



Welcome to The Rotary Club of Bristol, CT

Our club is one of 33,000 clubs that collectively form Rotary International with a worldwide membership of 1.2 million.

The Rotary Club of Bristol is a volunteer group of members whose mission is to foster the ideal of service to our community and the world at large. We seek to encourage and foster:

- ◆ The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- ◆ High ethical standards in business and professions and dignify each occupation as an opportunity for service.
- ◆ The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



*Mike Orazzi-
The Bristol
Press*



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Chartered: May 27 1927
Club #6491; District 7890
Motto: **Service Above Self**

Meeting Day/Place:
Tuesdays @ 12:15pm,
Nuchies, 164 Central St,
Bristol, CT, 06010
Website:
www.bristolrotaryclub.org



**We invite you to join The Rotary Club of Bristol, CT
Your community needs you!
Contact Whit Betts at
(860) 582-7105.**

Our community service and world-wide accomplishments include:

- ◆ Financial and infrastructure support for the Barnes Nature Center.
- ◆ Establishment of a universal playground at Page Park.
- ◆ Organize an annual Bristol Rotary/ Barnes Group/ESPN fund-raising golf tournament benefitting The Bristol Hospital, The Clock Museum, The New England Carousel Museum, The Boys & Girls and Family Center of Bristol, and the Imagine Nation Museum.
- ◆ Financial support for international water projects in Africa to provide clean water for remote villages.
- ◆ Administration of the Bristol Rotary Scholarship Foundation that provides undergraduate scholarships to area high school seniors.
- ◆ Support the service and fund-raising activities of the Rotary Interact Club in Bristol Central High School.

What would it take to change the world?

Rotary International (RI), founded by Paul Harris in 1905, is the world's first service club organization with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto **Service Above Self.**

Throughout its history, R.I. has collaborated with the United Nations, governments, and nongovernmental organizations to improve human conditions. Its flagship program, Polio Plus, aims to eradicate polio worldwide.

Working with UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization, Rotary has contributed countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children world-wide against the crippling and often fatal polio disease. After 20 years, R. I. and its partners are on the brink of eradicating Polio. The organization is currently raising \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The money will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children.

RI's several programs and service opportunities are designed to help Rotarians meet needs in their communities and reach out to assist people in need worldwide. They include:

- ◆ Interact/Rotaract clubs - Service organizations for ages 14-30.
- ◆ Rotary Community Corps - To sponsor non-Rotarians who work to improve their communities.
- ◆ Rotary Friendship Exchange – To encourage Rotarians or individuals to make reciprocal visits to other countries to learn different cultures.
- ◆ Rotary Youth Exchange/Leadership Awards – Supports young students travel abroad for cultural exchanges and recognize their leadership abilities.