

## Quick facts about the Rotary Club of Fort Wayne (Downtown Rotary)

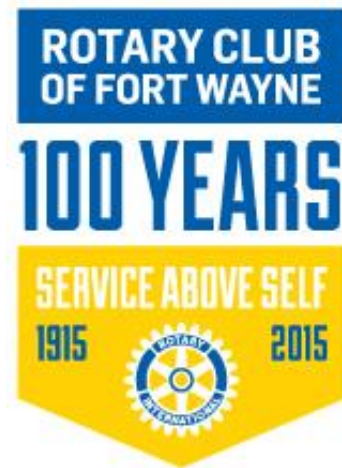
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**Founded:** January 9, 1915; 35 charter members

**Membership:** 150

**Club meets:** Noon each Monday, Parkview Field, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Suite level, corner of Brackenridge and Ewing Street

**Programs:** Meeting programs feature area and regional leaders, including Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry, publisher of the Journal Gazette Julie Innskeep; US Representative Marlin Stutzman; Parkview CEO Mike Packnett, David Nicole of United Way and other leaders who discuss issues that affect the community, nation and world.



### Recent members' efforts:

- Traveled to India to help vaccinate children for Rotary International PolioPlus campaign
- Attended the Rotary West Africa Conference, helped with Polio Plus efforts in West Africa, began partnership with Gléi Middle School, Togo, Africa

### Recent Service projects of the Rotary Club of Fort Wayne

- **Donated Avenue of Trees – Headwater Park**
- **Created Circle of Hope, Headwaters Park**
- **Adopted Washington Elementary School, 1015 W. Washington Blvd.:** Began a PTA, established Early Act Club (leadership development), assists with after-school programs such as parent-teacher conferences; continues as Study Connection and Lunch Buddy site; program is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year
- **International exchanges:** Student Exchange, Youth Exchange programs
- **Youth programs:** RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) – a leadership weekend training camp for high school students; high school speech contest; Cleo Fox Scholarship for high school students pursuing degree in music; “High School Rotarians” -- providing ongoing recognition and scholarship award for outstanding area students who also exemplify service above self
- **Annual cleanup of the riverbanks**

### Celebrating 100 years of service

*The Rotary Club of Fort Wayne is celebrating its 2015 Centennial Year by embodying the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” through these projects:*

- **Locally:** The club’s Local Service Committee plans to install 100 Little Free Libraries in greater Fort Wayne, with 58 Little Free Libraries already in place. The remaining Little Free Libraries will be installed in 2015.
- **Internationally:** The club’s International Service Committee led and coordinated funding for and building of a new middle school in the Village of Gléi in Togo, West Africa.

- Gift to the community: The club will erect a 22-foot Rotary Club of Fort Wayne Centennial Tower in the fall of 2015 on the downtown Fort Wayne Allen County Public Library Plaza along Wayne Street. The Tower will include a four-face lightd clock, electronic carillon and remote keyboard for the carillon.
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- **Membership:** 1.2 million
- **Motto:** Service above Self
  
- **The Rotary Four-Way Test:**
- Of the things we think, say or do
  - Is it the TRUTH?
  - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
  - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
  - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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