### WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary International is a grass-roots organization consisting of business professionals and community leaders that volunteer time, talent & resources in order to remedy vital community needs. We comprise over 1.2 million members worldwide belonging to 32,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary International was founded in Chicago in 1905, and has already celebrated over 100 years of service. We are proud of the fact that our Rotary International Foundation has awarded more than

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YOUR COMMUNITY

SINCE 1924

\$2.1 Billion U.S. dollars in grants, which are administered at the local level by Rotary Clubs worldwide.

"Rotary membership is such a privilege because whatever we give is minuscule to the fulfillment we receive. Rotary truly portrays the law of attraction at work.

~ PAULINE CALVERT Member **UCKEIS OF QUAL** 

## WHAT'S OUR PURPOSE?

We are one of 32,000 Rotary Clubs around the world. This means that we can collaborate with other Clubs to make things happen overseas, or concentrate on urgent community needs down the street from the Club. If a person wants to help their community, they will be able to do far more as part of a Rotary International Club than they could all by themselves.

The Rotary Club Bowmanville is a long standing Rotary Club that has been supporting the community since its Charter in 1924. Indeed normal people can do extraordinary things-educate the young, protect the elderly, strive for peace....all under the umbrella of Rotary all working together.





SERVICE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE

### **ROTARY CLUB OF BOWMANVILLE**

Donation of Visual Arts Property and Gardens Dewey's Cafe Learn Not to Burn Fire Training Trailer Adopt A Road Durham 4 H Children with Special Needs Programs Clarington Secondary Schools' Bursary Program **Firehouse Youth Centre** Matawa First Nations Bursaries Hampton Community Centre Bowmanville Memorial Hospital Foundation Rotary Park Valley's 2000 Shelter Box Canada Adopt a Village - Laos Kids Against Hunger **Big Brothers and Sisters Durham Regional Crime Stoppers** Kawartha Pine Ridge - Duke of Cambridge **Playground Equipment** 

#### For more information on joining THE ROTARY CLUB **OF BOWMANVILLE**

please contact WAYNE ROUTLY 905-434-6212 or PAULINE CALVERT 905-571-6996



AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

### THE ROTARY CLUB **OF BOWMANVILLE**

Meetings: 7:15 a.m. Tuesdays Trinity United Church Corner of Church & Division Street



#### **TOP TEN REASONS**

PROFESSIONALS & COMMUNITY LEADERS JOIN ROTARY

### # 1 Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary is to provide a forum for professionals. Members are leaders in business, industry, the professions, the arts, government, sports, the military and religion. They make decisions and influence policy. Rotary is the oldest, most prestigious serviceclub organization in the world.

# 2 The Opportunity to Serve

Rotarians provide service at both the community and international levels. Service programs address health care needs, hunger and poverty, illiteracy, disaster relief, and environmental cleanups, to name a few. Members experience the fulfilment that comes from giving back to the community.

#3 Personal Growth & Development

Membership in Rotary ensures continuing personal and professional development. Leadership, public speaking and communication, organization and planning, team-building, fundraising and teaching are just a sampling of the skills that can be exercised and enhanced through Rotary.



Fellowship was a primary reason Rotary was started in 1905, and it remains a major attraction. Today, with more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in over 160 countries, Rotarians have friends wherever they go. Rotary helps to build community as well as enduring friendships.

# # 5 Non Religions/Non Political

Rotary International is an association of local clubs in many countries. Clubs are open to members of every ethnic group, political persuasion, language and religious belief. Rotary clubs contain a cross-section of the world's leaders. They practice and promote religious and political tolerance.

#6 Good Citizenship

Membership in Rotary makes one a better citizen. Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation and world. Rotary's

"To me membership means, building great friendships, helping the local community and working on international projects."



expansive network of clubs and programs provides extensive opportunities for service and interchange.

# #7 World Understanding

Rotary members gain an understanding of humanitarian issues and have a significant impact on them through international service projects and exchange programs of Rotary International and its Foundation. The promotion of peace is one of Rotary's highest objectives.

# #8 Fellowship

Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversion from one's personal and business life. Conferences, conventions, assemblies and social events provide fellowship opportunities as well as Rotary information, education and service.

#9 The Rotary Foundations

The mission of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

### # 10 Ethical Environment

Rotarians practice the 4-Way Test that measures words and actions by their truthfulness, fairness, goodwill and benefit to all concerned. Rotary encourages high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations in professional and private life.

### **HOW TO JOIN**

There is no big secret as to how to become a member of our Club: it's by invitation. Some helpful steps include, contacting us, visiting our Club and meeting members a few times to determine if there is a good fit for you personally. Our typical member is a community minded individual who wants to give back and do so in the company of other Rotarians/ volunteers with shared values.

Once a potential member has visited the Club a few times, he/she may be asked to join the Club as a Member. Making "Helping Your Community" much easier!



~ WAYNE ROUTLY Member