

New Member's Guide to Rotary Abbreviations and Definitions

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<u>Rotary</u>	RI	Rotary International	World's largest service organization. 1.2M members, 34,000 clubs
	RIP	Rotary International President	Currently serving RI President (John Germ, USA)
	RY	Rotary Year	July 1 through June 30
	COL	Council of Legislation	RI Governing body represented by one member of each District
<u>Club</u>	PE	President-elect	Identifies Club President in next RY
	P-N	President-Nominee / Vice President	Follows the PE in sequence to Club President
	PP	Past President	A former Club President
	IPP	Immediate Past President	The previous year's Club President
	RC	Rotary Club	i.e. Rotary Club of Sylva
<u>District</u>	DG	District Governor	Officer of RI at district level; serves one-year term (Gary Dills - Franklin)
	DGE	District Governor-elect	Identifies DG for next RY (Bill Biddle-Asheville Breakfast)
	DGN	District Governor Nominee	Follows the DGE in sequence to DG (Isaac Owolabi-Asheville-Biltmore)
	PDG	Past District Governor	A former DG (PDG Bill Shillito-2007-8, PDG Hamp Shuford-1994-95)
	AG	Assistant Governor	Responsible for 3-6 clubs; there are currently 13 areas in District 7670 (AG J. McCaskill (2014-16) AG J. Strickland (2016-) AG J. Herman (2016-)
<u>Programs</u>	RYE	Rotary Youth Exchange	Annual study exchange for foreign high school student
	RYLA	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards	District training program for high school juniors and seniors
	PETS	President-elect Training Seminar	Zone 33-34 Three day training program for PE in Greensboro, NC
	GETS	Governor-elect Training Seminar	Zone 33-34 training program for DGE
	MOP	Manual of Procedure	Governing document for RI
	CART	Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust	Zone 33/34 program for Alzheimer's research. 18 Districts have raised \$6M. PDG Bill Shillito is the Executive Director.
<u>Foundation</u>	TRF	The Rotary Foundation	Not-for-profit corp. to raise and distribute funds for humanitarian efforts The motto is " <i>Doing Good in the World</i> "
	EREY	Every Rotarian Every year	Contribute any amount annually to TRF
	SM	Sustaining Member	Contribute \$100 annually to TRF
	PHF	Paul Harris Fellow	Contribute \$1000 to TRF
	PHS	Paul Harris Society	Contribute \$1000 annually to TRF

Areas of Focus. The six priority world needs to which The Rotary Foundation directs it's financial and volunteer resources to have a sustainable and measurable impact. The areas of focus are: **Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water and Sanitation; Maternal and Child Health; Basic Education and Literacy; and Economic and Community Development.**

Assembly, District/Club Leadership Training. Annual training meeting preferably conducted in April or May, of club presidents-elect and incoming club leaders and committee chairs. Its purpose is to prepare incoming club leaders for their year in office and build their leadership team, and to give the district governor-elect and incoming assistant governors and district committees the opportunity to motivate club leadership teams and build their working relationship.

Avenues of Service. Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation for club activity. They are based on the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and New Generations Service.

Convention, RI. Annual international meeting open to all Rotarians and their guests. Its primary purpose is to inspire and inform Rotarians at an international level. Club delegates from around the world elect RI officers for the coming year, including the president and RI Board.

District. Geographic grouping of clubs for RI administrative purposes. We are in District 7670 which consists of 50 clubs of approximately 2,200 members in Western NC. The website is www.rotary7670.org

District conference. Meeting held annually in each district to further the program of Rotary through fellowship, inspirational addresses, and the discussion of matters relating to club and district affairs. It is open to all Rotarians in the district and their families.

Effective club. A club that can (1) sustain or increase its membership base, (2) implement successful service projects that address the needs of its community and communities in other countries, (3) support The Rotary Foundation through program participation and financial contributions, and (4) develop leaders capable of serving Rotary beyond the club level.

Emblem, Rotary. Symbol of Rotary International, consisting of a gearwheel with six spokes, 24 cogs, and a keyway. Colored royal blue and gold, it is worn with pride by Rotarians as a lapel button.

Four-Way Test, The. Statement of business and professional ethics that centers on four questions: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor and adopted by Rotary International in 1943.

Global Networking Groups. Groups of individual Rotarians and others from different countries united through shared interests either as Rotary Fellowships (geared to vocational and recreational interests) Discussion Groups (sharing ideas), or Rotarian Action Groups (geared to service activities). Designed to foster international fellowship, friendship, and service. Open to all Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors. You can register at www.rotary.org .

Honorary Member. A person elected to membership in a Rotary club for either serving with distinction in the furtherance of Rotary ideals or being considered a friend of Rotary for his or her permanent support. An honorary member does not pay fees or dues, has no vote, and may not hold office, but may attend all meetings and enjoy the privileges of the club. The club board determines the term of honorary membership.

Interact. Rotary club-sponsored clubs for young people dedicated to service and international understanding. Membership is open to students ages 12-18. The Rotaract Club of Bunker Hill HS is sponsored by RC Catawba Valley

Manual of Procedure. Publication created to help club and district leaders understand Rotary and the policies and procedures most relevant to their services; issued every three years after each Council on Legislation. Also contains the RI constitutional documents.

Officers, club. The president, immediate past president, president-elect, one or more vice presidents, director(s), secretary, treasurer, and sergeant-at-arms of a Rotary club.

Officers, RI. The president, president-elect, vice president, treasurer, other directors, general secretary, and governors of Rotary International; and the president, immediate past president, vice president, and honorary treasurer of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland.

Polio Plus. The RI initiative to eradicate polio throughout the world. Over 1 billion children have been inoculated. As of 2016 there are only two countries in the world with the wild polio virus: Iraq and Afghanistan.

Purposes of Rotary International. The purposes of RI are (a) to support the clubs and districts of RI in their pursuit of programs and activities that promote the Object of Rotary, (b) to encourage, promote, extend, and supervise Rotary throughout the world, and (c) to coordinate and generally direct the activities of RI.

Rotaract. Rotary club-sponsored clubs for young adults ages 18-30 for the purpose of developing leaders and service-minded citizens. There is a Rotaract Club at CVCC.

Rotary Direct. The online and preferred method of contributing to TRF at \$10/month

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). A zone training initiative to develop future leaders. It is comprised of three one-day sessions over any period of time.

Secretariat. The entire operations of the general secretary and staff, including international offices and all staff assigned to Rotary Foundation matters. Office of the Secretariat is located in Evanston, Illinois, USA.

Theme, Rotary. The theme changes annually at the discretion of the RI President. The theme for 2017-18 is “*Rotarians Making a Difference.*”

Zone 33/34. There are 34 zones in RI. Zone 33/34 is a geographic grouping of districts in the SE United States from Maryland to the Caribbean. It consists of 29 Districts, 1573 clubs and 67,080 members. District 7670 is one of six districts in NC.