

Did you know that

# Rotary



**has 1.4 million members in 35,000 clubs worldwide?**

In Canada alone there are 711 clubs with 21, 279 members! Our district, District 7080, has 57 clubs with 1,452 members.

### What is 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.

## Rotary Over The Years

**1905**

Rotary was founded by Paul Harris with the motto, "**Service Above Self**"

**1914**

First **established peacebuilding efforts** proposed by Rotarians from Hamilton, ON

**1945**

Invited as **consultants to the US delegation** to the United Nations Conference on International Organizations

**1979**

Began **polio eradication** efforts in the Philippines

**1912**

The first club outside of the USA was chartered in **Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**1918**

Rotary International (RI) played a large role in **volunteering and fundraising** during the 1918 Flu Pandemic

**1962**

Established the first **Interact club** in Florida, USA to promote inter-club and **international member cooperation**

## POLIO ERADICATION EFFORTS

RI polio eradication efforts in 1979 began through a joint agreement with the Philippines government when an RI official administered the first oral polio vaccine. PolioPlus was then launched in 1985.



Since then Rotary and its partners have:

Contributed **\$2.3B**

Reduced polio cases by **99.9%**

Gave the polio vaccine to **2.5B children**

Governments have contributed **\$10B**

due to RI's advocacy efforts

Polio is now only an endemic in **2 countries**

**2016**

RI was named the **World's Outstanding Foundation**, with assets exceeding \$1B



**2018**

Awarded Canada's **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** the Polio Eradication Champion Award, following Stephen Harper and Jean Chretien as earlier recipients.



## ONGOING CAUSES



**1. Promoting Peace**

**2. Fighting Disease**

**3. Providing Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene**

**4. Saving Mothers and Children**

**5. Supporting Education**

**6. Protecting the Environment**

**7. Growing Local Economies**