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I joined the Rotary Club of Dryden, Ontario in 1975, after being invited by a friend. In the fall of 1974 the TD Bank had opened a new branch of the bank in Dryden and I was the first manager.

Joining Rotary gave me a great opportunity to meet and become friends with many of the local business people.

Each year the Dryden club presented trophies to the local Royal Conservatory music students with the highest marks in the junior, intermediate and senior categories. I looked after the presentation of these awards for many years while I was a member of the Dryden Rotary Club. I enjoyed the contact with the young students and their parents.

My wife Gladys and I had met PDG Ed Hegel and his wife Alice in Dryden. They were members of the Saskatoon Nutana Club. Whenever we were visiting Saskatoon in the '90s Ed and Alice always welcomed us to the club. When we moved to Saskatoon in 2000, Ed encouraged me to become a member of the Saskatoon Nutana Club.

My mother had polio as a young child, requiring surgery on one leg and a lifelong need for a leg brace and a cane for walking. I have been very interested in Rotary's work of eradicating polio in the world and I have been a strong supporter of Paul Harris and Polio Plus for over thirty years.

Rotary has many, worthwhile world programs; supporting education, helping to eliminating poverty, student exchanges, eradicating polio, and promoting world peace, etc.

Becoming a member of Rotary offers a great opportunity for friendship and fellowship and to do good in the world!