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COMING UP

Tools and templates will be available online in the coming months. These resources will make it easy to apply our new look to your brochures, PowerPoints, and other print and digital communications.

Why we're strengthening our image

For more than 100 years, Rotary has united leaders committed to applying their expertise to better their communities. Despite over a century of impact in communities around the world, Rotary does not get the recognition it deserves. We need to rethink how we tell our story so people everywhere understand what Rotary stands for, how we're different, and why it matters.

In 2011, Rotary embarked on a multiyear initiative of unprecedented scale to strengthen our image. In addition to expanding public understanding of what Rotary does, we want to motivate, engage, and inspire current and prospective members, donors, partners, and staff.

What we've done

To tell our story better, we first need to define it. Based on extensive global research, we:

Defined our essence to identify how Rotary is different from other organizations

Brought our values to life to ensure our actions support our words

Established our voice to reflect our distinct character

Clarified how we present our offerings so people understand what we do and how they can engage

Refreshed our visual identity to energize our look and feel while celebrating our heritage

What we need to do

Bringing our story to life is our next charge — and one that requires champions across levels, groups, and functions.

We are Rotary, and we have a great story to tell.

It's up to all of us to protect, promote, and deliver on that story in all our interactions.

This guide will help you apply our new look and voice. More resources will be available online in the coming months. Look for new tools and templates that will help you apply our new look to your brochures, PowerPoints, and other print and digital communications.

Through a unified Rotary image and message, we're not just enhancing our reputation, we're elevating the entire Rotary experience.

AN UNPRECEDENTED EVALUATION OF OUR IMAGE	FRAMING OUR STRENGTHS FOR CLARITY AND IMPACT	
Our global research revealed three insights.	Our research insights define who we are (responsible leaders), what we do (connect), and why it matters (community impact). Validation research revealed how to articulate these strengths in a compelling way.	
Rotarians are responsible leaders — both socially and ethically	Define leadership by mindset and approach, not labels or titles	
Connecting has and always will be the driving force behind Rotary	Highlight connections and communities, not the individual	
It's not just about global impact — we impact communities on a global scale	Clarify the type of impact Rotary makes (i.e., community impact scaled globally; lasting change)	

WHO WE ARE

Voice and Visual Rotary Guidelines

21 August 2013

What are "values?"

Values drive our behavior. They represent our beliefs, what we do, and how we act.

How did we define our values?

Our values are rooted in guiding principles that have always defined Rotary. Now, we want to bring our values to life by showing how we demonstrate them in communities around the world.

What do we mean by "essence"?

Our essence defines what we do:

Unite leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations

Exchange ideas

Take action to improve our communities around the world

OUR VALUES HOW WE LIVE OUR VALUES

Fellowship and Global Understanding

We build lifelong relationships

Ethics and Integrity

We honor our commitments

Diversity

We connect diverse perspectives

Vocational Expertise, Service, and Leadership

We apply our leadership and expertise to solve social issues

WHO WE ARE

What is our voice?

Our voice is the unique tone and style in which we communicate.

Why is a distinctive voice important for Rotary?

There is no organization quite like Rotary. To ensure our communications capture our distinct character — and how people experience Rotary — we need to use a unified voice in all of our interactions. By speaking, writing, and designing in one voice, our communications will look, feel, and sound unmistakably like Rotary.

How should we use our voice?

Our voice attributes serve as a guide for how we speak, write, and design. Use them as criteria to evaluate your communications. A variety of visual and verbal tools (e.g., copy, imagery, information graphics, etc.) can help us infuse our voice into all of our communications. For details about how to apply visual identity elements, see pages 9-25.

OUR VOICE IS	THIS MEANS	OUR COMMUNICATIONS ARE
Smart	We look at problems from different angles and apply our expertise to address social issues in ways others cannot. We are insightful and discerning.	Knowledgeable Perceptive Confident
Compassionate	Tackling the world's toughest challenges requires empathy. We champion real people and stories that are relatable and universal.	Thoughtful Sincere Engaging
Persevering	We find lasting solutions to systemic problems at home and abroad. We speak with clarity and conviction.	Bold Purposeful Courageous
Inspiring	Motivated by the enduring connections and positive change we bring to communities and the world, we encourage others to take action. We convey hope, enthusiasm, and passion.	Upbeat Hopeful Visionary

Here are a couple of examples to demonstrate how our voice strengthens our message:

EXAMPLES BEFORE (without Rotary's voice) **AFTER** (in Rotary's voice) WHY IT'S EFFECTIVE Rotary is ordinary people around the It's amazing what we can Is active, inspiring. Invitation to world working together to clean prospective members and inviting accomplish when hearts and the environment, end polio, improve to visit a local club minds work together. See Balances compassion (hearts) our communities, and accomplish how leaders from countries. and intelligence (minds) other extraordinary things. cultures, and occupations Defines leadership by mindset Learn more at rotary.org. around the world are taking (diverse perspectives) and action action — to enhance health. Clarifies our impact empower youth, promote peace, and advance Includes a clear call-to-action community. Join leaders at a Rotary club near you. **Another year, another chance** Excerpt from Rotary's Anniversary Headline is inspiring versus descriptive Rotary.org to make history Rotary's 108th anniversary marks a year of both achievements in the • Highlights Rotary's We're closer than ever to fight to eradicate polio and persevering spirit eradicating polio. But even as a stepped-up commitment to finish • Is more compassionate we celebrate our 108th year the job. You can help by learning and human (i.e., uses the how to use advocacy to encourage of community impact, we're collective "we") governments to fund the vital work reminded that there is much of polio eradication. Has a clear call-to-action to do. Become an effective

advocate so together we can

finish the job.

Overview

Focused, purposeful, inspiring, with a touch of gold.

Our visual toolkit contains the basic elements in our visual system.

It includes our logos, color palette, typography, iconography, and information graphic styles, along with photography style and suggested subject matter.

Each element is designed to work in harmony with the others while providing flexibility within a framework. When combined, they clearly convey our active leadership, our persevering spirit, and our compassion.

Colors p. 18-20

Rotary Leadership Colors



Secondary Pastels Neutrals

Typography p. 21-22

Primar

FRUTIGER BLACK CONDENSED ALL CAPS FOR HEADLINES AND MAIN NAV

Frutiger for subheads, secondary nav, info graphics, and lockups Light Italic Roman Italic Bold Italic Black Italic Ultra Black Sentinel for body text, secondary heads, captions,

Secondary

captions, and callouts Light *Italic* Book *Italic* Medium *Italic* Semibold *Italic* Bold *Italic*

Logos p. 10-17

Masterbrand Signature

Mark of Excellence





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Rotarians Uniting and Exchanging Ideas



Rotarians Taking Action for Community





Metaphorical



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Our logo has recently evolved to include our wordmark, which is the word "Rotary," and our emblem, the Rotary wheel.

The word "Rotary" always appears before our emblem in all of our signatures.

This official logo is our masterbrand signature, which should be used wherever possible. Our mark of excellence should not appear alone, but can be used in proximity to the masterbrand signature and should be scaled up to make greater impact.

It is crucial to maintain the consistency of our signatures. Positioning and proportional relationships of all components within the signature are fixed and should never be altered.

Rotary Wordmark

Rotary Wordmark

Rotary Emblem

Rotary Emblem

Mark of Excellence



Color Variations, Masterbrand

The full-color Rotary signature is our official, preferred version. Always use it in digital environments and whenever printing with at least two colors. Our emblem must always appear in Rotary Gold, unless twocolor printing is not possible.

Do not alter or switch any signature component colors.

One-color variations of the Rotary signatures are supplied in black, Rotary Azure, and white for reverse type. These can be applied for onecolor printing or on very complex backgrounds that may hinder legibility or appearance of colors.

Use the appropriate color version to maintain the best contrast and legibility: positive for light or white backgrounds and reversed for dark backgrounds.

Comparable metallic versions of Rotary colors shown on this page may also be used for special circumstances. For more details regarding our color palette, see pages 18-20.

Positive (for light or white backgrounds only)

Full color



Rotary Royal Blue



Rotary Gold





One color

100% black

100% Rotary Azure







Reversed (for dark backgrounds only)

Full color

One color (100% white)

















Logos Color Variations, Mark of Excellence

Our mark of excellence should always appear in Rotary Gold, unless two-color printing is not possible.

One-color variations of the mark of excellence are supplied in black, Rotary Azure, and white for reverse type. These can be applied only for one-color printing.

Comparable metallic versions of Rotary Gold may also be used for special circumstances. For more details regarding our color palette, see pages 18-20.



Rotary Gold

Full Color

Dark image

Light image

Acceptable solid background colors













One Color

100% black

100% Rotary Azure

100% white (reversed)













Always BIG

Our mark of excellence is a symbol of our leadership. It should appear large on high-impact communications to make a bold statement and promote a sense of urgency.

Always near masterbrand signature

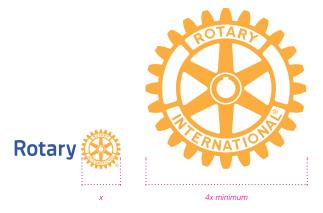
The mark of excellence should always appear with one of our signatures, and never appear alone.

Do not overuse

Reserve for covers or single-page marketing materials such as posters or advertising, if appropriate. Refrain from repeating it too many times within any communication or using it in subordinate situations such as interior spreads or secondary web pages.

For color options, refer to page 12.

Size Opacity Size relationship of mark of excellence and masterbrand signature 100% opaque on solids





Examples (mark of excellence always in proximity to masterbrand signature)

Single-page communications

Multipage (front/back)



OUR LOOK









Logos Clear Space and Minimum

Sizes for Print

LOGO

Masterbrand signature

Minimum size is 13 mm / 0.5"

No restriction on maximum height



MINIMUM SIZE FOR PRINT



Mark of excellence

Minimum size is 4x height of the emblem in the nearby masterbrand signature

No restriction on maximum height



Minimum Ratio:

52mm / 2" when paired with the masterbrand signature

CLEAR SPACE



Clear space — that is, the space surrounding the masterbrand signature is equal to the height of the capital "R" in the Rotary wordmark.

Logos Clear Space and Minimum

40px for mobile/tablet

Sizes for Digital

LOG0 MINIMUM SIZE FOR DESKTOP/LAPTOP MINIMUM SIZE FOR MOBILE/TABLET Masterbrand signature Rotary Minimum size is Rotary **Rotary** 60px No restriction on maximum height Mark of excellence Minimum ratio: Minimum ratio: Minimum size is 4x height 240px when paired with the 320px when paired with the of the emblem in the nearby masterbrand signature masterbrand signature masterbrand signature 120px when paired with the 160px when paired with the No restriction simplified signature simplified signature on maximum height Simplified signature For digital small use and confined spaces Maximum height is under Rotary Rotary Rotary 60px for desktop/laptop 80px for mobile/tablet Minimum size is 30px for desktop/laptop





Clear space for masterbrand signature is equal to the height of the lowercase "o" in the Rotary wordmark.

We have created special signature systems that allow you to identify your club, district, or zone on all your communications materials. In the coming months, we will provide a tool for every club to create its own signature. Rotary vendors will also be able to feature these signatures on Rotary merchandise.

Rotary Clubs

The Rotary club signature consists of the masterbrand signature plus the club name and should be used instead of the masterbrand signature on club-level communications.

The preferred configuration is Rotary Club [of/at] [Location], with the word Rotary coming first.

Two acceptable alternatives have been provided to cover variations of club names.

The positioning and size relationship between the Rotary wordmark and the emblem are fixed and should never be altered.

Districts and Zones

District and zone signatures consist of the masterbrand signature plus the district or zone number and should replace the masterbrand signature on district and zone communications.

When creating, use the same specifications as the club signatures above.

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ROTARY CLUBS

Preferred

Acceptable alternates







Copy above and below: Frutiger LT STD 45 Light, 12pt,

right aligned to Rotary wordmark

Rotary Royal Blue

DISTRICTS AND ZONES

Districts

Zones









Masterbrand signature

Logos

Best Practices



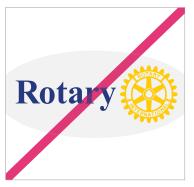
Use the masterbrand signature on a background that has sufficient contrast.



Use a two-color masterbrand signature when printing in full color.



Keep the masterbrand signature clear of outlines, special effects, or other graphic elements.



Keep the masterbrand signature free of a holding shape and use the correct typeface and ® symbol.

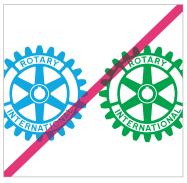


Keep all elements undistorted and in the right order.

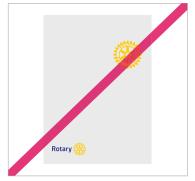
Mark of excellence



Keep the mark of excellence whole — never cropped.



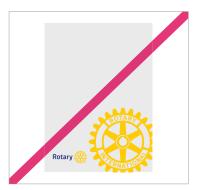
Use Rotary colors specified on page 12 for the mark of excellence.



Size the mark of excellence correctly when using it with the logo, as shown on page 13.



Make sure the mark of excellence is completely legible.



Place the mark of excellence away from the logo.

Overview

We are smart, compassionate, persevering, and inspiring, and we've chosen a set of colors to express those attributes.

A few shades of **BLUE** and a touch of **GOLD** are our predominant colors. To create a unified look and feel, these leadership colors should be used more often than other colors in our palette. Use Rotary Azure most often, and reserve Rotary Sky Blue and Rotary Royal Blue to complement and highlight. Rotary Gold should be used as the "jewel" on a page.

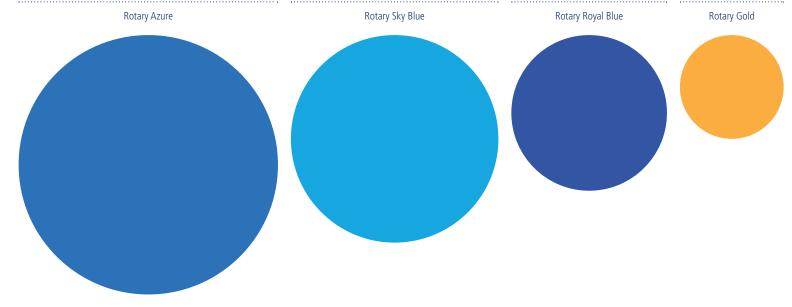
Use secondary colors sparingly to create occasional emphasis or differentiation within a series, if applicable.

Pastels and neutrals provide the necessary flexibility when working with backgrounds, layouts, and hierarchy of information, without being overbearing.

All colors have been carefully chosen to complement one another in most situations. They should be used in their pure format, never screened.

Comparable metallic versions of these colors may be used for special circumstances, such as signage or pins or when using foils for awards and certificates.

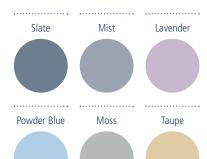
Rotary Leadership Colors



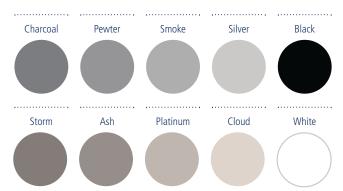
Secondary Colors



Pastels



Neutrals



Silver

Cool Gray 2C

C14 M10 Y13 K0

Cool Gray 2U

C14 M10 Y16 K0

Hex #e7e7e8

R231 G231 B232

Cloud

Warm Gray 1C

C15 M12 Y17 K0

Hex #e6e5d8

White

C0 M0 Y0 K0

Hex #ffffff

When using our color palette, be sure to apply the appropriate formulations listed on this page.

Color Palette

Formula Codes

Our colors should never be screened or adjusted.

Coated and uncoated formulas are shown here for the following:

Pantone[™] colors **CMYK** for 4-color process **RGB** for digital **Hexadecimal** for web

To obain ASE files for latest palette swatches, please contact graphics@rotary.org.

Rotary Leadership Colors Secondary Colors Azure Sky Blue Cranberry PMS 2175C PMS 2202C PMS 214C C99 M47 Y0 K0 C96 M0 Y6 K0 C0 M100 Y22 K0 PMS 2175U PMS 2202U Rubine RedU C99 M53 Y0 K0 C94 M0 Y6 K0 C0 M100 Y22 K0 Hex #01b4e7 Hex #005daa Hex #d91b5c R0 G93 B170 R1 G180 B231 R217 G27 B92 **Royal Blue** Gold Violet PMS 286C PMS 130C PMS 2070C C0 M26 Y100 K0 C57 M91 Y0 K0 C100 M80 Y9 K2 PMS 286U PMS 129U PMS 2070U C100 M92 Y9 K2 C0 M20 Y100 K0 C54 M99 Y0 K0 Hex #00246c Hex #febd11 Hex #872175 R0 G36 B108 R254 G189 B17 R135 G33 B117

Turquoise

PMS 7466C

C90 M0 Y38 K0

PMS 7466U

C88 M0 Y27 K0

Hex #009999

R0 G153 B153

Orange

PMS 2018C

C0 M68 Y95 K0

PMS 2018U

C0 M58 Y95 K0

Hex #ff7600

R255 G118 B0

Moss

PMS 7537C C36 M23 Y34 K0

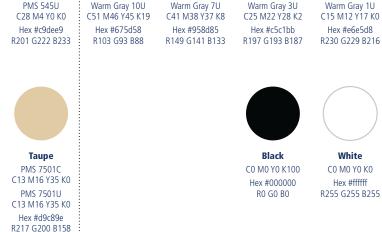
PMS 7537U

C36 M23 Y30 K0

Hex #a7aca2

R167 G172 B162





JOIN FOR OUR COMMUNITY, STAY FOR THE WORLD.

Color Palette

Best Practices

Reserve Rotary Gold for "pops" of color.



Highlight headings, subheads, icons, and buttons with colors from our palette.



Use the blues in our leadership colors as the predominant palette.



Use the secondary colors to highlight elements, but never as a dominant color.



Use neutrals and white space to achieve balance and clarity.



Use colors in our palette.



Use colors that offer sufficient contrast for readability.



Use colors that complement one another; use leadership colors for large areas.



Keep the background the same color rather than creating gradients.



Use fully saturated rather than tints or screened colors in our palette.

TypographyPrimary, Secondary, and Alternate Type

Primary Typeface

body copy.

Primary*, use ALL CAPS condensed

Use regular style for secondary headlines, secondary navigation, info graphics, lockups, identifiers, or dense

LT STD

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO

abcdefghijklmnopgrstu

PORSTUVWXYZ

vwxyz1234567890

47 Light Condensed

67 Bold Condensed

PORSTUVWXYZ

vwxyz1234567890

77 Black Condensed

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO

abcdefghijklmnopgrstu

57 Condensed

style for headlines and main navigation.

FRUTIGER

Secondary Typeface

Secondary*, use for body text, secondary headlines, captions, callouts, or identifiers.

Sentinel

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO PQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstu vwxyz1234567890

Light

Light Italic

Book

 $Book\ Italic$

Medium

Medium Italic

Semibold

Semibold Italic

Bold

Bold Italic

Black

Black Italic

56 Italic **65 Bold**

45 Light

66 Bold Italic

46 Light Italic

55 Roman

75 Black

76 Black Italic

95 Ultra Black

Alternate Typefaces To be used when the primary and secondary typefaces are not available

Alternate, for digital (web) applications or when Frutiger LT STD is not available

Alternate, for Microsoft Office applications or when Open Sans Condensed is not available

Alternate, for digital (web) applications and Microsoft Office applications, or when Sentinel is not available

OPEN SANS CONDENSED

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO PQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstu vwxyz1234567890

Condensed Light Condensed Light Italic

Condensed Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO PQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstu vwxyz1234567890

Light
Light Italic
Regular
Italic
Semibold
Semibold Italic
Bold
Bold Italic
Extra Bold

Extra Bold Italic

ARIAL NARROW

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO PQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstu vwxyz1234567890

Regular Italic
Bold Italic

Georgia

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO PQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstu vwxyz1234567890

Regular
Italic
Bold
Bold Italic

For information to purchase these typefaces, please contact graphics@rotary.org.

Best Practices

Typography

USE FRUTIGER
CONDENSED
BOLD, BLACK OR
EXTRA BLACK
ALL CAPS
CONDENSED
HEADLINE
HEADLINE
WITH
ONE OR TWO WORDS
WITH LARGER TYPE

ALL CAPS
CONDENSED
HEADLINE
HEADLINE
HIGHT
ONE OR TWO WORDS
WITH LARGER TYPE

For emphasis, highlight one or two words using a larger type size or light-weight italic. When using italic, use a light weight and set all type to one size. Keep leading and kerning consistent.

Rotary Food Drive

All residents can give by placing non-perishable food at their doors.

Pick-up begins at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 6th.

Pre-packaged bags of items are available at the local IGA

Use Sentinel for subheads and body copy.



Use bold or italic for emphasis only.



Use Frutiger in large point sizes for callouts and data visualization.



Use Frutiger styles for documents with dense body copy.



Use uppercase typography in headlines or subheads.



Watch your leading and kerning so that it doesn't look overly open, too tight, or uneven. Keep letterforms proportionate.



Use Frutiger rather than Sentinel for headline text.



Use lighter weights for body copy.



Use colored type that has sufficient contrast.

Imagery Style Overview and

Subject Matter

Our photography focuses on connections and community.

Whenever possible, try to use shots depicting multiple Rotarians of diverse ethnicities and age ranges. Refrain from focusing on an individual, unless he or she is profiled or featured in a story.

If shot indoors, keep backgrounds blurry or nondescript so unattractive objects like drop-ceilings, dated chandeliers, exit signs, etc., are rendered less visible.

When beneficiaries are depicted, they should appear actively engaged with Rotarians or like active participants in a scene, not incidental observers in the background.

When choosing or shooting new photography, aim for the following:

- editorial or reportage style (fly-on-the-wall)
- candid poses or natural portraits
- real, natural, sincere, endearing expressions
- demonstrations of active leadership and impact
- special moments of camaraderie, friendship, warmth, and celebration
- movement and momentum
- rich full color, or black and white
- short depth of field with selective focus (people shot through crowds)
- wide angles
- natural backgrounds and real context (not solid portraiture backdrops or studio photography)

Rotarians Uniting and Exchanging Ideas

Single Rotarian

Small groups









Rotarians Taking Action for Community

Single Rotarian

Small groups

Large groups

Voice and Visual

Rotary Guidelines



Without Rotarians











Metaphorical/Conceptual



Graphics

Overview

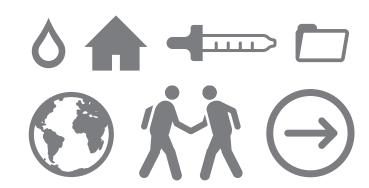
When choosing or creating iconography and information graphics, look for styles that are simple, modern, and informative.

When housing icons in shapes, use circles to reinforce the shape of the Rotary emblem.

Use icons and information graphics to illustrate facts or aid in navigation, but do not apply them as logos.

Iconography Style

Examples



Organizing principles

Join Leaders

Exchange Ideas

Take Action

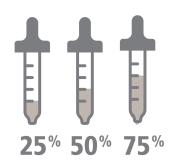






Information Graphics





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Areas of Focus Icons

AREAS OF FOCUS

Rotary has identified six areas of focus that reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide. Each icon to the right represents one facet of Rotary's six areas of focus:

- 1 Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- 2 Disease prevention and treatment
- 3 Water and sanitation
- 4 Maternal and child health
- 5 Basic education and literacy
- 6 Economic and community development

Always show all six icons together uniformly in one Rotary neutral color.

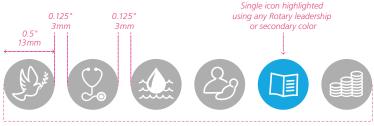
When discussing one specific area of focus, highlight that icon using any Rotary leadership or secondary color. All other icons should remain neutral.

When all areas are being discussed simultaneously, highlight all six icons using a single Rotary leadership or secondary color.

Always use the same color to highlight the icons within a single document or communication.

Do not color code the six areas of focus, and do not alter proportions or the shape of the circle housing the symbols.

Horizontal configuration



Neutral color

Vertical configuration











Stacked configuration















Print

Digital – for desktop/laptop

Opx Dpx

Digital – for mobile/table











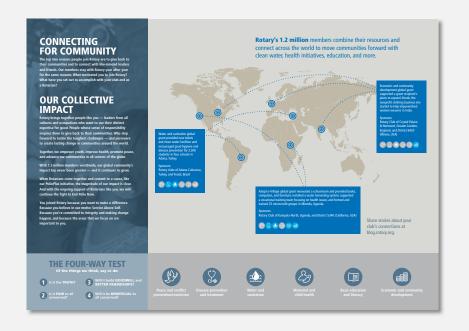




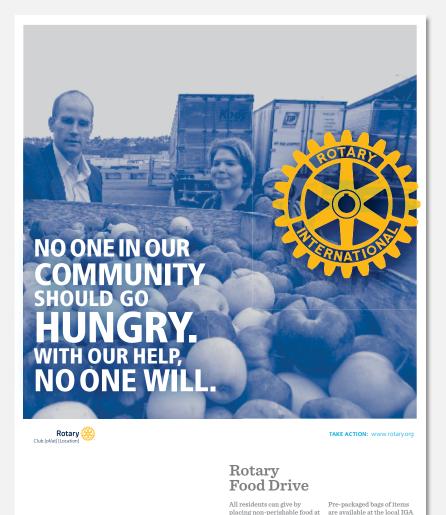
Enclose the icons in circles only. Use one Rotary color as background in the circles and another Rotary color to highlight the appropriate icons, as shown at the top of the page.











their doors.

Pick-up begins at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 6th.

in varying dollar amounts.

Volunteers will check every

front door in your town.

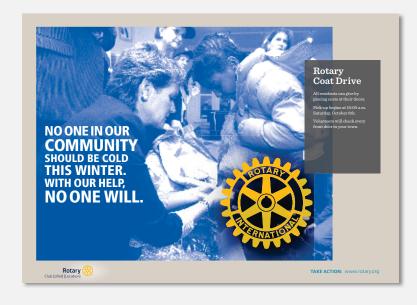


Design InspirationPosters, Horizontal







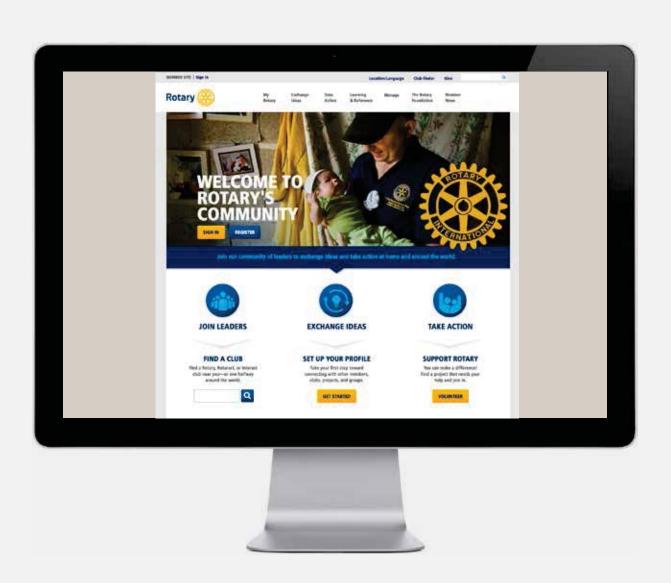


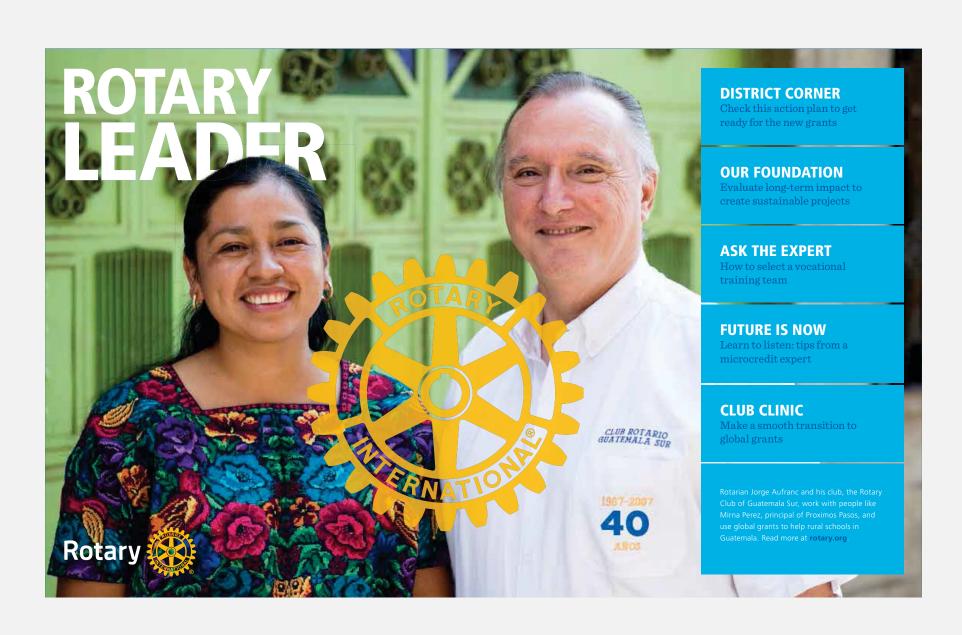












Design **Inspiration** F-Newsletter Page

HOW TO...

FIND A GRANT PARTNER

IF YOUR CLUB OR DISTRICT IS STRUGGLING TO FIND A PARTNER FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING TIPS:



Rotarians in Maputo, Mozambique, needed an

a host partner.

requirement.

international partner to help finance a US\$55,100 project to upgrade a sanitation system and install a

water tank at a school. They turned to their district

contacts and soon learned of a Danish club seeking

Be social.

Join RI's LinkedIn group, which helps Rotarians share ideas and publicize project needs. You can also publicize your quest for a grant partner on your personal or club Facebook pages.

Talk to your district governor-elect.

The International Assembly is a great opportunity to share project proposals.

Attend an RI Convention.

Ask convention goers from your district to bring a list of projects to share with potential partners. The RI Convention is the ideal place to start collaborating.

Visit a project fair.

These annual regional events are hosted by Rotary districts worldwide to encourage international friendship and collaboration on service projects. For information about upcoming project fairs, contact rotary.service@rotary.org.

Search the Web.

Most districts have their own websites that help bring clubs and districts together on joint projects.

Visit Rotary's new website.

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