



2021 COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS OF
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

REPORT OF ACTION

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Dear Rotarians:

The Council on Resolutions of Rotary International met online from 15 October to 1 November 2021. In accordance with subsection 9.150.1. of the RI Bylaws, I am issuing this report on the actions taken by the Council.

36 resolutions were transmitted to the Council. The Council adopted 16 resolutions, of which 14 were recommendations to the RI Board and two were recommendations to The Rotary Foundation Trustees. The Board and the Trustees will consider these items at their upcoming meetings.

Should you have any questions about the Council on Resolutions or the adopted items, please contact Council Services at council_services@rotary.org. The deadline for submitting resolutions to the next Council on Resolutions is 30 June 2022.

Sincerely,

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RESOLUTION 21R-01

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to amend RI Bylaws section 4.080. and Article 10, Section 1(d) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to ensure the consistency of these two provisions

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Chigasaki, District 2780, Japan

1 WHEREAS, this resolution addresses section 4.080., Attendance Reports, of the RI
2 Bylaws, and

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4 WHEREAS, this section should be consistent with Enactment 19-35, “To amend the
5 provisions for making up an absence,” adopted by the 2019 Council on Legislation,
6 which amended Article 10, Section 1(d) of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to
7 provide that members shall make up an absence within the same year
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9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
10 International consider proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation
11 amending RI Bylaws section 4.080. and Article 10, Section 1(d) of the Standard
12 Rotary Club Constitution to ensure the consistency of these two provisions.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 RI Bylaws section 4.080., Attendance Reports, currently provides that “Each club
14 shall forward monthly attendance reports of its meetings to the governor within
15 15 days after the last meeting of each month. Non-districted clubs shall forward
16 attendance reports to the general secretary.” However, the 2019 Council on
17 Legislation adopted Enactment 19-35, which amends Article 10, Section 1(d) of
18 the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to provide that members shall make up an
19 absence within the same year. Due to this discrepancy, an accurate monthly
20 attendance report cannot be made within 15 days of the meeting. We therefore
21 request that the Board consider amending the two sections to ensure the
22 consistency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

23 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

RESOLUTION 21R-02

To request the RI Board to consider amending the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws to encourage clubs to invite the people and organizations that have benefited from their support to their meetings

Proposer(s): District 1790, France

1 WHEREAS, each year, clubs support a large number of people and organizations,
2 a number that can, within three years, exceed the total number of members in the
3 club, and

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5 WHEREAS, these people and organizations can help diversify membership
6 within the clubs, and

7
8 WHEREAS, these people have only a partial knowledge of Rotary's activities and
9 goals

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11 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of
12 Rotary International consider amending the Recommended Rotary Club
13 Bylaws to encourage clubs each year to invite the people and organizations
14 that have benefited from their support in the past three years to one of their
15 meetings.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 Over a period of three years, the number of people and organizations that receive
17 the help of a club is significant and is likely larger than the number of members in
18 the club. Over a decade, this figure could be twice the size of RI membership. It is
19 therefore imperative that clubs maintain a list of these people and organizations,
20 to stay in touch with and recognize them, and to invite them annually to attend a
21 club meeting. These people and organizations can be a tremendous resource to
22 help clubs diversify their membership. This type of activity would benefit RI's
23 communication efforts, would improve its public image, and would help diversify
24 clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

RESOLUTION 21R-03

To request the RI Board to consider placing a renewed emphasis upon club meetings and providing governors with strategies to encourage attendance

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kaibara, District 2680, Japan

1 WHEREAS, regular meetings are essential to a thriving club; all clubs depend upon
2 this for their very existence. Without compelling meetings, a club holds little
3 attraction for members. Without a strong focus upon club meetings, the club itself
4 has no strength, and

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6 WHEREAS, the environment of a meeting is one conducive to self-improvement,
7 where good habits are instilled in the minds and actions of club members, thus
8 paving the way for them to become Rotarians, and

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10 WHEREAS, the appeal of a club is enhanced by the fellowship among its members;
11 their daily interaction and mutual concern are reflected in and underscored by the
12 club's commitment to service, and

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14 WHEREAS, in-person meetings have an inherently higher energy level, and this
15 tends to increase members' receptivity to new ideas; they can also engage in more
16 difficult or nuanced discussions when meeting face to face

17
18 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
19 International consider placing a renewed emphasis upon club meetings, as well as
20 providing governors with a district strategy to encourage regular attendance at such
21 meetings.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

22 Members who fail to attend regular club meetings are unable to develop a sense
23 of unity through fellowship with others in the club. Consequently, they are less
24 motivated to strengthen their ties with the club through participation in its
25 service activities, or donate to The Rotary Foundation. RI must provide such
26 members with the proper encouragement so that they will be motivated to attend
27 club meetings.

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29 If attendance rules are relaxed for the purposes of meeting flexibility, attendance
30 rates will drop and members will have far fewer opportunities to connect with
31 each other. This may in turn diminish the club's vitality, and discourage its
32 members from participating in club activities.

- 1 Attendance at meetings is a pleasure and a privilege afforded equally to all
2 members.
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4 If each member actively attends club meetings, this should help to revitalize clubs
5 and increase membership.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 6 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot be
7 determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
8 support provided by the RI Board to equip governors with a district strategy to
9 encourage regular attendance at club meetings.

RESOLUTION 21R-04

To request the RI Board to consider urging all governors to encourage clubs to acknowledge that personal service enhances the integrity of Rotarians

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kaibara, District 2680, Japan

1 WHEREAS, Rotary has thrived for over 100 years upon a fundamental framework
2 of integrity and ethical behavior. The phrase “act with integrity and high ethical
3 standards” is incorporated into various Rotary documents, including the Rotarian
4 Code of Conduct. Integrity is also included among the core values of Rotary, and

5
6 WHEREAS, unfortunately, it is said the values of integrity and ethical behavior, so
7 characteristic of Rotarians in past eras, are fading as a distinguishing characteristic
8 of our organization, and

9
10 WHEREAS, Rotarians consistently devote themselves to accomplishing tasks in an
11 ethical manner. Their cumulative record in this regard is second to none. They
12 strive to assist others on a daily basis, and are always prepared to accept
13 responsibility for their own actions. Rotary stems from these fundamental
14 characteristics, and its ultimate success depends on the development of our
15 individual character, and

16
17 WHEREAS, a Rotarian develops a strong individual character by devoting him or
18 herself in this manner to the task at hand. This is the spirit of personal service, and

19
20 WHEREAS, RI has lately had a tendency to overemphasize the group aspect of a
21 club’s service activities, thus inhibiting the growth of its members as individuals,
22 and delaying their development as Rotarians, and

23
24 WHEREAS, Rotary’s growth in the next century will depend upon individual
25 Rotarians, and their reexamination of vocational and personal service goals. Such
26 goals will raise spirits, cultivate integrity, and realign Rotarians with the Object of
27 Rotary and the purposes of the club

28
29 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
30 International consider urging all governors to encourage clubs to acknowledge
31 that personal service enhances the integrity of Rotarians and to explore, nurture,
32 and apply the spirit of personal service in their service activities.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 1 The spirit of individual service espoused by each Rotarian, when applied in a
- 2 group context through the performance of regular service activities, will infuse
- 3 those activities with greater vitality and further inspire their participants.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial impact on RI.

RESOLUTION 21R-07

To request the RI Board to consider expanding Rotary's collaboration with other non-profit partners into a worldwide network for service projects

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Osaka, District 2660, Japan

1 WHEREAS, in 2020, RI issued a joint statement with other service organizations
2 regarding the COVID-19 pandemic: "We are leveraging the strength of our
3 combined networks of 3.2 million members to provide comfort and hope to those
4 feeling the effects of isolation and fear. And we are focusing our collective skills,
5 resources and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they
6 battle this disease and save lives." This statement represents an innovative
7 approach to philanthropic collaboration
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9 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
10 International consider expanding Rotary's collaboration with these non-profit
11 partners into a worldwide united network focused upon specific service projects
12 and activities.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

13 According to a survey conducted by District 2660 regarding public awareness of
14 Rotary in January 2021, the popular perception of Rotary is that it is engaged in
15 supporting relief efforts for the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as other disaster
16 response activities.
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18 This survey also revealed that those who perceive Rotary in a negative light, as a
19 social club for wealthy people, are less inclined to look upon Rotary's actual
20 philanthropic activity with a benevolent eye, or to resonate positively with its
21 strong humanitarian focus, while those with a positive predisposition toward our
22 organization will indeed view its activities in that way.
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24 Collaboration with other service organizations in the implementation of COVID-
25 19 support activities is the embodiment of Rotary's vision statement, and will
26 greatly help to dispel any negative myths about our organization.
27

28 By working alongside these groups in community settings to properly distribute
29 vaccinations and to prevent the spread of the disease, Rotary will be able to
30 develop a base of support among those who are genuinely sympathetic to its
31 mission, vision and core values.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
- 2 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
- 3 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

RESOLUTION 21R-10

To request the RI Board to consider including the vocational committee at the district level

Proposer(s): District 1810, Germany
District 1880, Germany
District 1910, Austria and Bosnia and Herzegovina
District 1920, Austria
District 1940, Germany
District 1980, Switzerland

1 WHEREAS, Rotary is, by definition, an organization of business and professional
2 persons united in the ideal of service, and
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4 WHEREAS, in Article 6 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, vocational
5 service is defined as the second Avenue of Service, and
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7 WHEREAS, the reform of the classification system has not decreased but rather
8 increased the importance of expertise in the vocational domain, aiming at
9 diversity of the members in the clubs, and
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11 WHEREAS, the RI Board decided in October 2018 that vocational committees
12 are no longer required at the district level
13

14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider correcting this discrepancy by including vocational
16 committees among those that may be appointed by the district in subsection
17 17.030.2. of the Rotary Code of Policies.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

18 To effectively assist clubs in implementing the Avenues of Service, the district
19 organization should include a vocational committee. Such a committee can
20 organize training for club leaders, support vocational service efforts, and offer
21 coordination beyond club boundaries in the event of economic difficulties.
22 Furthermore, vocational service events for young professionals encourage
23 Rotaractors and other potential new members to join Rotary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
- 2 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
- 3 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal. Districts now have and
- 4 are encouraged to use the option of creating additional committees that may be
- 5 appropriate for their structure, including one focused on vocational service.

RESOLUTION 21R-16

To request the RI Board to consider setting an upper age limit of 35 for membership in a Rotaract club

Proposer(s): District 1970, Portugal

1 WHEREAS, Rotaract clubs have been admitted into RI membership, the
2 same as Rotary clubs, and

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4 WHEREAS, this move was taken primarily as a means of attracting younger
5 people to Rotary, and of improving their levels of membership retention within
6 the organization, as well as to foster new ideas and service projects, and

7
8 WHEREAS, this should in no way be interpreted as diminishing the value of
9 Rotary clubs, and

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11 WHEREAS, it is important to have clubs that are diversified by age as well as by
12 profession, race, gender, or other systems of classification

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14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider setting an upper age limit of 35 for membership in a
16 Rotaract club.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

17 The purpose of this resolution is to prevent Rotaract club membership from
18 following similar trends of Rotary clubs, where there are few young members and
19 limited diversity within a club.

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21 Setting an age limit of 35 for Rotaract club membership will provide young adults
22 with additional time to develop in their professional lives, as well as deepen their
23 connection with Rotary, thus making it more likely that they will transition
24 voluntarily, and with little difficulty, into full Rotary club membership.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
26 Per a January 2020 decision, the RI Board provided that a Rotaract club may, but
27 is not required to, set an age limit if the club receives the approval of its members
28 and its sponsor club (if applicable).

RESOLUTION 21R-17

To request the RI Board to consider changing Rotary Youth Leadership Awards to Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Pullman, District 5080, Canada and USA

1 WHEREAS, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) are actually events and not
2 awards, and

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4 WHEREAS, districts that host these events sometimes have difficulty in
5 promoting an event that is labeled as an award, and

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7 WHEREAS, for a more accurate, current, and descriptive name, it is necessary to
8 update the name Rotary Youth Leadership Award to Rotary Youth Leadership
9 Academy

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11 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
12 International consider changing the Rotary Youth Leadership Award name to the
13 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy to more clearly communicate the RYLA
14 concept, as well as to convey the prestige of participating in such an event.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

15 The purpose of this resolution it to enhance the description of RYLA by elevating
16 the name to a level of importance as an event with the name Academy, though
17 keeping with the RYLA acronym. The original name of Award was appropriate in
18 the past but is not in keeping with the actual event. This will eliminate confusion,
19 clarify the concept of RYLA, and update the language to be more attractive to
20 clubs, applicants, and attendees. Elevating the name provides an element of
21 prestige, as an academy is much more attractive to attendees and the leaders who
22 send the attendees to the academy. This also corrects the misperception of RYLA
23 as a camp and creates a higher level of education for the attendees.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

24 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.
25 However, there would be a cost to individual clubs and districts to update their
26 marketing materials.

RESOLUTION 21R-18

To request the RI Board to consider changing the Interact club application deadline for a Rotary Citation

Proposer(s): District 9810, Australia

- 1 WHEREAS, Interact clubs applying for a Rotary Citation must submit their
2 nomination by 15 August, and
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4 WHEREAS, the deadline of 15 August suits the school year applicable in the
5 Northern Hemisphere, where the school year typically starts at the end of the
6 mid-year summer break, and
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8 WHEREAS, the deadline of 15 August does not suit the school year applicable in
9 the Southern Hemisphere, where the school year typically aligns with the
10 calendar year
11
12 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
13 International consider providing that Interact clubs applying for a Rotary
14 Citation, where their school year aligns with the calendar year, may submit their
15 nomination by 30 November.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

- 16 At present, Interact clubs in the Southern Hemisphere are disadvantaged when
17 applying for a Rotary Citation insofar as they are unable to include the outcomes
18 of a full school year's work. Consistent with Rotary's policy on diversity, equity,
19 and inclusion, RI should allow all Interact clubs to align their Rotary Citation
20 nomination with their school year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 21 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on RI.

RESOLUTION 21R-19

To request the Trustees to consider amending the fourth area of focus to include senior health

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Toulouse Lauragais, District 1700, France

1 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
2 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
3 consider amending the fourth area of focus to include senior health as follows:
4 Senior, maternal, and child health.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

5 In 2020, 10 percent of the world's population was 65 years of age or older; in
6 2050, this demographic will represent 18 percent of the world's population, or 1.8
7 billion people.

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9 Seniors are, by their very nature, vulnerable, and suffer from a decrease of their
10 physiological abilities, often associated with aging. They can be prone to
11 accidents, and neurocognitive decline, and may have a lower resistance to disease
12 (viral infection, vascular dysfunction, etc).

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14 The loss of autonomy and income experienced by the aged, along with the
15 deterioration of their intellectual and physical capabilities, and perhaps even
16 their technological maladaptivity, can interfere with their participation in social
17 activities and can cause them to become socially withdrawn.

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19 This is particularly true for the poorest seniors (in 2020, 70 million seniors were
20 living below the poverty line worldwide). These individuals are excluded from
21 society and depend on others for care.

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23 These dependent individuals are typically no longer in the labor market, and
24 therefore rely upon retirement income or financial assistance from relatives, the
25 government, or other third parties. Without such financial support, however, they
26 would be condemned to a life of great misery.

27
28 Acceptance of generational differences can be a first step toward outreach and the
29 development of a mutually beneficial association between those of different
30 generations.

- 1 Rotarians, through community service, help to improve the quality of life around
- 2 them, which is why Rotary should support any project that helps those most in
- 3 need: Mothers, Children, and Seniors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 4 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
- 5 The Rotary Foundation. While expanding an existing area of focus could lead to
- 6 an increase in grant activity for that area of focus, it would not require additional
- 7 resources; therefore, expenses will not increase.

RESOLUTION 21R-20

To request the Trustees to consider incorporating “diagnosis” into the Areas of Focus Policy Statements

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Busto-Gallarate-Legnano-Ticino, District 2042, Italy

1 WHEREAS, The Rotary Foundation’s continual commitment in the area of
2 disease prevention and treatment is further underscored and strengthened by the
3 recent activity of Rotarians, who are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic
4 through the use of disaster response grants, global grants, and district grants, and

5
6 WHEREAS, the experiences of this past year have also provided important
7 insights regarding the value of timely diagnosis and early therapeutic
8 intervention in the prevention and treatment of disease, and

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10 WHEREAS, these insights may be applied practically to the disease prevention
11 and treatment area of focus in the form of an added emphasis upon the diagnosis
12 of disease in all its various clinical, laboratory, and technical aspects

13
14 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
15 International consider requesting the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to
16 consider incorporating diagnosis as part of Rotary’s disease prevention and
17 treatment area of focus, by amending the Areas of Focus Policy Statements (July
18 2021) as follows:

19 20 **DISEASE PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT**

21
22 Rotary supports activities that reduce the causes and effects of disease. Projects
23 strengthen the health care system by improving access to and expanding medical
24 services, providing medical equipment, diagnostic tools and treatment, or
25 training health care personnel.

26 27 **Area of Focus Statement of Purpose and Goals**

28
29 TRF enables Rotarians to prevent, diagnose and treat disease and support health
30 by:

- 31
32 1. Improving the capacity of local health care professionals
33
34 2. Promoting primary disease prevention and treatment programs that limit
35 the spread of communicable diseases and reduce the incidence and effect
36 of noncommunicable diseases with early diagnosis and the most effective
37 treatment

3. Promoting secondary and tertiary prevention, aimed at reducing the impact resulting from an illness or an accident that has occurred, or the outcome of previous disease and injury that has caused persistent damage

~~3.~~ 4. Strengthening local health care systems

~~4.~~ 5. Providing clinical treatment and rehabilitation for physical disabilities

6. Promoting community health education programs

~~5.~~ 7. Funding graduate scholarships for career-minded professionals related to disease prevention and treatment

Parameters for Eligibility

TRF considers the following activities to be within the scope of the disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment area of focus:

Prevention, Diagnosis and Control of Communicable Diseases

6. ~~Treating~~ Diagnosing and treating communicable diseases through an approach that also helps prevent disease, improve the training of medical professionals, or enhance public health education to promote a community's long-term well-being

Prevention, Diagnosis and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases

6. ~~Treating~~ Diagnosing and treating noncommunicable diseases, including mental illness, through an approach that also helps prevent disease, train health service professionals, or enhance public health education with measurable outcomes to promote a community's long-term well-being

TRF considers the following activities to be outside the scope of the disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment area of focus and not eligible for global grant funding:

5. ~~Treatment~~ Diagnosis and treatment of pervasive developmental disorders and other spectral disorders, including autism, unless there are measurable clinical interventions that demonstrate an improvement of the disorder's long-term impact

Elements of Successful Humanitarian Projects and Vocational Training Teams

Disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment global grants are:

- 1 1. Sustainable — Communities can address their disease prevention,
2 diagnosis and treatment needs after the Rotary club or district completes
3 its work.
- 4
- 5 2. Measurable — Sponsors need to set targets and identify measurements to
6 track project outcomes. Standard measures for disease prevention,
7 diagnosis and treatment are listed in the Global Grant Monitoring and
8 Evaluation Plan Supplement.
- 9

10 **Elements of Successful Scholarships**

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12 Global grants support graduate-level scholarships for professionals interested in
13 pursuing careers related to disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment. TRF
14 considers the following when evaluating global grant scholarship applications:

- 15
- 16 1. The applicant's previous work experience in the field of disease
17 prevention, diagnosis and treatment
- 18
- 19 2. The academic program's alignment with disease prevention, diagnosis and
20 treatment, such as public health and advanced degrees in nursing and
21 medicine
- 22
- 23 3. The applicant's career plans as they relate to disease prevention, diagnosis
24 and treatment

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

25 Rotary supports activities that reduce the causes and effects of disease. Such
26 projects strengthen the health care system by improving access to and expanding
27 medical services, as well as providing medical equipment, diagnostic tools and
28 treatment, and training for health care personnel.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

29 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial financial impact on
30 The Rotary Foundation.

RESOLUTION 21R-23

To request the RI Board to consider conducting a ten-year worldwide campaign to raise awareness of water as a natural resource

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Colón, District 4975, Uruguay

1 WHEREAS, water is an element essential for life. It is our most precious
2 planetary resource and, as such, must be managed so as to provide safe, sanitary
3 living conditions for every one of earth's inhabitants. Our existing resources of
4 fresh water require careful stewardship, and the consistent application of
5 conservation policies that not only encourage moderate, rational usage of such
6 resources, but also protect them from progressive environmental degradation,
7 and
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9 WHEREAS, this second aspect of water resource management demands an
10 awareness, with ever increasing urgency, that governments and citizens of the
11 world must adopt effective measures for the care and conservation of water, a
12 task absolutely essential to our own survival and that of future generations, and
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14 WHEREAS, water is a finite resource; its use must be monitored so that it is
15 available in adequate quantities to every member of society. This depends to a
16 large degree upon individual responsibility, as well as the public availability of
17 information regarding water stewardship and conservation. Water should also be
18 protected, both in quality and quantity, at its natural source, in watersheds and
19 aquifers, which is primarily a function of state and local government agencies,
20 though they may receive assistance in this task from local communities, private
21 foundations, and business or social organizations, and
22

23 WHEREAS, it is necessary to raise awareness and promote sustained action
24 aimed at the care and protection of water as a resource. Such efforts should be
25 focused primarily upon the communities of the world, and their citizens, but also
26 directed towards state institutions, international entities, academic and scientific
27 institutions, as well as business and social organizations, and
28

29 WHEREAS, in order to achieve this goal, Rotary could establish strategic
30 alliances with other organizations, as it did during the polio campaign. Such an
31 effort might begin with the United Nations, which has included water usage and
32 management among its Sustainable Development Goals for the current decade,
33 and
34

35 WHEREAS, by taking a leading role in this global issue, Rotary will greatly
36 strengthen its public image and its ability to reach, interest, and mobilize the
37 citizens of the world, regardless of their social condition; younger people will find

1 the theme of water conservation especially attractive, as it is directly connected
2 with the environmental justice movement

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4 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
5 International consider conducting a ten-year worldwide campaign to raise
6 awareness of water as a natural resource and promote its stewardship through
7 the protection and sustainable management of all natural fresh water sources.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 Rotary has successfully undertaken a campaign of universal scope that is now
9 reaching its culmination, the eradication of the poliovirus, which intensely
10 mobilized Rotarians for more than three decades. This campaign has galvanized
11 the efforts of each Rotarian and every Rotary club around the world. Now, Rotary
12 can renew its humanitarian commitment and once again mobilize Rotarians with
13 an equally compelling objective, that of water resource conservation and
14 stewardship. This initiative fits perfectly into the four priorities of Rotary's action
15 plan, as it has enormous potential to increase the impact of our organization,
16 expand its reach, enhance participants' engagement and increase its ability to
17 adapt to the new requirements of today's world. The proposed campaign has a
18 general, global scope and will therefore operate independently of the specific
19 water and sanitation programs implemented locally by clubs through The Rotary
20 Foundation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

21 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
22 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
23 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

RESOLUTION 21R-28

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging all Rotarians to oppose the growing problem of modern-day slavery

Proposer(s): District 6000, USA

1 WHEREAS, Rotary's first area of focus is peace and conflict prevention, and
2 therefore Rotary recognizes that maintaining human dignity is part of its mission,
3 morals and values, and
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5 WHEREAS, RI endorses and supports the human rights of children, youth, and
6 adults to food, shelter, health care, education, and freedom from abuse, violence
7 and modern-day slavery, including sex trafficking, labor trafficking, forced child
8 marriage, child soldiering, debt bondage, as well as other forms of exploitation,
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11 WHEREAS, RI recognizes that modern-day slavery is among the worst and most
12 damaging forms of abuse and exploitation, and that every nation on earth has
13 adopted laws to ban this practice, and
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15 WHEREAS, RI has had a unique and important role in the founding of the
16 United Nations and in the ongoing Sustainable Development Goals and human
17 rights policies, and
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19 WHEREAS, in 2015, the United Nations developed Sustainable Development
20 Goals, which include Target 8.7: "Take immediate and effective measures to
21 eradicate forced labor, and end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure
22 the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labor, including
23 recruitment and use of child soldiers and by 2025 end child labor in all its forms,"
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26 WHEREAS, the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery has been working for over
27 ten years to increase awareness and encourage local Rotary clubs to engage in
28 anti-trafficking projects, and
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30 WHEREAS, every business, community organization, faith community, family
31 and individual can make a difference by choosing products that are not produced
32 by forced labor; by working to protect our young people from exploitation; by
33 addressing the problem of internet sex trafficking; and by becoming more aware
34 of the problem and possible solutions
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36 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
37 International consider encouraging all Rotarians to become more familiar with
38 the growing problem of modern-day slavery, to be vigilant and report suspicious

1 activity in this regard, and to work towards solutions to end the practice in all its
2 forms.

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4 IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors
5 of Rotary International consider encouraging clubs around the world to engage in
6 projects to protect all victims from hunger, neglect, abuse, and all forms of
7 exploitation and modern-day slavery.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

8 The exploitation of children, youth, and adults is a growing problem across the
9 globe. Today, there are over 40 million people enslaved in 155 countries; 47
10 percent of these victims are age 18-25, and 25 percent are under age 18. It is the
11 fastest growing criminal enterprise worldwide.

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13 RI has a choice on this issue: It can either rationalize the exploitation of children
14 and youth as an age-old problem, simply accepting that human nature never
15 changes and that, in any case, slavery is a problem for government, and do
16 nothing; or RI can put into practice the tenets of The Four-Way Test, the second
17 Object of Rotary, and the Rotary Code of Policies in relation to the rights of the
18 individual by taking a strong public stand in opposition to enslavement, and do
19 its utmost to help eradicate this worldwide evil practice.

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21 By taking a strong position, RI will increase global awareness, encourage clubs to
22 initiate anti-trafficking service projects, publicly declare its opposition to the evils
23 of slavery, and reach the hearts and minds of stakeholders and decision makers
24 throughout the world.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

25 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
26 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
27 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal.

RESOLUTION 21R-30

To request the RI Board to consider ensuring that the Rotary brand is adequately protected and that there is no association of the brand with firearms or ammunition

Proposer(s): District 7040, Canada and USA

1 WHEREAS, one of RI's central tenets is the promotion of world peace and
2 understanding, and

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4 WHEREAS, RI strongly promotes peace through its ongoing support of peace
5 fellowship programs, which are awarded by The Rotary Foundation. Such
6 fellowships are designed to foster a peace-oriented worldview in the recipients,
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9 WHEREAS, peace and conflict resolution is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus,
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12 WHEREAS, RI was a founding partner of the United Nations and remains a
13 strong supporter of that organization in its efforts to promote world peace, and

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15 WHEREAS, innocent people of all ages fall victim to armed conflict, and

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17 WHEREAS, Rotarians should always be conscious of the importance of the
18 Rotary logo, and of its impact upon the public perception of our organization, and

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20 WHEREAS, advertising and social media play a critical role in the public
21 perception of Rotary, and

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23 WHEREAS, Rotarians should always be mindful of gender and religious
24 affiliation in their overall efforts to promote peace through diversity and
25 inclusivity, and

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27 WHEREAS, Rotarians must always be conscious of the Rotary brand and
28 endeavor to protect it from any negative associations

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30 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
31 International consider ensuring that the Rotary brand, including any marks or
32 logos, is adequately protected in its use by Rotarians, particularly as regards
33 fundraising or special events, and that there shall be no association of these
34 marks and logos with firearms or ammunition.

(End of Text)

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 1 If implemented, this resolution would have no substantial impact on RI. The RI
- 2 Board already has policies in place concerning the protection and integrity of the
- 3 Rotary brand, as referenced throughout Rotary Code of Policies Article 34, Rotary
- 4 Marks.

RESOLUTION 21R-32

To request the RI Board to consider providing training on polio eradication and PolioPlus to incoming governors

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Zonhoven, District 2140, Belgium

1 WHEREAS, Article 32 of the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies states that, as
2 endorsed by Councils on Legislation, the global eradication of polio is, and must
3 remain, the premier goal of Rotary International and its Foundation until the
4 world is certified as polio-free. Polio is our corporate program; however, it is not
5 part of the training curriculum for governors-nominee and it is not on the
6 training curriculum during the governors-elect training seminar. Only at the
7 International Assembly is it included in that capacity, and
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9 WHEREAS, subsection 20.100.1. of the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies states
10 that programs relating to The Rotary Foundation must be presented during the
11 session allotted to the Foundation at the governors-elect training seminar.
12 However, we have noticed that the PolioPlus program is not part of the training
13 and is not even included as a topic in the Participant's Workbook. Although the
14 eradication of polio is RI's corporate program, it is not included as a mandatory
15 subject in the curricula of training seminars for either the governors-elect or the
16 governors-nominee, and
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18 WHEREAS, section 32.030. of the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies states that
19 'advocacy' for PolioPlus by Rotary leaders needs to be encouraged. But there is no
20 recommended or mandatory advocacy training on PolioPlus for future leaders on
21 the program of the governors-nominee training seminar, nor that of the
22 governors-elect training seminar, or of the Rotary Institutes. However, without
23 advocacy, without building support, donations to eradicate polio will not occur
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25 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
26 International consider including dedicated explicit training on polio eradication
27 and the PolioPlus program conducted by the End Polio Now coordinators at
28 governors-nominee training seminars, governors-elect training seminars, and
29 Rotary Institutes. End Polio Now coordinators are part of the regional team and
30 should lead the polio-related trainings.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

31 The purpose of this resolution is to effectively increase internal support for RI's
32 number one goal: the eradication of polio. The training on PolioPlus of future
33 district leaders should start at the governors-nominee training seminar, continue

1 at the governors-elect training seminar, and receive further elaboration at the
2 International Assembly. The training curriculum includes a multi-year plan of
3 action for the district in which all clubs are involved in an effort to create
4 awareness, to inform, to fundraise, and to advocate. By actively building
5 momentum, clubs and Rotarians will be more involved and better informed in
6 their roles as advocates and fundraisers. At regional institutes, a masterclass on
7 PolioPlus should be developed to encourage district polio fighters to maintain
8 their momentum as well as to thank them for their ongoing efforts. Knowledge
9 and motivation will also lead to internal support for volunteers, which ultimately
10 provides them with the confidence to approach donors for large contributions in
11 support of the polio eradication effort.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

12 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
13 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
14 support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal. End Polio Now
15 coordinators' expenses would be reimbursed if they are speakers or trainers at
16 the governors-elect training seminar.

RESOLUTION 21R-35

To request the RI Board to consider providing a virtual meeting platform to supplement in-person attendance at certain events

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Campinas-Sul, District 4590, Brazil

1 WHEREAS, RI is a century-old institution that has sustained itself through
2 constant updates and adaption to changing times. As Paul Harris presciently
3 remarked in 1935, “This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with
4 it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again,” and

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6 WHEREAS, the internet is now firmly established as a global technology and its
7 use has become firmly established throughout the Rotary world, and
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9 WHEREAS, the development of new internet technologies, such as fiber optic
10 networks and 5G, combined with the nearly universal use of mobile devices (cell
11 phones, tablets, laptop computers, etc.), along with the widespread adoption of
12 more effective communication and meeting software, have substantially reduced
13 the need for in-person meetings, which has been confirmed during the COVID-19
14 pandemic, and

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16 WHEREAS, Rotary is also facing the challenge of competition from new social
17 media channels focused on networking and philanthropy, many of which
18 function entirely online and offer their services to users at no charge, and
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20 WHEREAS, it is imperative that Rotary reduce costs in order to maintain and
21 expand its membership, and
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23 WHEREAS, in-person meetings have an impact on the organization that extends
24 beyond their financial cost; they also necessitate the use of air travel and other
25 types of transportation with a heavy carbon footprint, and take time away from
26 members that might otherwise be dedicated to their professional and family
27 activities, and
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29 WHEREAS, RI’s experience in holding virtual events has been extremely positive.
30 The use of online technology provides greater accessibility to participants,
31 encourages more open, productive discourse, and completely eliminates the costs
32 associated with in-person meetings (venue, transportation, accommodations,
33 etc.), and
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35 WHEREAS, even large-scale Rotary International events, such as the Honolulu
36 and Taipei International Conventions, district conferences, and other meetings
37 around the world, have been held virtually and with great success, and

1 WHEREAS, several national and international meetings are held each year in
2 connection with Rotary programs such as Rotary Fellowships, intercountry
3 committees, Youth Exchange, Friendship Exchanges, etc., and

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5 WHEREAS, the high cost of participating in such events – particularly
6 international meetings – hinders attendance, and can therefore slow the
7 development of these programs, and

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9 WHEREAS, increasing accessibility to these meetings will significantly improve
10 the performance of Rotarians in activities that help to further Rotary’s objectives

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12 IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary
13 International consider providing a virtual meeting platform to supplement in-
14 person attendance at events held in connection with Rotary Youth Exchange,
15 intercountry committees, Rotary Fellowships, and other similar programs.

(End of Text)

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

16 The purpose of this resolution is to facilitate participation in and improve
17 accessibility to events held in connection with programs that operate outside of
18 RI’s core structure and are promoted primarily by Rotarian organizations, such
19 as those created to promote Rotary Youth Exchange. Many districts are
20 prevented from participating in face-to-face meetings by the high cost of
21 international travel and are therefore unable to develop such programs. These
22 meetings encourage participants to share information and can often be held more
23 effectively and reliably online. By holding virtual meetings, more districts will be
24 able to participate and their increased contributions will help to strengthen the
25 programs. In addition to Rotary Youth Exchange, other programs, such as
26 intercountry committees, Rotary Action Groups, Rotary Fellowships, and
27 Friendship Exchanges, will also benefit and become stronger and more inclusive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

28 If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on RI which cannot
29 be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of
30 support provided by the RI Board to maintain a virtual meeting platform to
31 supplement in-person attendance at events.