



Alphabet Soup of Rotary – Rotary Acronyms

Like many organizations Rotary uses many acronyms. Rotary is not unique in using many acronyms. It is common in all organizations, big and small. A sports report on the news would take twice as long without the use of acronyms. Just to help you feel right at home in the Rotary family, here's a list of common Rotary acronyms:

AG	Assistant Governor
COL	Council on Legislation - <i>held every 3 years, Rotary's Parliament</i>
DDF	District Designated Funds – <i>Rotary Foundation funds managed by district</i>
DG	District Governor
DGE	District Governor Elect
DGN	District Governor Nominee
DRFC	District Rotary Foundation Committee
EMGA	Endowment Major Gift Advisor – <i>Foundation appointment works in zone</i>
EREY	Every Rotarian Every Year - <i>annual gift to The Rotary Foundation</i>
GETS	Governor Elect Training Seminar – <i>yes Governors are trained</i>
MOP	Manual of Procedure - <i>Rotary policy, constitution and bylaws</i>
NID	National Immunization Day - <i>mass polio vaccination days</i>
PDG	Past District Governor
PE	President Elect
PETS	President Elect Training Seminar
PHF	Paul Harris Fellow
PHS	Paul Harris Society – <i>members pledge US\$1000 a year to Rotary Foundation</i>
PP	Past President
RAG	Rotarian Action Group - <i>experts in an area, such as AIDS, water, malaria, etc.</i>
RC	Rotary Club
RC	Rotary Coordinator – <i>works in a zone on membership & Rotary programs</i>
RDU	Rotary Down Under – <i>Australia, New Zealand & Pacific Islands</i>
RI	Rotary International
RIBI	Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland
RID	Rotary International Director – <i>member of RI board</i>
RINO	Rotary in name only – <i>a disparaging term for a not very active Rotarian</i>
RIP	Rotary International President
RIPE	Rotary International President Elect
RITS	Rotary International Travel Service
RLI	Rotary Leadership Institute
ROTEX	Returned Youth Exchange Students <i>or rebound YE</i>
RPC	Rotary Peace Center
RPIC	Rotary Public Image Coordinator – <i>zone position focused on PR & Public Image</i>
RRFC	Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator – <i>zone position to promote Foundation</i>
RYE	Rotary Youth Exchange
RYLA	Rotary Youth Leadership Award
STEP	Short-Term Exchange Program – <i>youth program</i>
TRF	The Rotary Foundation
TRFC	The Rotary Foundation Canada
VTT	Vocational Training Team
YEP	Youth Exchange Program