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We are Growing

Our membership is increasing as are the countries represented. Recent new members include Antonio Soo and Yang Chi Chang, both from Taiwan (ROC), Richard Morris from Huntington, Cambridge, England; Robert Kramer from Pebble Beach, California USA; and Richard Smetana, Palm Desert, CA USA. Currently members are from seven countries: Canada, England, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Republic of China and USA.

We purged from membership those who did not pay dues for the current year. Since those purged never took an active role in FORM, we see that purge as a positive process. We now have 18 full members in our Fellowship. Although our numbers are still small, this is significant growth. We anticipate a continued steady growth in the next few years; but we realize that the number of Rotarians interested in Magic is a select group. Our Fellowship will remain fairly small

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Rotary International Convention

By participating in the RI Convention, 21-25 May in New Orleans Louisiana, USA, you'll gain a broader appreciation of Rotary's global impact and strengthen your commitment to service. Here are some other great reasons to attend a convention:

- Service projects. Find out how fellow Rotarians developed their service projects by visiting club and district project booths. You can also partner with other Rotarians in an international project or exchange.
- Learn more about PolioPlus and other Foundation programs during plenary sessions and workshops that show how Rotarians take humanitarian action and promote peace and understanding throughout the world.



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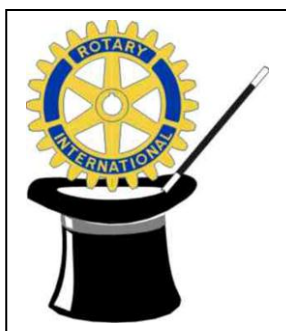
Call for Articles

Rotarian Fellowship members not only receive contacts and other useful information; but they also provide their own ideas to entertain and enrich other members. Please submit your articles and ideas for tricks that promote Rotary ideals and projects to our secretary.

There are four types of submissions:

1. Articles sharing your experiences performing or watching others perform. Or, if you are a collector, stories of historical interest to Rotarian Magicians. Stories should be submitted by email in RTF or similar editable format. Pictures are strongly encouraged and may be submitted in JPEG format.
2. Trick/Effects that you want to share with other members. These should reflect a Rotary theme or promote Rotary Values. [Review the web site and other submissions](#) for samples of how to write up your favorite tricks. It is very important that you give credit to others who helped create the effect.
3. If you are available to entertain at Rotary events, then be sure to send us a [promotional paragraph and photo](#) for the “Magicians” section of our web site. We see this page as a service to Rotary Districts and Zones who may be looking for Rotarian entertainers for conventions and meetings. We also see this as a service to performers who may get paid or prestigious opportunities.
4. Send you ideas for [dealers](#) of magic resources that we can list for other members. Our members come from a wide range of experience and some do not know about resources that are available to help them grow their magic collection.

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As a member you can use FORM logos on your printed materials or props. Click the picture above to go to the Graphics download page

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As a member of FORM, we hope you will reach out to other members to develop new friendships and helpful networking. Start by downloading the [Membership List](#) from the web site. You will need the Username and password to log on. Both are case sensitive. If you do not have this information and are a full paid-up member contact our Secretary for instructions

We encourage you to promote our Fellowship - indeed ALL fellowships, whenever you are able. This includes in your club, district and zone. We have developed some promotional materials that can help. Just [download](#) them from our web site.

District Conferences

By Wizard Jim

In 2010 I performed at a District Conference, Zone Institute and even the House of Friendship at the RI Convention in Montreal. This spring I will be the featured performer at two District conferences. Several other districts are discussing possible gigs in 2012 and beyond.

We are in a unique position to “work” these events as we can fill so many varied needs. We can be featured following a banquet, perform walking around at receptions and hospitality events, magically introduce VIP speakers, and set up a booth in their House of Friendship that promotes Fellowships.

Some Governors like to have a theme for their conference and a popular choice is “The Magic of Rotary.”

When I perform at Rotary events I capitalize on the camaraderie of those in the audience by involving individuals or the entire audience as much as possible. They enjoy sharing the spotlight and seeing their friends on stage. Rotarians are often sophisticated men and women and may not be very impressed with a manipulation act; but they will respond well to tricks that feature mentalism in all its forms. Humor is always well received by Rotarians especially if they are laughing at YOU. Always treat your on-stage volunteers with respect. If you are performing a trick that makes your volunteer look a bit silly, then select your volunteer VERY CAREFULLY and try to meet with him/her prior to the show and let them know that they are a very important part of the show.

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- Connect with other FORM members to share your ideas about using Magic to promote Rotary values and projects.
- Family fun. With so much to do around the event, you and your family can plan a memorable vacation around the convention.
- Organize a group to attend from your club or district. Special forms are available for tour groups by contacting ri.registration@rotary.org.
- Say yes to personal information sharing when you register, and you'll receive information about local attractions, events, and activities from convention organizers and the local Host Organization Committee.
- Subscribe to the International Meetings and Convention E-Group through [Member Access](#) to receive convention information updates.

Unfortunately we will not have a booth or meeting at the RI Convention in 2011 because too few of us are able to attend. Our Annual Meeting and election of officers will be conducted by email.

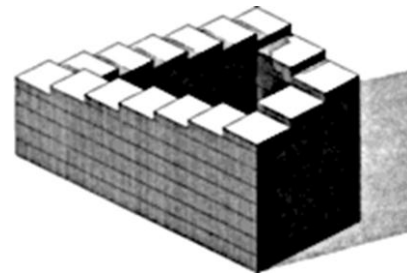


Rotarians can make the gears of Rotary connect and spin as if by Magic..

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We really want to help you share the Magic of Rotary and help you share your ideas with other members. If you have suggestions about how we can do this more effectively, please contact our Secretary with your creative ideas.



Streamlining with PayPal

The process of paying FORM dues can be frustrating for members who do not live in the USA as our Fellowship operates with US currency. Some members have asked us to provide a simpler on-line way to pay FORM dues.

We listened. Now you can pay your dues on-line with PayPal. To make this even easier we have moved to a rolling year for the purpose of dues. So, for example, if you pay your dues on 14 February, that becomes your anniversary date.

PayPal will can automate your renewals saving us the cost and effort of sending out invoices. To use PayPal to pay dues, log onto our web site and click on [Join Our Fellowship](#) under the Join Form tab.



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This newsletter is published to provide official notice of our Annual Meeting. For more comprehensive information visit our web site which is updated as stories are received, Rotary magic tricks are shared with other members, feature articles about members are posted, and members for hire are listed.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Notice: The Annual Meeting of FORM will be held on 15 June 2011 for the purpose of electing officers for a one year term beginning 1 July 2011. The Nominating Committee invites those who wish to serve as a FORM officer to contact our Secretary volunteering their service or to ask questions about the duties of each officer. These responsibilities are described in Article VIII of our [Constitution](#) which is available on our web site.

Officers needed are:

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer

Volunteers and nominations must be received by 1 June 2011. In accordance with our Constitution a vote of 50% of Active membership is required for election, so it is very important that you respond promptly when you receive the email ballot in mid-June.

Committees are appointed by the Chairperson and if you are interested in serving on a committee please contact our Secretary. Committees are: Membership, Nominating, Promotion, Web site, and RI Convention.