

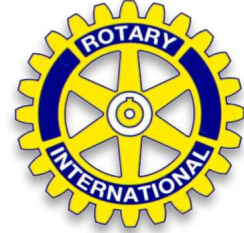
# Welcome to Rockland Rotary!



The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. Inform you about Rotary
2. To let you know what you may expect of your membership
3. To let you know what our club will expect of you
4. To answer any questions you might have about Rotary International and membership in our club.

## Rotary International



- Founded by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905
- 162 Countries – 530 Districts
- 31,096 Clubs – 1,200,000 members
- Our club is in District 7790 – there are 55 clubs in our district between Maine & Quebec
- R.I. is governed by a President and Board of Directors elected from all over the world
- Each District elects a District Governor annually
- Each club is an autonomous group

## Object of Rotary

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

- First – The development of acquaintances 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 by each Rotarian of their occupation as an opportunity to serve society
- Third – The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to their personal, business and community life
- Fourth – The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service

## The Four Avenues of Service

Club Service – Those things that a Rotarian does to help make the running of the local club successful. ***Charles Jones – Director of Club Service***

Vocational Service – The promoting of the “ideal of service” throughout the business and professional world. ***Steve Durrell – Director of Vocational Service***

Community Service – Participate in all activities which make the community a better place in which to live. ***Debbie Morrison – Director of Community Service***

International Service – Encourage and foster the advancement of understanding and good will among people of the world. ***Sherree Craig – Director of International Service***

## The Four-Way Test

*...of the things we think, say or do...*

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary 4-Way Test. It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. He drew up a 24 word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy.

Herb Taylor became President of Rotary International in 1954-55. The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways.

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



## **Your Privileges in Rotary**



- The privilege of friendship with leaders
  - ...in your community
  - ...in neighboring cities
  - ...all over the U.S.A.
  - ...in all parts of the world
- The privilege of giving service to your community
- The privilege of developing international good will and understanding

*All through the common bond of Rotary*

## **Your Obligations in Rotary**

- PARTICIPATION – To be a Rotarian you must give of your time and talents; participate
  - ...in community work
  - ...in Club & District activities
  - ...in social functions
- ATTENDANCE – Regular attendance is urged in Rotary
  - ...you must achieve at least 60% attendance through meetings and other events
  - ...You can make up meetings at another Rotary Club
  - ...You can attend a club Board of Directors meeting for make-up credit
  - ...You can volunteer your time at a club sanctioned service project
  - ...Makeups are to be within two weeks of missed meetings

## **Your Financial Obligations to Rotary**

- Initiation Fee - \$150.00
- Annual Dues - \$200.00 (prorated if not a full year)
- Meetings & Raffle - \$16.00
  - Coffee only is \$5.00
  - Fines and Happy Dollars
- Rotary Foundation Contribution
- Other Events

## Our Rotary Club



Each year we elect our officers in December. These officers are installed in July and conduct the general business of our club at monthly Board of Directors meetings.

Our President, with the approval of our Board of Directors, prepares a budget and makes committee appointments based on the Four Avenues of Rotary:

1. Club Service
2. Community Service
3. Vocational Service
4. International Service

You will be assigned to one of our committees by our President, based on your interests.

You will be welcomed by each member of our Club – but remember, you must make an effort to meet and know us.

## A sampling of recent Rockland Rotary Club Events:

### Service Projects

- Winter Carnival
- Mexico Water Project
- Sri Lanka Housing
- Shelter Boxes
- Veteran Park/Chapman Park
- Lobster Ride Rest Stop

### Fund Raising Events

- Annual Golf Tournament (all for scholarships)
- Blues Festival/MLF Festival Parking
- Texas Hold 'Em Tournaments
- Lobster Raffle

### Fun Events

- Taste of ... Events
- Progressive Dinner
- Holiday Party

## The Rotary Foundation



The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, education, and cultural exchange programs.

The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs fund international Rotary club and district projects designed to improve the quality of life. Rockland Rotary and the Rotary Club of Colima Mexico were recipients of one of these grants in 2008.

Through its Educational Programs, the Foundation provides funding for about 1200 students to study abroad each year.

The Rotary Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share the vision of the better world.

## Paul Harris Fellow

Anyone who contributes US \$1000 to the annual Programs Fund or has that amount contributed in his or her name can be designated a Paul Harris Fellow.

Contributions may be made in annual increments of \$100 or more with the intent of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. Contributors are designated as a Paul Harris Sustaining Member.



## **Welcome to Rotary!**

*Remember – No organization is greater than its individual members.*

### **YOU ARE ROTARY**

Participate for Friendship

Participate for Service

Participate for Fellowship

Participate for Knowledge

Participate for International Understanding

Participate for FUN!

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