

## **Overview of RI awards**

Rotary International offers awards to recognize the efforts and contributions of Rotarians, Rotary clubs, and non-Rotarians. Eligible nominators may submit nominations according to each award's criteria and guidelines.

### **Avenues of Service Citation**

This citation program provides a way for Rotary clubs to personally recognize one club member for his or her outstanding efforts in the five Avenues of Service. A club member must have demonstrated support of the Object of Rotary through active participation in each of the five Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International, and New Generations. Nominees must be an active Rotarian and can only receive the award once. Club Presidents may nominate on an ongoing basis.

### **Presidential Citation**

#### **Interact Presidential Citation**

#### **Rotaract Presidential Citation**

This award is designed to motivate clubs to actively participate in service. Revised on an annual basis by the RI president, the award traditionally highlights the president's emphases. Clubs submit completed certification forms to district governor for endorsement. District governors are to report qualifying clubs on the Member Access Portal by 15 April. Rotaract and Interact Presidential Citation programs are also offered. Club Presidents submit applications to Governor, District Governor submit applications for consideration to Rotary International. Applications must be received by April 15.

### **ZONE 32 LITERACY AWARD**

To be eligible for the District Award, a club must complete five literacy projects. Projects that are the same but in different locations count as one project. To be eligible for the Zone Award, clubs must complete ten literacy projects, including the five required for the District Literacy Award and one suggested project from the Zone Literacy Award Brochure, celebrate Literacy Day on Sept 8th or Literacy Month in March, and complete a book related project.

### **ZONE 32 WATER AND SANITATION AWARD**

To be eligible for the award, a club must complete five activities including the commencement of at least one project that addresses water and sanitation needs before April 15, 2011. Please refer to the Zone 32 Water and Sanitation Award Brochure for more information.

### **ZONE 32 PUBLIC IMAGE AWARD**

To be eligible for the award, a club must complete five public image activities before April 15, 2011. Please refer to the Zone 32 Public Image Award Brochure for more information.

### **ZONE 32 HEALTH AND HUNGER AWARD**

To be eligible for the award, a club must complete five activities that address Health and Hunger needs before April 15, 2011. Please refer to the Zone 32 Health & Hunger Award Brochure for more information.

### **ZONE 32 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

To be eligible for the award, a club must complete five community service activities before April 15, 2011. Please refer to the Zone 32 Community Service Award Brochure for more information.

### **Avenues of Service Citation - Rotary International**

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### **Significant Achievement Award -Rotary International**

Presidential recognition of a club activity which addresses a significant problem or need in the community. A district selects one project and submits nomination to RI. A president-appointed selection committee evaluates nominations. Nominations are made by the District Governor and must be received by March 15.

### **Recognition of Smaller Club Membership Growth**

This district-level award offers an incentive to clubs that fall below the charter requirement of 20 members by recognizing the challenges and achievements of small clubs. Nominations are made by the District Governor and must be made between May 16 and June 30.

### **RI Membership Development and Extension Award -- MDEA**

This district-level certificate program recognizes membership growth in existing clubs, retention of current club members, and the organization of new clubs. Districts that meet their membership goals are also recognized. Nominations are made by the District Governor and may be made after May 15.

### **RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives – MDI**

This district-level certificate recognizes clubs for the development and implementation of a creative plan or strategy to support one of the three primary foundations of membership growth and development: retention, recruitment of qualified new members, or the organization of new Rotary clubs. Nominations must be submitted to Districts by April 15, and must be received at Rotary International from District Governors by May 15.

### **Club Builder Award**

Nominated by district governor given to Rotarians whose efforts have strengthened clubs. Nominations due by November 1.

### **Service Above Self Award**

As Rotary's highest honor for individual Rotarians, this award recognizes up to 150 Rotarians annually who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. Current district governors, directors, and past directors may nominate up to three candidates by 1 September each year.

### **Rotary International Vocational Service Leadership Award for District Governors**

This award recognizes district governors who have conducted a forum to promote, celebrate, and advance the district's dedication to the Avenue of Vocational Service during his or her year in office. District Governors may submit applications on an ongoing basis.

### **Rotary International Citation for Meritorious Service**

This award recognizes Rotarians who have demonstrated active service to The Rotary Foundation for more than one year. District Governors and Directors may nominate on a rolling basis from July 1 to May 15.

### **Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service**

Four complete Rotary years after receiving the Citation for Meritorious Service, a Rotarian becomes eligible for the Distinguished Service Award. Because this is the Foundation's highest service recognition, a recipient's exemplary service to the Foundation must extend beyond the district level and occur over an extended period of time. Any Rotarian may nominate by November 15.

### **Public Relations Award**

The RI Public Relations Award was discontinued by the RI Board of Directors as of 1 July 2008. Rotary clubs that wish to be recognized for public relations may be able to use their outreach efforts to qualify for the Presidential Citation.

### **Rotary Foundation District Service Award**

Because so many Rotarians serve humanity through Foundation programs, The Rotary Foundation created the District Service Award to recognize their efforts. Each recipient is given a certificate, awarded at the district level.

District governors may obtain up to 20 blank certificates at no cost to their district. After the awards have been presented, districts are to record the names of the recipients in their own database. District officers should contact RI staff for historical records of District Service Award recipients. District Governors may nominate on an ongoing basis.

### **Family & Community Service Award**

This award is a certificate that Rotary clubs may confer on individuals or organizations for outstanding service to families and communities, or in recognition of the positive contributions to individual Rotary clubs made by spouses or family members of Rotarians. It is a good way for clubs to celebrate Family Month in December, recognize members of the family of Rotary, and promote Rotary in the community. Rotary Clubs may nominate on an ongoing basis.

### **Volunteer Certificate of Recognition**

This certificate can be used to recognize outstanding volunteer service at the club, district, or international level. District governors, district Rotary Volunteers chairs, or district Vocational Service chairs may nominate on an ongoing basis.