

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a service Club that meets weekly.

The meeting consists of a meal and guest speaker.

Each Club has an elected President, Treasurer, Secretary and four (4) Directors which run the administration of the Club.

The Club has the following Committees under the direction of a Director:

- **Membership** – administers the membership of the Club and promotes Rotary for new members. The membership is based on a vocational classification which makes the Club membership diversified.
- **Public Relations** – Promoting the Club and Rotary
- **Service Projects** – developing fundraisers in the local community, to support charity projects locally, nationally and internationally
- **Rotary Foundation** – Financial Foundation of Rotary International that supports Rotary projects for the youth (high school, university and working people under 30 years old) and will support Club projects
- **Club Service** – Plans and co-ordinates social events of the Club
- **Fundraising** – explores fundraising projects.

Each Club is part of a District that represents about 50 Clubs. The District assists the Clubs with information to complement the Club's activities and provides a communication bridge to Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois.

Rotary was started in 1905 with Clubs all over the world in most countries. There are over a million members.

The Rotary year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

There is a District Conference every year in October which is a good opportunity to explore Rotary in depth, find out what other Clubs are doing and make new friends.

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Club Projects

- Assist the Oshawa Rotary Club with Rib fest in September. We have a booth selling refreshments, breakfast and peameal on a bun. We work in the Oshawa Club's beer tent.
- Skate-a-thon in November/December. The event is open to the hockey and skating clubs of the City to raise funds for our projects and their clubs.
- Selling cakes and hams in December
- Reverse Draw in February – a dinner, silent auction and a draw
- Kid's Safety Village of Durham Region – We developed the village jointly with the Optimist Club of Ajax. It is a learning facility for primary age students run by the Durham Regional Police Service. We have representation on the Board.

Club Social

The meetings are open to visiting Rotarians and guests.

If the Board or membership feel a speaker is of interest to member's spouses, a special invitation is extended.

We have a President's Night when the Executive changes every year the end of June.

We have a club barbeque for members and spouses at a member's house or cottage in August.

We have a Christmas party inviting Participation House residences to a dinner and entertainment hosted by members and spouses in early December.

We have a Christmas evening of members and spouses at a member's home in mid December.

All fundraising projects are open to spouses and family members to take part along with the members.