

# Rotary



## Rotarian Action Groups 2015 Annual Report Form

Each Rotarian Action Group Chair must fill out this report and submit it to RI World Headquarters no later than **1 October** each year. Groups that do not submit an annual report by this deadline may be subject to suspension and/or termination by the RI Board of Directors.

Rotarian Action Groups are encouraged to fill this form out electronically and e-mail it to [actiongroups@rotary.org](mailto:actiongroups@rotary.org). Please type to ensure accuracy.

Excluding the financial report in section 5, the information in this report may be shared with Rotarians for informational purposes and publicity.

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### 1. General information (REQUIRED)

Official RAG name:	Rotarian Action Group of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness	
Web site address:	<a href="http://www.rotary-ragmsa.org">www.rotary-ragmsa.org</a>	
Social media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn <input type="checkbox"/> Other RAG-MSA (search Rotarian Action Group of MS Awareness)	
Name of primary contact officer:	Martin Taurins	
E-mail address of primary contact officer:	<a href="mailto:taurins3@vegas.com">taurins3@vegas.com</a> autype here	
Cost of individual annual membership dues:	\$20	If there are no dues, please check this box <input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of individual lifetime membership dues	\$20	If not applicable, please check this box <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the RAG incorporated?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

## 2. Report on RAG Membership and Performance Standards (REQUIRED)

In order to maintain their status, Rotarian Action Groups must:

- maintain a membership of at least 25 individuals representing at least 5 countries and 3 zones;
- regularly collaborate with clubs, districts, and multidistricts on international service projects in their area of specialty;
- distribute a print or electronic newsletter to all of its members at least once per year, with a copy to RI

Please answer the following questions:

<b>How many active members does your group have?</b>	479
<b>How many members are Rotarians?</b>	429
<b>How many are family members of Rotarians?</b>	50
<p><b>Please indicate whether the following groups are represented in your membership by checking the appropriate boxes and provide the number of members per category, if known</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rotaractors (current or former) <span style="float: right;">type here</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Interactors (current or former) <span style="float: right;">type here</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Peace Fellows (current or former) <span style="float: right;">type here</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TRF Grant Scholars (any, current or former) <span style="float: right;">type here</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Training Team participants (current or former) <span style="float: right;">5</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Group Study Exchange participants <span style="float: right;">type here</span></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) <span style="float: right;">Rotaractors 20</span></p>	
<b>How many countries are represented in your group's membership?</b>	23
<b>How many RI Zones are represented in your group's membership?</b>	4
<b>Has your group regularly collaborated with clubs, districts, and/or multidistricts on international service projects during the past Rotary year?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By checking this box, I confirm that our group has met this requirement.*  <i>* Please provide further details in the next section of the report.</i>
<b>Has your group distributed one or more newsletters to its membership in the past Rotary year?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By checking this box, I confirm that our group has met this requirement.*  <i>* Please send a copy of all newsletters distributed during the past year to <a href="mailto:actiongroups@rotary.org">actiongroups@rotary.org</a> if you have not done so already.</i>

### 3. Annual report of RAG activities (REQUIRED)

Please describe in detail the three most significant international service projects that your group has collaborated on during the past Rotary year.

#### Project 1

Project Name	Supporting Arab region fledgling MS Society education and MS Awareness promotion
Club/District partner(s)	Rotary Clubs of WEGO,D7450/Gisborne,D9800/London,D1130
Other organizations involved	MSIF
Project description	Support emerging MS Groups with start up information, for example legally registering as a not-for profit organization,and develop materials to local needs so that access to MS information is widely available in print and online
Project location	Arab Region Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq, etc
Project budget (if applicable)	\$US3000
Is the project complete?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Project 2

Project Name	GG1636410 Florey Institute Melbourne, Australia Progressive MS Research Dr Laura Dumas
Club/District partner(s)	RC og GisborneD9800/RC of Westtown-Goshen (WEGO)D7450
Other organizations involved	Florey Institute, Melbourne University, Neuroscience Laboratory France
Project description	Cutting edge Laboratory research tackling progressive MS which remains untreatable
Project location	Florey Institute Melbourne, Australia
Project budget (if applicable)	\$US69,150 (\$A96150)
Is the project complete?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Project 3

Project Name	RAGMSA email Group (rotary-msawareness@yahogroups.com), facebook, Twitter,KAZaston Radio, Promotion of MS Bike Rides, Megawims,Marathon, Walks,Golf, Drag Racing etc
Club/District partner(s)	Lead Roles, Bronwyn L.Martin D7450 RC WEGO Philadelphia (USA), D9800 RC of Gisborne (Australia), Kaz Aston RC of London and D1130 and many other Rotary Clubs
Other organizations involved	MSA, MSIF, NMSS
Project description	Raising Funds for MS Research. Post MS Research and Symptom management and Information
Project location	Australia, North America, UK, Europe etc
Project budget (if applicable)	ongoing fundraising by Rotary Clubs and individuals
Is the project complete?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Additional Explanations or examples in this space:

Future Vision Plan Area of Focus: Disease Prevention (Primary) and Maternal/Child Health (Secondary)

Purpose: The Vision of RAGMSA is to promote Awareness to improve the lives of People with MS (PwMS) by helping MS Societies and MS Researchers to help find a cure for MS through the global power of Rotarians and partners. Support Researchers who study risk factors that make people susceptible to MS.

How We Work: There are many Rotarians internationally that are raising money for MS Research that I have not listed above. Ultimately our vision is to be able to document more Rotarian MS related activities worldwide.

Please view [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org) and you can see the bike rides, runs and activities that Rotarians can support in North America. Already Rotarians are participating in many of these activities.

Similar events are held in 41 countries where MS Societies exist.

Martin attended RI Convention in Sao Paulo Brazil (has attended 16 Conventions).  
Planning to attend 2016 Seoul Convention.

Sao Paulo Breakout session was well attended and room was filled to capacity. A great Success.

RAGMSA is incorporated in Melbourne, Victoria Australia and Annual General meeting will be held prior to Dec 2015.

Rotary Club of Gisborne MS Global Dinner held May 27, 2015 raised approx \$A3000 plus donated \$6000 to MS Research and additional funds raised via 'Sausage Sizzles'

Gisborne Member raised \$3000 by accepting donations for MS Research rather than presents!

RAGMSA member Kaz says: My website [www. Kaz Aston.com](http://www.KazAston.com) is a place where you can learn about me, about my campaigning and – of course – about Multiple Sclerosis itself. When I was diagnosed with MS, clear information about the condition was hard to come.

RAGMSA ViceChairperson Dr Bronwyn L Martin PhD, MBA, attended SAN Diego DGE Assembly in San Diego in January 2015. Attendance by RAGMSA at Assembly Jan2016 to be confirmed.

RAGMSA email group MS nurse Cherie Binns RN BS MSCN provides practical information ([cheriebinns@verizon.net](mailto:cheriebinns@verizon.net))

RAGMSA board member Jacob Taurins searches the internet and posts MS relevant information on our email chat group, facebook and twitter.

#### 4. Annual report of RAG partnerships (REQUIRED)

Please list all organizations with which your group has a formal, written\* partnership agreement.

*\* Formalized by a Memorandum of Understanding, Memorandum of Cooperation, or similar written agreement.  
Please do not include Rotary clubs or districts.*

Multiple Sclerosis International Federation (MSIF)&National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS) to encourage Rotary clubs to partner with nearest MS Societies internationally.

- In Australia RAGMSA Collaborates with MS Research Australia (MSRA), Multiple Sclerosis Australia (MSA) and Australian Rotary Health (ARH) to support MS Researcher Professor Trevor Kilpatrick at Florey Institute.

Examples of RAGMSA partnership programs have included:

1. MS Research PhD Scholarships
- Partnering ARH , Melbourne University and Howard Florey Institute.
  - ARH and Rotarians have helped fund 4 xPhD students in total in D9800 and D9820 and D9500.and advertising for the next Phd Student to commence in 2016.

Working with Florey institute to support development over a number of years of a " Florey Centre for Brain Regeneration" or perhaps better named"Florey Centre for Healthy Brain Ageing" . Each of the high-quality researchers could be funded progressively in the areas of Multiple Sclerosis, spinal cord regeneration, motor neurone disease, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's diseaseand the dementias.

First Global Grant Application in progress -GG1636410: Florey Institute Melbourne Australia Progressive MS Research Dr Laura Dumas.

## 5. Annual report of RAG finances (REQUIRED)

Please summarize your group's financial activity during the past Rotary year, indicating revenues, expenditures, and a statement of funds on hand as of the end of the Rotary year.

Total revenues during Rotary year	\$A1518.99
Total expenditures during Rotary year	\$A2139
Funds on hand at the end of Rotary year	\$A3657.99

If your group has annual gross receipts or expenditures of more than US\$25,000 or equivalent, you are required to provide an annual financial statement and report that has been independently reviewed by a qualified accountant or by an action group audit committee. **Please attach these materials separately.**

## 6. Additional information and photographs (optional)

Rotarian Action Groups are encouraged to share any success stories, promotional materials, and/or high resolution electronic photos with RI staff. These materials may be considered for use in one of Rotary's publications or on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). Please attach any such materials separately.

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Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this request. Please return to RI staff via email by **1 October** using the contact information below.

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