

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Pontiac –  
one of 32,000 clubs  
in nearly every country of the world.

As a Rotarian, you are one of 1.2 million members of the largest professional service Club in the World – there is no other like it.

As a Pontiac Rotarian you are part of a proud history that dates back to 1922. Traditionally dedicated to the health and welfare of the children of Pontiac, our club is in a unique position to partner with other community organizations to facilitate effective and innovative service projects in this challenging community:

- *Provide monthly Rotary volunteers for the All Saints Community Breakfasts,*
- *Support literacy through donations to the Pontiac Public Library as well as the March Reading Month book give-away,*
- *Sponsor multiple high school students for annual leadership camp,*
- *Engage youth through the annual Holiday Extravaganza Parade,*
- *Sponsor a youth Rotary Club at a local high school,*
- *Financially support community organizations such as:*
  - Winning Futures*
  - The Furniture Bank*
  - KidsStandard literacy initiative*
  - The Power Company Kids Club*
  - The Pontiac Youth Wrestling Team*
  - Middle School Washington DC trip*
- *Celebrated 100 years of service in Pontiac by planting 100 trees in community parks over Earth Week.*
- *...and on an international level, work with Rotary International and local clubs on clean water in Ecuador, worldwide polio eradication and other humanitarian projects around the world.*

As one of the best kept secrets in Pontiac, our mission is to tell our story as often as possible to whoever will listen and invite like minded members of this community to join us in our efforts.

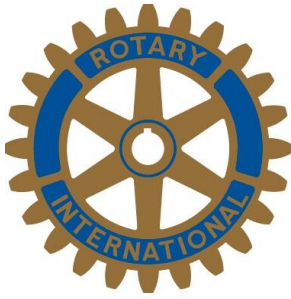


**Weekly meetings:**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at UWM Sports Complex  
Noon until 1:15pm  
**Check our calendar at**  
[www.Pontiacrotary.org](http://www.Pontiacrotary.org)



## New Member Responsibilities

<b>Attendance</b>	<p>Attending club meetings allows members to enjoy fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in our community.</p> <p>Members have the opportunity to expand their Rotary horizons by attending a meeting of any other Rotary club in the world! Find meetings at the Club Locator on <a href="http://www.rotary.org">www.rotary.org</a>.</p>
<b>Service</b>	<p>By participating in local and international service projects, club members can volunteer their time and talents where they are most needed.</p>
<b>Finding and keeping members</b>	<p>To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian shares the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. All members can bring guests to club meetings or invite them to participate in a service project.</p> <p>Keeping Rotarians involved is another responsibility. Fostering strong fellowship and encouraging early participation in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain a club's membership.</p>
<b>Dues</b>	<p>Club members are required to pay annual dues to their club. These dues include club dues as well as dues to the district and Rotary International, as well as the subscription fee to the Rotary magazine. Dues are payable to the Rotary Club of Pontiac as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$200 annual dues invoiced in January</b> <b>Meals at 15.00 per meal</b></p>
<b>Leadership</b>	<p>Club members are encouraged to volunteer for leadership roles at the club level and beyond. To learn more about leadership opportunities, meet with club leadership or access the club or district websites: <a href="http://www.pontiacrotary.org">www.pontiacrotary.org</a> and <a href="http://www.Rotary6380.org">www.Rotary6380.org</a></p>



# Why Join Rotary?

## Professional Networking

Pontiac Rotarians meet weekly to enjoy fellowship and enlarge their circle of business and professional relationships. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary clubs represent a cross-section of the community owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals--- people who make decisions and influence policy. Although we may live and work in neighboring communities, Pontiac Rotarians share a passion for Pontiac and especially for Pontiac's youth.

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## Service Opportunities

Club members have many opportunities for service, both locally and internationally. The Rotary Club of Pontiac has chosen the youth of Pontiac as the focus of our historical efforts:

- Partnership with Pontiac Schools in meeting the needs of local youth,
- Book donations to the Pontiac Library and March is Reading Month
- Feeding families through volunteer activities with All Saints Community Breakfast
- Grant funding to specific children's organizations in Pontiac,
- Sponsorship and participation in annual Holiday Extravaganza celebrating four communities,
- Provide meals for Pontiac family camp-outs, international sister city visitors and other collaborative events,
- Sponsor multiple high school students for annual leadership camp.

Pontiac Rotarians experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

Providing  
humanitarian service.  
Building goodwill and  
peace in the world.

## International Awareness

With more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in over 160 countries, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

## Friendship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the interaction with other community-minded leaders, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotarians are welcomed as friends at Rotary clubs throughout the world.

## **Good Citizenship**

Through regular Rotary club programs, members keep informed about the community, nation, and world and are motivated to make a difference.

## **Family Foundations**

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

## **Entertainment**

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to relax and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

## **Ethical Environment**

Encouraging high ethical standards has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide 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?**

## **Leadership Development**

Rotary is an organization of successful individuals. Team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being a Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

## **Diversity in Membership**

**Rotary clubs  
are found in  
more than 165  
countries...**

Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. Rotary strives to create and maintain an experience for members and participants that reflects our fundamental values, empowers people to contribute at their fullest potential, and celebrates people as they are. Our core values — service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership — align with our commitment to foster a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment for all.