



Mission Statement

The Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation is a 501 c(3) organization established by the Pequannock Valley Rotary to better expand our outreach to the communities we serve. Chartered in 1953, Pequannock Valley Rotary is a local branch of Rotary International, a worldwide service organization of business and professional men and women who are dedicated to helping others by building goodwill, promoting peace, and making the world a better place to live. Pequannock Valley Rotary, and its Foundation, serves the New Jersey communities of Pequannock, Lincoln Park, and Riverdale. The Pequannock Valley Rotary, since its formation in 1953, through its motto “Service above self”, has contributed close to a million dollars to benefit those we serve. The mission of the PVR Foundation is to ensure the continuation and growth of this community outreach.



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Major Fund Raising Events;

The Pequannock Valley Rotary has three major fund raising events each year to support the charitable activities of its foundation:

- i. The Pequannock Valley Rotary Golf Outing. Held in the early September time frame historically has been a sold out event contributing to the PVR Foundation welfare activities. As part of the Rotary commitment to serve our veterans, over the last several years, the golf outing has provided the Friends and Family for Freedom Fund, Inc over \$35,000 in their effort to support the families of wounded veterans.
- ii. The annual Valentine's Day Dance in its 11th year hosts an average of 150 to 200 guests per event. Through ticket sales, tricky trays, 50/50s, and Silent Auctions all revenues go to the PVR Foundation. These dollars are used to support various areas of need, some being; the local food pantries of Pequannock, Lincoln Park, & Riverdale; The Community Partners for Hope; Emergency Flood assistance; Boys and Girls club of Pequannock; Drug prevention education and rehabilitation assistance; are just few.
- iii. The Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation 5K Race / Walk, held in early June. Since 2014 the race has been run under the Pequannock Valley Rotary heading. Since 2001 PVR was a co-sponsor with the "Run for Marge" committee initially to raise funds to support the ALS struggles of Marge DeMichino. Later to support high school scholarships and the welfare activities of the Pequannock Valley Rotary. In recent years through the generosity of many sponsors and about 200 racers we contribute about 15K to the welfare activities of the PVR Foundation each year.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide service organization of business and professional men and women who are dedicated to helping their fellow man by building good will, promoting peace and making our world a better place in which to live.

All "Rotarians" are urged to live and practice the "FOUR-WAY TEST" as a member, in their businesses and in their everyday lives. The four test questions are:

- ✓ Is it the truth?
- ✓ Is it fair to all concerned?
- ✓ Will it build good will & better friendships?
- ✓ Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary International and the Rotary International Foundation is recognized worldwide as one of, or if not the largest foundation that has no political, religions, or geographic affiliation. One of its most notable endeavors is Polio Plus. Since its inception 30 years ago Polio is close to being eliminated worldwide ... a reduction from over 400,000 cases annually to just 19 last year.

The Pequannock Valley Rotary Club is a local branch of Rotary International. Our club was formed in 1953 and services Lincoln Park, Pequannock Township and Riverdale, NJ. The biography of our club has always been a biography of its members, bound together by a philosophy of service, common principles, related interests and friendly camaraderie. The Pequannock Valley Rotary Club, with one foot in the past and the other poised to step into the future, is an influential factor in serving the communities it represents...

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When does PVR meet and what are the membership requirements?

PVR meets weekly at Bardi's Bar and Grill in Pequannock, NJ ... the meeting starts at 12:15 sharp and all are welcome. Membership is obtained in one of two ways; (1) you could be asked to join by an existing member and have them become your sponsor, or (2) you can attend a meeting, request consideration for membership and be assigned a sponsor. All candidates must attend 3 meeting within a six month period (as our guests); upon completion your sponsor will recommend to the PVR board of directors that you be considered for membership. If accepted you need to complete the application and pay the required dues, (dues as defined on the last page of the application). Upon completion you will meet several club members and schedule a formal club induction at a future meeting. After installation, the club secretary will inform Rotary International of your induction.

Do I have to own a business or work in town to join PV Rotary?

No ... while in the early days its members consisted mostly of local business and community members, today it's open to all. We meet every Wednesday at noon and encourage regular attendance but understand that individual work commitments might make that difficult. What we do encourage is your involvement in the various fund raising events, service projects, and social events.

What impact has PV Rotary had in the towns it serves since 1953?

The members of PVR, since its inception in 1953, are driven by the principle of "Service above Self". In the sixty six years of existence, the club has engaged in numerous community service projects. Through our fund raising efforts, we've been able give the towns we serve close to a million dollars in financial aid.

Such as:

- Providing scholarships to local high school students & dictionaries to all third graders
- Support of local food pantries

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- Support to the Boys and Girls Club of Pequannock & local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Support to local Police, Fire & First Aid Departments
- Support Drug education and Drug Prevention assistance
- Support for needs of local emergence situation; i.e. Flooding, Hurricane Sandy, etc... The club maintains a relief fund for potential future needs.

We encourage you to help us continue and expand our outreach by your contribution to the Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation

Why do we have two separate entities; (1) The Pequannock Valley Rotary; (2) The Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation?

For tax reasons the Pequannock Valley Rotary and the Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation are two separate entities ... meaning each has its own EIN Number (Employee Identification Number). The reason is that PVR; since its inception has been considered a 501 C (4) ... meaning only club members were able to declare tax deduction for dues, contributions, etc. The PVR Foundation is set up as a 501 C (3) ... meaning anyone who makes a contribution to the foundation can declare it as a charitable tax deduction.

Does the PVR give scholarships to local high school students?

Yes, we handed out our first scholarship in 1966. Since then, through 2019, we've handed out 321 scholarships totaling \$297,950 to students in Pequannock Township, Lincoln Park, & Riverdale New Jersey. A trust has been established to ensure future growth of local scholarships. The Foundation is committed to this growth and contributions to the Foundation can be earmarked exclusively to the scholarship fund

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I understand that the PVR Foundation provides support to local Police, Fire & First Aid Departments?

Yes we do, the PVR has had in existence for 20 years, a Save-Life-Fund. The “Save-A-Life” fund is earmark to support local emergency service organizations. Over the years, we’ve given over \$70,000 in support of items like: ballistic vests for Police officers, EMS Search and rescue seminar; mobile life saving equipment, etc....

The area over the last several years has been devastated by flooding, Hurricane Sandy. Etc. How has the PVR help deal in the support and recovery of those affected?

Since our inception in 1953, the area we serve had been plagued with several major flooding disasters. Hurricane Sandy in 2012 added additional hardships. The Rotary has always been instrumental in providing relief to those affected; providing clean clothing, hot meals, and help in cleanup efforts. After the tragedy of Sandy in 2012 the Pequannock Valley Rotary has established a reserve of funds to ensure help can be provided pending future disasters.

I know around veterans day every year you host a luncheon to celebrate local veterans. How has that evolved and what other support do you provide from veterans?

For many years in order to celebrate Veterans Day, we hosted a luncheon to honor all who served our country in the armed forces. It’s grown in such popularity that Wakefern Foods (Shop Rite) and Hallmark Cards has asked to be co-sponsors. Last year we served over 150 meals ... some of the feedback:

“Sitting next to my friend who comes every year and cries every year that we care to do this. I am always moved.” ... Dave

“My Uncle had tears in his eyes— that’s how meaningful a lunch and time it was for him and asked that I thank all who did the work to make it such a special event— Great to see those proud Americans stand tall and proud for the branch of service that they gave so much for” ... John

In addition to the Veterans lunch Pequannock Valley supports two

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addition organizations:

1. **Friends and Family for Freedom Fund, Inc** ... Started in 2005 by the Sturla family of Pompton Plains, NJ, organized to help families of wounded veterans to cover living cost while their loved one is in rehabilitation. To date they've helped over 500 families with donations of over a million dollars. The Pequannock Valley Rotary over the last several years with revenues from their annual golf outing has contributed over \$35,000 dollars to their cause.
2. **Hope for Veterans** ... A transitional housing program located at the VA New Jersey Healthcare campus in Lyon New Jersey to help homeless veterans with living quarters and job employment guidance. At the end of the two year program the veteran is settled in a neighboring town where he has an apartment and a job, **but little else.....**Pequannock Valley Rotary has, and will continue to provide support getting them settled. We help with, moving labor, & donations of towels, furniture, kitchen appliances etc....

How does Pequannock Valley Rotary interact with and support Rotary International & its Foundation?

The Pequannock Valley Rotary is focused on the local communities we serve but feel a need to help on a broader scale. We annually like to give 10 to 15 percent of charitable dollars earned to projects of Rotary District 7475 and the Rotary International Foundation.

The Rotary International Foundation, historically, has received the highest possible scores from **Charity Navigator** – 100 of 100 points – for its strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. In nine straight years it earned a four-star rating from the **Independent evaluator** of charities across the U.S., a distinction only 1 percent of charities have earned. The **Association of Fundraising Professionals** likewise named the RI Foundation the World's Outstanding Foundation in 2016, an award previously given to other familiar names such as Kellogg and MacArthur. These organizations agree: ***When you donate to The Rotary Foundation, you're investing wisely.***

The Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation is dedicated to following this model as we grow and focus on the needs of the communities we serve.

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What can I do to support the Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation?

If you would like to help with a monetary contribution the enclosed form is there for your convenience. It offers several ways to earmark your dollars for a specific cause:

1. Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation General Fund ...

- a. The general fund is used to support a multitude of service projects encountered throughout the year. Such as:
 - i. We provide both monetary and product support to the three community food pantries
 - ii. Provide support to local youth & school organizations some being; the Boy's and Girl's club of Pequannock, local Boys & Girls Scouts, local boys and girl's sports team, local High School leadership organization.
 - iii. Support to the local Community Partners for Hope, a collaboration of local service and religious organization dedicated to building a stronger community through awareness, advocacy and action, (1) their programs of drug education and prevention assistance, and (2) their Grains of Hope food packing event. In seven years they have package over a million meals to feed people in Haiti & New Jersey.
 - iv. Support for the needs of local emergency situation; i.e. Flooding, Hurricane Sandy, etc... The club maintains a relief fund for potential future emergencies.

2. Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation Save-A- Life Fund

- a. PVR has had in existence for 19 years the Save-A-Life-Fund. It's earmark to support local emergency organization. Over the years, we've given over \$70,000 in support of items like: ballistic vests for Police officers, EMS Search and rescue seminar; mobile life saving equipment, etc.... Your contribution would help continue that great tradition.

3. Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation Scholarship Fund

- a. We handed out our first scholarship in 1966. Since then, through 2017, we've handed out 321 scholarships totaling \$298,950 to students in Pequannock Township, Lincoln Park, & Riverdale New Jersey. A trust has been established to ensure future growth

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4. Rotary District 7475 Gift of Life

- a. Gift of Life, Inc. of New Jersey is a project of the Rotary Clubs in District 7475. Their mission is to provide resources to children with congenital heart defects from anywhere in the world where our assistance is needed
- b. Gift of Life Saves Children's Lives Four Ways:
 - i. Bringing Children to the United States for heart surgery
 - ii. Sponsoring Overseas Missions to undeveloped countries to operate on children and train staff
 - iii. Training Foreign Surgeons
 - iv. Providing Needed Equipment

5. Rotary International Foundation

- a. The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. During the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. Ninety two cents of every dollar donated to The Rotary International Foundation is used for life-changing sustainable projects.

6. Rotary International Polio Plus

- a. In 1985, Rotary launched its Polio Plus program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.7 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$7.2 billion to the effort.
- b. Today, there are only three countries that have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Just 37 polio cases were confirmed worldwide in 2016, which is a reduction of more than 99.9 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day.

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1. DONOR OF CONTRIBUTION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____ Email Address: _____

2. DESIGNATION/PURPOSE (Check one):

NOTE: Changes to designation can only be requested within 90 days of gift receipt date within current Rotary year.

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Rotary International |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Save-a-Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift of Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Rotary International Polio Plus |

3. CONTRIBUTION DETAILS

Amount of contribution _____

Check Payable to "*The Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation.*"

Check number _____

4. INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM (if other than donor)

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Email Address _____ Date: _____

**Please send your completed form with contribute to the address below ...
Thank You**

**Mail: The Pequannock Valley Rotary Foundation
PO Box 16
Pequannock, NJ 07440**

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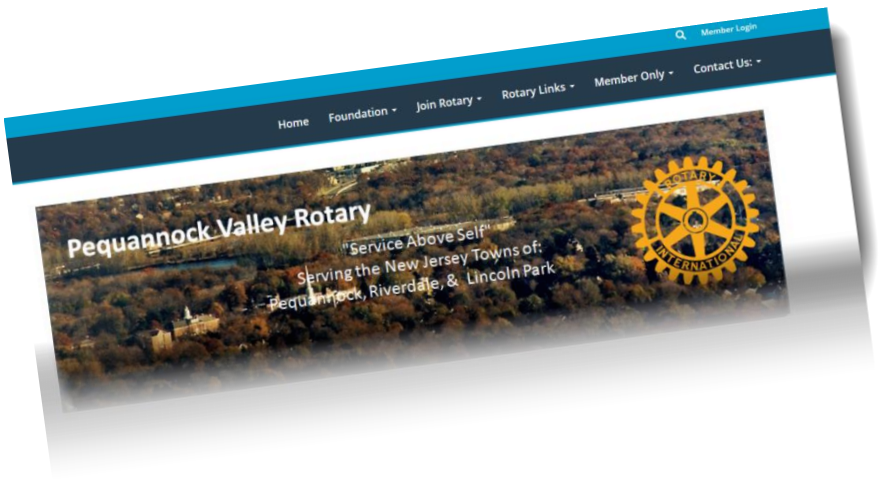
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Visit us at;

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for updates on current activities



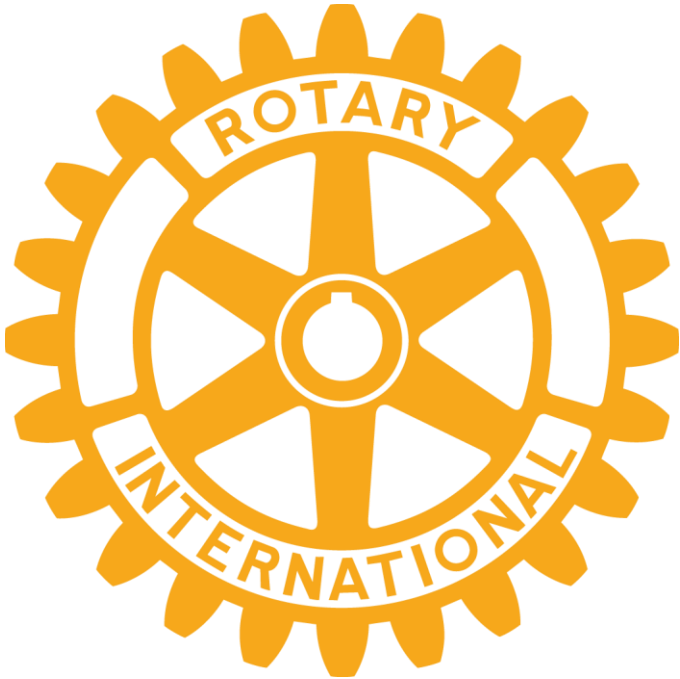
**Or join us at one of our weekly meeting starting at 12 Noon at:
Bardi's Bar and Grill
149 Newark Pompton Turnpike
Pequannock, NJ 07440**

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