



The **W**orld **F**ellowship of
Rotarian **G**ourmets

The World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting gourmets as a fellowship. This fellowship operates under the auspices of Rotary International, but is not an agency of, nor controlled by, Rotary International. Rotary International. (January 2019 Mtg. Bd. Dec. 115)

GUIDE TO CREATING A “CUISINE”



GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The W.F.R.G. is composed of individuals who promote togetherness and a love of cooking, celebrating foods from all countries. Membership of the club is open to any interested individual and must be inclusive, welcoming participants from all backgrounds, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, skin colour, ability, religion, socio-economic status, culture, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity.

W.F.R.G. activities must be conducted independently of Rotary International but must be in harmony with R.I. policy, including the use of Rotary trademarks.

The guide explains the recommended procedure for creating a new 'Cuisine' as a tool for recruiting and attracting new members. Membership development is a priority for the W.F.R.G., and every member can make a difference. With an effective membership, 'Cuisines' are able to be more vibrant and impactful. To ensure the dynamism and vitality of the 'Cuisines,' it is important that all members can actively participate in the implementation of the plan. The 'Cuisines' around the world have different ways of approaching membership; to motivate and attract new members, it is therefore necessary to respect the needs, habits, and changes of the territory in which they operate. Creating a staffing plan is a way of explaining the vision, objectives and strategies of a 'Cuisine'.

WHO ARE POTENTIAL MEMBERS?

They can be recruited from among Rotarians' friends, neighbours and professional acquaintances, but there are also non-Rotarians who may be in tune with the values and structure of the “Cuisine”: for example, volunteers who have participated in projects, individuals interested in the association, or even former members who would like to return to Rotary (many members who have left the association for a short period of time would be interested in rejoining if invited to do so).

INVOLVEMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

The participation of members in W.F.R.G. initiatives helps to strengthen the bond between them and their commitment to other members. Finding out about the projects and activities that most interest new members and involving them immediately in the life of the ‘Cuisine’ will ensure that they develop a sense of belonging right from the start. Do not assume that a member is only interested in a single social event; rather, their presence should be seen as an opportunity to gain new experiences, learn to cook and appreciate good food. New members will thus promote the public image and identity of Rotary and become potential promoters among friends and family.

Website

WWW.GOURMETCOOKING.ORG

Facebook page

THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIAN GOURMETS

Instagram page

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STARTING A WFRG 'CUISINE'

- The Cuisine can be activated when at least 3 people request to be admitted as members, committing themselves to comply with the following, which is a necessary condition for maintaining their status.
- Membership registration can be completed via the website: www.gourmetcooking.org on the “**Registration Form**” page and upon payment of a one-off lifetime membership fee of **€.75.00** (as approved by the Board of Directors on 01 July 2026).
- **La Cuisine must:**
 1. Have an appropriate name;
 2. Create a social media page containing the name and contact information. The Presidency will provide profile and cover images;
 3. Organise food-related events and comply with the purpose of the **W.F.R.G.** as listed in Article 2 of the Statute. To maintain “**Cuisine**” status, at least three events must be organised during the social year and advertised on the social media page.
- **La Cuisine that decides to establish its own ‘Chapters’ must:**
 1. Reach a minimum of 10 members;
 2. Obtain a Statute;
 3. Register the Statute with the competent authorities;
 4. Obtain a tax code;
 5. Open a bank account;
 6. Elect a Board of Directors;
 7. Submit the financial report for the previous year by 30 June each year;

- The Cuisine thus constituted will be eligible for a 50% refund from the **W.F.R.G.** of the registration fee, which will be used to cover administrative costs.
- Members are entitled to a pin and an apron, which must always be worn during activities as a distinctive sign of membership of the **W.F.R.G.**
- The '**Cuisines**' must comply with the Statutes. Disputes must be resolved amicably wherever possible; otherwise, the **W.F.R.G.** Board of Directors will apply the rules set out in the Statutes. It should be noted that this is an internal matter for the **W.F.R.G.** and therefore Rotary International will not intervene. (January 2024 meeting of the Council on Legislation)

TERMINATION OF RECOGNITION

- The **W.F.R.G.** supervises its own '**Cuisines**' and is responsible for their compliance with R.I. policies and the Constitution. Failure to comply will result in revocation and closure with or without the consent of its members.