

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:



FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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?

Rotary Facts

Rotary is service-driven. Belonging to a Rotary Club gives men and women an organized outlet for contributing to their community. Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service and encourages high ethical standards in all vocations.

✿ Founded in 1905, Rotary is the world's first service organization. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self" – Rotary concerns itself with truth, fairness, improved relations between people, and world peace. The avenues of Rotary service include community and international volunteerism through club activity and promotion of ethics in all vocations.

✿ Rotary has a global network of 1.2 million members in more than 33,000 clubs in 200 countries.

✿ Rotary members meet weekly to plan service activities. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues and local needs.

✿ Rotary club membership represents a cross section of the community's business and professional men and women.

✿ Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

History

The first meeting of the Rotary Club of Warren was held January 29, 1918. There were thirty-two charter members, and the first president was J.B. Estabrook.

After three weeks, the club was actively involved in community activities assisting with the World War I war effort.

One of the first civic interests of the club was the area of the youth. In 1991, the Warren Rotary was instrumental in the forming of the Western Reserve Council of Boy Scouts of America, which is still in existence today. Over the years, the club has focused much attention on the local Scout movement, devoted much time and money toward their efforts, and assisted with the operation and construction of Camp Chickagami.

In the early-1920s, the Warren Rotary Club was instrumental in starting the YMCA in Warren and assisted with the construction of the YMCA building, which still stands at its original location on High Street in Warren.

In 1950, the Warren Rotary Club formed the Trumbull Society for Crippled Children, which led to the forming of the Halsey Taylor Rehabilitation Center in 1957. The center is still in operation today and is known as the Children's

Rehabilitation Center. In fact, the Warren Rotary Club recently donated \$50,000 to the center for its remodeling project.

In 1998, the Warren Rotary Club once again stepped forward to raise funds for the Amphitheater along the Riverwalk in downtown Warren. To date, the club has raised more than \$210,000 toward this effort.

Warren Rotary is also active in many projects on the international level. Over the years, the club committed more than \$11,000 toward the construction of a primary school and middle school building in Ghana, West Africa. The club was also instrumental in supplying that school with equipment and supplies to educate 150 local students who would otherwise have no adequate place to receive their education.

In the last five years, the Warren Rotary Club has raised \$15,000 for the new athletic field at Warren G. Harding High School and \$20,000 for the Veterans Memorial, located in downtown Warren.

All of this is made possible through the dedicated efforts of the members of the Rotary Club of Warren who actively believe that "Service Above Self" is a way of life for them.

Why not consider becoming a Rotarian? The future of our community is in your hands!

Rotary Projects

Community Service

- Red Cross blood drawings
- Mobile Meals
- Children's Christmas Party
- Military Memorial Wall at Warren G. Harding High School
- Interact Club at Warren G. Harding H.S.
- Literacy/Dictionary Project
- Blood Analysis

Fundraising Programs

- Rose Sale
- Pancake Breakfast
- Chocolate Festival and Auction
- Polio Bike-A-Thon / Polio Plus

Club Service

- Plant Tours
- Vocational Scholarships
- Handicapped Scholarships
- District Conferences
- District Assemblies

International Service

- International Youth Exchange Program
- World Community Projects
- Rotary Foundation
- Group Study Exchange

Social Events

- Sports
- Theater & Performing Arts
- Club Dinners & Mixers
- Area Club Interactions & Events

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet regularly to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's business owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals - people who make decisions and influence policy.

Rotary's Mission

The Mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- Providing a system of international administration.

What Is Rotary?

Rotary is a service organization dedicated to high ethical standards and promoting service projects to enhance the lives of people in the community and around the world. The purpose of Rotary is to improve lives through educational and humanitarian programs.

John F. Germ

Rotary is a worldwide organization of professionals with high ethical standards. We are involved in our communities with professionals and with youths.

Antonio Hallage

Rotary gives you the opportunity to build relationships, but more important, it gives you the opportunity to contribute to society. Rotary means the chance to help those who are less privileged. Weekly meetings allow you to meet with friends, to think about others, and to make donations. Everyone needs this.

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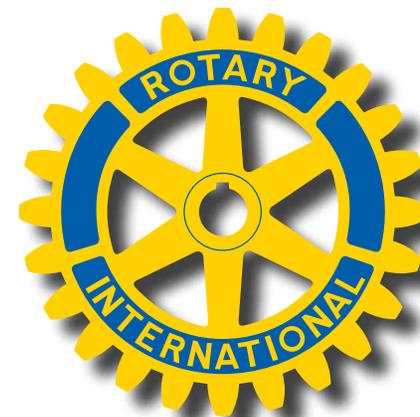
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**THE ROTARY CLUB
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