

## What is Rotary?

Rotary brings together a global network of community leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges.

We connect 1.2 million members from more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world.

Their service improves lives both locally and internationally, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

Visit [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) and [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) for more about Rotary and its efforts to eradicate polio.

## Benefits of Membership

Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to make a contribution to their own communities and to communities around the world.

Members may join Rotary for many reasons, including community involvement, personal development, professional networking, and camaraderie with fellow members. But perhaps the most important benefit is the satisfaction gained from making a real difference in the world.



## Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River supports:

The Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River has as its main priority children and youth that are in need and at risk. Money raised helps fund programs by select organizations and Rotary International that assist these children both locally and internationally.

Some of the organizations we support locally are: **KidsAbility, Nutrition For Learning, Camp Enterprise, Pride Stables, Send'Em Off Smiling, Free Reading Program, KW KidSport, Pioneer Panthers and St. John's Kitchen.**

Internationally, we actively support **Rotary International's Polio Plus** program for global polio eradication. We have also supported water projects in Haiti and Mali, a "Shoebox" gift basket of School Supplies, Clothing and Food to children of Nogales Mexico and Medical Birth Kits for Maternity Wards in Uganda.

**CANADA** is a champion in the eradication of Polio. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on behalf of all Canadians was presented with Rotary's Polio Eradication Champion Award at the 2018 Rotary International Convention in Toronto by outgoing Rotary President Ian Risely.



## Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River

Do you want to give back to your community? Do you want to make a difference in the world? Do you want to enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded people? Then the Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River might be just what you are looking for. This group of committed women and men work together through community projects and fund-raising efforts to make a difference in the local community and internationally. Each week, speakers come to the meetings to educate and/or entertain the members of the club. Members develop friendships, working relationships and live the Rotary motto of Service Above Self. Club members have raised funds through planning and running events: **Skate 48**, a Hockey challenge in February; **Mudpuppy Chase Road Race** a 600M kids, 3K & 5K Family scenic trail race in May.

If you are looking to make a difference in your world, why not consider having breakfast with us and learning more about the Rotary Club of Kitchener Grand River?

## The Four Way Test

**Rotarians** in our club and around the world believe and follow 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?**

## From Our Members

*"I'm truly in awe of what Rotary accomplishes for the less fortunate both locally and globally. The global polio eradication initiative provides testimony to the power of Rotary and makes me very proud to say I'm a Rotarian"* **Pierre Lapalme**

*"I enjoy Rotary because the members are keenly interested in making themselves and others better because of the Rotary experience. This common focus brings together a diverse group who has much to share thereby enhancing the experience for all."* **Marilyn Allen**

*"Rotary allows me to make a difference both in my community and around the world while enjoying fellowship with other like-minded people."* **Rob Dippell**

*"You never know the measure of who you are until you give yourself away."* **Dennis Yanke, Charter Member**

*"Rotary is an important part of my life as it gives me opportunity to use my skills and to give back to my Community. I am proud of what Rotary accomplishes both on a local and international basis. The best part of all is that I have made great friends with fellow Rotarians"* **Anne Brubacher**



**Polio Plus**, Rotary's most ambitious program to date, focuses on global immunization efforts and has played a leadership role with the World Health Organization, CDC, and UNICEF in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. In recent years, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has joined the team and pledged US\$450 million to Rotary to support Polio Plus activities.



### ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER

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## ROTARY CLUB OF KITCHENER GRAND RIVER

**Tuesdays, 7:15 – 8 :30 a.m.**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**105 King St. East, Kitchener**

