

ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE AT YOUR ROTARY CLUB

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WHY ESTABLISHED AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE AT YOUR LOCAL CLUB?

- Rotary International brings together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.
- What better way to participate in the worldwide vision of Rotary than for your club to have an International Committee with international projects.



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- Most Rotary Clubs have multiple projects going on both locally and internationally.
- By having an International Committee, you can dedicate clubs' resources and talent with special emphasis on International Projects.



WHO SHOULD BE YOUR INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON?

- Your chairperson should have a passion for international service.
- Generally, the chairperson has experience travelling abroad and has worked on international projects with other organizations in your community.



HOW MANY PEOPLE SHOULD BE ON YOUR COMMITTEE?

- Your core group should compose 5-6 people.
- They should be willing to commit to serving 3 years on the international committee to lend continuity to past, present, and future projects. In addition, your Club's past president, president, and president-elect can be on the committee and/or should be included in email correspondence.



SHOULD YOUR INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE HAVE A BUDGET?

- Yes. For example, RWR's budget has been \$10,000 per year, allowing 4-5 projects at \$2000 to \$2500.
- This should be established at the beginning of your presidential calendar year and approved each year by your Rotary Club's Board.



SHOULD YOU WORK WITH AN ESTABLISHED ROTARY CLUB THAT CAN OVERSEE THE PROJECT IN THE PROJECT COUNTRY?

- Yes, working with a Rotary club in the project country is a good idea. They will be able to help oversee the project and assure better reporting and local support. It also builds International Rotarian camaraderie which is a lot of fun!
- Questions?

