

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

There are numerous Rotary Awards available to clubs, Districts, and individual Rotarians. However, one must know *what is available*, and *when to apply* to receive recognition.

Awards are listed by the month (**date**) that application is due at RI Headquarters. Hopefully this will be of some use to the District Leadership Team as they assist Clubs in the effort to receive recognition.

**(15 March) R.I. Significant Achievement Award** (p. 69, *1998 Manual of Procedure*)

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding Club Service Projects that demonstrate personal involvement, meet community needs, and can be emulated by other clubs. One per District, awarded by R.I.

The District Awards Committee will accept applications through **15 February**. Up to five will be forwarded to the District Governor for final selection, by 1 March. District Governor will forward final selection to R.I. by **15 March**.

**(15 March) R.I. Public Relations Award** (p. 19, *1998 Manual of Procedure (MOP)*)

The purpose of this award is to recognize clubs and districts that demonstrate outstanding media coverage of Rotary activities in their areas and which have implemented programs which demonstrably improve the image of Rotary in their communities. One per club, awarded by R.I. The district initiates by submitting applications from clubs to R.I. by 15 March.

**(Spring) Rotaract Project**

The purpose of this award is to recognize innovative, effective Rotaract projects. Of course, we must have a **Rotaract Club** in order to have a project to submit!!! Nominations from clubs go to R.I. and awards are given.

**(15 April) Presidential Citation**

The purpose of this award is to recognize club involvement in priority areas of service as identified by the R.I. President. Eight activities, or projects from a list of 14 (1999) must be completed during the Rotary year. Achievement of this award is an indication that a well-rounded program is being undertaken by the club. All eligible clubs may apply through the District Governor to R.I. by the due date. Assistant Governors should encourage application submittal from each club in their area.

**(15 May) R.I. Membership Development & Extension Award** (p. 40-41, 1998 MOP)

The annual award program includes incentives for membership growth in existing clubs, retention of current club members and the establishment of new clubs. Clubs are rated from July 1 through May 15, annually. **R.I. recognizes** outstanding efforts by clubs in each district in the following areas:

- \* the club with the **highest percentage growth**
- \* the club bringing in the **most new members**
- \* the club with the **highest percentage retention rate**
- \* those which sponsored new clubs

**(Note:** The district will award plaques to clubs at the District Conference who meet many of these criteria, see District Governor's Trophy & District Membership Development)

**(Mid-May) R.I. Four Avenues of Service Citation** (p. 69, 1998 MOP)

The purpose of this award is to recognize the "grass-roots" efforts of individual Rotarians. Clubs recognize members (1/year) for outstanding effort in the Four Avenues of Service. Through the 1998-99 Rotary year, no District Governors, Past District Governor, or District Governors Nominee are eligible to receive this award. Beginning in the 1999-2000 Rotary year, past district governors (except for immediate past governors) will be eligible for this citation.

**(Mid-Sept) R.I. Service Above Self Award** (p. 69, 1998 MOP)

This award is given to individual Rotarians who have rendered significant humanitarian Rotary service which embodies Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." It recognizes outstanding efforts in the promotion of RI objectives in any avenue of Rotary service and constitutes **Rotary's highest honor.**

Current and Past District Governors may submit nominations to the RI Board. Up to 150 recipients will be selected each year. The award is presented by the Governor at a significant District function. **(Note:** beginning with the 2001-2002 Rotary year, nominees for the Service Above Self Award must previously have been awarded the *Four Avenues of Service Citation* for Individual Rotarians.)

**(None) Rotary Volunteers Certificate of Recognition**

The purpose of this award is to recognize individuals for exemplary volunteer service. District Governor or District Vocational Service Chair nominates individuals. R.I. awards certificates.

**(None) Fifty Year Membership Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize members with 50 years in Rotary. Clubs notify R.I. and an award is made.

## ROTARY DISTRICT #6510 AWARDS

Each year during the District Conference the District honors clubs and individuals for their effort. The due dates, therefore, for most District awards will be just prior to this meeting, which is usually held the first weekend in May, annually.

### **(March) Carl Schweinfurth District Rotarian of the Year**

Honor exemplary service to the District in one of the Four Avenues of Service. Clubs nominate qualified individuals and one person is selected by the Council of Governors. The award is presented by the District Governor. Each Assistant Governor is encouraged to see that at least one application is submitted from their area.

### **(April) Governor's Trophy**

The annual Governor's Trophy competition is based on the accumulation of points throughout the Rotary year. There are about 32 "things" which earn points. Each club is encouraged to go through the process of calculating points earned, annually, whether they submit their form or not. This can be utilized as another tool for measuring the success of your club during the current Rotary year. 'Weaknesses' identified during this process can be communicated to the President-elect for future remedial action, as needed, and identified in the next *Summary of Club Plans and Objectives*. Together we can build a strong Rotary club, District, and Rotary world!

### **(April) District Governor's Awards**

Handsome plaques will be presented to clubs judged to be the best in the following specific areas of club activity:

- \* highest **per capita giving** to The Rotary Foundation through March 1
- \* highest **per capita giving** to the Belize Crippled Children Project as of March 1
- \* **Best Club Display** at the District Conference
- \* **Best Club Bulletin** (Selection committee will name the month(s), and interested clubs will forward copies of their bulletins)

### **(April) District Membership Development & Extension**

The annual District award program includes incentives for membership growth in existing clubs, retention of current club members and the establishment of new clubs. Clubs are rated from July 1 through March 31, annually. The District will award plaques to clubs at the District Conference who:

- \* have the **highest percentage attendance**
- \* have the club with the **highest percentage growth** (membership increase)
- \* sponsored new clubs

**(Note: R.I. recognizes** outstanding efforts by clubs in each district in several of these areas and more, see R.I. Awards, Membership Development & Extension Awards)

### **(None) Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, a.k.a. "RYLA"**

This certificate recognizes completion of the District RYLA, and/or Advanced RYLA Seminar(s). Limited only by the accommodations of the location, and the support of the clubs. Each participant receives a certificate, and should get invited to a club meeting to share his/her “enthusiasm for the program.”

## **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF) AWARDS**

### **(None) The Rotary Foundation District Service Award**

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding service in promoting TRF. The District Governor initiates, and the Foundation awards certificates to the named individual(s).

### **(15 June) Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service** (p. 162, 1998 MOP)

The purpose of this award is to recognize Rotarians who have rendered significant service to The Rotary Foundation. The District Governor nominates one individual per year. A certificate is presented to each recipient by The Foundation.

### **(?? June) Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award** (p. 162, 1998 MOP)

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding service to The Rotary Foundation on a broader basis, extending beyond the district level and over an extended period of time. A plaque is presented by The Foundation to 50 per year, worldwide.

## **ROTARY CLUB AWARDS**

People, whether they admit it or not, enjoy recognition for “a job well done.” There are some ‘official’ Rotary recognition awards available, as well as any others which your club sees fit! Be creative . . . It’s fun!

### **(None) Certificate of Appreciation**

The purpose of this award is to recognize service to your club by a non-Rotarian. Invitation to a regular club meeting to make the presentation is recommended. (Some clubs use these for their non-Rotarian weekly speakers . . . others for participants in club projects; or both).