

What Is the Partners in Rotary Service Program?

One of the gifts Rotary gives its membership is the ability to reach across borders, not just to help others but to give ourselves unusual experiences and the opportunity for new friendships. If all of us could travel overseas in the service of Rotary, the emotional and spiritual experiences would inspire us to even greater humanitarian efforts.

Since all of us cannot go overseas, the leadership of District 5170 wanted to bring our friends from abroad to our clubs. Friends from around the world will come into our district and clubs to share their experiences of how Rotary has changed their lives and the lives of people in their countries. These people have been selected because they can speak to us, in the first person, of the results of our generosity.

When these Rotarians come into your club, they will share, first hand, the good that Rotary has created. They will show your members the actual results of their generosity in making a donation to the Rotary Foundation. They will show the faces of the lives that have been touched. But, more importantly, they will extend their hand in friendship. You and your club members will make a new friend from a land far away, just because we are all Rotarians.



With the Partners in Rotary Service Program, the District hopes to inform Rotarians about our International Service Programs. It allows us to hear and see the good Rotarians do by making a donation to the Rotary International Foundation through the Annual Giving Program.

We hope that each Rotary Club will take full advantage of the presence of each partner. We ask that you make the speaker part of the fabric of your Rotary day by having him/her participate beyond being the speaker for your club program. We suggest that you show the local sites, enjoy a dinner in a member's home, involve the red badge Rotarians to join a discussion or take him/her to an Interact meeting. In some way, make the most of the opportunity of having an international visitor at your club. Your club will be richer for the experience and your members will have found a friend from a foreign land. We thank you for your participation in this successful program!