meeting from the Convention.

Additionally, some members were able to attend the World Water Summit and gathered information on good Rotary projects with an environmental impact.

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## **Esperanto World Fellowship of Rotarians (RADE)**

**Topic of interest:** using and sustaining the language Esperanto

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 90 members in 25 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The Fellowship edited three electronic newsletters, staffed a booth at the São Paulo Convention, and distributed information about Esperanto to interested Rotarians. Further, they were able to form their own e-club. The e-club is located in Italy but is available for members in Canada, Korea, Sweden, Brazil, the US, and Poland as well.

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## **International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians**

**Topics of interest:** fishing and conservation of fisheries

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 549 members in 40 countries

**Membership Dues:** No annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The Fellowship utilizes its Facebook page effectively to help facilitate communication among members, provide fishing tips, promote clubs' and fellowship chapters' fishing tournaments, exchange fishing invitations, and publish comments and photographs associated with all the preceding.

The president of the group attended the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo to promote the fellowship to the family of Rotary.

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## **International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR)**

***Topic of interest:*** aviation

***Membership Data for 2014-15:*** 1040 members in 40 countries

***Membership Dues:*** US\$10 annual

### ***Highlights from 2014-15***

The IFFR exhibited at the 2015 São Paulo Convention.

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## **International Go Playing Fellowship of Rotarians (GPFR)**

**Topic of interest:** playing Go, a strategic board game

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 348 members in 3 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$16.27 annual

### ***Highlights from 2014-15***

The GPFR established a new branch in Hawaii this past year. They are now working to open a booth at the Seoul International Convention.

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## **International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians (IGFR)**

**Topic of interest:** golfing

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 960 members in 48 countries

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

### ***Highlights from 2014-15***

The IGFR held its annual world championship in Belek, Turkey this past April with more than 160 Rotarians in attendance from 18 countries. The members were especially pleased with the superior hotel accommodations and highly regarded golf courses. With the help of sponsors, they were able to make a profit on the event which they donated to a local charity organization. The world champion of 2015 was Mr. Zelimir Feitl of Croatia. In second place was Mr. Louay Haddaji of Morocco and third was Mr. El Khalil Haddaji of Morocco – both helped organize the European Championship that took place in Sicily, Italy. The next IGFR European championship will take place in April of 2016 in Sicily, Italy and the next world championship will take place in July of 2016 in Rotterdam, Holland.

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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 2014-15:** 133 members in 3 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$10-\$30 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

In June of 2015, Maitr'D Wilbur Walrond met with several members of the Rotary Gourmet Fellowship at the Mediolanum Cuisine for the Annual Installation of Officers.

In lieu of one of their regular meetings, members attended the University of BC, Vancouver Joy of Feeding Event where they could sample culinary dishes from 16 different countries and volunteer for over three hours.

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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 2014-15:** 27 members in 8 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$70 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The Fellowship offers Rotarians the possibility of trading homes as an interesting way to take vacations. Previously it had been in partnership with a commercial business, [www.HomeExchange.com](http://www.HomeExchange.com). However, when the business abruptly broke their contract in 2013, the website went dark. They found another commercial partner, [www.HomeExchange50plus.com](http://www.HomeExchange50plus.com) and created a new website, [www.RotarianHomeExchange.com](http://www.RotarianHomeExchange.com).

The new website is free to visit and use and provides extensive content on how to trade your home. There is a Rotarian's Guide to home exchange. However, because of the crash, they lost around 70% of their membership.

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## **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 2014-15:** 240 members in 68 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15:**

There was a very successful presence at the House of Friendship of the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo.

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## **Rotarian Fellowship of Touring Horseback Riders**

***Topic of interest:*** horseback riding

***Membership Data for 2014-15:*** 28 members in 5 countries

***Membership Dues:*** US\$50 annual

### ***Highlights from 2014-15***

The Fellowship conducted a horseback riding tour "à la Margarite" in Avenches, Switzerland in September. The group held its annual meeting in February at Hotel Mercure, Biel 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 2014-15:** 2,128 members in 100 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

There are now three ROTI email lists to fit the members' interests: A general list with topics ranging from Rotary to light banter, a serious list of Rotary subjects, and a Tech list with online assistance about technology. There is also a monthly newsletter, *The Breadbasket*, which features a ROTian of the Month, special reports, and recognition of outstanding club projects. Previous newsletters can be found on the ROTI website.

The ROTI also set up its own booth at the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil this past June. Brochures were distributed and memberships were offered to interested Rotary members.

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## **Italian Culture Worldwide Rotarian Fellowship (ICWRF)**

**Topic of interest:** appreciation of Italian culture

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 103 members in 6 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$16 annually

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The ICWRF removed the lifetime membership and will now only be charging annual dues. An electronic ICWRF magazine has been published in August 2015 and circulated among members and perspective members. The ICWRF's website has been revised and is now up and running at [www.ICWRF.net](http://www.ICWRF.net). The ICWRF welcomed its first German Rotarian members. 100 new lapel pins have been purchased and distributed to the members.

In July of 2015 the AGM was held in Rome, Italy. Francesco Clemente has accepted to keep his office of International President for another year. Since the International Vice-President Ambrosio asked for postponing his office to the next two-year shift, Corrado Perrone will be the next International President; Michelangelo Ambrosio shall continue in his office as International Vice-President and become the International President after Corrado Perrone, on the 1st of July 2018. The International Executive Committee for the next three years (one additional year under Franco Clemente, and one ordinary two-year shift under Corrado Perrone) has been re-arranged, minutes and decisions published in the August magazine.

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## **Rotarian Jazz Fellowship**

**Topic of interest:** jazz music

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 112 members in 4 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

- Hosted and participated in the “International Rotary Jazz 'n Youth Exchange”, which had nearly 60 young American and German musicians. The participants included teachers, who came over for two weeks to help improve performances of the jazz students.
- Established Rotary Jazz Band (Rotary Jazztett), a group of six Rotarians playing on nearly professional level Jazz for benefit concerts. They are already booked for German District conferences and at German Embassy at Hawaii as well as were asked to play at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta & Toronto.
- Released the Christmas Winter-Jazz CD (which is available for purchase on their homepage)
- A concert was organized with Mr. Jonas Roeser & Friends in Duesseldorf, Germany
- They also organized 3-4 more concerts for 2016.
- New ideas were developed for supporting the Rotary World Convention in 2019 in Hamburg, Germany.

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## **Rotarians for the Advancement of Latin Culture**

**Topic of interest:** the appreciation of Latin cultures and languages

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 340 members in 23 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

- 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 daily meetings, and the annual meeting of the Fellowship was attended by 40 members

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## **Rotarian Lawyers Fellowship (RLF)**

***Topic of interest:*** the vocation of law

***Membership Data for 2014-15:*** 150 members in 10+ countries

***Membership Dues:*** None

### ***Highlights from 2014-15***

Their most significant endeavor has been in connecting Rotary member lawyers all around the world.

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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 2014-15:** 17 members in 6 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$15 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The Fellowship is currently planning to have a meeting at the 2016 Convention in Korea and at the 2017 Convention in Atlanta. They have also produced pins and specially printed silk for members to use in their magic shows.

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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 2014-15:** 98 members in 8 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$15 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

There are two branches of the fellowship and both had members attending many events including:

#### *Magna Graecia International Fellowship*

- In July 2014, there was a meeting dedicated to “Maria Salome- Women and saint”
- In September 2014, a group of members met at Gioia del Colle in Puglia for the 34<sup>th</sup> Magna Graecia Colonies International Prize
- In November 2014, several members from Italy and abroad attended a meeting on “14<sup>th</sup> century Amalfi in the Mediterranean Framework”
- Five days later there was a symposium at the Court Theatre in the Naples Royal Palace dedicated to “the Italian cultural clusters: our past and future”
- In January 2015 many Rotarians traveled to the Pompeii Excavation site to listen to Dr. Adele Lagi lecture on “the Management Plan for the Pompeii-Herculaneum-Stabiae Unesco Site
- In February, a group of Fellowship members visited the National Archaeological Museum to see the “Augustus and Campania” exhibit.
- In March 2015, Chairman Casale held a lecture on Caesar Octavian August at the “Third Age University” in Pompeii.

#### *The “Cycling in Magna Graecia” Fellowship Branch*

- In October 2014, there was a bicycle outing to “The Golden Mile”
- In January 2015 the members biked from the Piazza Plebiscito to the Phlegraean Fields
- In March 2015 there was an excursion from Morra de Sanctis to the ruins of the 12 Century del Goleto Abbey
- In April 2015, members organized a bicycle promenade under the guideline “On the Golden Mile, between Vesuvian and Roman Villas”
- In June 2014 Bulletin No. 26 was issued to inform members on activities and events of the Fellowship during 2014-2015.
- All Bulletins previously issued can be accessed on the website [www.fellowshipmagnagraecia.org](http://www.fellowshipmagnagraecia.org)

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## **International Fellowship of Marathon Running Rotarians (IMFR)**

**Topic of interest:** marathon running

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 205 members in 23 countries

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

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

Each year the IMFR meets for a major marathon event and during this event they hold their Rotarian Marathon Championship. This year, this event occurred in April, in Paris, France, giving the Fellowship a chance to participate in one of the most famous Marathons in the world. There were 100 Rotarians with their partners and families from many countries who spent an eventful weekend together. In addition to the marathon itself, there was a comprehensive program in Paris. At a celebratory party, members could enjoy many variations of pasta and matching wines.

On the day of the marathon, there were around 50,000 starters. The Fellowship had their own tent with snacks and beverages. Throughout the journey the runners had the chance to see everything from the Town Hall and the Louvre to the Eiffel Tower. Fortunately there were no major injuries and all Rotarians finished the race. In the end a great Farewell Dinner was held. The Governor of District 1660 (Paris-West), Chantal Schoder and Past Governor and founder of the first marathon event in 2005, Jean-Claude Brocart and his wife Annick were special guests at the event.

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## **International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians**

**Topic of interest:** motorcycle riding

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 2450 members in 24 countries

**Membership Dues:** Varies by chapter

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

IFMR consists of 17 chapters – two were recently suspended due to a lack of participation. A new Greece chapter was added this year. Each chapter organized between 4-14 tours sometimes touching as many as 2 or more states. Most chapters try to incorporate social projects into their tours. Last year Turkey completed a 5000 km ride and Greece covered 5 countries to raise funds and awareness for Polio Plus. The most remarkable meeting took place at the Rotary International convention in Brazil when the former president, Adilson Bonatto met with the new president Raymond Plue in São Paulo.

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## **International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians (IFRM)**

**Topic of interest:** singing and musical activities

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 350 members in 39 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$35 for 3 years; US\$200 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The main goal of the IFRM for the 2014-2015 year has been to increase communication between the members. To recognize the linguistic and cultural diversity of its members, the IFRM started appointing Country Chairs. The Country Chair can communicate with its in-country IFRM members in their primary language, promote IFRM events within their membership, monitor due renewals and promote membership activities within their area. IFRM members feel more connected with their community and have the opportunity to see all that IFRM is doing within their community. Though IFRM was not represented at the 2015 RI Convention in São Paulo, there was a surge of interest to attend the 2016 Convention in Seoul.

Further, monthly issues of the e-bulletin, *Staccato*, continue to be published and sent via email to current IFRM members as well as the semi-annual newsletter, *Music Notes*. These publications compile information submitted by the IFRM membership and have proved to be primary vehicles to promote IFRM musical activities.

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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 2014-15:** 595 members in 44 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

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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 2014-15:** 351 members in 41 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$10 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The PDGs Fellowship conducted a one hour Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday afternoon, 6 June, at the São Paulo Holiday Inn, just prior to the 2015 RI convention. A House of Friendship reception for members and guests was held following the AGM, 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 2015 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 São Paulo.

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## **International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers**

**Topic of interest:** photography

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 97 members in 17 countries

**Membership Dues:** none

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The group has continued to share their photos on the IFRP 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 2014-15:** Unknown

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

Polepfor continues to monitor a significant number of Police and Law Enforcement online websites- including Facebook. The Fellowship has also managed to send bannerettes and pocket slides to its members. They are planning to attend the RI Convention in Seoul 2016 and have reached out to the South Korean Police for their assistance with the Information Booth. The Fellowship's primary project is the Rotary District Peace Communities Program.

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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 2014-15:** 14 members in 3 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$50 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

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

The summary of the discussions of this year are as follows:

- An anniversary party
- A conference on the geography of the sacred path of Columbian Santiago
- An overview of the pre-Columbian cultures and civilizations (Part One)
- An overview of the pre-Columbian cultures and civilizations (Part Two)
- The solstice customs of different people
- Impressions from a visit to Caral
- Pre-Hispanic ethnic groups of Northern Chile

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## **Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists**

**Topic of interest:** quilting and other fabric art forms

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 211 members in 12 countries

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

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The RFQFA has a booth at the International Convention each year to display handmade goods made by its members. These items are donated and exchanged to the convention goers for their equivalent value donated to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund. Members volunteer to staff the booth during the convention. Last year, at the São Paulo Convention, the RFQFA raised nearly US\$7,000.00 for The Rotary Foundation.

In addition, the members have been using Facebook to share pictures of their quilts, afghans, or other products.

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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 2014-15:** 75 members in 10 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The members have continued to stay in touch and share ideas through the quarterly newsletter, website, and online group.

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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 2014-15:** 350 members in 4 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$15 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The biggest change for the Recreational Vehicles Fellowship (RVF) in 2015 was an amendment to their bylaws which included other countries that have Rotarian based RV Fellowship chapters. From this they were able to host a rally with members of the Australian Chapter from Sydney to Brisbane. Also, Canada had its first zone rally this year to raise funds for the local fire department. The annual American RVF rally was held in Estes Park. All of the proceeds went to support the local fire department and to help with the flooding reparations.

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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 2014-15:** 1,200 paid members, 81,000 free subscribers in 180 countries.

**Membership Dues:** US\$30 annual

### ***Highlights from 2014-15***

During the past Rotary year, RGHF continued to update their website to improve the members experience in searching for the History of Rotary, Zones, Districts, and Clubs. They will continue to expand their website and are reaching out to clubs that have yet to add their histories to the database.

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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 2014-15:** 58 members in 6 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$20 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The Fellowship was able to enroll many Rotarians into the Hall of Fame in honor of a 50 year membership. The group continues to support the preservation of the Paul Harris house as well as some of Franklin D. Roosevelt's polio cottages in Warm Springs, Georgia.

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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 2014-15:** 215 members in 30+ countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$10 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

Rotary Means Business (RMB) is one of our newest fellowships, recognized in November of 2013. The group is still building the Fellowship and the RMB brand. The Fellowship's main focus is currently on building membership and helping new members form local chapters in their areas. The group signed up more than 80 new members and helped launch 7 new local chapters. The two most active areas were South America and Central Pennsylvania.

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## **International Fellowship of Rotary on Stamps**

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

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 200 members in 35 countries

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

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

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

The fellowship also published six bimonthly Bulletins for all members during the year. Members sponsored the issue of personalized stamps for the "End Polio Now" and "Presidential themes".

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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 2014-15:** 1000 members in 40 countries

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

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The IFSR members participated in several international Scout jamborees and regional Scout meetings in Europe, Asia, and South America. The members have also served as staff members and participated as leaders of Scout units at these events. Participation at two of these events this past year involved activities with the King of Sweden in attendance.

IFSR has created certificates recognizing the Top Youth Awards in Scouting & Guiding. Current congratulatory certificates include the following with numbers presented in the past year:

- BSA Eagle Scout Award: 233
- GSUSA Gold Award: 21

New certificates created this past year:

- Cliff Dochterman Community Service Award: 50

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## **International Fellowship of Rotarian Scuba Divers**

**Topic of interest:** scuba diving

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 100 members in 10 countries

**Membership Dues:** none

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The IFRSD organized a ten day trip to Hawaii. The fellowship spent a week of spectacular diving on a live aboard boat that was filled exclusively with members of the fellowship. The proceeds from the trip went to the Honiara Rotary Club to support a local home for battered women. There was one other land-based week long diving trip in Cozumel, Mexico in April 2015. 34 members were in attendance but no profit was made so they could not give a donation.

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## **Rotarian Singles Fellowship**

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

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 314 members in 41 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$20 lifetime

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

Members enjoyed several activities at the São Paulo Convention. A new treasurer was elected and it was decided that dues should be a one-time payment as opposed to the annual dues they had in the past years.

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## **International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topic of interest:** skiing

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 380 members in 24 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$35 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The North American ski week event was held in Big Sky Montana from 31 January to 7 February. 99 Rotarians and guests from 5 countries were in attendance. The event included a little bit of everything. There were great skiing opportunities, a welcoming reception, a Super Bowl party, home hospitality dinners hosted by local Rotarian families, Yellowstone Park coach tours, and a trip to Bozeman, Montana for tours and shopping. Next year's destination will be Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada on 20-27 February, 2016.

The European ski week event was held at Saas-Fee, Switzerland from 7 - 14 March. There was a wide range of activities from skiing to "Giant Slalom Races." Each day free lunch was provided on the mountain by local Rotarians and friends. There were also opportunities throughout the week to tour local historical sites for those that didn't want to ski.

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## **Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship**

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

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 2,387 members in 63 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

Throughout the year they held various webinars hosted by the 2014-15 Chair, Melissa Ward and the 2014-15 Board Member, Chad Waldo.

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## **International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians**

**Topic of interest:** tennis

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 1,471 members in 71 countries

**Membership Dues:** None

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The main event of the ITFR was the yearly World Championship which. The 10th World Championship was held in August in San Benedetto del Tronto in Italy from 23 August to 30 August. They had 94 players from 13 countries including Italy, Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, France, Germany, Paraguay, Romania, Spain, UK, and US.

As every year at the Championship, the fellowship held the ITFR Annual General Meeting /Assembly and the chair gave a report about ITFR's past activities as well as plans for next year.

Besides the World Championship, the fellowship held 10 tournaments worldwide:

- Timisoara, (September 2014)
- Santos, (October 2014)
- Petropolis, Brazil (November 2014)
- Zagreb, Croatia (March 2015)
- Buenos Aires, Argentina (April 2015)
- Napoli, Italy (April 2015)
- Pozega, Croatia (May 2015)
- Mali Losinj, Croatia (May 2015)
- Varna, Bulgaria (May 2015)
- Sao Paulo, Brazil (June 2015)

ITFR also exhibited at the RI Convention in São Paulo in the House of Friendship.

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## **Rotarians' International Fellowship of Total Quality Management**

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

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 32 members in 11 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$10 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

Several meetings have been organized in Milano, Roma, Palermo, Florence on subjects related to banks, industries, instruction, public offices, health, agriculture, tourism and arts problems.

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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 2014-15:** 1107 members in 62 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$22 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The International Travel and Hosting Fellowship (ITHF) enables Rotarians and Rotaractors to enrich their travel experiences through cultural sharing and by visiting other ITHF members in the course of their travels.

From 12 March to 23 March, ITHF President Medicare Hsu arranged a Spring tour of Taiwan. 33 ITHF members from seven different countries were in attendance. Throughout the trip there were multiple tours of Yehliu Geopark, National Palace Museum, LongSun Temple, Taiwan History Museum, a tea farm experience & DIY tea making, Salt Mountain, Buddhism Memorial Museum, Sky Lantern Show, and Chi Shing Beach.

There was also a pre-Convention tour from 25 May to 4 June starting at Rio de Janeiro. The Fellowship members traveled to Manaus, Brazil and Pausado de Rio, Quente and ended in Sao Paulo.

ITHF had a Fellowship booth at the RI Convention in São Paulo, Brazil where members volunteered their time to meet and talk with Rotarians, Rotaractors, and other interested people about ITHF and our activities. Nearly 60 new members were signed up for the Fellowship at the booth.

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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 2014-15:** 119 members in 28 countries

**Membership Dues:** No annual or lifetime dues

### ***Highlights from 2014-15***

The IFWFR has continued to actively communicate with its membership in each continent around the world. IFWFR's activities attract all generations of Rotarians: in particular the younger ones, but as well in fitness and wellness we notice a strong force retaining active in Rotary those of the older generation.

The group has remained in contact with its growing membership and has continued to exchange valuable experience on their many different wellness and fitness activities in all parts of the Rotary world.

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## **Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship**

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

**Membership Data for 2014-15:** 3,903 members in 63 countries

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

### ***Highlights from 2014-15***

This past year, RWAFF members traveled to Mendoza, Argentina for one of the most acclaimed wine tours in the world. It was a 4 day, 5 night guided tour to 10 amazing wineries. The activities not only included tasting some of the very best wines that Mendoza has to offer but they also tried their hand at wine blending, visited an olive production facility, visited an art gallery, and had the chance to eat amazing food.

Additionally, the RWAFF held five wine events during the São Paulo convention, manned a booth in the House of Friendship, contributed \$4000 to the End Polio Now project, and published nine newsletters throughout the year.

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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 2014-15:** 3282 members in 36 countries

**Membership Dues:** US\$10 annual

### **Highlights from 2014-15**

The 2014-15 year has been a great success for the IYFR. The fellowship not only had various fun activities and engaged in service activities but experienced a significant growth in membership. Several new fleets have been chartered around the world, adding 357 new members to the international fellowship. Here there are the new Fleets and their components.

- Chile
- Croatia
- Czech-Slovak
- Izmir Fleet in Turkey
- Stettin
- Greek
- Hellenic-Ionian Fleet
- 10th Philippine Fleet

As of right now there is a possibility new fleets will be built in Lithuania, Greece, South Africa, South California, Singapore, East Malaysia, and Adelaide. The IYFR also chartered a Rotarian Sailing Training Center in Poland dedicated to helping impaired children.

The IYFR is composed of three Areas. Area 1 consists of Europe and Africa, Area 2 consists of North and South America, and Area 3 consists of Asia, Australia, Japan, the Philippines, and Indonesia. This past September, Area 1 held its annual meeting in Varna, Bulgaria. In addition to museum tours and a wine cellar visits, there was a half-day sail up the coast to various restaurants along the beach. Members also had the opportunity to sail on one of the PRC Lachezar's yachts for two days on the Black Sea. The Area 3 meeting was held this past November in Hong Kong. It consisted of a wonderful cruise from Shanghai to Singapore. During the festivities, the IVC turned the Area 3 Command to Kerran Campbell.

IYFR owe the great success of the São Paulo RI Convention, House of Friendship, Annual General Meeting, and PCC to the combination of the efforts, involvement, endless care and beautiful team work of two splendid Iyforians: Angie Mesistrano, the South America Region Commodore and Cesare Ortis an Officer of the Roma Fleet. Having no contact in Brazil, it seemed a mission impossible to organize all the São Paulo Events, the World AGM and the Post Convention Cruise. Thanks to the dedication of Angie and Cesare, those turned in one of the most pleasant and enjoyable fellowship meetings ever.

The extensive modification to the International Website has been also completed in the past year. In particular it has been adopted a more modern management system in order to allow an easy update of it without requesting a particular skill by the users/Officers responsible.

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