

Rotarians for Hearing
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Hopefully all members received information in October regarding our organizational change from Rotary Action Group to Club program.

As an Action Group we met all requirements with one exception. We were unable to fund and organize an annual international project. This requirement could have been met by distributing hearing aids or doing screening in developing countries. But our focus from beginning has been to create awareness of the disability of hearing loss and to encourage and help with funding for hearing regeneration. We have worked closely with Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center at the University of Washington in doing this and will continue to do so in the future. As many members know we have raised funds to produce a video, Hope for Hearing Loss which has been updated once and perhaps will be again when funding is available. As a club project we can still do everything we have in the past.

We hope that in the future members of Rotarians for Hearing will request and use our DVD and other information required to do a club presentation and perhaps presentations in your district. On request we will send you this information.

Rotarians serve on boards and are well connected in their communities. We are always on the lookout for funding to help Virginia Merrill Bloedel Hearing Research Center so any help from members in this direction will certainly be appreciated. Hearing loss definitely takes a back seat in funding. Working together we can change that.

We encourage US Rotarians with hearing loss to join the American Hearing Loss Association, Deafness Research Foundation and the American Tinnitus Association. All easily found on the internet. Those of you in other parts of our world should also join your nation's organizations who are involved with hearing loss and tinnitus. There is considerable information coming from these groups every month. They too are interested in a permanent cure for hearing loss.

We encourage members to help us with Rotarians for Hearing membership for those interested in hearing loss. We hope you will also look for other ways you can help with this disability. Please consider linking our website with your club and district websites. We are at hearingregeneration.org.

Let us know if you would like to help with our exhibit in New Orleans this year. Our e-mail address is: hearingregeneration@msn.com. We would like to hear from you.

There are a few members who need to contact us with their current e-mail and regular mailing address. Please mail your annual dues to Rotarians for Hearing, PO Box 881037 Steilacoom, WA 98388. Dues are \$10.00 annual and \$100.00 for Life Membership. We appreciate your support.