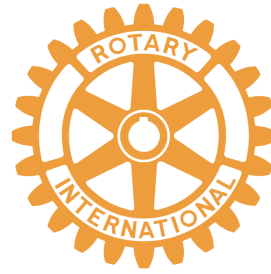


Rotary

Club of Irondequoit



..What is Rotary?

A worldwide association of over 1.2 million professionals, organized into Rotary Clubs. Rotary is a service organization that aims to improve our local and world community, and in the process provide opportunities for developing acquaintances and friendships.

HISTORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



[Paul P. Harris](#), an attorney, wanted to create a professional group with the same friendly spirit he felt in the small towns of his youth. On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. They decided to call the new club "Rotary" after the practice of rotating meeting locations.

Within five years clubs had formed across the country, from San Francisco to New York.

In August 1910, Rotarians held their first convention in Chicago. The 16 clubs that existed at that time united to form the National Association of Rotary Clubs.

In 1912, the name changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs to reflect the addition of clubs in other countries. The name Rotary International was adopted in 1922.

By July 1925, Rotary had grown to more than 2,000 clubs and an estimated 108,000 members on six continents.

Rotary's reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers, and a host of other luminaries to its ranks — among them author Thomas Mann, diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, and composer Jean Sibelius.

As Rotary grew, members pooled their resources and used their talents to serve their communities. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: Service Above Self.

There are now 1.2 million Rotarians in 35,000 clubs doing good all over the world. This network of clubs makes up Rotary International.

Rotary International Causes:

- Promoting Peace
- Fighting Diseases like Polio, HIV/AIDS, Covid, & Malaria
- Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Saving mothers and children who live in poverty
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies
- Protecting the environment



.. The Irondequoit Rotary Club

Irondequoit Rotary was formed in 1967. It has 30-40 members representing a wide variety of occupations. Projects it supports are both in the local community

and elsewhere in the world. Club members meet weekly for an hour and a half, over dinner, where they typically hear from an outside speaker. Some projects the club undertakes require elbow grease. Others require financial support.

.. Irondequoit Rotary Club Projects

1. Irondequoit and nearby Community

<u>BENEFICIARY</u>	<u>EVENT / ACTIVITY</u>
Community	Pasta Dinner (community event, main fundraiser)
Community	Marching in 4th July Parade , distributing candy, clown, Uncle Sam,....
Community	Little Libraries project , to spread books around Irondequoit.
Community	Rudman Park Playground – provided play equipment for children.
Food insecure	Christmas Food Baskets (for food insecure families – through <i>Irondequoit Food Cupboard</i>)
Food insecure	Financial donation to Irondequoit Food Cupboard .
Children	Personal presentation of a Dictionary to every 3 rd grader in Irondequoit (10 elementary schools, 500 + kids dictionaries)
Children	Man a “ Halloween Booth/room ” at local motel w/other organizations
Special Needs Children	Playground accessible to <i>special needs</i> children at Camp Eastman + Playground Shelter .
Special Needs Children	Financial and “elbow-grease” support for Camp Haccamo Program (with 16 other clubs) – Weeklong, overnight camping experience for special needs children and youth at Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush.
Special Needs Children	Sponsor New Scout Troop for <i>special needs children and young adults</i>
Special Needs	Yard cleanup of Christian Heritage’s group home in Irondequoit + provided financial support. .
High School Students	\$1,300 Annual Scholarship to each of 3 Seniors , one in each of the 3 Irondequoit High Schools.
Immigrants, Poor	Bicycle Collection (for inner city & immigrants, through <i>R Community Bikes</i>)

Seniors	St. Patrick's Day Party and Valentine's Day Party for assisted living residents at St. Ann's & Legacy at Cranberry Landing
Terminally ill	Support Sunset House (Hospice) financially
Veteran's	Contribute financially to Honor Flight
Police-Community	Funds for coloring books ; funds for " shop w/a cop " program

2. INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Refugees	Raised funds to aid refugee crisis, UN Refugee Agency
Water	Supported Seneca Falls club in placing water pumps/ wells in Malawi to increase agricultural yield, help support families.
Polio	Contribute to Rotary Foundation's Polio immunization drive .
Int'l Projects	Contribute to Rotary Foundation's fund for world wide-projects .
Int'l Visitors	Hosted Rotary Governor Elect , from Argentina/Paraguay; funded accommodations for Jamaica educators ; welcomed four women from Ukraine who discussed Ukraine's difficult situation.
Int'l Exchange	Hosted work exchange young professionals from Brazil and Exchange Students from around the world. Fund local High School students to spend an academic year in foreign countries.

..Social Events

Weekly meetings (Wed eve, 6:15 to 7:45)

Bocce Night (steak cookout at Camp Eastman) in August

Christmas -- assembling food baskets and dinner w/Rotarians and family members

Installation Dinner — annual changeover of club leadership celebration

..Fundraisers

Pasta Dinner (in early November – combination community event & fundraiser)

Drawdown Dinner (in Spring)

..Education

Rotary Leadership training

Training for functional roles in Rotary (treasurer, secretary, president, grant management, committee chairs)

Leadership opportunities – Officer, Director, Committee Chair, Director, Project coordinator,

..Financial Commitment

Dues -- \$175 per year, includes Rotary Magazine, National, District, and Club Dues

Meals – weekly dinner meetings, @\$20. Meals are optional.

Other costs:

Happy dollars and fines at weekly meeting -- \$3-\$5 per week (optional)

Voluntary optional contributions to support members raising funds for their charities, such as walks to raise funds for breast cancer, and/or for other worthy events



..Programs

All but one meeting a month we have a speaker. Topics are wide ranging. Often the speaker is the leader of another nonprofit, a politician, or a business leader who informs us about work of their organization. In some cases it's a sports authority or other professional.

One meeting a month is a closed meeting, devoted to club business and discussion of issues facing the club, such as a request for financial support from a group.

WHY MIGHT YOU BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A ROTARIAN?

Service – Rotary mobilizes talent in the local community to work on community needs that are important. Being part of improving Irondequoit is often a motivation for joining Rotary. Beyond our club, there are opportunities to support the District (64 clubs in Western NY) and Rotary International.

Fellowship – Rotary brings together community leaders for fun and fellowship each week around a meal and agenda; and provides opportunities to join in projects with others. Many members speak of Irondequoit Rotary as “family”.

Learning – for some, Rotary will provide opportunities to develop effective leadership and management skills, both through formal training that is offered, and through taking on responsibilities for projects or roles.

Worldwide access. As a Rotarian you will be welcomed to visit any of the thousands of clubs spread over 160 countries of the world.

Networking. Members come from all walks of life and support one another as business and personal relationships occur.

What Next: If Rotary seems right for you, the next step is to indicate your interest to a club member or visit our [website](#). You should attend a meeting of the club, as a guest of the club, to meet some of the members and to get a sense of what the dinner meetings are like. If you don't yet have a sponsor, one will be appointed.

If you decide Rotary is right for you, there is a brief process, that includes concurrence by the Board, prior to your attending the meeting where you are inducted as a member.