

Rotary was born in Chicago, Illinois, USA, in 1905. While the original basis of Rotary was fellowship, service to others soon became its hallmark. Each club determines its own service activities, which it channels through six areas of focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

Rotary International is an association of Rotary Clubs throughout the world. The Rotary emblem identifies Rotarians around the world. The gearwheel signifies that the Rotarian is a “worker” when it comes to serving others.

Rotary’s commitment to **Service Above Self** is channeled through 5 Avenues of Service:

- Club Service
- Vocational Service
- Community Service
- International Service
- New Generations Service

Membership in a Rotary club affords the opportunities to build social and business relationships and to engage in enjoyable activities and meaningful service projects.

“You will profit from Rotary in proportion to what you put into your efforts.”

– Rotary Founder
Paul P. Harris

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The World’s Largest Service Organization

With over 1,200,000 individual members

In over 34,000 local clubs

In more than 200 countries

and geographical areas

around the world

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;

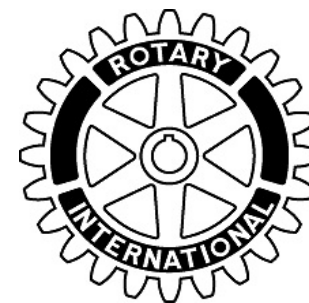
THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

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 Rotary 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 Club of River Oaks Houston, Texas

Meetings are held
Tuesday 12:00 Noon at
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REASONS TO JOIN THE ROTARY CLUB OF RIVER OAKS

THIS BROCHURE LISTS JUST 18 REASONS TO BECOME A ROTARIAN. WE ARE SEEKING EXECUTIVES, BUSINESS MANAGERS AND PROFESSIONALS TO JOIN US.

PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF OUR MEMBERS OR OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

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1. Friendship. In a complex world where it may be increasingly hard to meet compatible people, Rotary provides friends and fellowship. Fellowship was one of the two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.

2. Business Development. This is the second original reason for Rotary's beginning. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross-section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.

3. Personal Growth and Development. Members in Rotary continue one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.

4. Leadership Development. Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a graduate school in Leadership: learning how to motivate, influence and lead.

5. Citizenship in the Community. Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.

6. Continuing Education. Each Rotary meeting offers a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation and world. We provide quality speakers on a variety of topics.

7. Fun - Rotary is Fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities

are fun. And the service is fun.

8. Public Speaking Skills. Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communications and the opportunity to practice and perfect these skills.

9. Citizenship in the World. Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International". And every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged- to attend at over 32,000 clubs in over 200 nations and geographic regions. There are few places in the world that do not have a Rotary club. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.

10. Assistance When Traveling. Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian who has needed a doctor, a lawyer, a hotel, a dentist, advice, etc. has found assistance through Rotary.

11. Entertainment. Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion from one's business life. Rotary has conferences, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education and service.

12. Development of Social Skills. Every week and at various events and functions Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people, or who want to.

13. Family Programs. Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians, spouse clubs and programs, and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and development of family lives.

14. Vocational Skills. Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's own job or vocation.

15. The Development of Ethics. Rotarians practice a 4-way test that governs one's own personal ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

16. Cultural Awareness. Around the world, practically every religion, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity can be found in Rotary. It is a cross-section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become better citizens of their countries in the process.

17. Prestige. Rotary members are prominent people; leaders of business, the professions, the arts and all disciplines. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals – people who make decisions and influence policy.

18. The Opportunity to Serve. Rotary is a service club. Its product is service. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian.