

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers.

Rotary club members are business, professional, and community leaders in localities around the world. More than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas belong to over 33,000 Rotary clubs.

Rotarians meet regularly to plan and implement community service activities and network with other professionals. Members can also choose to become involved in international humanitarian service efforts.

Rotary clubs participate in a broad range of educational, intercultural, and humanitarian activities designed to improve the lives of others.

Rotary builds international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants.

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.

The money raised by the Kitchener Grand River Rotarians 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, Junior Achievement, Nutrition for Learning, Bursaries for Students, Camp Enterprise, Pride Stables, Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention 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, an orphanage in South Africa and programs for youth in Dominican Republic and Kenya. We have also supported Rotarians and members of the community who have volunteered in developing countries.

Along with the other four Rotary Clubs in K-W, we established a Peace Park at RIM Park as part of Rotary's Centennial in 2005.



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 raise funds through planning and running events: Skate 48, a Hockey challenge in February; Mudpuppy Downtown Chase, a 3, 5 and 10 km. run in May and Mudpuppy Trail Run in September.

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 connects me to my community; Rotary's contribution to eradicate polio is amazing! So many lives have been saved."
Doug Jones, Charter Member

"Rotary is changing the world and building peace one person at a time."
Kathi Smith



PolioPlus, 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 contributed US\$355 million to Rotary to support PolioPlus activities.

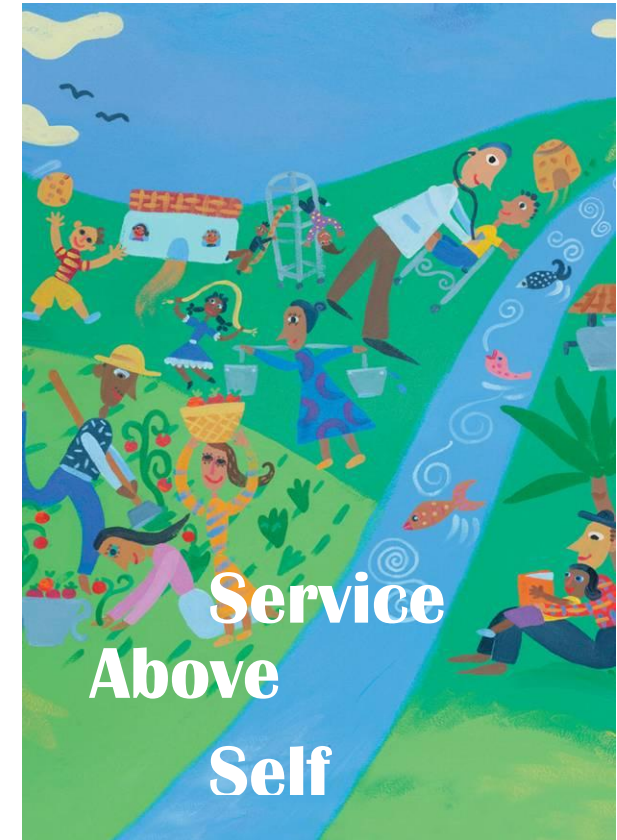


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