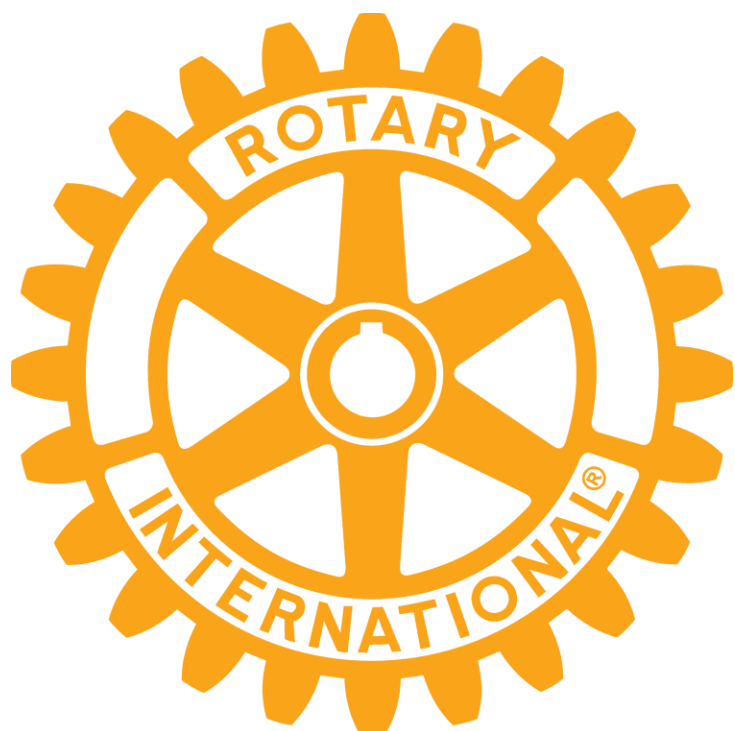




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RESOLUTION 26R-01

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging all clubs to invite representatives from other organizations to attend a club meeting

Proposer(s): District 1770, France
District 1790, France

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider encouraging all clubs to strengthen their connections with local institutions and professional networks by annually inviting representatives from those organizations to attend a club meeting and, in turn, visiting them at one of their meetings.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

If adopted, this resolution would strengthen local recognition of Rotary as well as clearly promote its Avenues of Service in order to foster local public interest.

Too many local service projects are unknown to institutions and professional networks outside of Rotary, and as a result there is generally very little synergy between the two groups. This resolution strengthens Rotary's public recognition at the community level and can be expected to increase membership in local clubs as well. There is no risk involved, and the only challenge is getting clubs to actually implement it.

This resolution will be disseminated to all clubs through promotional efforts by the district—particularly the governor and his/her team—as well as through media coverage, including the national Rotary magazine and local media outlets.

We recommend that Rotary do everything in its power to restore its standing with key local partners, including local and regional governments as well as local professional networks, all of which presently have a rather outdated concept of Rotary. It is necessary to renew and reestablish lasting connections in order to develop sustainable partnerships. Contact with local media should also be encouraged as part of this resolution.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-02

To request the RI Board to consider reaffirming that Rotary's fundamental principle is the substantial autonomy of its member clubs

Proposer(s): District 2650, Japan

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider reaffirming that Rotary's fundamental principle is the substantial autonomy of its member clubs.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Article 2 of the RI Constitution provides that "Rotary International is the association of clubs and Rotaract clubs throughout the world." This principal of club autonomy is further supported in Rotary Code of Policies section 8.010., Club Autonomy of Activities, which states: "A fundamental principle of RI is the substantial autonomy of the member clubs. The constitutional and procedural restrictions on clubs are kept to a minimum necessary to preserve the fundamental and unique features of Rotary. Within that provision there is the maximum flexibility in interpretation and implementation of RI policy, especially at the club level."

However, recent notices from the RI Secretariat occasionally appear to deviate significantly from this policy.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-03

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to utilize a three-year action plan

Proposer(s): District 1690, France

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider encouraging all clubs to utilize a three-year action plan as an operating principle in their bylaws.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

If adopted, this resolution would:

- Advance the implementation of a three-year action plan at the club level, building on the approach already adopted by many districts.
- Ensure smoother leadership transitions and greater continuity in club operations.
- Foster greater unity and collaboration among club leaders from one Rotary year to the next.
- Increase the appeal of serving as club president by creating a more supportive and sustainable environment for future leaders.
- Expand the role of the immediate past president by increasing their involvement in promoting continuity and supporting the ongoing success of the club.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-04

To request the RI Board to consider establishing a global Friends to Members-membership engagement tool

Proposer(s): Rotary E-Club One of Denmark, District 1480, Denmark

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider establishing a global Friends to Members pathway by formalizing the Rotary Friends concept as a membership engagement tool.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

The concept of Friends of Rotary has emerged in many parts of the world as an informal extension of Rotary clubs through locally developed arrangements. In light of this growing practice, Rotary E-Club One of Denmark, with the support of District 1480, believes the time has come for RI to formally recognize the concept. In countries experiencing club closures and declining membership, such as Denmark, new approaches are needed to engage people who support Rotary's mission but are not yet ready to become members.

A successful model already exists in Rotary GB&I, where Friends of Rotary is recognized as a pathway to membership that accommodates modern lifestyles and varying levels of availability. Friends of Rotary are not Rotary members, but participate under the guidance of a sponsoring club. They may attend selected meetings, social events, and service projects, volunteer in club activities, and support Rotary's work while remaining distinct from members. They do not pay membership dues, hold voting rights or office, appear on Rotary's official membership roster, or use Rotary's name or logo independently. As a result, they serve as a pool of engaged supporters who may later transition to full membership.

Formalizing this concept within RI would provide clubs with a flexible and globally recognized framework for engaging prospective members while preserving the distinction between Friends of Rotary and Rotary members. It would establish a consistent "try before you join" pathway that helps clubs attract busy professionals, spouses and partners of members, former members, and others who wish to support Rotary but are unable or unwilling to commit to full membership immediately. At the same time, it would harmonize existing local practices, protect Rotary's brand and data privacy through clear standards, and reduce confusion regarding the rights, responsibilities, and status of participants.

By creating a structured pathway from engagement to membership, an official Friends of Rotary program could strengthen Rotary's membership pipeline, increase volunteer capacity, expand professional networks, and enhance the organization's long-term sustainability. Greater participation by engaged supporters would also increase the resources available for service while promoting consistent governance, ethics, and communication across Rotary.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the RI Board to formalize the Rotary Friends concept as a membership engagement tool.

RESOLUTION 26R-05

To request the RI Board to consider implementing a sponsorship recognition system crediting members for referrals worldwide

Proposer(s): District 7080, Canada

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider implementing a sponsorship recognition system that allows active Rotary members to receive credit for referring individuals who become members of any Rotary club worldwide, regardless of the club in which the referring member holds membership.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Under the current system, a club can recognize sponsors only from among its own membership. As a result, Rotarians who refer prospective members to another club receive no formal recognition for helping Rotary grow.

This resolution would not affect a club's authority to admit members or manage its membership records. Instead, it would enable Rotary to recognize and track successful referrals across club boundaries by notifying and crediting sponsors when their referrals become members.

Membership growth is a central organizational objective of Rotary, reflected in Rotary Code of Policies section 5.030. and Rotary's strategic priorities. Recognizing successful referrals regardless of club affiliation better aligns Rotary's recognition system with its goal of growing and strengthening global membership.

By recognizing members who help grow Rotary anywhere in the world, RI can:

1. Encourage greater collaboration among clubs and districts.
2. Help prospective members find the club that best fits their interests and needs.
3. Motivate members to introduce new people to Rotary.
4. Support long-term membership growth across the organization.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the RI Board to accomplish this goal. To administer the proposed recognition, Rotary would need to develop an internal system to collect member referral data.

Rotary Code of Policies section 43.110., New Award or Recognition Proposals, outlines the general guidelines for adopting a new award or recognition program.

RESOLUTION 26R-06

To request the RI Board to consider encouraging Rotary clubs to waive admission fees for new members joining from their sponsored Rotaract clubs

Proposer(s): District 3141, India

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider advising Rotary clubs to waive admission fees for any new member joining from a Rotaract club that they currently sponsor.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Some Rotary clubs charge an admission fee to Rotaractors joining the club, including those from their sponsored Rotaract clubs. Waiving this fee would remove a potential barrier to membership and encourage more Rotaractors to transition to Rotary.

This approach would strengthen the connection between sponsoring clubs and their Rotaractors, foster a greater sense of belonging, and support Rotary's efforts to grow membership.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-07

To request the RI Board to consider further expanding the role of assistant governor

Proposer(s): District 1760, France

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider building upon its February and October 2025 decisions regarding the training of assistant governors by further expanding their role and recognition within Rotary.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

If adopted, this proposed resolution would encourage the RI Board to build upon its recent actions by further strengthening the role of assistant governors within Rotary. It would help enhance the legitimacy of assistant governors among clubs and their leaders, provide greater recognition of their contribution to district governance, and promote greater consistency and clarity in Rotary's leadership structure. It would also encourage clearer definition of the duties, responsibilities, and term of office of assistant governors, increase the appeal of the position as a pathway for developing future district leaders, and foster their continued commitment to Rotary service.

Significant Financial Impact

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

RESOLUTION 26R-08

To request the RI Board to consider amending the Rotary Code of Policies to permit districts to include Rotaract clubs as members of the incorporated district entity

Proposer(s): District 1830, Germany

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider amending section 17.020. of the Rotary Code of Policies, Incorporation of Districts, to permit districts, at their discretion, to include Rotaract clubs as members of the incorporated district entity, where consistent with applicable law and RI's governing documents. Specifically, the Board is requested to consider amending subsection 17.020.1., Incorporation Process, as follows:

Article 17. Rotary Districts

17.020. Incorporation of Districts

17.020.1. Incorporation Process

The corporate documents of each incorporated district shall include provisions assuring that the district corporations comply with the following requirements:

4. All Rotary clubs in the incorporated district shall be members of the incorporated entity. Where the district so decides, all Rotaract clubs in the district shall likewise be members of the incorporated entity
5. The initial membership of the district shall be the Rotary clubs and, where applicable, Rotaract clubs in the district as of the time of the incorporation. The addition or removal of a club or clubs, or where applicable, Rotaract clubs from a district pursuant to the RI bylaws shall immediately and automatically result in a corresponding change in the membership of the district corporation
6. Only Rotary clubs and, where applicable, Rotaract clubs in the district may be members of the incorporated district
8. The board of directors and officers of the district corporation shall be limited to Rotarians who are members of clubs in the district and, where permitted under the constitution, bylaws, and policies of RI, may also include Rotaractors who are members of Rotaract clubs in the district, provided that no Rotaractor shall serve in any office or function reserved for Rotarians, including district governor or assistant governor
9. The directors of the district corporation shall include the current district governor, the district governor-elect, and the most recent past district governor who served in that district, and such other Rotarians or Rotaractors, if any, as

may be determined by the district. The number and terms of the directors shall be as required by local law and as provided for by the incorporated district's corporate documents

10. The current district governor shall be the highest officer of the incorporated district and shall serve as chair of the board of directors. The district may elect such other officers as required by local law and as provided for in its corporate documents. Where applicable, the Rotaract clubs shall elect the district Rotaract representative consistent with the relevant policies of RI
11. The governor shall report annually to the clubs and, where applicable, Rotaract clubs on the status of the district incorporation.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

The purpose of this resolution is to allow districts suitable flexibility to decide whether to include Rotaract clubs as members of an incorporated district entity, where appropriate, permitted by applicable law, and consistent with RI's governing documents.

Rotaract has been integrated as an RI membership type, and Rotaract clubs are an integral part of RI's district structures. In many jurisdictions, district incorporation is legally beneficial or even required. Where districts incorporate, the current inability to include Rotaract clubs in the incorporated district entity may create unnecessary separate legal structures, administrative complexity, and inconsistency with the broader integration of Rotaract into Rotary.

This resolution would allow, but not require, districts to include Rotaract clubs in their incorporated district entity. It therefore preserves district flexibility while supporting the continued integration of Rotaract clubs into district structures where appropriate.

The resolution is not intended to alter existing procedures for selecting a district governor or a district Rotaract representative, nor would it permit Rotaractors to serve in any office or function that RI governing documents reserve exclusively for Rotarians.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-09

To request the RI Board to consider increasing the number of Service Above Self Awards

Proposer(s): District 3141, India

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider increasing the number of Service Above Self Awards from the current 150 to 250.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

The purpose of this resolution is to enable more deserving Rotarians to receive Rotary's highest and most coveted recognition for service. As Rotary marks 121 years of service and now includes more than 530 districts worldwide, each district is limited to recognizing a single recipient from among many deserving candidates, making the selection process especially challenging.

The effect of this resolution would be to enable approximately 100 more deserving Rotarians worldwide to be recognized for their exceptional service each year, while motivating others to work harder and increase their impact on their communities and around the world.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-10

To request the RI Board to consider initiating the evaluation process for recognizing the Rotary Student Program as an official program of RI

Proposer(s): District 6360, USA

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider initiating the evaluation and implementation process set forth in Rotary Code of Policies section 40.030. for recognition of the Rotary Student Program as an official program of RI.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

In recent decades, Rotary membership has declined significantly, reducing both public awareness of and community engagement with our movement. At the same time, an unprecedented opportunity exists to engage the next generation. Globally, 1.2 billion young people aged 15-24 (16 percent of the world's population) are transitioning into higher education and the workforce, a demographic projected to reach 1.3 billion by 2050. Among this growing cohort, many report wanting a mentor but lacking one during this pivotal transition to college and careers.

With 1.2 million members, Rotary is in a unique position to address this unmet need and, in the process, grow our organization's membership exponentially by utilizing our vast network to provide a valuable service in every community in the world. Rotary has long supported efforts to develop the next generation of leaders through programs designed to mentor, build leadership skills, expand education, and promote the value of service in young people. Adopting a career mentorship program would not only be beneficial to young people but also provide an ideal means of introducing both participants and families to Rotary, demonstrating Rotary's value to potential Interactors, Rotaractors, and future Rotarians.

For nearly 20 years, the Rotary Student Program, chartered in 2007 by the Rotary Club of St. Joseph Benton Harbor (Michigan, USA), has connected young people aged 15-18 with professionals in their chosen careers through mentorship, helping them confirm or redirect their aspirations before graduating high school. The program has delivered strong outcomes for both youth and Rotary. In 2012, participants helped catalyze a five-school, 60-member community-based Interact club that launched within two weeks and expanded to seven clubs across southwest Michigan by 2016. It has also attracted participants and families to Rotary while strengthening Rotary's public image.

The Rotary Student Program is now at a stage of development and scalability that makes it both timely and appropriate for the RI Board to initiate the evaluation and implementation process for adoption as an official Rotary program under Rotary Code of Policies section 40.030., Evaluation and Implementation of Proposed Rotary Programs. Such recognition will allow the program to be deployed on a global scale.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI. If the Rotary Student Program is administered as a structured program, expenses are estimated to be at US\$340,000 per year. In addition, there is an initial cost of US\$20,000 for global trademark research and registration.

RI Code of Policies section 40.030., Evaluation and Implementation of Proposed Rotary Programs, outlines the general guidelines for adopting a new program.

RI recognizes Rotarian interest in supporting mentorship for youth ages 16-24. However, maintaining structured activities for youth under 18 requires a youth safeguarding and youth protection approach to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of youth participants.

RESOLUTION 26R-11

To request the RI Board to consider recognizing RotaKids as a district-led Rotary family youth program

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Pitesti, District 2241, Republic of Moldova and Romania

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider recognizing RotaKids as a district-led Rotary family youth program and authorizing the use of the RotaKids name and standardized logo. It further requests the Board to consider confirming that legal, financial, safeguarding, and operational responsibility rests with the sponsoring Rotary club and district in accordance with local law, and to consider accepting the transfer or licensing to RI of the digital products developed by District 2241, subject to RI-approved technical, privacy, safeguarding, and governance review.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Bridging the gap between the grassroots success of RotaKids and the need for a unified identity would strengthen the program while clarifying that responsibility remains at the district level, addressing RI's primary concern regarding legal liability. This approach would allow RI to inspire youth without the administrative burden of a centrally managed structured program like Interact, while creating a clear pathway to protect the RotaKids brand and make the existing global domains available under terms acceptable to RI.

Official recognition would also support the program's continued growth, already documented across verified clubs in multiple regions worldwide, by providing the credibility and consistency that only Rotary can offer.

The complete governance framework supporting this resolution, including the Standard RotaKids Club Constitution and Bylaws, Statement of Policy, Safeguarding Framework, and supporting documentation, is publicly available.

The proposal also aligns directly with the 2026–2027 Rotary Presidential Message, “Create Lasting Impact.” Recognizing RotaKids is an investment in one of Rotary’s most enduring opportunities: shaping the next generation of service-oriented leaders from their earliest years.

Significant Financial Impact

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

RESOLUTION 26R-12

To request the RI Board to consider officially recognizing Rotary Kids as a program of RI

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of São Paulo-Saúde, District 4420, Brazil

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider officially recognizing Rotary Kids as a program of RI for children ages 6 to 12, as a pre-Interact program.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Designation of Rotary Kids as an official RI program for children ages 6 to 12 would provide a consistent framework for an initiative that already exists and continues to expand worldwide. Beyond this framework, the designation would deliver the following benefits for RI and the Rotary community:

- **Early Engagement:** Today's society demands that young people take on social responsibility at an increasingly early age. A commitment to volunteer service begins during these formative years, making it important to introduce children to Rotary's values and activities.
- **Public Image:** Official recognition of Rotary Kids would enhance and strengthen Rotary's public image.
- **Future Growth:** The initiative would help create a pipeline of future members for Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary.
- **Global Presence:** Hundreds of Rotary Kids clubs already exist worldwide, demonstrating the need for consistent guidance and recognition from RI.
- **Community Reach:** Rotary Kids would introduce classmates, friends, and family members to Rotary's mission and values.
- **Support for TRF:** As participants progress through the Rotary family, they may become future contributors to TRF.
- **Legal Responsibility:** Each participant would remain under the responsibility of an adult sponsor through a written declaration that disclaims any legal liability or association for Rotary.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for RI. If Rotary Kids is administered as a structured program, expenses are estimated to be US\$340,000 per year. In addition, there is an initial cost of US\$20,000 for global trademark research and registration.

RI Code of Policies section 40.030., Evaluation and Implementation of Proposed Rotary Programs, outlines the general guidelines for adopting a new program.

RI recognizes Rotarian interest in supporting service clubs for younger children and encourages Rotarians to support such clubs in a way that is most appropriate in local communities. For children who are 12 or older, RI encourages the formation of Interact clubs where Rotary offers policy guidance, programmatic support, and other resources.

RESOLUTION 26R-13

To request the RI Board to consider changing the name of Interact to Rotary Junior

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Le Havre, District 1640, France

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider changing the name of Interact to Rotary Junior, a term that is more descriptive, more readily understood, and more consistent with Rotary's international identity.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Interact plays an important role in instilling Rotary's values in young people aged 12 to 18 and in raising awareness of the organization. However, its current name does not clearly communicate its connection to Rotary or the age group it serves, creating confusion among the public and a sense of discontinuity between Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary clubs, with Interact members often not fully perceived as part of Rotary.

As a result of this lack of clarity and continuity, despite the success and vitality of Interact clubs, young members frequently lose touch with the movement when transitioning to higher education. Without established pathways or a deep-rooted sense of belonging, they drift away just as they enter adulthood.

This proposal seeks to strengthen the sense of connection by reinforcing that every young person who becomes involved is already part of the Rotary family. With the continued support of a sponsoring Rotary club, young people could progress naturally to the Rotary program or club best suited to their age and circumstances, while benefiting from mentoring, networking, coaching, and career opportunities.

The relationships built during these formative years are likely to inspire many participants to remain engaged with Rotary and, in time, support future generations in the same way. Their families and friends, having experienced Rotary's encouragement and support, may also become prospective members. By creating a clearer pathway for lifelong participation, the proposal would encourage Rotary Junior (Interact) members to continue their Rotary journey through a club that best matches their personal, professional, and geographic circumstances.

Significant Financial Impact

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

RESOLUTION 26R-14

To request the RI Board to consider establishing a structured pathway for Rotaractors to transition into Rotary by age 35

Proposer(s): District 2031, Italy

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider aligning Rotaract age limits and establishing a structured pathway for transition into Rotary by age 35.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Many Rotaract clubs are losing members, and past efforts to strengthen the connection with Rotary, such as Elevate Rotaract and Integrate Rotaract, haven't had a lasting impact. To address this, some clubs are introducing a simple "Transition Path" to help keep Rotaractors engaged and guide them into Rotary at the right time.

Each club supports this effort by appointing a Rotary-Rotaract Transition Officer. This person meets regularly with Rotaractors aged 28-35, helping them explore Rotary options and find a club that fits their interests, goals, and lifestyle.

When Rotaractors are ready, clubs aim to welcome them into Rotary within six months of turning 35 (or another agreed age). The goal is clear: increase by 20 percent the number of 30-35-year-old Rotaractors who become Rotarians.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-15

To request the RI Board to consider allocating funds to district Rotaract representatives

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Hubli Mid-Town, District 3170, India
Rotary Club of Ranchi, District 3250, India

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider allocating, as appropriate, funds to the district Rotaract representatives to support the administration of Rotaract activities, including strengthening existing clubs and promoting the formation of new clubs.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

This proposed resolution seeks to make a portion of the US\$5-US\$8 per member in dues paid by Rotaract clubs to RI available to district Rotaract representatives. These funds would support the administration and promotion of activities, similar to the annual funding provided for district operations through governors. Its adoption would strengthen support for Rotaract and contribute to the future growth of Rotary. This funding would enable representatives to travel, organize events, and strengthen the growth of Rotaract clubs and membership.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would have a significant financial impact on RI which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would depend on the amount of dues paid by Rotaract clubs that would be used to support administration of Rotaract activities.

RESOLUTION 26R-16

To request the RI Board to consider providing temporary administrative support resources to regional leaders

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Hubli Mid-Town, District 3170, India

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider providing temporary administrative support resources to regional leaders.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Rotary's regional leaders play a key role in supporting clubs and districts, but the cost of travel and related expenses can limit their effectiveness.

Additional financial assistance would enable them to travel more extensively, provide guidance and training, and better advance Rotary's strategic priorities.

Because the level of support varies by region, establishing more consistent assistance worldwide would strengthen their impact and help achieve Rotary's goals.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the amount of additional financial assistance given to various regional leaders by RI to accomplish this goal.

The budget in 2026-27 for various regional leader roles is US\$1.2 million.

RESOLUTION 26R-17

To request the RI Board to consider reaffirming the non-political nature of RI

Proposer(s): District 2650, Japan

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider reaffirming the non-political nature of RI.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

In a notification from RI dated 9 December 2025 (Updates to the Rotary Code of Policies), districts were informed that use of the term “DEI” had been discontinued and replaced with wording that instead focused upon participation, belonging, accessibility, and culture. Currently in the United States, the term “DEI” can be viewed as a political statement of opinion that sharply divides Republicans and Democrats.

This change in RI’s use of “DEI” clearly reflects a difference in political views between the two major political parties in the United States and RI should not express a position that is aligned with either side on such a political issue.

It also clearly violates RI Bylaws sections 23.010. (Proper Subject) and 23.030. (Non-Political), both of which were added through the adoption of Enactment 25-37, “To provide for the non-political nature of RI,” proposed by the Rotary Club of Cairo New Town, District 2451, Egypt.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-18

To request the RI Board to consider allowing clubs the option to include the district number and/or country as an additional identifier to the club's Masterbrand Signature Logo

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Ipoh Central, District 3300, Malaysia

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider allowing clubs the option to include the district number and/or country as an additional identifier to the club's Masterbrand Signature Logo.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

The purpose of this resolution is not to change how Rotary looks but rather to ensure the world truly understands the scale, structure, and strength behind what we represent. This proposal is about visibility with understanding. When people see Rotary, they should see not just a logo but an integrated network working together across communities, districts, and countries. It is about improving how Rotary is understood by the public, making Rotary appear more structured, credible, and scalable while strengthening trust with partners, media, and stakeholders and emphasizing its worldwide reach and impact.

The proposed change in effect repositions Rotary from "many individual clubs" to "one coordinated global network" that exists worldwide. This will strengthen regional identity, encouraging shared ownership and greater collaboration between districts. Furthermore, it will provide a clearer representation of Rotary's organizational structure and global reach for external audiences who currently misunderstand its global scale.

This resolution should be adopted as Rotary has evolved into a highly interconnected global network addressing increasingly complex challenges. Allowing the optional addition of the district and/or country identifier to the club identifier will:

- Strengthen Rotary's public narrative
- Enhance credibility and clarity
- Better reflect the true scale of Rotary's impact

This proposal is submitted with deep respect for Rotary's brand integrity and with the shared goal of advancing Rotary's visibility and influence worldwide.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-19

To request the RI Board to consider developing a vertical version of the Rotary Masterbrand Signature Logo

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Ipoh Central, District 3300, Malaysia

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider developing and formally approving a vertical (stacked) version of the Rotary Masterbrand Signature Logo for official use across Rotary communications and materials.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Under the current Rotary brand guidelines, the Rotary Masterbrand Signature Logo is presented primarily in a horizontal format. While effective in many applications, this format presents limitations when used in vertical layouts and spatially constrained environments, including banners, pull-up stands, signage, digital screens, and social media formats.

In the absence of an approved vertical option, many Rotary entities use the Masterbrand inconsistently across vertical formats or create informal adaptations that fall outside established brand guidelines. This leads to inconsistency in visual identity and potential dilution of brand integrity.

This resolution seeks to introduce a standardized, brand-compliant vertical (stacked) version of the Rotary logo that:

- Preserves the integrity of Rotary's visual identity
- Ensures consistency across all applications
- Provides flexibility for modern communication formats

The intent of this proposal is not to change Rotary's identity but to enhance its usability and consistency across evolving communication platforms. By introducing an official vertical logo option, Rotary can:

- Strengthen brand consistency across all media and formats
- Reduce the motivation for Rotary entities to produce unauthorized modifications or workarounds
- Improve visual clarity and presentation in vertical applications
- Better align its own visual identity standards with international branding best practices

This is a practical and necessary enhancement to ensure Rotary's brand remains cohesive, professional, and adaptable in a modern visual environment.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined at this time. Developing a vertical (stacked) version of the Rotary

Masterbrand Signature Logo would require the coordinated efforts of several departments and would cost approximately US\$40,000 to implement.

RESOLUTION 26R-20

To request the RI Board to consider updating the design of the Rotary lapel pin to incorporate RI's official colors

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of São Paulo-Anchieta, District 4420, Brazil

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider updating the design of the official Rotary lapel pin to feature both of RI's official colors, blue and yellow, replacing the current predominantly yellow model.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

The current lapel pin, produced by licensees exclusively in yellow, has limited visual definition, making its details difficult to distinguish and reducing its effectiveness as an institutional symbol. In particular, the words "Rotary International" cannot be clearly read without the blue background.

Adopting the official colors of blue and yellow would reinforce RI's visual identity, improve its public image, enhance the symbol's legibility and clarity, and further establish the pin's significance as a symbol of Rotary pride. This change would strengthen Rotary's global identity through greater visual consistency and modernization of its symbols, while all other designs and pins would remain unchanged and aligned with guidance provided through the Rotary Brand Center.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-21

To request the RI Board to consider revising The Four-Way Test

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Karachi Kehkashan, District 3271, Pakistan

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider revising The Four-Way Test as shown in the proposer's purpose and effect statement.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

This proposed resolution would preserve the timeless moral foundation of the original Four-Way Test while extending its relevance to the challenges of the digital age. It reinforces RI's leadership in ethical thought, civic responsibility, and human-centered progress, ensuring that the test continues to guide action, decision-making, and service in an increasingly complex world.

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it ~~the~~ **TRUTH, VERIFIED, and RESPONSIBLE**?
(Is the information accurate, fact-checked, and shared with accountability—especially in digital, media, and online environments?)
- 2) Is it ~~FAIR to all concerned,~~ **INCLUSIVE, and ETHICAL of HUMAN DIGNITY**?
(Does it respect diversity, avoid discrimination or harm, and uphold the dignity of all individuals, communities and serve the greater good?)
- 3) Will it ~~build~~ **BUILD TRUST, GOODWILL, and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**
CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT—ONLINE AND OFFLINE?
(Does it promote understanding, cooperation, and unity rather than division, hostility, or misinformation?)
- 4) Will it be ~~BENEFICIAL to all concerned,~~ **SUSTAINABLE, and ETHICAL for**
SOCIETY and FUTURE GENERATIONS?
(Does it consider long-term social, environmental, and ethical consequences beyond immediate gains?)

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-22

To request the RI Board to consider endorsing the concept of Transboundary Peace Parks

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

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider endorsing the concept of Transboundary Peace Parks and encouraging Rotarians and Rotaractors in their efforts to advance their development worldwide.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

The purpose of Rotary's peace and conflict resolution area of focus is to "build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts," as well as to "foster understanding within and across cultures."

Transboundary Peace Parks are a logical means for Rotarians to promote peace. They straddle the border between two countries, allowing peoples and families from adjoining nations to meet easily and safely. Due to their unique geographical positioning, such venues can effectively serve as a natural pathway to peace.

Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park is known as the world's first Transboundary Peace Park and was established through the joint efforts of Rotarians from Canada and the United States in 1931-1932.

The park's mission statement includes "...supporting peace initiatives whenever possible." The core theme states, "We will support the work and mandate of both parks to provide educational opportunities for park visitors and the general public to preserve the flora and fauna and the lands which make up the parks. We will advocate with Rotarians, Rotaractors and other groups who have similar goals for the promotion of peace, freedom, and equal opportunities for all."

The Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association's Pledge of Peace is annually embraced by Rotarians during a ceremony held on both sides of the Canada-USA border: "In the name of all we hold sacred, we will not take up arms against each other. We will work for peace, maintain liberty, strive for freedom, and demand equal opportunities for all. May the long existing peace between our nations stimulate other peoples to follow this example."

The establishment of Transboundary Peace Parks promotes peace between two countries. They are possible and achievable worldwide. Future Transboundary Peace Parks may wish to follow the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association's blueprint and ideals.

RI's support of the concept of Transboundary Peace Parks might encourage Rotarians and Rotaractors to pursue this positive step towards peace building.

Significant Financial Impact

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

RESOLUTION 26R-23

To request the RI Board to consider reaffirming its commitment to promote peaceful cultures and avoid the “scourge of war”

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Hood River, District 5100, USA
Rotary Club of Golden, District 5450, USA
Rotary Club of Winnipeg, District 5550, Canada

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider reaffirming its commitment to the United Nations’ dual responsibilities to both promote peaceful cultures and avoid the “scourge of war.”

Proposer’s Purpose and Effect Statement

Rotary has a long history of working for international peace. At the 1921 Rotary International Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, Rotary added its fourth Object, “to encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.” In 1945 at the formation of the United Nations, Rotary helped draft the charter of that organization, including its mission statement “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.”

At that time, promoting peace and opposing war were considered equally essential to creating a peaceful world. Today, that balance is more important than ever. The Global Peace Index tells us that peacefulness on the planet has been declining steadily, while militarism (war and the preparations for war) has been increasing exponentially. Clearly, militarism is not making us safer. We are in a downward spiral to more war.

Many Rotarians would like to interrupt this downward spiral. As a natural extension of our humanitarian efforts to build “positive peace” (the attitudes, institutions, and structures for a culture of peace), they also want to work for Global Peace (a world without war) by challenging the systems, policies and ideologies that lead to armed conflict and a culture of war.

In so doing, they are aligned with TRF’s commitment to avoid investing in weapons manufacturers. Promoting peace and opposing war are not separate agendas. They are distinct but overlapping and mutually reinforcing. Promoting peace helps build the conditions for human flourishing and planetary survival; and opposing war and militarism helps protect those conditions from being destroyed. Every war reverses decades of peaceful development, creates horrific suffering, destroys our environment, deepens mistrust between nations, and hijacks the resources needed to make peaceful co-existence possible.

Paul Harris wrote, “The most virtuous war is the war against war.” For Rotarians to be as impactful as possible in helping to create and sustain global peace, we must reaffirm our commitment, as a nonpartisan organization, to the United Nations’ dual

responsibilities to both promote peaceful cultures and to oppose the wars and militarism that destroy them.

This is essential if we are to avoid “the scourge of war.”

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-24

To request the RI Board to consider introducing AI simultaneous interpretation at international meetings

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Maebashi, District 2840, Japan

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider introducing AI simultaneous interpretation to enhance the quality of communication among members at international meetings.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

At Rotary's international meetings, such as the RI Convention, the International Assembly, and the Council on Legislation, RI provides simultaneous interpretation into several official Rotary languages in addition to English (Rotary Code of Policies subsections 57.110.5., 58.040.2., and 59.060.6.).

This has proven to be an effective means of providing fair and accurate information to all participants at each meeting and facilitating smooth communication among them.

However, since Rotary currently relies on human interpreters for simultaneous interpretation, this creates various difficulties for those participants without any knowledge of English. For example, when a Japanese speaker tries to understand a Portuguese speaker's remarks through simultaneous interpretation, the Portuguese is first interpreted into English via simultaneous interpretation, and then another simultaneous interpreter interprets that English into Japanese.

This two-step simultaneous interpretation takes twice as long, and indirect interpretation may sometimes fail to accurately convey the meaning or context of the speech. It must be said that many Rotary members who do not understand English face a very serious language barrier compared to those who do.

AI simultaneous interpretation, which has advanced dramatically in recent years, far surpasses human simultaneous interpretation in terms of speed, accuracy, and consistency, making it an effective means of overcoming the language barrier faced by members who do not understand English.

By enabling participants to communicate directly in their own languages, AI simultaneous interpretation has the potential to significantly strengthen goodwill, international understanding, and meaningful exchange throughout the Rotary community.

With a growing number of high-quality, affordable AI simultaneous interpretation platforms now available, this technology is practical and readily accessible for Rotary's international meetings.

RI should introduce AI simultaneous interpretation initially as a supplementary service, evaluate it through a pilot program, and consider broader implementation based on the results.

Significant Financial Impact

This resolution would have a financial impact on RI which cannot be determined at this time. Implementing AI interpretation at all international meetings would require RI to invest in specialized platforms, vendor services, equipment, reliable internet infrastructure, and technical support.

RESOLUTION 26R-25

To request the RI Board to consider establishing sustainability guidelines for RI official events

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of São Bernardo do Campo-Novo Horizonte, District 4420, Brazil

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider establishing institutional sustainability guidelines for RI's conventions, assemblies, conferences, and other official events, with a focus on reducing waste, prioritizing the use of digital materials, minimizing single-use plastics, and gradually adopting practices with a lower environmental impact.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

The purpose of this proposed resolution is to encourage RI to lead by example and integrate environmental stewardship into its own management and operations, reflecting the environment as one of the organization's areas of focus. Sustainable guidelines for official events would reinforce this commitment, reduce waste, and strengthen Rotary's public image among members, partners, and future generations. The RI Board is encouraged to consider practical guidelines that account for local circumstances and operational realities.

Significant Financial Impact

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

RESOLUTION 26R-26

To request the RI Board to consider amending the name of the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws

Proposer(s): District 3141, India

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider amending the name of the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws to the Recommended Framework of Rotary Club Bylaws as shown in the proposer’s purpose and effect statement.

Proposer’s Purpose and Effect Statement

This proposed resolution seeks to clarify that the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws provide the basic framework on which clubs are expected to develop their own bylaws without changing their content or purpose. Renaming the document as the Recommended Framework of Rotary Club Bylaws would help address the misconception that its provisions may be disregarded simply because they are described as “recommended.”

For example, Article 5, Section 1 of the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws, consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, provides that the club’s annual meeting must be held no later than 31 December to elect officers and directors for the following Rotary year. Despite this requirement, some clubs believe they may hold the meeting after 31 December because the bylaws are labeled “recommended.” The following proposed name change would help clarify that the document serves as the recommended framework from which clubs should develop their own bylaws, while remaining consistent with Rotary’s constitutional requirements:

Recommended Framework of Rotary Club Bylaws

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of _____

Club bylaws supplement the Standard Rotary Club Constitution with common club practices. The bylaws in this document are recommendations, the basic framework on which clubs are to build their bylaws, but once adopted are binding for the members of the club. Customize them to reflect your club’s practices, and confirm that they are not in conflict with the RI Constitution and Bylaws, the Standard Rotary Club Constitution (except where permitted), and the Rotary Code of Policies. Articles that your club is required to include are noted below.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-27

To request the RI Board to consider amending the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws to include a conflict-of-interest clause

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Morialta, District 9510, Australia

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider amending the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws to include a conflict-of-interest clause in Article 3 as follows:

Article 3 Board Conflict of Interest

Section 1 — A conflict of interest exists when a director's personal, professional, or financial interests could improperly influence, or appear to influence, their duties to the club.

Section 2 — Directors shall disclose any potential or actual conflict at the earliest opportunity and before participating in discussion or voting.

Section 3 — A director with a conflict shall abstain from deliberation or voting. Disclosure and recusal must be recorded in the meeting minutes of the club.

Section 4 — The secretary shall maintain a register of all disclosed conflicts.

Section 5 — Failure to disclose a known conflict may result in censure or removal by a two-thirds vote of remaining directors.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

This resolution proposes incorporating a conflict-of-interest clause into the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws. The proposed clause is intended to strengthen club-level governance by establishing a clear and consistent framework for identifying, declaring, and managing conflicts of interest among directors, thereby supporting transparency, fairness, and ethical decision-making across all Rotary clubs.

The clause would define what constitutes a conflict of interest and require directors to disclose any actual or potential conflicts. It would also require affected individuals to recuse themselves from relevant discussion and voting, ensure that all disclosures are properly recorded in meeting minutes, and establish a simple conflict-of-interest register. In addition, it would set out a fair and transparent mechanism for addressing any failure to disclose a conflict.

Overall, the proposal is designed to align club practice with the Rotary Code of Policies, reduce ambiguity in sensitive governance situations, and reinforce ethical leadership consistent with The Four-Way Test. It is intended to achieve these outcomes with

minimal administrative burden while strengthening trust and confidence among club members and the wider community.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-28

To request the RI Board to consider expanding the contents of the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Taichung Toyu, District 3461, Taiwan

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider expanding the contents of the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

This proposal addresses the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws, which are subject to regular revision by the RI Board and are intended to serve as a reference for clubs in drafting their own internal bylaws.

At present, the RI Board, in its efforts to increase club autonomy, has reduced the amount of recommended content in this document. As a result, excluding the table of contents, the document has been reduced from nine pages in 2004 to three pages in 2025. Club bylaws are extremely difficult to draft as they must comply with both the RI constitutional documents and the Rotary Code of Policies, and for younger clubs with minimal Rotary knowledge and very limited experience in doing so, this can be an especially daunting task. Therefore, it is recommended that the RI Board consider once again expanding the content of the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-29

To request the RI Board to consider adopting an operational protocol for the development of proposed enactments and resolutions at the club and district level

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Montalcino, District 2071, Italy

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider adopting an operational protocol for the qualified development of proposed enactments and resolutions at the club and district level in order to strengthen the quality, consistency, and effectiveness of these submissions.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

The proposed protocol is organized into four clear operational phases at the club and district level that are designed to support a consistent and effective process for proposing enactments or resolutions. First, the structured collection phase activates dedicated opportunities at the club level to gather proposals within defined thematic areas. This is followed by the technical evaluation phase, during which proposals are assessed for their alignment with Rotary priorities, as well as their feasibility and potential impact. In the formalization phase, proposals are then refined and drafted in accordance with the requirements for enactments or resolutions, ensuring clarity and compliance.

The final phase, institutional submission, involves the club forwarding the completed proposals to the district and to the appropriate delegates for potential consideration by the relevant Councils. Together, these phases aim to strengthen the overall quality and consistency of proposal development. The protocol is intended to increase the quality of submissions, ensure continuity in club participation, and enhance the meaningful contribution of members throughout the process.

More broadly, the initiative seeks to improve the effectiveness of decision-making while reinforcing the district's role as a coordinating and supporting body. By providing a structured approach, it also encourages the development of projects that are both impactful and sustainable within the communities served.

To support this effort, it is recommended that RI implement a pilot version of the protocol involving an initial phase of structured collection aligned with established resolution timelines. This trial period would allow for practical testing of the protocol, helping to confirm its effectiveness, and refine it as a workable operational tool.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-30

To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation that would add culture as a separate Avenue of Service

Proposer(s): District 2032, Italy
District 2060, Italy

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the RI Board to consider recognizing culture as a separate Avenue of Service and proposing legislation to a future Council on Legislation that would add it to the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Culture is not currently recognized by RI as a separate Avenue of Service. This resolution would change that by strengthening Rotary's peacebuilding work through cultural exchange, heritage, the arts, and intercultural dialogue.

Rotary's collaboration with the Institute for Economics and Peace shows that positive peace rests on attitudes, institutions, and systems that build trust and understanding. Culture plays a central role in that process, supporting social cohesion, inclusion, and peaceful coexistence.

If adopted, this resolution would formally link culture to Rotary's positive peace framework, giving Rotary a clearer structure for cultural initiatives and strengthening its global relevance. It would help attract new partnerships, improve coordination, and deepen impact across communities.

It would also clarify scope and purpose. While culture is already reflected in many Rotary activities, formal recognition would ensure consistency and direction. The RI Board could establish a small working group to define culture as an Avenue of Service and develop practical guidelines for implementation.

Even if treated as an overarching theme, formal recognition would give culture greater visibility and long-term continuity across Rotary.

Overall, this resolution would position culture as a practical tool for building dialogue, respect, and lasting peace between communities and peoples.

Significant Financial Impact

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

RESOLUTION 26R-31

To request the Trustees to consider making culture a new area of focus or incorporating it within the community economic development area of focus

Proposer(s): District 2102, Italy

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider including culture, encompassing historical, artistic, and sociocultural heritage, within the community economic development area of focus or as a separate area of focus.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Culture is an asset that defines and distinguishes a community, extending beyond artistic and historical heritage, to serve as a dynamic element passed down to future generations. Enriched through exchange, dialogue, and relationships, culture contributes to the growth and development of society.

Culture helps us interpret the past, understand the present, and shape the future through a comprehensive, participatory, and growth-oriented vision. It enriches lives by promoting reflection, creativity, and appreciation of diverse experiences.

Culture celebrates traditions, diversity, and inclusion; promotes understanding and interaction; and fosters tolerance through education, knowledge, creativity, and innovation. It also supports socioeconomic development by raising awareness of local communities and stimulating economies through new and diverse initiatives.

Globally, culture, science, and education are central to UNESCO's work in promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms. Initiatives such as the European Capitals of Culture, awarded annually since 1985, have revitalized cities and strengthened connections among citizens by highlighting diverse cultural realities that inspire peace, inclusion, and development.

If implemented, this resolution would enable TRF to support cultural initiatives, increase the visibility of club activities, and enhance their appeal in attracting new members.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for The Rotary Foundation.

If a new area of focus is created, annual administrative and technical expenses are estimated at US\$273,000. In addition, the first year includes a one-time cost of US\$61,000 to modify the existing grant application software.

Although this estimate focuses on grant processing and information technology, the resolution could have administrative impacts in other areas, including finance and marketing.

RESOLUTION 26R-32

To request the Trustees to consider adding zero hunger as an eighth area of focus

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Kävlinge-Löddeköpinge, District 2395, Sweden

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider adding zero hunger as an eighth area of focus and as a sustainable development goal.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

The United Nations prioritizes work with peace-building operations first and foremost in situations of war or conflict. In such endeavors, hunger becomes a top priority because access to food poses a challenge for a population whose normal life and livelihood are disrupted by conflict and war. Peace-building operations in a country cannot be sustained unless hunger is removed as a threat to survival.

There are presently at least nine ongoing wars defined as conflicts in the world, primarily in Africa.

Hunger affects children's concentration and their ability to learn. A variety of challenges related to human development are addressed through the provision of school meals. Such a resource will help to improve children's education, as well their health and nutrition

With its strong, worldwide organization, the Rotary movement can enthusiastically support 'zero hunger' projects.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for The Rotary Foundation.

The current structure allows for hunger prevention projects through four different areas of focus: maternal and child health, disease prevention and treatment, community economic development, and environment.

If a new area of focus is created, annual administrative and technical expenses are estimated at US\$273,000. In addition, the first year includes a one-time cost of US\$61,000 to modify the existing grant application software.

Although this estimate focuses on grant processing and information technology, the resolution could have administrative impacts in other areas, including finance and marketing.

RESOLUTION 26R-33

To request the Trustees to consider adding anti-human trafficking as an eighth area of focus

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Seabrook, District 5890, USA

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the Trustees to consider adding anti-human trafficking as an eighth area of focus and to take such steps as are deemed appropriate to study, develop, and implement such an area of focus in accordance with TRF's strategic priorities and governing documents.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

TRF's areas of focus define the causes the organization supports and provides the framework through which clubs and districts channel their service efforts and resources to address global challenges with measurable and lasting humanitarian impact.

Human trafficking—the exploitation of individuals for forced labor, services, or commercial sex through force, fraud, or coercion—remains one of the most pervasive and devastating human rights violations in the world today. It affects millions of people across virtually every nation and undermines the dignity, safety, health, education, and economic well-being of its victims, particularly women, children, and vulnerable populations.

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide are already engaged in anti-human trafficking initiatives through community service projects, prevention programs, survivor support services, educational campaigns, vocational training, youth protection efforts, and partnerships with governmental and non-governmental organizations. However, these efforts currently operate without the benefit of a unified area of focus that would encourage collaboration, facilitate resource sharing, and elevate the visibility of this critical humanitarian issue. The absence of formal recognition limits consistency, coordination, and the ability to scale effective solutions.

Establishing anti-human trafficking as an eighth area of focus would align naturally with Rotary's Avenues of Service—particularly Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service—while integrating anti-human trafficking work into Rotary's core programmatic identity. Such recognition would also provide clubs and districts with structured resources, consistent grant eligibility frameworks, and the global visibility necessary to expand initiatives that create meaningful and lasting change.

The effect of this resolution would not be to mandate new programs or require immediate structural changes. Rather, it would invite Rotary's leadership to study, develop, and determine the feasibility of formally recognizing anti-human trafficking efforts within Rotary's areas of focus. A coordinated framework would enable clubs and districts to more effectively leverage Rotary's global network to prevent exploitation,

protect vulnerable populations, support survivors, and promote long-term community resilience.

Establishing anti-human trafficking as an area of focus would complement Rotary's existing areas of focus by addressing a complex issue that intersects with peacebuilding, education, maternal and child health, economic development, disease prevention, and environmental and community stability. This resolution acknowledges the important work Rotarians are already undertaking, offers an opportunity to strengthen those efforts through strategic alignment and shared resources, and positions RI to expand its leadership in confronting one of the most urgent humanitarian challenges of our time in keeping with its commitment to create lasting change through Service Above Self.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would result in an increase in expenses for The Rotary Foundation.

The current structure allows for anti-human trafficking projects through the peace and conflict prevention area of focus.

If a new area of focus is created, annual administrative and technical expenses are estimated at US\$273,000. In addition, the first year includes a one-time cost of US\$61,000 to modify the existing grant application software.

Although this estimate focuses on grant processing and information technology, the resolution could have administrative impacts in other areas, including finance and marketing.

RESOLUTION 26R-34

To request the Trustees to consider removing the 15 percent international partner contribution requirement for global grants

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Mumbai Sobo, District 3141, India

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider removing the requirement that a minimum 15 percent of the contributions to global grants that fund humanitarian projects come from a country outside the project country, thereby putting it at par with global grants funded with directed gifting, where such a requirement is waived.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

This proposed resolution seeks to ensure that funds raised domestically or internationally for a global grant remain eligible for use when an international club partner is unable to meet the minimum 15 percent contribution requirement for funds raised by the host club.

Currently, global grants raised without a directed gift already face the challenge of securing funds from multiple sources. Requiring international partners to provide an additional 15 percent match each time host clubs raise more funds can exceed their capacity or the budgets available for global grants.

While many international partners are willing to support host clubs with their global grants, the 15 percent contribution requirement often exceeds their capacity. As a result, it can limit the amount of funds raised in host countries, which is contrary to the goal of maximizing resources for impactful projects that address genuine needs and benefit grant recipients.

This resolution would place all global grants on an equal footing, regardless of whether they are initiated with directed gifts or other funding sources, while removing the additional burden on host clubs of requesting international partners to match 15 percent of additional funds raised.

Significant Financial Impact

No significant financial impact

RESOLUTION 26R-35

To request the Trustees to consider directing governors to allocate District Designated Funds independently of club contributions to global grants

Proposer(s): District 3141, India

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider directing governors to allocate District Designated Funds (DDF) independently of club contributions to global grants, ensuring that smaller clubs can access resources for meaningful projects.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

DDF is often allocated primarily to clubs participating in global grants, limiting access for smaller clubs. While the World Fund already supports global grant participation, governors should consider allocating a meaningful portion of DDF, such as 20 percent, to smaller clubs with fewer than 25 members to enable them to undertake meaningful projects.

Providing equitable access to DDF would encourage smaller clubs to contribute to TRF by addressing the concern, "Why should we contribute when we won't get any DDF?"

This approach would promote broader participation in TRF giving and help ensure that every Rotarian is encouraged to contribute and every club has access to DDF resources.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on The Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the Trustees to accomplish this goal. Modifications could be required for the current system.

RESOLUTION 26R-36

To request the Trustees to consider allowing the carryover of unutilized Endowment Fund earnings to subsequent years

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Jamshedpur West, District 3250, India

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider allowing unutilized Endowment Fund earnings allocated through District Designated Funds (DDF) SHARE to be carried forward for use in projects during subsequent Rotary years.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Endowment Fund earnings are made available to the donor's club only if the district chooses to use district grants. In many cases, however, district governors may allocate all available DDF to global grants, leaving no opportunity for these earnings to be used for local projects. Donors may also be unable or unwilling to use smaller amounts within a single year.

Allowing unused earnings to be carried forward to the following year would better respect donor intent by enabling funds to accumulate for larger or more meaningful projects. This flexibility would increase confidence in the Endowment Fund, encourage additional contributions, and enable clubs to use funds accumulated over multiple years.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on The Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the Trustees to accomplish this goal. Modifications could be required for the current system.

RESOLUTION 26R-37

To request the Trustees to consider establishing scholarships enabling children of Rotarians to attend the Rotary Peace Centers

Proposer(s): District 1790, France

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider establishing a budget line item for scholarships enabling children of Rotarians to attend the Rotary Peace Centers.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

If adopted, this resolution would increase awareness of and participation in the Rotary Peace Centers program by encouraging greater promotion and engagement among Rotary members and clubs. It would provide children of Rotarians with opportunities to benefit from this exemplary program, similar to the opportunities available through the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Rotarians are not currently very familiar with the Rotary Peace Centers, and these opportunities are rarely promoted within clubs, which may not recognize their value or relevance to members. Increasing awareness of the program would help demonstrate its benefits and provide a meaningful return on Rotary's investment, both within the organization and in the broader community.

This resolution would enhance the impact of the Rotary Peace Centers while increasing member engagement and satisfaction, thereby supporting the objectives of the Rotary Action Plan.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution would have a financial impact on The Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the number of additional scholarships given to children of Rotarians to attend the Rotary Peace Centers.

2026-2027 per student cost is as follows:

- Fellows/Certificate: US\$11,398
- Master (US): US\$174,800
- Master (International): US\$71,570

In addition to the cost per student, implementation would result in expenses for university stipends, administration, the scholarship selection committee process, and additional staff resources.

RESOLUTION 26R-38

To request the Trustees to consider extending the Paul Harris Fellow recognition structure

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Le Havre, District 1640, France

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to consider extending the Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition structure to include awards with four and five rubies, to encourage continued contributions to TRF.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

If adopted, this proposed resolution would provide that members who already hold a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition with three rubies and continue to demonstrate active and commendable Rotary service remain eligible for further recognition.

It would achieve this not by changing the existing PHF management system but by extending the recognition scale from PHF +8 to PHF +10 to allow for additional levels of acknowledgement.

It would further provide that, since PHF pins already accommodate up to five sapphires, the same design capacity could be used to produce versions with four and five rubies.

Overall, it is intended to encourage members to continue dedicating their time and service to Rotary while also motivating clubs to increase their contributions to TRF and PolioPlus through a clear and incremental extension of existing PHF recognition levels.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on The Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on how the Trustees implement the new recognition levels.

RESOLUTION 26R-39

To request the Trustees to consider permitting Rotarians to transfer Paul Harris Recognition (PHR) points to a Rotary club

Proposer(s): Rotary Club of Henniker Area, District 7870, USA

RESOLUTION

The Council on Resolutions requests the TRF Trustees to consider modifying current policy to permit Rotarians in good standing to transfer Paul Harris Recognition (PHR) points to a Rotary club in good standing, for use by the club in furthering TRF recognition programs, with such safeguards or limitations as the Trustees deem appropriate.

Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

Current policy permits the transfer of Paul Harris Recognition points between individual Rotarians but does not allow such transfers to Rotary clubs or districts.

Allowing transfers to clubs would:

- Encourage greater participation in TRF giving by enabling Rotarians to contribute recognition points to their clubs for collective use
- Support clubs in recognizing members and community contributors, thereby strengthening engagement and retention
- Align with existing practices that allow clubs to manage and allocate recognition points generated through club giving
- Maintain consistency with TRF principles, as transfers would remain limited to Rotarians and clubs in good standing and used solely for recognition purposes

This change would provide additional flexibility without creating financial risk or an administrative burden for TRF while enhancing the ability of clubs to promote and celebrate TRF support.

Significant Financial Impact

If implemented, this resolution could have a financial impact on The Rotary Foundation which cannot be determined at this time. Cost would be dependent on the scope and extent of support provided by the TRF Trustees to accomplish this goal. Currently, the process of transferring points is done manually by the Secretariat.