

Why I Love Rotary!



I love Rotary because while being a Rotarian over the years, I've learned that every Rotarian in the world is a friend of mine. I just haven't met all of them yet.

Sam Speck

Elyria Sunrise
Past President

The ripple effect of committed, generous Rotarians who affect change and change lives locally and globally is why I love Rotary. My heart swells with pride as I realize this has been going on since Paul Harris began Rotary in 1905.

Susan (Sue) L. Martin

Toledo
Past President
1994-1995

I love Rotary because it encourages me to be myself and follow my passions in life like serving my community, going on new adventures around the world and having fun with friends like only Rotarians can!

Lisa Wilson

Sandusky
Immediate Past President,
Assistant Governor
Area 13

Rotary is my lifeline to connecting with people that make this crazy world a kinder, more caring and giving place.

Curt Paul

Oberlin
Past President

Pursuing opportunities to help those in need, at home and abroad, with 43 like-minded Rotary friends. What a joy!

"Who's got it better than us?"

Grant Walls

Huron
Treasurer

I love Rotary because I love being around other Rotarians. They are special, caring people and fun to be with. I feel important when I am around them. I also love working with Youth Exchange and getting to know students from around the world and their customs.

Carol Garverick

Marion
Board Member

Where else can I donate and know 100% of my donation will benefit either my local or global community! Knowing that (together) we can make a difference is why I love Rotary. AND it gets better....I have had the honor to meet and work with some of the nicest, kindest and most giving folks in the world

Sharon Skilliter

Toledo
Past President,
Foundation Trustee



Why I Love Rotary!

I Love Rotary because over one million people worldwide share a common motto of Service Above Self.

We each decide our pathway – international, local or both.

We share a Fellowship that can unlock and change the world.

And, it is available to each of us.

Rita Brown
Lima
Club Secretary

I love Rotary because it allows me to work with great people who become great friends and get important things done.

Richard Wolff
Toledo
Past President

Rare is the institution which has the social impact of Rotary. As a force for 'good' Rotary's impact on our world, district, and community is rarely matched and never exceeded. The really good news is that Rotary's dynamic impact comes with the extra bonus of great camaraderie, interesting meetings and lunch. How great!

Bill Aubry
Upper Sandusky

I love Rotary because of the support of its members. They supported me with kind words during a hard time for our local School Board. It let me know that our decision was a correct one. We are always there for one another.

Keith Koehler
Upper Sandusky

Rotary is comprised of so many people with one universal goal: To recognize, celebrate and nurture the dignity of humankind and the world in which we all live. I am humbled by and in awe of so many individuals committed to practicing this in our own community and far beyond.

Mari Davies
Toledo

You can go anywhere and find some very nice people if you attend a Rotary meeting

Nancy Weaver
Tiffin
Past President

I have the opportunity through Rotary to contribute to International Service using my vocation. With my international travel limited, I can still serve internationally through M.E.S.A.! Rotary is also my connection to the local community

Jerry Peacock
Waterville
Assistant District Governor
M.E.S.A. Treasurer

I love Rotary because the Rotarians I have met are the most generous, hardworking, and dependable people who will always be in my circle as we work together to make the world a better place.

Shirley Hull
Oberlin
Board Member

I love Rotary because it helps to know other like-minded people in my community, I can give back locally. Rotary leadership has helped me to grow both personally and professionally. Most importantly, I love Rotary because of all the people I get to meet in my own backyard and beyond!

Pamela Brumbaugh
Sandusky
Grants Committee Chairperson



There are many opportunities to give back to our community and that is what I love about rotary!

Service above Self is very important in my life and is also one of the cornerstones of rotary. Whether serving on a committee, donating to the Foundation, or ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Christmas, there are endless opportunities to step up and give back.

**Heart Cindy Binkley
Vice President
Rotary Club of Toledo**

Sometimes having great intentions, big hearts and generous gifts goes unused as it can be hard to figure out what to do. I love rotary because it gives its members a platform to combine and focus their efforts to make big differences in big ways

**Heart Andy Kremer
Club Service Chair, President-Elect
Grand Lake Rotary**

I love the camaraderie and service opportunities rotary provides.

**Heart Stephanie Clark
Community Service Chair, Oberlin**

For 20 years I worked on building my business. I belonged to networking groups. Spent many hours getting to know my club members business in the hopes I might be able to help them grow their business. That was fun for a while but really didn't do anything for me. When I finally visited a rotary meeting, it was a whole different feeling. They were interested in improving their community, scholarships for students, feeding their neighbors. It didn't stop there. They were involved in projects across the country and around the world. I finally realized this is where I needed to be. I love to help people live better lives. If we all stand together, we can accomplish so much more. I love the high school students involved with Rotary. They have so many fresh ideas and lots of energy. Imagine what they will accomplish. This is a kindred group of people. I love them.

**Heart Brenda Michalski
Waterville
President-Elect 2021-2022**

Rotarians focus on Community Service –they know what the needs are in the community and are in a position to do something and make things happen –this is why I Love Rotary

**Heart James Bard
Bryan
Past President, Member since 1962**

Rotary is MY life compass!

- Guiding me since age 16.
- Allowing me to find my way when I get lost.
- Ensuring I maintain the right mindset and being a better person.
- Providing me great opportunities to give back during my lifetime.

So why I love Rotary? I just do!

**Heart Angelica Rinehart
Fremont
Assistant Governor Area 12**

I love Rotary for its community service. My club, the Rotary Club of Reynolds Corners, has a strong emphasis of service to education. My club through its foundation provides five renewable scholarships for post-secondary education to Rogers High School graduating seniors. In addition, our club sponsors a field trip for Keyser Elementary students to tour the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. In addition to community service, I love Rotary because I can learn about our members' vocations. Rotary exposes me to occupations I otherwise would not know about. What's more, I love Rotary because of the fellowship in both my home club and the district.

**Heart David Dennis
Reynolds Corners
Assistant Governor Area 3**

3 reasons I love Rotary:

- The shared commitment to Service Above Self
- The passion for making a difference in one's community and throughout the world
- The friendships forged with people I wouldn't otherwise know

**Heart Janet Long
Elyria
Rotary Foundation Committee
and Past President**

Why have I loved Rotary for over 50 years... The making of lifelong friends I've worked with from 3 LARGE Clubs (Warren, OH; Pittsburgh, PA; and now Toledo) serving on the club boards of each club.

No matter our Profession, we contribute to the World as we contribute to Rotary ...abiding by the 4-Way Test and showing our obligation to serve society throughout the World in business as in Rotary.

Our dedication and love of our profession builds on our Rotary success!

**Heart Gary 'Murph' Murphy
Toledo
Foundation Trustee**

For 52 years Rotary has been a meaningful part of my life. In two communities, (Port Clinton-7 years and Bryan-45 years) it has been good to be identified with a group that is international in scope and also part of the local community. "Service Above Self" proclaims our mission. I feel honored to be a Rotarian!

**Heart Dick Buchsteiner
Bryan**

What would you say to me if I boldly said seventy years ago, I was going to rid the world of Polio?

I remember growing up being "locked up" during the summers because of polio. I wasn't allowed to go swimming, play with my friends or participate in any sports. Polio had us in a stand still. I was so afraid!

The thought at that time that polio would be gone from this earth was unfathomable.

Well Rotary International said it was going to inoculate people from polio. Many people didn't believe it could be done. Rotary International proved those sceptics wrong!

I just think of the cost and coordination of such a feat....and am proud to be a Rotary and a part of ensuring people would not be crippled by such a vicious disease. When I had the opportunity to go to Nigeria to give polio drops to children, I went!

When Rotary says it's going to do something, they get it done!!! You can take it to the bank.

**Heart Jim Shrader
Findlay
Past District Governor**

I love Rotary! As a high school student, I was an exchange student...Awesome!

As a young professional, I was part of a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team...Awesome

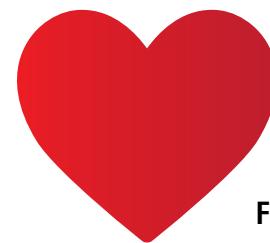
Being asked to join Rotary after seeing rotary in action... Awesome

Served in leadership roles at the club, district and zone levels...Awesome!

I have Rotary the best way to serve communities. What I get back is the pride of giving and the opportunity to take action with fantastic humanitarian projects with outstanding social fellowship.

Loving Rotary is awesome!

**Heart Rex Engle
Oberlin
Past District Governor**



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I think community service is a great opportunity to give back to where you live and make a difference to those living in your community. Being a member of the Lorain Rotary club has afforded me this opportunity through the various programs our club supports. Whether it is the thanks from our college scholarship recipients, the smiles and look in the eyes of the 3rd graders receiving a new dictionary or the feeling we, as Rotarians, get from completing major projects in our city is why I LOVE ROTARY

Heart
Ron Mantini
Lorain
Past President

Rotary empowers each of us to be in a position to do something important. We can be part of a team that solves a problem... or even implement your own idea. Each Rotarian, thanks to Rotary, has the resources to make our world a better place to live in.

Rotarians get his/her power and leverage from their local club, District Clubs and the 3300 Rotarians. We receive additional support our District who in turn is part of a worldwide Rotary system with thousands of Rotary Clubs and millions of members. So, what you are getting from Rotary membership is financial, political and personnel; enough support to solve problems anywhere at home or in the world.

I joined Rotary to be part of international missions and have been able to do this by taking advantage of what Rotary has to offer. To date I have been involved in/conducted several medical missions such as sending 3 containers loaded with medical equipment to Belize, one container to Honduras and going to Haiti on a medical mission. I have also been part of or conducted approximately 20 educational missions to Jamaica, Honduras, and Belize. Without Rotary none of this would have been possible.

Heart
Mel Honig
Sylvania
M.E.S.A.

Friendship, Fellowship is a given, but it's the comradery of working toward the common goal of making a difference and improving the lives of others in our community and our world. I love giving back today since tomorrow's not promised! I strongly believe Rotary does that, locally and through The Foundation.

Heart
Beth Noneman
St. Mary's
Foundation Chairperson

I love Rotary because it provides a great opportunity to give back whether that be with volunteer hours or treasure. You meet a lot of great leaders in your community through Rotary which motivates me to give back knowing the respect Rotary has not only locally but worldwide.

Heart
Steve Miller
Toledo

Rotary is the vehicle that allows to you do many needed projects within and the community and beyond. It is also a vehicle from which you make many good and long-lasting friends.

Heart
Robert A. Smith
McComb
62 Year Member
Secretary-20 years

When I joined Rotary in 1987, I thought it would be good for me and my employer. But, as I lived Rotary I learned that it was far more than that. Being a Rotarian means a commitment to truth and service to others locally and worldwide. It means working to improve health and education, to promote understanding and compassion for one another – particularly for those whose needs are greater than our own. That's what I love about Rotary. It's a way living. It's about 1.2 million Rotarians working together to create a better world than the one we inherited.

Heart
Lou Levy
Archbold
Past President

I love Rotary because it makes the World small. Rotary is just a word, but the magic happens when I/we are kind and caring, thinking about every word or action in the name of service to others. Rotary brings joy when there is much strife and heartache. One idea or gesture can change the lives of many. This renews my spirit and purpose. I feel appreciation and gratitude that comes from knowing how fortunate I/we are to have Rotary. Rotary is the Peace and love I/we will need forever, and it challenges me to be a better human.

Heart
Mary Aufdenkampe
Oberlin
District Governor Elect

I had the opportunity to get involved locally in Rotary with my husband Dr. Abraham C. Kuttothara. As he became the club president, the district governor, and the International Chairman for Youth Exchange program I met so many people from all over the world and experienced their friendship, their commitment, and their dedication to the Rotary projects. By volunteering with time and money the Rotarians are witnessing to the Rotary motto of Service Above Self! I feel so fortunate to be part of this worldwide family! Thank you!

Heart
Annie Abraham Kuttothara
Loudenville

Rotary brings together people from different occupations and varied political, religious, cultural and ethnic areas to make a difference in the lives of people in their communities, local & beyond. My involvement in The MESA Tour helped me see the BIG PICTURE of Rotary's impact in the world.

Heart
Mark Mathes
Elyria
Sargent At Arms

I love Rotary because Rotary is about:

- Relationship building;
- Opportunities to serve others around the world;
- Time, talent and treasure, a place to use all three;
- An amazing journey of fun, fellowship and fantastic programs;
- Resource sharing; and
- You can make a difference locally and worldwide.

Heart
Cindy Smith
Maumee
Past President
Current MESA Secretary

I love Rotary. It's a simple phrase to utter. To me it means the joining of generations within a community to achieve both common and uncommon goals. Rotary shows me that when people organize and see their work come to fruition, it becomes contagious. That feeling permeates the club and into everyday relationships. The collective idea of service before self is not only a noble idea, it is needed now more than ever.

Heart
Trevor Jessee
Bowling Green
Board Member
President 2022-2023

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Why I Love Rotary-- the ability to touch so many different organizations that need our help. Before belonging, I served on many boards and felt a sense of accomplishment in helping that organization. With Rotary, I feel a greater sense of accomplishment being able to have an impact on so many different organizations with a broader brush. There is a certain sense of gratitude felt knowing you are involved by helping those really in need.

I have met so many individuals with similar objectives within our community. The collaboration of minds within Rotary has always provided a platform and willingness to help others, regardless of how mammoth that endeavor might become. What might start as an easy definable task could turn into a much larger and more difficult project, but Rotarians keep charging and join together for a resolution.

As far as how the pandemic has changed my love for Rotary brings on an entirely different meaning. I feel that our club is stronger than we have ever been. Watching members attend each week virtually, watching our service committees rise to the occasion with various service projects has brought a new level of member engagement, one that I never knew could exist. From where I sit, this feeling of gratitude and love for Rotary reigns deep in my heart. I feel we will come out of this pandemic as a stronger community organization because of our members. So, being able to join so many like individuals is yet another reason "Why I Love Rotary."

♥Alex Due
Toledo
President

The work that Rotary and Rotarians do in the world in saving and improving lives and the personal satisfaction and opportunities I get being part of the big picture. THAT is why I love Rotary.

♥Floyd Lancia
Anthony Wayne Club-Fort Wayne,
Indiana
Rotary International Board of
Directors

I have always enjoyed helping other people and working with fun, positive and enthusiastic individuals. For me personally, whether at the club level or district level, I have always found an avenue to achieve great outcomes.

♥Robbie Burke
St. Mary's
Past District Membership Chairperson



I love the service we provide the community and the world. The members of Vermilion Rotary are the best. I have made lifelong connections with many wonderful people.

♥Suzanne Zadell
Vermilion Rotary

What I love about Rotary is that it acts as the intersection between purpose and personal relationships. The opportunity to perform service for my community and the world while interacting with some of the finest people I've ever had the pleasure to call my friends. That's what makes Rotary special.

♥Travis Tangeman
Toledo
Secretary / Treasurer

I love Rotary because it gives me a sense of accomplishment. I've belonged to other organizations over the years that were more social in nature, however, Rotary has it all! Whether it's supporting local worthwhile causes such as new playground equipment for a local park or an aeration system for better water quality at our local "Other Great Lake," Rotarians make it happen!

♥Dan Burke
St. Mary's
Membership Chairperson

Rotarians – true Rotarians – feel compelled to address the pressing needs of their communities, including the international community. Collectively, their contributions of time, money and talent make a difference in the world. While they may have joined Rotary for other reasons, it's "Service Above Self" that makes the lasting imprint.

♥Dave Clark
Huron
Board Member

I Love Rotary because it gives me an opportunity to work collaboratively with other like-minded individuals to improve the world we live in while at the same time introducing me to life long friends that I otherwise may have never met.

♥Chris Widman
Fostoria
Past President

If I were to share why I love Rotary, my answer would be a single word, "opportunities." Through Rotary membership, I have discovered dozens of opportunities to enhance my life. My wife, Sue, and I have had the opportunities to establish close friendships with individuals around the world whom we never would have met, except through the magic of Rotary. We have had opportunities to share our home and to become lasting members of our family seventeen different Rotary Youth Exchange Students. We have had many opportunities to share with many others a common belief and philosophy of service, without any thought of personal return.

There are opportunities to work side-by-side with other community leaders. There are opportunities to stretch your horizons by listening to interesting programs and enjoying fellowship and good times at weekly meetings or on Zoom calls with new friends from all over the world.

Rotary has given me opportunities to lead a Rotary GSE team to the Philippines and visit all seven Latin American countries to discover open doors and cordial welcomes to a totally new world of Rotary fellowship.

And finally, all these opportunities add up to one conclusion: Rotary has helped me become a better person and made the quality of my own life just a little richer and more meaningful.

♥James Hunt
Ohio Pathways E-Club
Past District Governor

I have been a Rotarian in the Sylvania Club for 35 years and it is by far the best civic endeavor I could have ever participated in. Not only have I had a hand in many service projects and funding for countless community projects, many of my best friends have come from my fellow Rotarians. Being part of RI and a Paul Harris Fellow is very gratifying and provides a sense of doing something for the Greater Good!

♥Richard Balhoff
Sylvania

When I think of Rotary I think of Family, Friends, and Fun! I think this past year has taught us that we NEED to be with our Rotary friends! We need the companionship and comradery of our Rotary family! Rotarians have fun working together to support the families and friends in our communities!

♥Deb Cheney
Waterville

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I love Rotary because of its universal appeal to many different types of people. It's always satisfying to attend the meetings and to hear what friends and acquaintances, who are just interested in sharing good things about our communities, are doing to create peace in the world. In Tiffin, Rotarians value philanthropical assistance to our local schools and youth projects.

Bill Reineke
Tiffin
Past President
Ohio State Senator

I have been a Rotarian for fifty-one years, with three different Rotary clubs. As my profession moved me around the United States, I was glad to be invited to join the local Rotary club. Rotary offered me a chance to become acquainted with the leadership in each town, plus as a visiting Rotarian it provided me with the opportunity to meet additional Rotarians at other clubs. All of this, plus a chance to participate in the various service projects in which each club was involved.

Bill Wickham
Tiffin
Past President

Rotary has enriched and transformed my life. I now have many wonderful friends not only in the US but across the globe. These Rotarians have taught me the real meaning of "Service Above Self," many opportunities to make a difference in many lives on earth, and most importantly, a good ethical way of living through the application of the Rotary 4-way test. Rotary makes my life more meaningful!

Do Nguyen
Maumee
Past District Governor

I have been a Rotarian for nearly 50 years. As I ponder the question, WHY I LOVE ROTARY is difficult to answer in just a few words. Rotary is everywhere. I believe that I grew up in the best of times, socially, morally, religiously, economically, and politically. Because of this, I think my brief

answer has to be The Rotary Four Way Test. No matter where I am, what I am doing, who I am with the Four Way Test has meaning, application and gives direction. Wouldn't it be a wonderful world if the things we think, say and do were all subjected to the Test with a positive reply?

James Pease
Waterville
Past District Governor

As a young Rotarian I found myself in New York City on business. I decided to make up a meeting at the Manhattan Rotary Club. I found myself sitting in the ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel having lunch at large round tables with captains of commerce and industry.

Fellow Rotarians from around the world were visiting the meeting, in fact I was the only visitor from North America. These people warmly welcomed me to their fellowship. It struck me how large the Rotary movement was and brought home that Rotary gave me an avenue to serve others in a much more impactful way than I could achieve by myself. That is a lesson I have never forgotten.

David Perkins
Bryan
Past District Governor

I love Rotary because the due diligence that Rotarians perform before funding a project is phenomenal. When I make a donation, I know that the funds are being wisely spent for an important purpose.

Judith Leb
Toledo
Foundation Board Member

I love Rotary because it is a great opportunity to meet new people and developing friendships while also giving back to the community that has been so good to my family. These opportunities to give back have opened my eyes to all the people that are really struggling in our community. As Rotarians we really can bring about change and do good and that is a great feeling.

James Kniep
Toledo

In 1965, Hans-Ullrich Biewener came to live with us as a Rotary Exchange Student. Over 6 decades our "brotherly bond" has flourished. Here are Hans, old chum Roger and I during our '68 and '19 trips in Germany. Rotary makes our world a much kinder and friendlier place!



John E. Hill
Vermilion
District Membership Chair

Rotary has expanded my thoughts on how a group of people Ohio can help people in other cities or countries to better themselves. We have helped with areas in South America to have clean water and rebuild from catastrophes. We have helped areas to build schools and to improve the lives of children with the Polio Plus program. Rotary is my family and I can't imagine not having them in my life.

Linda Stutz
Van Wert
Club Secretary

I've come to believe that each of us is under a certain obligation to share our gifts and talents to the betterment of our communities. Rotary membership allows an opportunity to pay that debt and I love to see the many positive, diverse ways club members make a difference.

Deb Zwez
Wapakoneta
Past President

I joined Rotary in 1960 to meet the members and serve on committees to better the community.

Serving two terms on the board and as president helped me through leadership and participation to work more effectively. Now as a snowbird and honorary member I still enjoy our club Zoom meetings.

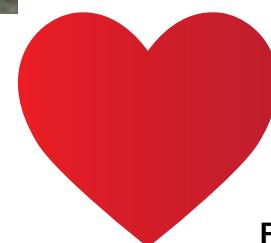
William Young
Marion

I love my Rotary Club because of the great friends I've made, the speakers we have on so many topics, and our focus on making our community a better place in which to live.

Louise Jackson
Toledo

When I retired over 20 years ago, I felt the need for a rewarding opportunity for service. Rotary fulfilled that need beyond all my expectations, with the side benefits of many new, like-minded friends, plenty of international travel, and fellowship with adherents of the 4-Way Test.

Ron Stoner
Bowling Green



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So much has changed in the last 32 years since joining this group called Rotary. So much has changed in the last year. But the one constant in my life is Rotary. It's meeting with outstanding individuals from the community every week virtual or in person.

It's a Rotary grant to put hygiene closets in all our area schools – schools that are at a 68% poverty level.

It's the true friendships formed while working together to help the community and the world. Not just during a Pandemic. All the time! I am blessed to be a part of this movement called Rotary!

Heart
Molly Lofton
Tiffin
Past President

I'm a Rotarian for the same reason Paul Harris, and the other three started Rotary. Our club includes my insurance man, financial advisor, real estate professional, optometrist, accountant, attorney, favorite eatery, banker, and more. All these people can be trusted implicitly. Rotary is a business networking club of the trustworthy. Where else can you find that?

Heart
Chris Amato
Celina

I joined Rotary in 1973. The past 48 years have been years of growth at Roppe. In the early years, Rotarians were willing to help small start-up companies. Roppe Corporation was small, and fellow Rotarians helped us dramatically. Most of them are gone now, but not forgotten.

Heart
Don Miller
Fostoria

Why I love Rotary is because it means Connections! Connections to our small town; our County; areas of our state; and beyond in the US and World. **Rotary connects like-minded people** who are willing to act to respond the needs of our schools/students; families in need; projects to take improve and better our community. **Why I love Rotary is because Rotarians are people of action across the world.**

Heart
Barbara Thomas
Oberlin
Club President



I love how ordinary people-(doctors, lawyers, shop owners, managers, educators, business people , politicians, and more) get together to do EXTRA ordinary things for our community and the world – and have fun doing it.

Heart
Allen Green
Bowling Green
Past President

I love being a Rotarian because I can join my talent, passion and resources with other like-minded individuals and make an ever-greater impact in my community, region, country, and world! Plus, the friendships I have made over the years are invaluable to me!

Heart
Char Simons
Findlay

I love Rotary because it has given me the opportunity to connect with not just people who have same interests as me but also with people who are very different than me. Rotary has made it possible to share my home with youth from Germany, France and Brazil! Because of Rotary, I receive a Christmas card from a Rotary member in Panama every year. Friends made in my Oberlin Rotary Club and in our closely knit District 6600 hold a special place in my heart and memory bank. I can't imagine all I would have missed if someone had not asked me to come and be a guest at a Rotary meeting. I love being part of the Rotary family where I truly feel like I'm making a difference and having fun at the same time.

Heart
Melanie Satterfield
Oberlin
President-Elect

What better way to give back than investing in a service organization rich in history! I loved my community where I was working but wanted to give back. I learned of several members of the BG Rotary and knew that was the club for me. We have tackled obstacles and pushed forward to achieve many goals both locally and internationally! My club is my family.

Heart
Betty Kahlenberg
Bowling Green
Past President

I use the "4 Way Test" to guide me through my life as a husband, parent, businessperson, community volunteer, and politician. I strive to leave the world better and belonging to Rotary helps make it happen. Rotary helps steer me toward essential local, regional, and worldwide projects that have been identified and echoes my love of "Service to Others."

Heart
John Harrington
Findlay
Secretary

Working with various Rotary Foundations has been by far the most satisfactory endeavor of my life. Doing my bit to enable Rotarians to enjoy the work they do around the world provides a satisfaction that I did not have as an academic or an executive. Rotary made this possible.

Heart
Chris Vogel
Perrysburg
District Grants Committee

Rotary is the power to connect and influence a simple idea of "doing good" in our communities. As a second generation Rotarian, (my dad William Roepke has over 50 years of service) ...it's an incredible thing to see the impact of joining our common interests into an investment to change lives locally and globally.

Heart
Tom Roepke
Ashland
Club Secretary

I love Rotary for the service we offer the Archbold Area. Rotary has also allowed me to serve locally and on a water project in Haiti representing the Archbold Club and our neighboring clubs that supported the project. Service in number one! As a club, we are facing the same challenges as the rest of the clubs due to the pandemic. This has not stopped us from finding ways to served the community.

Another top reason is the comradery developed over the years by serving, fellowshiping, and breaking bread together. Lifelong friendships are developed through Rotary. I enjoy Rotary so much I proposed my son to become a member this year and he is now part of the Archbold Club.

As a former past president, I am proud to be part of a worldwide service club that if others followed the motto "Service above Self" it would be a better place especially during these turbulent times.

Heart
Marc W. Fruth
Archbold
Past President

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I love Rotary because it transcends social, political and religious factors. It is my "secular church." Arch Klumph, the founder of the Rotary International Foundation, promoted the idea of "doing good in the world." It is very comforting to be a part of a worldwide organization of people who are dedicated to that cause. It doesn't matter what a Rotarian's politics, religion, or national origin is because we are all pulling for the same goals. How could I not love being a part of that?

Heart Jim Fruth
Tiffin
Past President

Rotary builds relationships, locally and around the world.

Heart Charles Schaub
Toledo

I joined Rotary upon my arrival in Tiffin, Ohio in January of 1986 to get to know the "movers and shakers" in our community. Once I moved beyond the personal interactions, I really began to appreciate the real Rotary experience of community and world service. The more I became involved in the club, the more I enjoyed the true Rotary experience. I became a Paul Harris Fellow and served as Club President from 2009 to 2010. When I became involved with the board, I truly began to appreciate the dedication of those who truly serve Rotary. As someone involved in health care, I enjoyed learning from those with different skillsets.

The most memorable and fun times I enjoyed with Rotary were working as an emcee for years with my fellow Rotarians as we worked on our major fundraiser, The Rotary Auction. I soon realized that the emcee was worthless without all the support personnel making the auction a reality. The funds raised were always used to support underfunded projects in our local community. On the world stage, I appreciate Polio Plus and providing "shelter boxes" for help with disaster relief.

Heart Dr. Robert Dornauer
Tiffin
Past President

I love Rotary because of the friendships I've made and continued through the years with Rotarians in Cambodia, Italy, and Peru. Without Rotary, these friendships, which have expanded my world and increased my understanding and respect for other cultures, would not have been possible.

Heart Cheryl Cotter
Fremont
Past President
Secretary/Treasurer

I am in awe of the good that Rotarians accomplish locally and around the world. I love that Service Above Self really is a way of living. Rotary Youth Exchange involvement allows me to see other parts of the world without leaving my town. Rotarians make this world a better place every single day.

I Love Rotary. Fifteen years of Rotary membership has allowed me to practice service above self inside and outside Rotary. I found my community voice and made wonderful friends while serving locally and helping others serve globally.

Rotary Youth Exchange has helped me see a global connection through many teenagers-about-to-become-Rotarians. Rotary offers opportunities like no other organization.

Heart Amber Stover
Tiffin
Rotary Youth Exchange Coordinator

I love Rotary because it provides me with the opportunity to meet regularly with others who share my core values and standard of ethics. Those values and ethics lead to actions in service to others, which I find personally rewarding. And we have great programs.

Heart Ron Olszewski
Toledo

The people. It doesn't matter if it's your club, the club in the next town, the club five states away, or on a different continent. It's about the many great people that do wonderful things in fellowship, humanitarian and economically, to help the community, area, country, or the world.

Heart Brad Rubini
Toledo
District Literacy Chairperson

Why I love Rotary is simply reflected in our motto: "Service above Self." Providing time or dollars for the benefit of others improves their quality of life and rewards me.

Heart Paul Smith
Reynolds Corners
President

Toledo Rotary provided a wonderful opportunity to network with so many community-minded individuals with no limits or boundaries, local, district and globally. The Rotary Fellowship is a life long learning experience, a constantly expanding challenge beyond my personal reach.

Heart Walter McGhee
Toledo
Past President

I love Rotary for the opportunities to give back to my community and for the opportunity to make connections and friendships with people from all over the world. People and experiences that I would NEVER have been given without Rotary.

Heart Diana Savage
Bryan
District Governor Nominee

Keep giving us to be exciting

Heart Robert E. Oleson
Tiffin

- Rich in fellowship
- Outstanding in service
- Truth it is
- Advances world understanding
- Rises to high ethical standards
- Yields to peace in the world

Heart Leonard Janchar
Marion

I love Rotary because we're one big happy family. No matter what club I walk into I'm always greeted by a friendly smile, a handshake and a welcome. So, I know, no matter where I'm at I will always be at home.

Heart Jim Duke
Vermilion
District Governor Nominee Designate

Rotary brings together the best leaders in the community, stretching across the entire globe, doing work that otherwise wouldn't be possible. The fraternity and friendship that comes with that work has been invaluable in my own personal life.

Heart Daniel Woodcock
Toledo

