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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.
- 2010: Website is established. RMB NorCal growth accelerates.
- 2011-2013: Leaders of RMB NorCal promote the RMB concept throughout California
- 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.
- 2014-2016: The RMB Fellowship continues to grow and support Rotarians in their success. RMB booths at International Conventions in Sydney and Seoul. Chair of RMB appointed to Global Networking Groups Committee at Fellowships Representative.
- 2017: RMB continues to mature. More than 50 local chapters, and more than 600 members.

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"/> 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"/> 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, 2017, is 624 Rotarians from more than 30 countries.

Areas of Growth

The strongest areas of growth this year are Florida USA, and India. 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.

Local Chapters

A chapter list will be provided in the 2018 Annual Report

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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