



# Snapshot of Rotary



## WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a service organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who conduct humanitarian projects, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and work toward world understanding and peace.

Rotary began in 1905 in Chicago. Young lawyer Paul P. Harris and three of his friends wished to recapture the friendly spirit they had felt among business people in the small towns in which they had lived. Their weekly meetings “rotated” among their offices, providing the new service club with its name—Rotary.

Rotarians meet weekly to enjoy each other’s fellowship, engage with a variety of program speakers, and plan ways to serve others, locally, nationally and internationally.

Today, Rotary flourishes with more than 30,000 clubs and 1.2+ million men and women as club members in 160+ countries around the world.

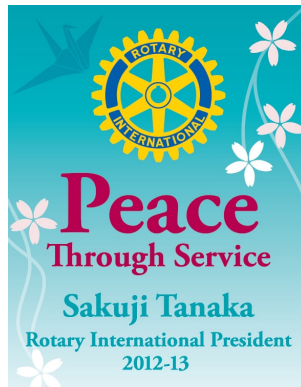
Peace has long been a major Rotary initiative. In San Francisco in 1945, prominent Rotarians were instrumental in establishing the United Nations.

Rotary’s fiscal and program year runs July 1 through June 30.

Rotarians gather every spring for their International Convention. Lisbon, Portugal is host in 2013.

RI website: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**HE PROFITS MOST  
WHO SERVES BEST**



## SERVICE ABOVE SELF The Rotary International Motto

### The 5 Avenues of Service

1. Community Service: identifying needs in the Rotary Club’s community and addressing these needs with service projects.
2. International Service: working for international understanding and peace by combating sick-ness and poverty worldwide and promoting goodwill between people of all nationalities.
3. Vocational Service: honoring the dignity of work and high ethical standards in business and professional life, and working to transmit these values to young people in the community.
4. Club Service: providing service to the Rotary Club to enable it to run efficiently in the spirit of fellowship.
5. New Generations: recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults that enriches and fosters world peace and cultural understanding.

### The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## WHAT DO ROTARIANS DO?

### ➤ Fellowship

Rotarians come together in meetings. In the Rotary setting, they become acquainted.

### ➤ Serve

Rotarians staff the committees that perform the club’s work ... in the club, the community, and the world.

### ➤ Personify

Rotarians live in ways which reflect the Object of Rotary and the Four-Way Test.

## The Object of Rotary

To encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
2. High ethical standards in business and profession, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal, business and community life.
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

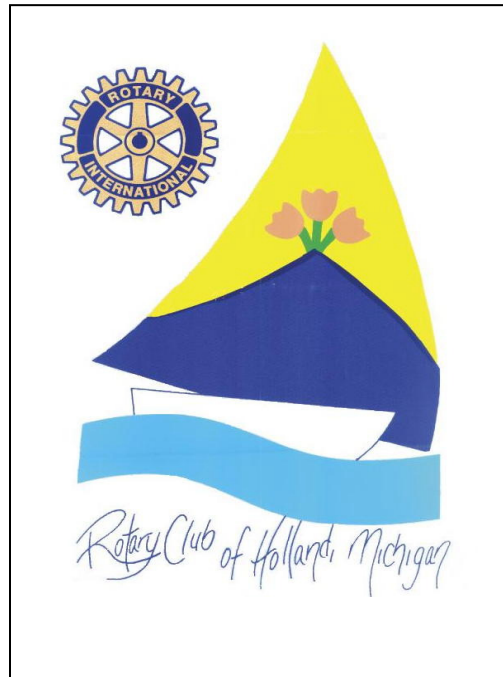


# The Rotary Club of Holland



## Overview

- On Thursday, March 11, 1920, 17 men met to form the Rotary Club of Holland. Our 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift to the City was the “Boundless Playground” in Smallenburg Park..
- The club’s first president was Carl A. Bigge. Our current president is Deb VanderJagt.
- The Holland club is governed per by-laws by a Board of Directors, with nine elected directors and the elected officers.
- Members of Holland Rotary include over 100 business & community leaders of all ages representing a wide variety of businesses and professions.
- Women were first inducted into the club in 1988 and now make up more than 20% of the membership. Six women have served as club president.
- The club has produced two District Governors, Fred Bertsch, Jr. 1979-1980 and Tom Bos, 1998-1999.
- The club has sponsored two nearby clubs: Rotary Club of Zeeland, chartered by RI May 21, 1934, and Holland AM Rotary, chartered July 1, 2001.
- Holland Rotarians meet at 12:10 p.m. every Thursday at Haworth Inn and Conference Center, 225 College Ave.



## Why Does One Become a Rotarian?

**Opportunity** to meet and interact with your community leaders at weekly meetings, and state leaders at District Assemblies and Conferences.

**Opportunity** to learn more about local, national and international organizations and issues through weekly speakers.

**Opportunity** to work on local or international projects relating to health, hunger, environmental concerns, literacy and vocational assistance, cultural exchanges, and assisting senior citizens and young people.

## Getting Involved

Holland Rotary committees in the Five Avenues of Service

### Community Service

Challenged Students Committee  
Community Service Committee

### International Service

International Service Committee  
Rotary Foundation Committee  
Foundation Scholarships Committee

### Vocational Service

Vocations @ Work Committee

### Club Service

Fund Raising Committee  
Program Committee  
Membership Growth & Involvement Committee  
Communications and Public Relations Committee

### New Generations

International Youth Exchange Committee  
Youth, Schools and Colleges Committee

*All members are encouraged to become active on at least one committee.*

## Recent projects/ organizations supported by the Rotary Club of Holland include:

- ❖ Leadership camps and scholarships for local schoolchildren
- ❖ Holland and West Ottawa Special Education
- ❖ Youth exchanges to/from various countries
- ❖ Clean water in Honduras, Dominican Republic, Haiti
- ❖ Community Action House
- ❖ Center for Women in Transition
- ❖ Salvation Army
- ❖ Tulip Time Festival Float
- ❖ Adopt-a-Highway (Rt. 31 north)
- ❖ Worldwide inoculation program to eradicate polio
- ❖ Smallenburg Park Playground

## Club Mailing Address

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### CLUB WEBSITE

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