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## History of Rotary Means Business (summary)

- 1997: San Francisco launches Rotary Business Partners
- 2004: Name changes to Rotary Means Business
- 2005-2006: RMB expansion in District 5150 includes Peninsula (Southern suburbs) and Marin County (Northern suburbs)
- 2006-2008: RMB groups, not connected to District 5150 groups, are established in the USA. Local groups are in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Southern California and Arizona.
- 2008: After attending RMB San Francisco, Tony Benner brings it to Sydney, Australia:
- 2009: After attending RMB Marin, Jock McNeill brings the concept to District 5130.
- 2009-2010: After the initial glow of enthusiasm, RMB in District 5130 begins to falter
- 2011: Meeting format is changed, and a website is established. RMB NorCal growth accelerates.
- 2011-2013: Leaders of RMB NorCal promote the RMB concept throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, resulting in new RMB groups in Napa and Los Gatos.
- 2013: Leaders of RMB NorCal apply to Rotary International for recognition as an official Fellowship. The Rotary Means Business Fellowship is approved in November. With RI support, the RMB concept begins to expand worldwide.
- 2014-2015: The RMB Fellowship continues to grow and support Rotarians in their success.
- 2015-2016: More local chapters adopt the "District Model" for their area. In areas where the District leadership supports and promotes RMB, this can be a very effective way to grow local RMB chapters. A new Board is elected with a diverse group of Directors joining, and a few of the founding Directors departing.

## Leadership

The Rotary Means Business Board of Directors is now composed of these Rotarians:

<u>Name, location</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Term Expires*</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Fishman <NY USA>	Vice-Chair	D1	2017
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Burchill <CA USA>	Chair	D2	2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Arthur Claxton <Canada>	Director	D3	2017
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Vickers <FL USA>	Secretary	D4	2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Kris Anderson <CA USA>	Treasurer	D5	2017
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruhzdi Bakalli <PA USA>	Director	D6	2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Alden Cunningham <PA USA>	Director	D7	2017
<input type="checkbox"/> Janet Walsh <NY USA>	Director	D8	2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Arienne Eskew <CA USA>	Director	D9	2017
<input type="checkbox"/> Sachin Gururaj <India>	Director	D10	2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Nick Constantino (NY USA)	Alternate		

\*Odd director numbers terms expire in odd years. Even director numbers terms expire in even years.



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## Membership

Membership in the Fellowship, on June 30, 2015, is 389 Rotarians from more than 30 countries.

## Areas of Growth

The RMB Fellowship's growth depends on the creation and success of local chapters. Some areas tend to be more active than others, usually when a small group of leaders set goals and follow through with action to help the local RMB chapters succeed.

If you are an individual member with no local chapter, and you would like assistance in forming your local chapter, please contact the RMB Fellowship Chair at [Chair@RotaryMeansBusiness.org](mailto:Chair@RotaryMeansBusiness.org).

## Local Chapters

Current affiliated local chapters of the Rotary Means Business Fellowship include:

1. NorCal (District 5130, California, the founding chapter)
2. District 5150 (San Francisco Bay Area, California)
3. Los Gatos (California)
4. Napa (California)
5. Big Island (Hawai'i)
6. Oahu (Hawai'i)
7. Harrisburg (Central Pennsylvania)
8. Warren (Pennsylvania)
9. Stoneham (Massachusetts)
10. Teaneck (New Jersey)
11. District 7230 (New York)
12. Boca Raton (Florida)
13. Vero Beach (Florida)
14. Jacksonville (Florida)
15. Alberta (Canada)
16. Tlalnepanta (Mexico)
17. Mazatlan (Mexico)
18. Brazil
19. Uruguay
20. Santa Cruz (Bolivia)
21. Peru
22. Sydney (Australia)
23. Auckland (New Zealand)
24. UlaanBataa (Mongolia)
25. Coimbatore (India)
26. Abuja (Nigeria)
27. Kosovo



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## Rotary Means Business Fellowship Contact Information

- Websites: [www.RotaryMeansBusiness.org](http://www.RotaryMeansBusiness.org) and [www.RotaryMeansBusiness.com](http://www.RotaryMeansBusiness.com)
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## RMB Name Usage

Rotary International owns the marks “Rotary” and “Rotary Means Business.” Rotary International has granted the Rotary Means Business Fellowship revocable permission to use the name “Rotary Means Business.” Local chapters who want to use the name Rotary Means Business and/or the official RMB logo, must affiliate with the Rotary Means Business Fellowship in order to receive permission to use the Rotary Means Business name.

Affiliation includes the following:

- Prepare a set of governing documents that follow the Fellowship guidelines
- Note affiliation with the Fellowship on local chapter documents and websites
- \$30 annual chapter dues

Any local group not affiliated with the Fellowship may not use the name or logos of Rotary Means Business