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AND CONFLICT
PREVENTION MONTH



Hello Fellow Rotarians!



I am so happy to report that on January 13th I completed my 63rd (and final) Official Club visit. This visit was to the Defiance Club – the club which has been coordinating the World Community Workshop for our district for many years. I was informed at their board meeting that this year's workshop was being cancelled due to serious health issues within their club committee. The Defiance Club has offered to share all the information they have gathered over the years with any other club that would like to take on this project.

Due to the late notice I am afraid we will not be able to hold it this year. DGE Keith and DGN Mary will be meeting regarding the future of this event.

While the news I received there was disappointing I must share the details of that day! Fellow Lorain Rotarian Herb de la Porte offered to fly me to Defiance for the meeting turning a two-hour drive into a 30-minute trip. AG Randy Box picked us up at the airport and drove us to the meeting. He then drove us back to the plane at the end of the meeting. From there Herb flew me to Columbus so I could be there for an early morning flight to Honduras. Those who have heard my talk at the clubs know the story of my illness there last year so it was so great to be able to attend the Usula Rotary Club meeting to thank them for all the great care they gave me then. Rotary truly does connect the world!

It's time to encourage every Rotarian to register for our District Conference – May 1 & 2 at Maumee Bay State Park. Please remember to register for the conference on-line and then call to reserve your room(s). I would love to see everyone there! Remember my challenge to you all to attend at least one district event this year. I promise it will be a fun and informative time. If you would like to stay over on Saturday night as well the lodge has offered a breakfast buffet for an additional charge if there is enough interest. Please let me know if you plan to stay. Also, Joe Ludwig will be setting up tee times on Friday morning for any interested golfers. Email Joe at jludwig67@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Thank you all for everything you are doing for your clubs, communities, district and the world!

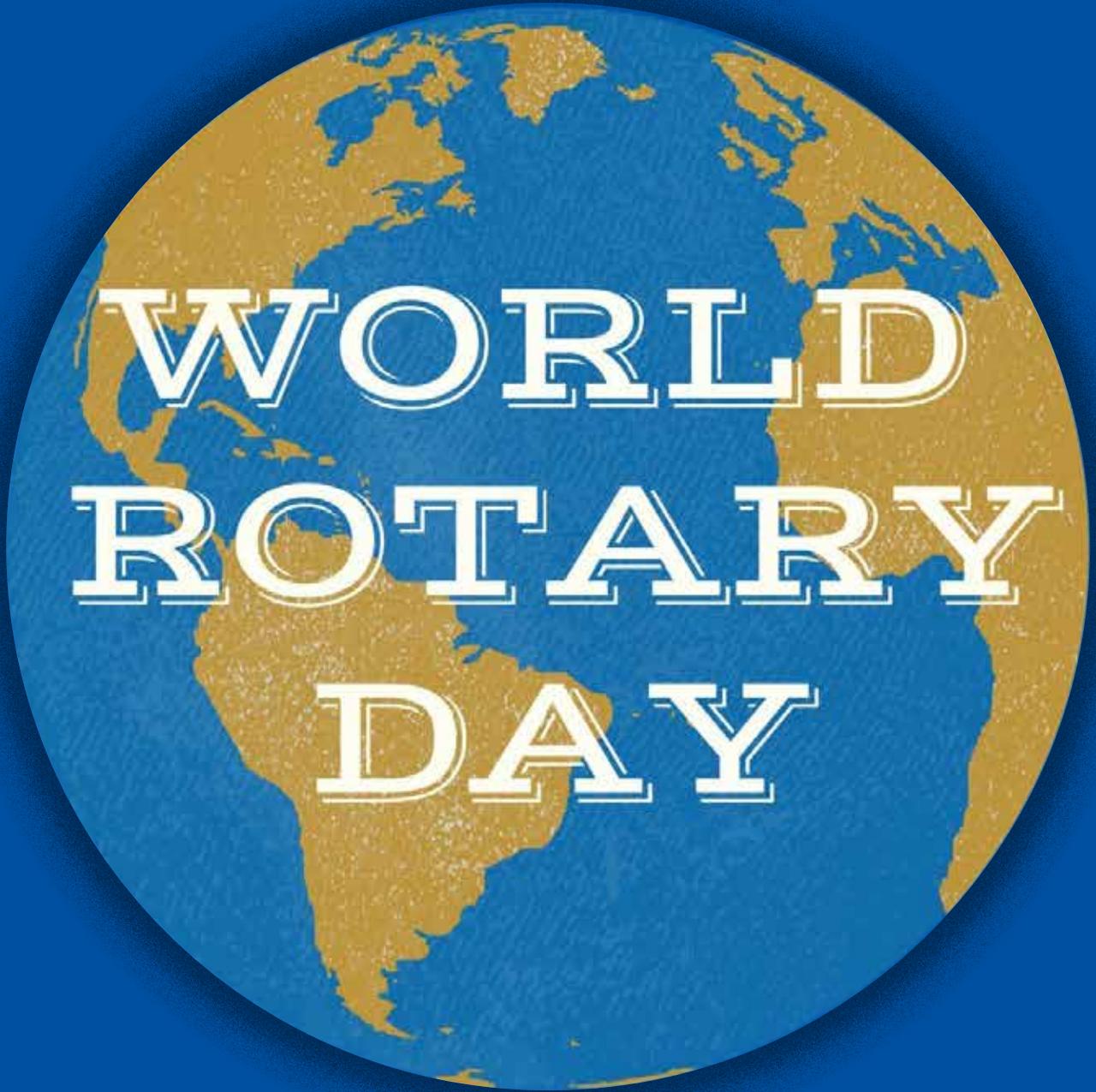
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INTERACT CLUB

Bath High School Interact Club members spent Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank.





#ROTARYDAY 23 FEBRUARY

7 REASONS YOUNG (AND YOUNG-ISH) PEOPLE SHOULD JOIN ROTARY

This community service group isn't just for grandparents. Want to meet people and make a real difference in your community? Rotary is the way.

Ever heard of Rotary? No? That's what I expected! If you have, it was probably from your grandpa and you tuned out after three minutes of hearing about his club's weekly lunch spread. And hey, maybe you were interested until he got so passionate about the salad bar. I get it.

Salad bar aside, Rotary is kind of a big deal. With over 1.2 million members worldwide, it's the biggest service organization on the planet. And if you're a fan of the planet ... well, that's just what Rotary wants to preserve. Through peace. Through service. Through understanding. And — get this — NOT through religious or national affiliation. We don't care what you believe or who you voted for. The way Rotary sees it, the most important thing is that we come together to accomplish some much-needed tasks for a group we like to call humanity.

Rotary efforts have already helped eradicate 99.9% of global cases of polio. (Never heard of polio? Thank a Rotarian for your ability to NOT know about this awful disease.) Now, armed with a massive investment and partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary is poised to take on even more ambitious global projects, including water and sanitation access, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy to name a few areas of focus. In addition to these large-scale, international projects, Rotary clubs are always working to improve their own communities, too.

So, now that you've actually heard of Rotary, you're probably thinking, "Wait, should I be one of these Rotarians?"

I would never pressure you to do something that will improve your life in every conceivable way, but how about I just tell

you the benefits I've personally seen from being involved in Rotary for seven years? And then you can decide on your own that you should absolutely, definitely join.

1. YOU'LL MAKE LOCAL CONNECTIONS.

Rotary can introduce you to other like-minded and wonderfully diverse people from your community. Ultimately, to most of us, this is what it's all about: local friends, local colleagues, clients and contacts. Heck, it's actually why Rotary was started by a group of young professionals in Chicago back in 1905. When it comes to networking and advancing your business, Rotary membership isn't like the fickle, transactional networking and "referral" groups you've likely been encouraged to join. It's authentic and real. With Rotary, if you're willing to put in the effort and give back to your club, I guarantee you will meet people who can open doors for you personally and professionally.

2. YOU'LL MAKE A GLOBAL IMPACT.

Two words: Bill. Gates. He and Melinda Gates see the efficiency and effectiveness of the Rotary Foundation. So much so that they partnered with Rotary to commit \$450 million to eradicating polio from this sweet planet we've got here. Once we crush polio once and for all, we're moving on to

ensuring everyone on earth has access to clean water. Rotary doesn't mess around.

3. YOU'LL SEE YOUR WORK PAY OFF LOCALLY.

Sure, the whole "saving the world" thing is cool, but if you're wanting to make a difference a little closer to home, don't worry, Rotary does that too! We tackle every local project we can. We are a funding source (through a grant program), a volunteer source (because we're awesome like that) and we even come up with our own initiatives, like in 2018 when we planted over 1.2 million trees (controversial opinion alert!!! Fresh air is awesome!). You can inspire the next generation...

4. WE HAVE AMAZING YOUTH PROGRAMS....

to get high schoolers involved in service and leadership, and being involved in Rotary is life-changing for these kids! Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and World Affairs are programs that fuel and shape the potential for greatness that's already within them. The kids coming out of these programs are fired up about making the world a more peaceful, loving place — and have the contacts, plans and direction to make it happen.

5. ...AND SPEND TIME WITH THE GREATEST GENERATION.

Sure, Rotary has a bit of a reputation for skewing older, and hey, there's some truth there. But there is also a ton of great experience and perspective to be gained from the Greatest and Boomer generations. Trust me ... Rotary has all of the stories and great folks willing to tell them.

6. YOU'LL GET INSPIRED.

No matter what your motive is in considering Rotary, the meetings you attend will likely include a guest speaker or performance. I've seen programs including amazing singers, legitimately awesome

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3RD ANNUAL
 WAUSEON ROTARY CLUB
 FEATURING COOL2DUEL

**DUELING
 PIANOS
 &
 REVERSE RAFFLE**

MARCH 28, 2020

DOORS 4:30PM • DINNER 5:00PM • DRAWING 6:00PM
 St. Caspar Church - 1205 N. Shoop Ave., Wauseon, OH
 Tickets \$60 dinner and all beverages included

1st Place \$3000 2nd Place \$1500 3rd Place \$500

For Tickets and more information contact 419-583-9589
 All proceeds benefit projects of the Wauseon Rotary Club
 Must be 21 or older to enter

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circus clowns, environmentalists, coaches — you name it. There's no telling what you might see at a Rotary meeting, but you will get a quality presentation about something that matters to a bunch of people in your town. Isn't that enough?

7. YOU'LL PUT YOUR ENERGY WHERE IT'S REALLY NEEDED.

Here's (perhaps) the best part of getting involved in Rotary: these clubs freakin' need you like crazy! We need leaders from every community in the world to join Rotary and amplify our impact. Also, insider tip: if you're under 40, some of the club's traditions might make you feel like you're experiencing a throwback to another time — in a good way. There could be singing. There could be a public display of giving "Happy Bucks." There could be a moment of silence for one our own that's left this sweet world. But no matter what, it will be a real, genuine human experience. And you'll be better for having been there. I promise.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Upcoming District Events

PLEASE LOG INTO WWW.DACDB.COM FOR DETAILS ON THESE AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS.

District 6600 President-Elect Training Seminar

Friday and Saturday – March 13-14, 2020,
 Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel



2020 District Conference

Friday & Saturday, May 1– 2, 2020

Friday 8AM • Saturday 10PM

Maumee Bay State Park

1400 State Park Rd, Oregon, OH 43616

District Assembly

Saturday May 30, 2020 08:00 AM

2:00 PM Penta Career Center,

9301 Buck Rd. • Perrysburg, OH 43551

Rotary International Conference

June 6-10, 2020 <https://rotaryhonolulu2020.org/>

District Governor

Keith Hodkinson Installation

Friday June 26, 2020 • 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

<https://www.hancockhotel.com/>



Youth Exchange Program Outbound Orientation Otterbein Ohio-Erie Multidistrict July 10-11-12, 2020

Friday July 10, 2020 4PM – Sunday July 12, 2020 11:30AM

Otterbein University

1 South Grove Street • Westerville, OH 43081



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**EVANSTON, IL.
(January 22, 2020) –
Rotary and the Bill &
Melinda Gates Foundation
are renewing their
longstanding partnership
to end polio, announcing
a joint commitment of up
to \$450 million to support
the global polio
eradication effort.**

“Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, almost 19 million people are walking today who would have otherwise been paralyzed,” said John Germ, Past President of Rotary International who leads Rotary’s polio fundraising efforts. “By partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we’re ensuring that children in polio-affected countries get the lifesaving vaccines they need to be protected from polio for life. As the first organization to envision a polio-free world, Rotary is more committed than ever to delivering on our promise that one day, no child will ever again be paralyzed by polio.”

To an audience of Rotary volunteer leaders from around the world, Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation delivered a video message announcing the extension of a funding partnership forged more than a decade ago. Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million per year over the next three years, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This expanded agreement will translate into up to \$450 million for polio eradication activities.

“The Gates Foundation’s longstanding partnership with Rotary has been vital to fighting polio,” said Mr. Gates in today’s message to Rotary volunteers. “That’s why we’re extending our funding match, so every dollar that Rotary raises is met with two more. I believe that together, we can make eradication a reality.”

ROTARY AND THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION EXTENDING FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIP TO ERADICATE POLIO

**Partnership will infuse an
additional US\$450 million into
global polio eradication effort**



In addition to the extended funding partnership with the Gates Foundation, Rotary is also announcing US\$45 million in funding for polio eradication efforts in countries throughout Africa (Angola, Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria, Somalia and South Sudan), and Asia (Afghanistan, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan and the Philippines). The funding will help support crucial polio eradication activities such as immunization and disease detection, research, and community mobilization.

Polio—a paralyzing and sometimes deadly disease—is on the verge of becoming the second human disease in history to be eradicated. This critical funding helps ensure that children in at-risk countries are protected from polio, and that the wild poliovirus is eliminated in the last two countries that continue to report cases.

While only Afghanistan and Pakistan continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, the remaining challenges to global eradication—like difficulty reaching children amid insecurity and conflict and weak health systems—have proven to be the most difficult. In order to meet these roadblocks head on and ensure the continuation of program efforts, funding and support from donors and world governments is imperative.

Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion to fight polio, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary formed the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance later joined. When the initiative launched, there were 350,000 cases of polio every year. Today the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent.



International Service



TO BE USED BY INTERESTED MEMBERS:

Supplementary information, International service committees work with clubs and districts to identify resources to develop international projects and design global grants of higher quality and greater scale by leveraging local Rotarian and Rotary alumni expertise, establishing connections between clubs in your district and a host or international partner, and creating a network of local experts to help with planning projects and grants. In addition you:

Create a database of local experts experienced in project planning, the areas of focus, and Rotary grants; connect members to experts for assistance with projects and grants.

Collaborate with district Rotary Foundation Chairs, Community Service Chairs, Vocational Service Chairs, Rotaract Representatives, Rotarian Action Groups, The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and other experts, including peace fellows and alumni, interested in assisting with projects and global grant applications. Find answers to frequently asked questions about project enhancement and how it can help connect clubs in your district with resources to improve projects and global grants.

Publicize club international service initiatives.

<http://ideas.rotary.org/> see a list of active projects

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/develop-projects/project-lifecycle-resources>

<https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-ideas/project-fairs>

Any club representative or Rotary member who is interested in supporting an international service project can attend a project fair.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/newsletters>

https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_showcase.aspx

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/develop-projects/rotary-affiliated-groups>

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/global-grants>

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MESA MINUTE

HUGE year planned for MESA!

- 12 shipments planned
- Donations keep coming in.... thank you!

WE NEED ALL CLUB'S HELP.... HERE COMES THE ASK.

- We need clubs to volunteer to sort the small donations.
- Only need 3-5 people from each club
- Once every 4 months
- For 4 hours at the warehouse
- Your club gets CREDIT FOR International Service for this effort

Starting mid-March, until end of November.

Warehouse will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays. To schedule a time and date please contact Scott Salyers at 419-348-7719. Hopefully soon, your club will be able to schedule on the MESA website...will keep you updated.

OUR GOAL is to completely fill up all the Wednesdays and Saturdays in **2020 BY THE END OF MARCH 2020**. Hint, it could be college students or church groups....lets cast a large net!! I promise, no one will be turned away. I wonder who will be the 1st to action? I will let you know in the next Mesa minute. Without your help, we will not be able to reach our goals.

Thanks for your help.....don't forget to follow MESA on Facebook

Andy Bone

P.S. When you come and sort, make sure you bring your Club's banner so we can take pics and share!

JOIN US FOR A RIDE!

Medical Eq. & Supplies Abroad
Ships good used medical equipment & supplies to areas in need.

Saturday, September 12, 2020
Aumiller Park - Friendship Pavilion
8:00 -10:00 Registration & Rider Breakfast
Fundraiser Price: \$ 25.00
Distances: 12, 22, & 35 mile routes



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FOUR-WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST

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Esther Baldrige

It is time to begin talking with your middle school English teachers about the Four-Way Test Essay Contest. This contest is for 7th and 8th graders. (The speech contest is for high school students) Your club winning essay(s) are due March 20, 2020. Your club will need to have time prior to that to judge your local essays in order to select a winner to move on to the District level. The District winner will present at the District Conference on May 2 at Maumee Bay State Park. The first place winner will receive \$300 from the District, 2nd Place \$200 and 3rd Place \$100. We hope all clubs will join into this opportunity to introduce your 7th and 8th graders to the importance of the Four-Way Test. For questions, email Esther Baldrige, esther.baldrige@gmail.com. Winning essays are also submitted to Esther.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROTARY CLUB

1. Agree to sponsor the contest.
2. Identify and contact the lead English teacher for the seventh and eighth grade class(es).
3. Review the contest rules on the District website: www.rotarydistrict6600.org.
4. Appoint a committee to evaluate the best essays submitted by the teachers from each school. (Judges can include future Rotarians)
5. Select the Club winner(s) and submit the first-place essay(s) to the District office by March 20, 2020. If the local club chooses to award a first-place award to each participating school, all "first-place" essays may be submitted to the District level. If your club only awards one first-place award, then only one essay may be submitted to the District. The coversheet must be submitted as a PDF. The essay may be submitted as a PDF or Word document.
6. Recognize the Club winners, parents and teacher(s) and award certificates/prizes.
7. Host the local winner at the District Conference along with the family and teacher.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROTARY DISTRICT

1. Display rules for the contest on the District website.
2. Provide cash awards for the District winners.
3. Appoint a committee to evaluate the winning essays submitted by the Clubs and select the District winners. (Blind contest)
4. Invite the winners, their parents, and teachers to the District Conference May 2, 2020 at Maumee Bay State Park in Oregon Ohio where prizes will be awarded to the top three students and the winner will present the winning essay.

SOME SPECIFICS

CONCERNING THE CONTEST

- Original & personal work of the student. (7th and 8th grade students only, signed pledge required)
- Approximately 1,000 words in length.
- No graphics or highlighted text.
- Must be available to be published in the press.
- Must be approved by the student's parents.
- Critical dates established and followed by all concerned for the conduct of the contest.
- Initial screening of nominated essays is performed by the local school English department faculty. The most competitive essays are then given to the sponsoring Rotary Club for final evaluation. (Local club determines the number they will receive from each school.)
- A committee of the sponsoring Rotary Club evaluates the essays in accordance with an established Evaluation Guide. (copy attached)
- Finalists, parents, and teachers are recognized at a sponsoring Rotary Club function and awards presented.
- Media release, with photo(s), submitted to local press.
- The winning essay from each Club is forwarded to the District Office by March 20, 2020.

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THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY.... DOWN BY THE BAY!

JOIN ROTARIANS FOR FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP AT OHIO'S PREMIER
PARK ON LAKE ERIE!



MAUMEE BAY LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER
OREGON, OHIO

MAY 1-2, 2020

FEATURED SPEAKERS

- Dynamic speakers
- Updates on District programs
- First look at our Toastmasters partnership
- Saturday night Derby party
- Access to the beautiful grounds and activities including golf, hiking, swimming and more!



EVAN BURRELL **LT. COL. ROBERT**

This dynamic young Rotarian from Sydney Australia reminds us we all can be a superhero.



DARLING

Hear what really happened inside the President's bunker on 9/11/01

Learn more and register at:
<https://rotarydistrict6600.org/district-conference>

WHO WE ARE

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

WHAT WE DO

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- **Promote peace**
- **Fight disease**
- **Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene**
- **Save mothers and children**
- **Support education**
- **Grow local economies**

OUR MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



HOW OUR MEMBERSHIP WORKS

Membership in a Rotary club is by invitation only. We want to make sure you join a club that best fits your passion and perspective. We can connect you with a club that's right for you and make it easy to get involved and on your way to membership immediately.

1 You express interest

Let us know a little about yourself and what you're looking for in a club. We'll find the local clubs in your area and let them know you're interested.

2 Rotary matches you with a club

Based on your preferences and interests, Rotary leaders in your community will match you with the local club that fits you best.

3 A local club contacts you

A Rotary club member will contact you by email or phone to discuss your interest in Rotary. You'll be invited to get to know the club better by attending a club meeting, a social event, or even to join in on a service project as a volunteer.

4 The club invites you to join

Now that you and a local club have spent some time together and determined that you're a good fit for each other, you will be invited to join. Each club has its own ways of welcoming new members; they may hold a ceremony for you.

5 You're a member!

Enjoy getting involved in your new club as a Rotary member. Join a committee. Lead a service project. Organize a social event. Lead and contribute to your new club.

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