



Oslo International Rotary Club

Rotary year 2018-2019

Our board members:

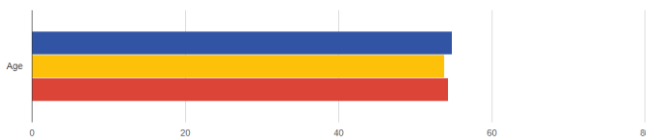
- President: Robert Laan
- Secretary: Gunnar Reiermark
- Treasurer: Mirjana Bohlin
- Past president: Vibeke Sundene
- Incoming president & IT: Robin Lee
- Legal: Patricia Svendsen

Charter date: 15 Feb 2012
 Project agreement from spring 2012

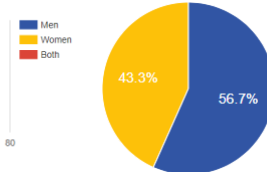
OIRC Statistics at Aug 2018

28 Members
 1 Honorary member

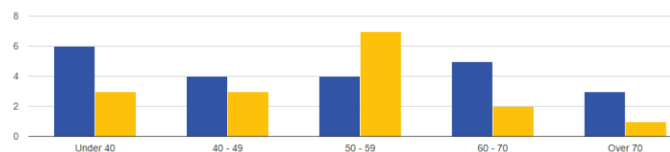
Average age:



Gender split:

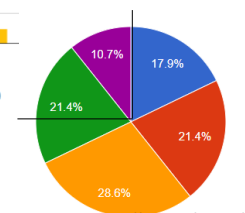


Age groups split by gender



9 members from Norway
 20 members from 16 other countries

- Under 40
- 40 - 49
- 50 - 59
- 60 - 70
- Over 70



Approx ¾ still employed

Members feedback on what would **inspire** them in the club during Rotary year 2018-2019

- Contributions to local communities in Oslo - money, work or other – particularly to young people in troubled areas
- Contribute more personally to the club rather than just the fees and lots of talk
- Good presentations (ie good subjects & well prepared) not necessarily just by outside speakers but by club members
- Social life in the club is important, do more together
- Rotary values – particularly education in project work - such as the Bangladesh project
- Outside recognition for the club's work input on projects

OIRC Organisation 2018-2019

- Of 28 members: 1/3 active; 1/3 irregular; 1/3 non-active in the club (permission, abroad, work clash with meeting time)
- As committees I have elected to have 2 teams that will do the work of the normal committees **together**:

Action team & New Rotarians team

Action team

- Find local humanitarian work for the club
- Find (more, new...) ways of raising funds, we are quite possibly running short of funds, see proposed budget
- Keep follow-up with Bangladesh project, we have committed to support 6 MSc students
- Review joining project funding with other Rotary clubs and / or TRF
- Prepare input to programme coordinators

New Rotarians team

- Find & prepare for club social events of various formats
- Find suggestions for introducing new members to Rotary – what events can the club do
- Work out where we can find english speaking persons
- Work out how we can get contact/ do marketing
- Invite (professional) persons to presentations
- Coach new persons to Rotary ideals: 4-way test, professional network, humanitarian work/projects
- Prepare input to programme coordinators

OIRC initiative to form Nordic International RCs

- We have developed a Nordic Facebook with other English speaking Rotary clubs in Nordic countries:
 - Vilnius International RC
 - Stockholm International RC
 - Gothenburg International RC
 - Copenhagen International RC
- We are looking to develop co-operations, visits, project work



Other foreign contacts

- Several guests from abroad last Rotary year, some with presentations, examples:
 - Top Bahadur Thapa – Rotarian from Katmandu Nepal
 - Pakistan Ambassador Ms Raffit Masood
 - Alamin Hafiz, originally from Bangladesh, now Norway
 - Cuban ambassador Oscar de Los Reyes Ramos
 - Inger Pucill - Denmark
 - Pierre-Elie Coursac - France
- RCs have requested financial help/sponsorship:
 - Oslo Vest RC Deaf Aid for children in Kenya,
 - Zagreb Donji Grad RC, Children's Hospital of Zagreb in preventing and healing children respiratory diseases at Pediatric clinic
 - RC of Alexandria Cosmopolitan,
 - Royal Cochin Midtown RC, aid for flood victims
 - We have outstanding invitations from our Nordic International clubs to join their projects

OIRC party for Rotary Exchange students

Vladimir Puhacac in our club hosted a party for Rotary exchange students on Friday 1st June. All in all there were 26 students (and 4 adults) from Argentina, Mexico, Taiwan, Australia, USA, UK and other countries.



Club & Rotary's Aims

- Rotary's aims and the 4-way test are noble aims
- But it is the club's actions that define the club
 - Our interaction
 - Our energy
 - Our engagement
 - Our working together

Backup to team work

Action team - more detail

- evaluate our fund raising efforts last year and year before
- what went well
- what did not work so well
- what shall we do this year, this autumn and next year spring term
- what goals do you set
- how shall we evaluate which project to invest in
- how could we work to increase our fund raising effort with for example other Rotary Clubs or...
- local projects (in Oslo area) versus overseas projects- which or both
- how do we address the following?
- When I asked the club members earlier this year what would inspire them that we could do in the club, there were several that replied they wanted to do/have more local project(s) ie Oslo area and also wanted to get more recognition for the work put into the fund raising and project(s).
- We have limited funds as the proposed budget showed that was sent out earlier (24/6). It shows a loss at last years fund raising effort if we plan for 10 000 for local projects and 35 000 for our students in Bangladesh.

New Rotarians team more detail

- what social life do you wish or foresee in the club in the coming year, eg a regular predictable weekly rotation or whatever: 1st Wednesday of the month -club social with meal; 2nd wednesday - visit other club; 3rd wednesday - club social visit somewhere in Oslo; 4th Wednesday - speaker/ presentation in the club
- what interesting / engaging topics or presentations could we have in the club
- what format speaker presentations eg full 45 mins + questions format or for example a 20min short presentation followed by a debate (possibly with pros and cons prepared arguments, ie on a topic that is announced beforehand) or some other format
- new members - where and how do we find them; where is our market; how do we approach the market?
- we are selling a product called Rotary (4 way test, projects , service above self etc) to that market - how shall we do that?
- our RI president Barry Rassin has set Rotary the motto "**be the inspiration**"
 - well what would inspire the club members, then presumably we could inspire new members
 - what would inspire younger people to come to Rotary meetings
 - RI president Barry Rassin wants "RI to double the number of Rotary clubs sponsoring Rotaract clubs" - what could we do?
 - "make sure every Rotaract club is fully embraced by Rotary" " by building Rotaract clubs that are community based" - is that something we could have a shot at?

**Can we make it 2 amazing teams,
and 1 amazing club this year?**

Thank you

OIRC Important dates

- Year start: 22/08
- OVRC meeting: 29/08
- Governor visit: 05/09
- Presidents meeting: 08/09 (Robert + Gunnar + Robin)
- District meeting: 27/10
- PETS seminar: 09/03 (for incoming president Robin)
- District training: 10/03 (for incoming president + secretary Gunnar)
- AGM 12/6 2019
- President handover 19/6 2019

- board meetings planned: 12/9, 24/10, 16/01, 13/03 & 1/05
- no meetings: 26/12 ; 2/1 & 17/4