Rotary International Quiz

History

1. What year was Rotary founded? (1905)
2. What month was Rotary founded? (Feb...the 23rd)
3. How old will Rotary International be next month? (106 years old)
4. T/F: Rotary is the world’s first service club organization. (true)
5. T/F: Rotary’s founder and first Rotary Club president was Paul Harris. (false. Paul Harris was Rotary’s founder and organizer of the first Rotary Club, but the first club president was Silvester Schiele...see, nobody remembers past club presidents!)
6. T/F: Our own Jack Harig suggested the idea of starting Rotary to Paul Harris because he wanted to be a district governor some day (ha, ha)
7. T/F: Paul Harris was the first president of Rotary International. (true)
8. T/F: Paul Harris sponsored our own Bud Rogers into Rotary. (what do you think?)
9. T/F: The Rotary emblem was chosen because it symbolized the fact that Rotarians in the early days were all “big wheels” in their communities. (false. The early emblem illustrated “civilization and movement”)
10. T/F: Women were prohibited from membership in Rotary for most of Rotary’s history. (true...women were officially allowed in 1989)
11. T/F: The United States Supreme Court ruled to allow women membership in Rotary. (true in 1987)
12. T/F: Sometimes we, as Rotarians, find Rotary to be a bit of a mystery, somewhat complicated, but after all it was founded by an attorney! (true. Paul Harris was an attorney)

Philosophy and Organization

1. T/F: Rotary International’s official motto is “Service Above Self”. (true)
2. What is Rotary’s secondary motto, adopted in 2004? (“They Profit Most Who Serve Best”)
3. T/F: The United States has more Rotarians than any other country. (true...over 355,000 members)
4. What country has the second largest number of Rotarians? (India with over 110,000 Rotarians)
5. T/F: The President of Rotary International serves for only one year, just as club presidents do. (true)
6. What is the Object of Rotary? ("to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise")
7. Which of the following are areas by which the Object of Rotary is fostered:
   a. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service?
   b. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society?
   c. The application of the ideal of service in one’s personal, business, and community life?
   d. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.
   (all are areas through which the Object of Rotary is fostered)
8. T/F: The philosophical cornerstone of RI, and the foundation on which all Club service is based is known as the "Avenues of Service". (true)
9. T/F: Rotary’s Avenues of Service are based on RI’s motto, “Service Above Self”. (true)
10. Which of the following are Rotary Avenues of Service:
    a. Club Service (yes)
    b. Community Service (yes)
    c. International Service (yes)
    d. Vocational Service (yes)
    e. Self-Service (Self-Service is not an Avenue of Service)
    f. New Generations (yes...enacted in 2010 recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding
**Clubs**

1. **T/F:** The first Rotary Club meeting was held in New York City on a dark and stormy night. (false. The first meeting was held in Chicago, IL)

2. **T/F** The first regular Rotary luncheon meetings were held in Chicago. (false. Oakland, CA)

3. How many Rotarians are there worldwide? Is it closer to 800,000, 1.2 million or 2 million? (1.2 million)

4. How many Rotary Clubs are there worldwide? Is it closer to 10,000, 25,000 or 32,000? (32,000...over 34,000 as of 11/2010)

5. In how many countries and geographical areas are there Rotary Clubs? (200)

6. What percentage of Rotarians worldwide are members of U.S. clubs? Is it closer to 25%, 50% or 75%? (25%...as of 11/2010 about 29% of all Rotarians are in the U.S.)

7. What percentage of Rotarians worldwide are women? (about 16%; in the U.S., about 53% are women)

8. According to RI, which of the following is part of the definition of an **effective** Rotary Club:
   a. sustaining or growing their membership? (yes)
   b. participating in service projects benefiting their communities and those in other countries? (yes)
   c. supporting The Rotary Foundation financially and through program participation? (yes)
   d. developing leaders capable of serving Rotary beyond club level? (yes)
   e. serving without seeking recognition for good works? (no. Serving without seeking recognition for good works is **not** part of the definition for an effective Rotary club. RI encourages clubs to publicize projects and accomplishments as a means to enhance Rotary’s image and to add credibility to local clubs)

9. **T/F:** Rotary International has a pilot program to recognize Rotary e-Clubs that meet primarily on line. (true)
Responsibilities of Members

1. Which of the following are reasons Rotary International emphasizes the importance of members regularly attending club meetings:
   a. Absence of any member deprives clubs of the value of its diversified membership? (yes)
   b. Absence of any member deprives the clubs of member contributions to ongoing club projects? (yes)
   c. Absence of any member deprives the clubs of the personal fellowship of each member? (yes)
   d. Absence of any member reduces the club’s ability to find a good place to eat for meetings? (no there’s more to Rotary than eating)

2. T/F According to RI, an active Rotarian must attend at least 80 percent of club meetings in each half of the year. (false. Active members are expected to attend 50% of club meetings each half year by attending his/her own club or a recognized make up club meeting)

3. T/F: An active member may make up a missed club meeting by attending another club’s meeting within 14 days of the missed club meeting. (true)

4. T/F: A member may make up a club meeting by attending a regular meeting of a local Rotaract club, Interact club, Rotary Community Corps or Rotary Fellowship. (true)

5. Which of the following are Rotary International Membership Requirements designed to help club members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience:
   a. Regularly attending club meetings? (yes)
   b. Participating in local and international service projects? (yes)
   c. Introducing new people to Rotary membership? (yes)
   d. Encouraging fellow members to be involved in service? (yes)
   e. Paying annual dues promptly? (yes)
   f. Volunteering for leadership duties at the club level and beyond? (yes)
Rotary International Programs

1. T/F: The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program is the world’s second largest privately funded international scholarships program, second only to the United Nation’s Scholarship Program. (false. The UN has no such scholarship program. The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program is the world’s largest privately funded international scholarship program.

2. T/F: Rotary Youth Exchange is a program focusing on high school age students. (true)

3. T/F: Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships are awarded to U.S. and international university students. (true)

4. T/F: RI selects 100 international students to be Ambassadorial students each year. (false. 500 are selected)

5. T/F: Rotary International does not sponsor “Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies” at the university level because RI views such studies as too political in nature. (false. Each year, students from around the world take part in the Foundation's Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program and the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution at 5-6 peace centers around the world.)

6. T/F: RI sponsors Rotary Peace Fellowships at the master’s degree or professional certification level. (true)

7. T/F: Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a short term vocational and cultural exchange program between Rotary districts in different countries. (true)

8. T/F: Rotarians who are members of Group Study Exchange Teams (GSE) have a unique opportunity to grow professionally by learning from other cultures. (false. Rotarians cannot be Rotary Group Study Exchange team members, even though the teams are sponsored by Rotary)

9. T/F: Rotary Clubs organize and sponsor Interact service clubs for youth ages 12-18. (true)

10. T/F: Rotary Interact Clubs is one of the most significant and fastest growing programs of Rotary service (true. 200,000 members worldwide)
11. Which of the following do Interact members gain through their membership?
   a. Developing leadership skills and personal integrity (yes)
   b. Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others (yes)
   c. Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work (yes)
   d. Advancing international understanding and goodwill (yes)

12. T/F: Rotary Clubs organize and sponsor Rotaract service clubs for young adults age 18-30. (true)

13. T/F: The purpose of Rotaract Clubs is leadership, professional development and service (true)

14. T/F: Interact and Rotaract clubs are organized only in the U.S. (false. Clubs are worldwide)

15. T/F: There are more Interact than Rotaract clubs worldwide. (true. Interact 12,300 in 133 countries and geographical areas...Rotaract 8,000 in 167 countries and geographical areas)

16. Where will the Rotary International Convention be held in 2011? (New Orleans)

**The Rotary Foundation**

1. What is the mission of The Rotary Foundation? (To enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, good will, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.)

2. T/F: The Rotary Foundation traces its beginning to a guy in Cleveland. (true. Arch C. Klumph, the 6th President of Rotary International, started the predecessor to the Rotaray Foundation...the endowment fund was set up in 1917)

3. The Foundation’s first grant, in 1928, benefited whom? (an international organization for crippled children)

4. T/F: Today, Eradicating polio is RI’s top priority. (true)

5. Who recently offered $355 million to the Rotary Foundation in matching grants to help eradicate polio? (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)

6. T/F: The primary means of funding The Rotary Foundation is through the Annual Programs Fund (Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative). (true. With a donation of $100 a year, a Rotarian becomes a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member)
7. Which of the following are programs funded through The Foundation:
   a. Polio Plus to eradicate polio worldwide (yes)
   b. Humanitarian Grants (yes)
   c. Educational Programs (yes)
   d. Rotary Club Presidents’ Pension Fund (no...duh!)
8. T/F: A Rotarian who has donated $1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund, to Polio Plus, or to the Humanitarian Grants Fund qualifies to be a Paul Harris Fellow (true)
9. T/F: A spouse of a Rotarian may be designated a Paul Harris Fellow because the Rotarian donated at least $1,000 to the Foundation in his/her spouse’s name. (true. Family, friends, colleagues can all be Paul Harris fellows)
10. Which of the following received Rotary Foundation funding:
    a. A five-year-old Ugandan boy, and 19 other Ugandan children, who received surgery to repair their congenital heart defects. (yes)
    b. Children in Nigeria, Pakistan, India and other countries who received polio immunizations (yes)
    c. Women in Nepal who received training to be midwives to reduce infant mortality (yes)
    d. Water, hygiene and sanitation projects throughout the developing world to address the fact over 5 million children under age 5 die each day from unsafe water, hygiene and sanitation. (yes)
    e. The people of the Solomon Islands to prevent malaria. (yes)

And, Do You Know?
Where is the largest Rotary Club in the world? (Seattle with 642 members)