

Rotaract E-Clubs Pilot Project Implementation Plan

The current operational model for a Rotaract club may limit membership growth and retention in some parts of the world, especially for those with disabilities, heavy travel schedules, or for those located in remote areas. In addition, using telecommunication technology may make Rotaract a more attractive option for technologically fluent members. It should also be noted that success of web communities in fostering friendship and goodwill among its members has been well documented in periodicals and books. Recognizing the potential for exploring new forms of Rotaract clubs that effectively utilize technology, in February 2003 the Rotary International Board of Directors agreed to support a pilot project establishing Rotaract e-clubs whose guidelines would mirror those for the Rotary E-Clubs Pilot Project. In February 2006, the Board extended the pilot project and will review it at the end of the 2008-09 Rotary year.

The purpose of the pilot project is to test an alternative Rotaract club model using electronic technology as the primary means of communication among members. The pilot would determine the viability and effectiveness of a Rotaract e-club framework. In addition, the pilot would identify any aspects of a Rotary e-club that may require modification in order to maximize its value to Rotaractors. Any Rotaract club, either newly formed or currently active, who wishes to participate in the pilot may apply.

Terms of Participation:

Each of the clubs participating in the Rotaract e-clubs pilot project will agree to the following terms:

1. The Rotaract e-club agrees to participate in the project for the full duration of the pilot period.
2. The club shall adopt the "Standard Rotaract Club Constitution" and adopt bylaws not inconsistent with the "Standard Rotaract Club Constitution." The bylaws developed by the club must be submitted to RI.
3. The club submits the Rotaract E-Clubs Pilot Project Proposal Form and Rotaract Club Organization List to RI. The club also remits the US\$50 Rotaract club organization fee if they have not already been chartered.
4. The club maintains a web page which complies with Board guidelines for use of the Rotary/Rotaract name and logo.
5. The club meets on a regular basis via available electronic communication technology.
6. The club shares its electronic member orientation and training materials with Rotary International Programs staff as they are created and updated.
7. At the end of the pilot period, the club will function in accordance with current RI constitutional documents in effect at that time.