

Everything (almost) About Rotary for Prospective Members

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Rotary's Motto

**SERVICE
ABOVE
SELF!**

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Rotary

Rotary's 4 Way Test

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?**

What is Rotary?

- **Oldest and Largest Service Organization with...**
- **1,200,000 members in**
- **Over 32,000 clubs in**
- **Over 200 countries**
- **BUT NOT JUST ANOTHER NETWORKING SERVICE CLUB!**

The Object of Rotary

1. Meeting with friends as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions to serve society;
3. Purposeful service in personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace tied to the ideal of service.

Rotary's 5 Avenues of Service

1. Club Service

This "Avenue" promotes the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. It involves the activities necessary to make the Club function successfully and achieve its goals.

2. Vocational Service

This area reflects the opportunity that each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation as an occasion to serve society. Rotarians promote and foster high ethical standards in business and professions and promote the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations.

5 Avenues of Service...Continued

3. International Service

Rotarians strive for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace by international Service Projects which are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands.

4. Community Service

This relates to the activities that Rotarians do to improve the quality of life in their own community. Emphasis in this club is given to helping youth and the environment.

5 Avenues of Service...Continued

5. New Generations

Adopted 2010 by Rotary International, we recognize the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

- **The Rotary Foundation supplements the many programs of Rotary**
- **Every donated penny goes to humanitarian causes!**
- **Receives and spends thousands and thousands annually**

Rotary Programs

- **Rotary International offers a broad range of humanitarian, intercultural, and educational programs designed to improve the human condition and advance the organization's ultimate goal of world understanding and peace.**

The Rotary Club of Holland, MI

- **Our club has several committees:**

- 1. International Service,**
- 2. Youth Exchange, which brings in and sends out high school students to study in other countries.**
- 3. The Program Committee,**
- 4. Community Service Committee,**
- 5. The MaGic Committee,**
- 6. The Rotary Foundation Committee,**
- 7. The Fund Raising Committee,**
- 8. Vocational Committee**
- 8. The Board**

All members are expected to serve on a committee.

Rotary Programs:

Rotary Volunteers

- Increasing awareness among Rotarians and non-Rotarians of volunteer opportunities in their own and other communities
- Assisting clubs and districts in developing community service projects that address the critical needs of their communities
- Fostering fellowship and goodwill between Rotarians and their communities initiated through volunteer activities

Rotary Programs:

World Community Service

- Reach out to someone in need of help.
- Develop a relationship with a club in another country.
- Become acquainted with the customs and culture of a faraway place.
- Currently our club is sponsoring a projects in Ethiopia; Kenya; the Bahamas; and Honduras.

Rotary Programs: Youth Exchange

- provides thousands of young people with the opportunity to meet people from other lands and to experience their cultures. This plants the seed for a lifetime of international understanding.
- Our club is extremely active. Every year we send out 3-5 students and receive 3-5 students for a year long exchanges.

Rotary Programs: Vocational Service

- vocational service efforts can play a vital role in improving the quality of life for those hardworking members of the community who need direction and expertise. By participating in any of a number of vocational service activities – mentoring, career days, vocational awards, business assistance, or even talking about your job at a club meeting

Rotary Programs: Community Service

- Improves the lives of community members.
- Currently our club is supporting the new Windmill Island project to build walkways, bikeways, build a bridge from the island to the North side of Holland, and install additional benches.
- Other activities include highway clean up, bell ringing, and habitat builds.

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- **At the current time fees are \$300 for six months. The \$300 includes dues to Rotary International, dues to the District, and weekly lunches.**
- **TRF projects are supported by donations or proceeds from Fund Raisers.**
- **Weekly meetings are Thursday at 12:00-1:15 pm at Haworth Inn and Conference Center on the Hope College campus.**

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- **Although members are encouraged to attend all meetings, there is not mandatory attendance policy.**
- **A make-up for a missed meeting can be done on line, attending a committee meeting, performing a service project, or by attending a meeting at another club in America or abroad.**

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- **There are a wide variety of weekly programs. The program committee balances the programs between local interest, business, nonprofits, sports, entertainment, and exchange students presentations.**

For additional information
go to: www.rotary.org

- Thank you for reading this Rotary “Overview.” The club would love for you to consider membership in the Rotary Club of Holland, Michigan. If you have further questions, please call Gary Bogle or visit the Rotary website.