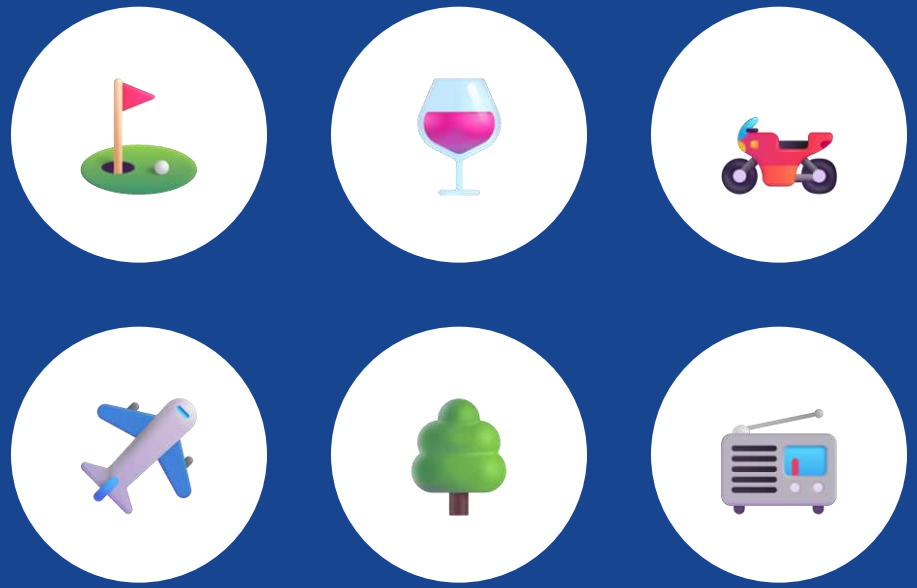
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Rotary Fellowships

Find your people. Share your passion. Make friends around the world.



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What is a Rotary Fellowship?

An international group of Rotary members and friends who share a passion, hobby, or profession.



Friendship

Make friends with Rotarians beyond your own club, district, and country.



Shared passion

Built around recreation, sports, hobbies, professions, and cultures.



Global reach

Every fellowship has active members in at least three countries.

Each fellowship sets its own rules, dues, and activities, and runs independently of Rotary International.

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Fellowships by the numbers

100+

fellowships worldwide, from golf to genealogy

3+

countries required for every fellowship

1947

the year the first fellowship set sail (yachting)

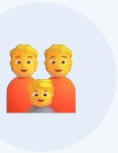
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Who can join? Everyone is eligible



Rotary members

Any club member, anywhere in the world



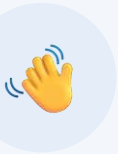
Family members

Spouses, partners, and families of Rotarians



Rotaractors and alumni

Rotaract members, plus participants and alumni of Rotary programs



Friends of Rotary

Some fellowships, such as FORG, welcome non-Rotarians too



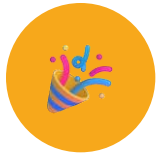
Low cost, high value

Dues are modest, and some fellowships are free.

Most activity happens online, at regional events, and at the Rotary International Convention.

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Fellowships vs. Rotary Action Groups



Rotary Fellowships

WHY THEY EXIST

Friendship and fun around a shared interest

EXAMPLES

Golf, wine, travel, amateur radio, genealogy

WHAT YOU GET

Friends worldwide and a reason to stay engaged



Rotary Action Groups

WHY THEY EXIST

Service expertise in Rotary's areas of focus

EXAMPLES

Water and sanitation, polio, literacy, peace

WHAT YOU GET

Partners and know-how for service projects

Both are open to Rotary members, and both are recognized by Rotary International.

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Why fellowships matter to District 5650



Keep members engaged

Members with friendships beyond their club are more likely to stay in Rotary.



Friends in every port

Wherever you travel, there's a Rotary friend who shares your passion.



Boost our public image

Fun, visible activities show the community Rotary at its best.



Open a new door

A shared hobby is an easy, natural way to invite new members.

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How to join a fellowship

1

Browse

Explore the directory at rotary.org/fellowships

2

Reach out

Contact the fellowship through its website or email

3

Join

Sign up and pay modest dues (some are free)

4

Get involved

Join events, online meetings, and convention booths

Tip: Visit the fellowship booths in the House of Friendship at the Rotary International Convention, where you can meet dozens of fellowships in one afternoon.

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Don't see your passion? Start a fellowship

1

Find your people

Recruit at least 25 interested members from at least three countries

2

Make a plan

Draft bylaws, choose leaders, and decide on dues and activities

3

Apply to Rotary

Submit an application for official recognition by Rotary International



Questions?

rotaryfellowships@rotary.org

Rotary International's fellowship staff can help you get started.

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Meet the fellowships in Barcelona

2027 Rotary International Convention

26–30 June 2027 · Barcelona, Spain

- Visit fellowship booths in the House of Friendship
- Inspiring speakers, breakout sessions, and Rotarians from around the world
- Registration is open now

$795 through 31 March 2027 (age 31+)

$350 age 30 and under · prices rise 1 April 2027

Scan to register

convention.rotary.org/en-us/registration

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Find your fellowship

Explore

rotary.org/fellowships

Browse the full directory and contact any fellowship.

Ask

rotaryfellowships@rotary.org

Get help joining or starting a fellowship.

Trace your roots

rotariangenealogists.org

Join the Fellowship of Rotarian Genealogists.

Your challenge: join one fellowship before Barcelona.

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Thank you

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