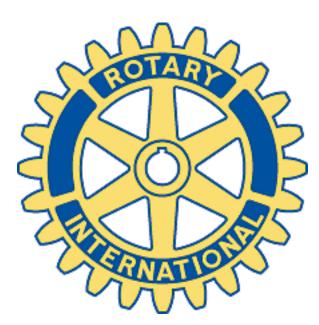
# This is Rotary



Adapted from a presentation by The Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland District 6400

## **IT IS ABOUT SERVICE**

## "Service above Self"



#### **Object of Rotary**

- The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:
- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



We implement the Object of Rotary through the Four Avenues of Service



#### **Club Service**

Focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.

#### **Vocational Service**

Encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

#### **Community Service**

 Covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

#### International Service

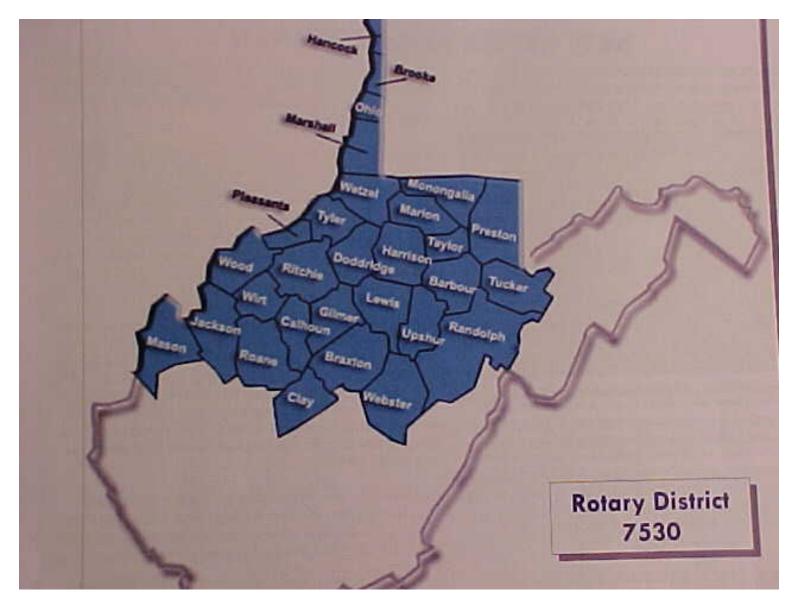
 Encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.



# Rotary is an International Organization

- There are 532 districts in over 168 countries throughout the world.
- Our club, South Fairmont is in District 7530 which is comprised of 30 clubs with 1215 members.
- The district covers all of north central WV and the northern panhandle.







 Rotary International is governed by a president and a board of directors elected from all over the world.



2008-2009 Rotary International President Dong Kurn Lee



 Annually each district elects a district governor, but each club is autonomous. This year our DG is Rick Reese





In the beginning...

Rotary Founder Paul Harris

- The first Rotary club was organized in Chicago in 1905, by Paul P. Harris.
- The club, with four members, met in rotation at the offices of the members thus the name Rotary.
- There are approximately 1.2 million members in over 33,000 clubs worldwide.



# Women in Rotary

As women become more prominent in the business community, their numbers are increasing in Rotary. Each year in this district over 20% of the club presidents are women.



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 GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



# Service Above Self

- Rotary was not long to recognize that fellowship alone would not keep a group together — there needed to be a purpose.
- The first service project was public restrooms in downtown Chicago, IL, USA.
- Rotary became the world's first service club.



# The Rotary Club of South Fairmont



#### The Rotary Club of S Fairmont Projects

- Once a year, we identify possible projects and determine if they meet one of our 4 avenues of service
- Board of Directors makes final decisions.
- South Fairmont Rotary sponsors as many of these projects as possible.



The Rotary Club of S. Fairmont Projects 2008 - 2009

- Boys and Girls Club
- Shop with a Cop
- Salvation Army Angel Tree & Bell Ringing
- Dictionary Project
- International Micro Loans
- \$500 scholarships for 4 area high schools





We received a grant from Rotary Foundation to help pay for installing electricity in Morris Park









Electricity being installed in Morris Park



# **The Rotary Foundation**



#### "World Peace through Understanding"



## **Volunteers in Action**

- RI contributed more than \$600 MM to PolioPLus
- In 2006 over 400 MM children were vaccinated in 55 countries.







#### The Rotary Club of S Fairmont Exchanges

#### Group Study Exchanges

- Teams consist of one Rotarian leader and four non-Rotarian, professional young people who visit a hosting district for four to six weeks.
- S. Fairmont Rotarians have hosted visiting teams, and sponsored team members. Shortly we are expecting a team from Japan and most recently hosted a team from the Caribbean.





GSE inbound from the Caribbean visits the club in 2008



# The Rotary Club of S. Fairmont Exchanges

#### Rotary Youth Exchange Program

- 15-19 year olds are exchanged world-wide.
- Part of a 7,000 students/year program.
- Rotarians host these young people in their homes for three to five months.
- Students become part of the family.
- In the past we sponsored an outbound student to France-Members have hosted students from Austria and Germany





#### Inbound students enjoy West Virginia's beauty







# Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors

- 24 current members are Paul Harris Fellows (have donated \$1000 to foundation)
- We have 3 members who are benefactors of the Foundation
- We collect \$75 from a member annually and the club matches \$25
- Our club has contributed over \$52,000 to the Rotary Foundation



# Officers and Board of Directors For the current 2008 – 2009

President:John GriggsVice President:Bruce McDanielSecretary:Dixie YannTreasurer:Ryan Ford

and the following directors

Tara Stevens, Butch Phillips, Erika Reed, Mary Jo Thomas, Kim Taylor, Kevin Rogers

A new board is elected to take office from 1 July to 30 June of each year.



# Awards from the District

- S. Fairmont Rotary has received many accolades over the past few years, including:
- Every Rotarian Every Year Citation
- Presidential Citation
- District Governor's award



# The Privileges in Rotary

#### The privilege of FRIENDSHIP WITH LEADERS:

- in your community
- in neighboring cities and towns
- throughout USA
- around the world
- Rotary allows ordinary people like you and me to do extraordinary things.



# The Privileges in Rotary

- The privilege of GIVING SERVICE to your community.
- The privilege of DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL and understanding.
- The privilege of helping BUILD HIGHER ETHICAL STANDARDS within your vocation

through the common bond of Rotary.



# Your Obligations in Rotary

### Participation

- To be a Rotarian you must give of your time and talents:
  - in service to the community
  - in fellowship and social functions
  - in club and district activities.



# Your Obligations in Rotary

#### Attendance

- Attendance at the weekly meetings is a benefit of Rotary. A minimum of 50% is expected.
- You can easily maintain your attendance levels by making up at another Rotary club meeting, participating in club service projects, and activities.



# MAKE UP AT OTHER CLUBS

- Fairmont club, Thursday noon Holiday Inn, Fairmont
- Harrison Co. Thursday 7:30 AM, Eat-in-Park
- Bridgeport, Tuesdays 6:30 PM at Ramon's
- Westover, Wednesday, noon at Aquarium
- Morgantown, Thursday, noon Madeleine's
- Morgantown North, Wednesday, 7am Alumni Center



# **Your Financial Obligations**

Member's financial obligation is approximately \$165 per quarter. This consists of dues, meals, and Paul Harris Assessment.



# Membership

# There are two types of membership in a Rotary club:

#### Active

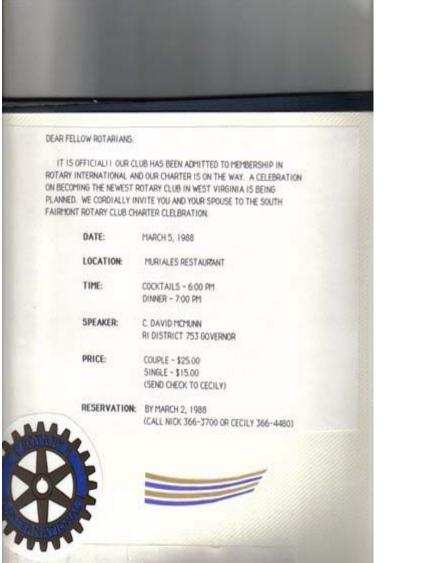
♦ Honorary- People who have distinguished themselves by meritorious

service, limited time, not responsible for dues, no voting privileges in the club



# Welcome to the Rotary Club of S. Fairmont







Our First meeting, March 5, 1988





Painting Stepping Stones





Members Tara Stevens (center) and Jeff Carpenter (right) Giving Christmas gifts to residents of Stepping Stones in 1996





Outgoing President (2007-08) Kevin Rogers (right) and Foundation chair Butch Phillips present Tina Rogers with a Paul Harris Fellowship





Brandon Wright shares a light moment with outgoing President Kevin Rogers at the end of year picnic





Gary Cox, a founding member (1), Kim Taylor, and John Griggs induct Stephanie Pethtel, Gary's daughter (2<sup>nd</sup> from right). Our first Father-daughter membership

