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Vocational Service Newsletter

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Taking our talents beyond the workplace



Prepare for the Rotary Convention in Toronto

At the 2018 Rotary International Convention, 23-27 June, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, you will hear inspirational speeches from keynote speakers, participate in a variety of service-related breakout sessions, and make new friends in the House of Friendship.

Preconvention events

- Join leaders from around the world at the [Rotary Peacebuilding Summit](#), held 22-23 June. We'll explore how we can foster peace in our communities and inspire others to take action. The event is open to Rotary members and nonmembers. [Register today.](#)
- Discuss water and health with the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group and others at the 10th annual [World Water Summit](#) on 22 June. Learn how Rotarians are fighting waterborne diseases like Guinea worm disease, which has plagued parts of Africa for generations but has nearly been eliminated. [Register today.](#)
- If you're a health professional, attend the [Global Health Challenges](#) symposium, organized by the International Fellowship of Rotarian Doctors and the Toronto Medical School, on 22 June. The conference will consider the world's most critical health issues. [Register today.](#)

Make connections in the House of Friendship

Visit the House of Friendship to network with fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors and learn about Rotary Fellowships, Rotarian Action Groups, Rotary's partners service

projects, and much more. Download the [Convention Events and Booth Exhibit Guide](#) to find Rotary Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups, then connect with the groups that share your interests and expertise.

Breakout sessions focus on service

The Rotary Convention also offers more than 90 afternoon breakout sessions 25-27 June, including:

- **Engaging Young Professionals** -- How can your club attract and engage young professionals in the work Rotary is doing? What does the next generation of leaders seek in a membership organization? We will discuss best practices, teach successful strategies, and share energizing stories of connections between Rotarians of all ages that will motivate you to incorporate these great ideas in your club and district.
- **Fellowships: The Hidden Gem of Rotary** -- Wherever your interests lie, chances are, you can find other Rotarians who share them. Rotary Fellowships are independent social groups in which members share a common passion. From cyclists to photographers, magicians to lawyers, these groups are a fun way to make friends, participate in projects, and share your enthusiasm for what you love. Enhance your Rotary experience by joining a fellowship!
- **Fun and Value With Rotary Friendship Exchange** -- When you open your club and home through a Rotary Friendship Exchange, you enjoy many benefits. In this session, you'll gain insight into how to promote Friendship Exchange to enhance fellowship, boost service projects, increase international understanding, and so much more.
- **Tap Into Expertise for Greater Impact** -- As people of action united in service, we do good in the world through our humanitarian work. Our panel of district international service chair champions will share how they are using local experts to help with all aspects of project development, from needs analysis to technical planning in Rotary's six areas of focus. Gain inspiration for leveraging your network of experts to enhance your projects and pioneer long-lasting change.

Many [Rotarian Action Groups](#) will host sessions on their service initiatives, and they'll teach you how to tap into their expertise and skills to take on similar projects in your community. Sessions will focus on addiction prevention, disaster relief, microfinance and community development, slavery, maternal and family health, and water and sanitation.

Download the [preliminary breakout session schedule](#) and the [Rotary Events app](#) to get convention highlights, tips, and resources.

Postconvention events

Attend the Rotarian Action Group for Microfinance and Community Development's [Ending Ultra-Poverty Summit](#) on 28 June. The event aims to stimulate discussion on how to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The summit will be held in downtown Toronto.

Celebrate Rotary's commitment to saving mothers and babies

April is Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Month. According to the World Health Organization, 5.6 million children under age five died in 2016. More than half of those deaths were due to conditions that could have been prevented or treated by access to simple, affordable interventions.



Rotary members provide help to mothers and children in need by offering families training in how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breastfeed, and how to protect themselves and their children from illness. [Here's how you can support mothers and children during Maternal and Child Health Month.](#)

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Ethical dilemma

Your club president is on the board of a local organization. The organization wants to partner with your club on service projects, but it doesn't have the resources to enhance your club's projects. You're the club's service chair, and you don't think that the partnership would be mutually beneficial. In fact, you believe your club would be helping provide the organization with resources and a network to grow their efforts without reciprocal benefits to your club. Your club president insists on pursuing the partnership and asks you to find a way to make it work.



WHAT WOULD YOU DO? >



Important changes

In July, this newsletter will be merged with the Rotary Service newsletter. You will automatically begin to receive the Rotary Service newsletter then if you don't already. [Manage your newsletter subscriptions](#) or contact us at rotary.service@rotary.org with any questions or concerns.

ATTEND A ROTARY PROJECT FAIR
TO FOSTER INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION

**DOWNLOAD LIST OF
UPCOMING FAIRS**

Updated Vocational Service in Action handbook now available

One of Rotary's five Avenues of Service, Vocational Service calls on Rotarians to use their skills and expertise to help their communities and to help others discover new professional opportunities and interests. The new handbook can help you better understand vocational service and provide you with ideas on

Engaging Younger Professionals toolkit

New leaders are always emerging. They live in your community, and they are eager to contribute. Young professionals make great Rotary members, but to bring them into our clubs, it is essential that we first understand them.

The new Engage Younger Professionals toolkit will help you

how to practice it in your personal life, in your career, and through your service activities. [Download Vocational Service in Action.](#)

rethink membership from a broad perspective down to a tactical level that you can adapt to your area. Topics include characteristics of your audience, your club's culture, ideas for outreach and engagement, and the long-term benefits of becoming a Rotarian.

Vocational Service in Action — Information, resources, and project ideas

Rotarian Code of Conduct — A set of ethical guidelines for Rotarians

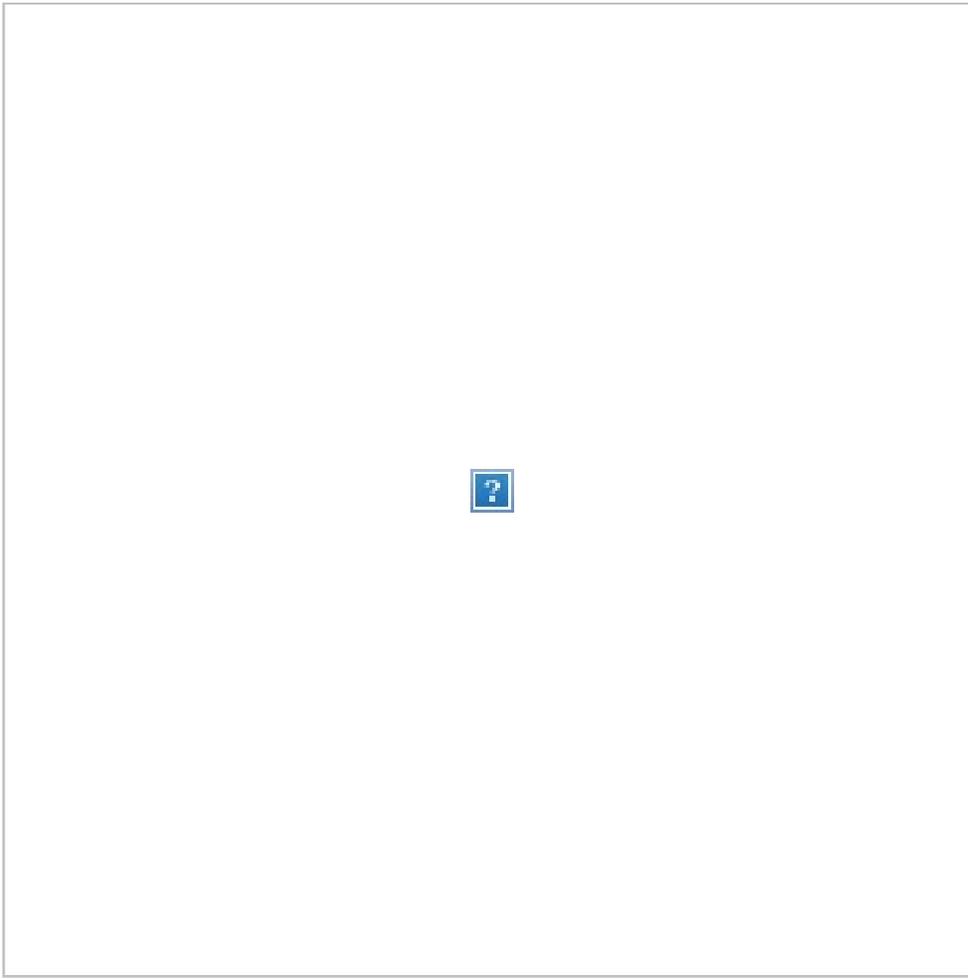
The Four-Way Test — An ethical guide to use for personal and professional relationships

Vocational Service Discussion Groups — Offer advice to and share expertise with fellow members

Rotary Fellowships — Groups of Rotarians and other members of the family of Rotary who share a hobby, skill, or profession

Rotarian Action Groups — Groups of Rotarians and other members of the family of Rotary who can offer clubs and districts technical advice on their service projects

Lifecycle of a Service Project — Toolkit of resources to help you with every stage of planning and hosting a service project





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