



# This is Rotary

## This is Quinte Sunrise

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## What is Rotary?

The Rotary Club of Quinte Sunrise is one of 35,000 clubs around the world, with well over 1.2 million members, creating a vast network that makes up Rotary International. Created by Paul Harris in 1905, Rotary started out as a group of Chicago businessmen who wanted to create a networking opportunity with the goal of helping others. The first project they completed was the installation of public toilets in downtown Chicago.

Working with a belief in 'Service Above Self', Rotary is a non-political, non-religious organization; this has been an invaluable tool in helping us help others. Clubs are encouraged to be diverse, inclusive, proactive, and most importantly, fun.

Rotarians are guided by 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 Goodwill and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Rotarians serve their clubs, their communities, and the world at large in numerous ways, and specifically through Rotary's Six Areas of Focus:

1. Water and Sanitation
2. Maternal and Child Health
3. Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
4. Disease Prevention and Treatment
5. Basic Education and Literacy
6. Economic and Community Development

Rotary is a structured organization, with clubs split into Zones, which are then split into Districts. Each district has a District Governor, who typically holds the position for a year. They work with several Assistant District Governors who are responsible for several clubs within the district and attend meetings on behalf of the Governor.

Each Rotary club around the world has its own 'personality', and while they all follow a similar theme, all of them are different. This is what makes Rotary a unique and wonderful organization. QSR encourages all of our members to visit other clubs and attend their meetings. More often than not, our members report new and exciting ideas that can be implemented.

## District 7070 and the Rotary Club of Quinte Sunrise

Quinte Sunrise ('QSR') is located in Zone 24 and District 7070 ('D7070'), which is one of approximately 34 zones and 530 districts worldwide. Each zone is comprised of the same number of Rotarians.

Since its inception in 1987, the Rotary Club of Quinte Sunrise has proudly served the communities of Belleville, Quinte West, and those within the Quinte Region.

Our club membership is comprised of a 50/50 split between men and women, each representing different occupations and bringing their unique skills, talents, and ideas to our meetings each week.

D7070 is an incredibly vibrant district, with 53 clubs and 2,300 members. It extends from Picton in Prince Edward County, to Highway 27 in Etobicoke, and north of Highway 89.

While all Rotarians are leaders, our district has been extremely fortunate with the outstanding leadership of Past Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson (Trenton) and Rotary International Director Dr. Robert Scott (Cobourg). Both men continue to work tirelessly towards the eradication of polio and are still active Rotarians.

Although the Rotary Club of Quinte Sunrise is considered a smaller Rotary club with approximately 30 members, we have been involved in many important and worthwhile causes, both locally and internationally, since our inception. We are a 'sweat equity' club and like to roll up our sleeves and pitch in with all of our projects. We consider ourselves to be 'Small but Mighty'.

There are Five Avenues of Service which helps navigate our club and ensure our resources are used to their maximum potential:

1. Club Service
2. Vocational Service
3. Community Service
4. International Service
5. New Generations Service



## Annual Fundraising Campaigns

All of our fundraising activities and events directly benefit several organizations locally and around the world. A portion of our fundraised dollars are dedicated to Camp Trillium, while others are reserved for several other organizations through our annual grants and scholarships for high-school students.

We host several events through the year to raise funds:

1. Curl of Camp Trillium: a curling bonspiel held at the Belleville Curling Club
2. Operation Red Nose: participate through the holiday season to ensure everyone gets home safely. Our club received a portion of the overall donations, which are then donated directly to Camp Trillium
3. Annual Founders Memorial Golf Tournament: held each August, this tournament raises funds to help us
4. Sale of Diner and Duffers Books: Sold each spring, just in time for the new golfing season
5. Annual Fellowship Supper and Silent Auction: held each November

## Who receives our support?

QSR has been proud to partner with many incredible and hard-working organizations here and around the world, including:

- Camp Trillium
- Quinte Conservation
- Belleville & Area Christmas Sharing
- Quinte Sailability
- Three Oaks Foundation
- Loyalist College
- Bayside Secondary School
- St. Teresa's Secondary School
- Arthur Fredericks Charitable Foundation
- Kiva Microfinance

We also work with other Rotary clubs in our area on joint initiatives, such as:

- Rotary Music Festival
- Rotary Spelling Bee
- Rotary Club of Brighton's Corn Roast + Karaoke
- Polio Plus

Internationally, we have completed several projects, including:

- Mexico - Building a freshwater system, Participating in School Building
- Asia - Construction of water reclamation system
- Russia - Purchase of a laundry system for a women's shelter



## What to expect as a member of QSR

Just as every Rotarian hopes to gain experience, learning, and leadership from membership, Rotary has hopes for each of its members:

- Participate in our meetings and events, through attendance and promotion
- Volunteer in Rotary initiatives
- Support all club activities and complete club duties
- Attend social functions that build a strong fellowship

Regular meeting attendance is central to helping you get the most out of your membership; however, Rotary is incredibly flexible. A 50% annual meeting attendance is required by RI to maintain your membership, and missed meetings can be made up a number of different ways:

- Attending another event hosted by QSR, ex. board meeting, training
- Attending a regular meeting of another Rotary club
- Complete and e-meeting

## Fees

Every club around the world pays dues to Rotary International, which in turn, provides resources, training materials, and programs to ensure you get the most from your membership. A list of required and voluntary fees will be provided to you on a separate sheet.

### Mandatory

\$87.50 twice per year for dues - annual  
\$14 times 52 for breakfasts - annual  
\$150 Initiation fees one time only

### Voluntary

\$100 Foundation Give (E.R.E.Y.)  
\$25.00 Polio

## Rotary + Youth

Rotary fosters the belief that all ages can do good in the world. As such, they are split Rotary into different age groups, and tailored attendance and activities accordingly:

**Interact:** for those 12-18, and hosted primarily in a high school. Participating students can create initiatives to foster goodwill within their school and community

**Rotaract:** for those 19 – 30, and hosted in colleges, universities, and in the community. Comprised primarily of post-secondary students and graduates, this group works within their school and in their community on many projects that fall in to Rotary's Six Areas of Focus

## Find us Online

You can find out more about QSR online:

- Website: [www.quintesunriserotary.ca](http://www.quintesunriserotary.ca)
- Facebook: [.facebook.com/quintesunriserotary](https://www.facebook.com/quintesunriserotary)
- Twitter: @quintysunrise

We encourage all our members to “like” our page and share our stories as much as possible

If you would like to find out more about the Rotary Club of Quinte Sunrise, please contact Gord Leverton, Membership Director at 613.965.1301 or email [levertonsplace@aol.com](mailto:levertonsplace@aol.com).

Thank you!



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