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Welcome to Rotary!

You're now part of a global organization of people who apply their leadership, expertise, and diverse perspectives to solving social issues — and build lifelong friendships in the process.

So, how do *you* want to get involved in Rotary?

VOLUNTEER MY SKILLS

✔ Talk to club members about where your expertise is most needed.

✔ Serve on a club committee.

✔ Attend your club's next assembly and help plan club activities.

IMPROVE MY COMMUNITY

✔ Volunteer to help with your club's signature project — one your club is known for in the community.

✔ Work with a youth program sponsored by your club, such as Interact.

✔ Identify a need in your community and suggest a hands-on project that addresses this need.

BUILD MY NETWORK

✔ Attend as many club meetings as you can. Connect with different people each time.

✔ Join a Rotary Fellowship and meet Rotarians in other countries who share your interests.

✔ Go to your district conference and the RI Convention.

✔ Check out another Rotary club's meeting.

If you truly want to give back to the community — and to the world at large — you join Rotary. It has an arm that reaches across all barriers. To be part of that is very powerful.

— Aruna Koushik, Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada

Our motto, **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**, embodies our humanitarian spirit. Rotary's Avenues of Service guide our activities:

- Through **Club Service**, we have fun, build lasting friendships, and make sure that our club runs well.
- Through **Vocational Service**, we volunteer our professional skills to serve others and promote integrity in everything we do.
- Through **Community Service**, we address local needs and work with our community to bring lasting improvements.
- Through **International Service**, we meet humanitarian needs around the globe and promote world understanding and peace.
- Through **New Generations Service**, we work with young people to help them become the next generation of leaders, visionaries, and peacemakers.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST, created by a Rotarian, underscores our commitment to integrity:

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?

As a Rotarian, you are **WELCOME** to attend any Rotary club meeting, anywhere in the world. Use the Club Locator tool at www.rotary.org or the free mobile Rotary Club Locator app to find clubs, meeting times, and locations.

Every Rotary club in the world, no matter how big or small, has one thing in common: friendship. And it's from this base of friendship that we serve our community.

— Kemal Attilâ, Rotary Club of Ankara-Tandogan, Turkey

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION helps Rotary clubs and districts work together to provide meaningful, sustainable service. Foundation grants support projects that provide clean water, medical care, literacy classes, and other essentials to people in need all around the world. Since 1947, Rotarians have contributed nearly US$2.9 billion to the Foundation to fund these vital efforts.

The Foundation also awards Rotary Peace Fellowships for study at Rotary Peace Centers around the globe. Since 2002-03, more than 660 fellows from over 100 countries have participated.

Our contributions to the Foundation ensure that we can bring sustainable change to communities in need. Ask your club's Rotary Foundation committee chair how you can support our Foundation.

SERVE INTERNATIONALLY

✔ Get involved with your club's international service projects.

✔ Use the ProjectLINK online database to learn about other clubs' international service projects needing volunteers or other assistance.

✔ Host a Rotary Youth Exchange student visiting your district.

HELP ROTARY GROW

✔ Recommend a friend or colleague for membership in your club. All Rotarians can — and should — invite new members.

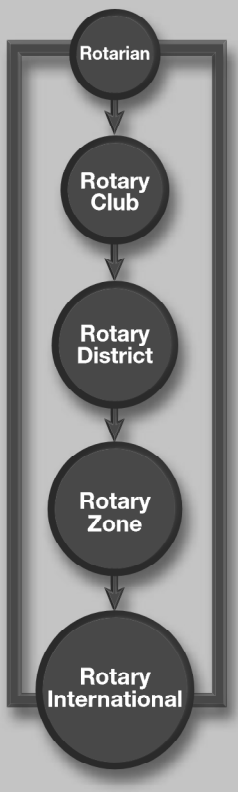
✔ Participate in a club leadership development program.

✔ Tell friends and colleagues about how your club is giving back to your community.

✔ Emphasize the unique opportunity Rotary provides for networking with leaders in many professions.

I found a fellowship where every nation, every color, all of humanity can be like a family. I've got a place where I can serve my people and serve the world.

— Ailinda Sawe, Rotary Club of Dar-es-Salaam-Mzizima, Tanzania



We're a **GRASSROOTS** organization.
We carry out our most meaningful service work through our Rotary clubs. Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws. Rotary districts (groups of clubs) support these efforts and are led by district governors. Rotary clubs belong to the global association Rotary International, led by the RI president and the RI Board of Directors.

We direct our service in six **AREAS OF FOCUS**: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

Each club strives to reflect the **DIVERSITY** of its community in its mix of professions, genders, ages, and ethnicities. This ensures that a wide variety of expertise is available for club projects.

OFFER SUPPORT

- ✔ Help your club or district raise funds to eradicate polio.
- ✔ Donate through The Rotary Foundation's recurring giving program.
- ✔ Set a personal contribution goal in support of your club's goal for Annual Fund giving.

CONNECT with other Rotarians on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Flickr, and YouTube.
See **www.rotary.org/socialnetworks**.

Our top priority is **ERADICATING POLIO**. Thanks to Rotary and our international partners, the number of polio cases has dropped 99 percent worldwide since 1988. But as long as polio threatens even one child, children everywhere are at risk.

Rotary has contributed more than US$1 billion to the fight to end polio. Rotarians work tirelessly to leverage this investment, acting as advocates among communities and with government leaders to keep them focused on eradication.

Rotary's partners include UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

LEARN MORE

✔ Browse club service projects worldwide at www.rotary.org/showcase.

✔ Discover personal stories of Rotary service from around the world at blog.rotary.org.

✔ Read your Rotary magazine and your club and district newsletters.

✔ Visit your club and district websites.

✔ Order Rotary publications and videos at shop.rotary.org.

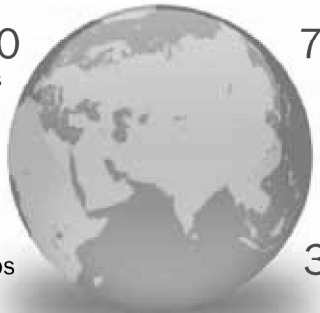
Rotary by the Numbers

1.2 million Rotarians worldwide

34,200 Rotary clubs

14,310 Interact clubs

9,170 Rotaract clubs



7,330 Rotary Community Corps

532 Rotary districts

34 Zones

Estimates as of 1 March 2012

GOOD TO KNOW

Club assembly — A meeting to discuss the club's programs and activities. Open to all club members.

District conference — An annual motivational meeting that showcases club and district activities. Open to all Rotarians in that district and their families.

Interact — Service and social clubs for youth ages 12 to 18 that are sponsored by Rotary clubs.

PolioPlus — The Rotary Foundation program focused on global polio eradication efforts.

ProjectLINK — A database at www.rotary.org that lists Rotary service projects needing volunteer or financial assistance. Also highlights model projects from around the world.

Rotaract — Service and social clubs for young adults ages 18 to 30 that are sponsored by Rotary clubs.

Rotarian Action Groups — International groups of individuals who share a passion for a humanitarian issue or service activity. An example is the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group.

Rotary Community Corps — Groups of non-Rotarians who work on service projects for their communities. Organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

Rotary Fellowships — International groups of individuals who share a vocational or recreational interest. An example is the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians.

Rotary Foundation, The — The philanthropic arm of Rotary International. Helps Rotarians advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through humanitarian projects and educational programs.

Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees — The 15 Rotarians who manage the business of The Rotary Foundation, led by the trustee chair. Appointed by the RI president, with agreement from the RI Board, to four-year terms.

Rotary International (RI) — The international association composed of 34,200 Rotary clubs in nearly every country of the world. Headquartered in Evanston, Illinois, USA, with international offices on four continents.

RI Board of Directors — The 19 Rotarians who set policy for Rotary International. Elected to two-year terms.

RI Convention — An annual celebration of Rotary and Rotarian accomplishments. Held in a different location around the world each year. Open to all Rotarians and their families.

RI president — The Rotarian who presides over the RI Board. Elected to a one-year term.

Rotary Peace Centers — Programs at several universities around the world that offer advanced degrees and professional certificates in peace and conflict resolution.

Rotary Peace Fellow — A recipient of a Rotary Foundation scholarship for study at one of the Rotary Peace Centers.

Rotary Youth Exchange — A cultural exchange program for youth ages 15 to 19. Exchanges can last from one week to one year.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) — Leadership training and recognition activities conducted by Rotary clubs or districts for youth and young adults ages 14 to 30.

Discover more at www.rotary.org

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