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The Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award

The award is presented annually to a Rotary member who has actively promoted the advancement of women in Rotary.

It is named after the first female Rotary club president who went on to change the status of women around the world through Rotary.

A group of Rotarians launched the award in 2017.

The Rotary Board decided in 2021 to make it an official Rotary International award to support the goal of increasing the number of women in Rotary, particularly in leadership positions.

There was no recipient for this award that year.

Nominations are open from August 1 to 31 each year.

Rotarians and Rotaractors may nominate any member in good standing, regardless of gender or seniority in Rotary.

The award symbolizes Rotary's commitment to women's equality and leadership.

