



# The Rotary Club of La Crosse

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Welcome to Rotary!

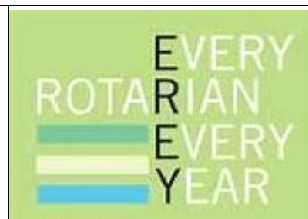
Our members support the Rotary International Foundation, the Rotary Works Foundation and the Polio Fund with their annual pledges. We ask that you consider making a difference in the community and around the world by filling out a pledge form with your commitment for the 2018 and 2019 years.

Our **Rotary International Foundation** (RIF) supports Volunteer Service Teams, Ambassadorial Scholars and Peace Scholars and provides the financial assistance that allows Rotarians to engage in over 2500 international service projects each year. “The mission of the Rotary International Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace.” Our support for this foundation is the antidote to the miseries of poverty, the absence of health care, medical services and educational opportunities.

**Polio Fund**...Since 1987, Rotary has, through our support of the Rotary Foundation, engaged in an ongoing battle to eradicate polio. In 1987 there were over 350,000 cases of polio reported in the world. This year, to date, there have been less than 10 cases reported...including no new cases in Nigeria. We are on track to the elimination of the wild polio virus by 2018. We are winning the war against polio and our efforts, and our financial support, must continue until polio, like smallpox, has been eradicated.

Our **Rotary Works Foundation**, (RWF) supported by the nine clubs of our area, provides financial assistance for a wide range of community service projects and activities that make the La Crosse area a better, kinder and a more friendlier place. The RWF is funded with our individual financial support and with projects such as the sale of our annual fruit baskets.

It is hoped that each of our members will participate in supporting these three great efforts. “Every Rotarian, Every Year” is a campaign slogan that encourages us to provide financial support of \$100 or more per year for the Rotary International Foundation. Doesn’t this slogan also apply to the Rotary Works Foundation? Consider that a pledge commitment of \$100 for each of the foundations is less than \$4.00 per week, the price of a latte at Starbucks! Each dollar of support for the Rotary Foundation, or for the Polio Fund, moves a contributor closer to the Paul Harris Fellow which is awarded to those whose cumulative contributions are \$1000.



We hope all will participate in the enrollment. If your circumstances are such that you cannot contribute at this time, we, in the spirit of Rotary, understand but would ask that you, nonetheless, complete the enrollment form.

All pledges are confidential between you and our club administrator. All contributions are tax deductible, and a tax receipt will be provided by the foundations. Thank you as you consider your support for the great work of Rotary and on behalf of all who will benefit from your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact us at [rotary@rotarycluboflacrosse.org](mailto:rotary@rotarycluboflacrosse.org).

*The Foundation Committee*

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