



Rotary

**District 7780
Scarborough Rotary Club**

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Club Meetings:
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the Month 6:00-7:00 PM

Scarborough Public Library
48 Gorham Road
Scarborough, Maine

Purpose for Rotary Orientation Meeting

1. To give you – a proposed member, a bird’s eye view of 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 as a member.
4. To answer any questions that you might have about Rotary in general and our club in particular.

“Service Above Self”

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and to promote peace and understanding through the world. Members of Rotary Clubs are part of a diverse group working to address various local community and international service needs. Rotary has a motto, “service above self” that is meant to act as a reminder of a way of living.

“Object of Rotary”

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions: the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
4. The advance of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary is an International Organization

There are over 32,000 Rotary clubs around the world. Each one is an autonomous organization with its own officers and board of directors, goals, policies and programs. Scarborough's club is organized as a corporation under the laws of Maine. In addition, it has its own non-profit corporation under 501(3) which is approved to accept tax deductible charitable donations.

The Rotary clubs, in turn, belong to an international organization named Rotary International, and operate under a charter from it. Our charter was received in 1961. Rotary International (RI) is governed by its own President and a Board of Directors elected from all over the world. It, too, sponsors its own 501(3) non-profit, called The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary International is divided into territories within which a group of clubs is associated. These territories are known as Rotary Districts. Annually, each District elects a District Governor. Many of Rotary International's policies and programs are administered by the district governor with the help of district committees.

There are approximately 530 districts in over 200 countries, with a total membership of over 1.2 million individual Rotarians. The Rotary Club of Scarborough belongs to District 7780 covering southern Maine and New Hampshire.

Paul P. Harris organized the first Rotary Club in Chicago on February 23, 1905 with Hiram Shorey (originally from Litchfield, Maine), Silvester Shiele, and Gus Loehr. This club met in rotation at the offices of the members—thus the name Rotary.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is a nonprofit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of \$26.50 to more than \$1 billion. It has one of the largest and most prestigious international fellowship programs in the world and operates well-known health and humanitarian service projects.

Every Rotary club is asked that *every Rotarian* in the club contribute at least something *every year* (EREY). Individuals who have given \$1,000 become a Paul Harris Fellow, or become a Paul Harris Sustaining Member with an annual gift to the foundation of \$100 for 10 years.

Your Obligations in Rotary

Participation:

To be a Rotarian you must give of your time and talents:

- in community work
- in international work
- in social functions
- in club activities

Attendance:

100% attendance is strongly encouraged in Rotary

60% attendance is the minimum requirement

Three consecutive meetings missed without communication with the President or make-ups are cause for concern. It is up to the President of the club and the board to decide how to handle consecutive absences.

Your Privileges in Rotary

1. The privilege of friendship with leaders

- in our community
- in neighboring cities
- all over our country
- in all parts of the world

2. The privilege of giving service to your community

3. The privilege of developing international good will and understanding

4. The privilege of helping build higher ethical standards within your vocation

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

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?

The purpose of the Four Way Test is to act as a guide when making decisions. By asking ourselves these questions and having a 'yes' to each, one may then proceed with the idea at hand knowing that it will be helpful to all.

We implement the Objectives of Rotary Through the Five Avenues of Service

Club Service: Those duties that Rotarians do to help the successful running of the Club. This includes the following activities: publicity, speakers, membership, club bulletin, fellowship activities, chair duties as assigned.

Community Service: Every Rotarian is encouraged to participate in activities, which make our community a better place to live. These include fundraisers and club social events and many community sponsored programs.

Vocational Service: The promoting of the idea of "service above self" throughout your business and professional world.

International Service: Encourage and foster the advancement of understanding and good will among peoples of the world. The Club has been involved in student exchanges, assisted with disaster relief, international assistance, Polio Plus Partners, AIDS clinics, Pure Water Programs and other activities.

Youth Service: Recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities as RYLA , Rotaract and Interact , service projects, and creating international understanding with Rotary Youth Exchange

We encourage members to attend international club meetings when they travel abroad.

Scarborough Rotary Club History

Chartered December 1960,

Robert P. Nutter of Scarborough, Maine, was our first president from 1960-1961. We are one of 38 Clubs in District 7780 from Newburyport, MA. To Damariscotta, ME

Club Sponsor: Biddeford Saco was the original sponsor of our club.

Current and Past Presidents continuing their active memberships include:

John Murphy, Winthrop Winch, Rick Murphy, Mindy Dearborn, Phil Giordano, Troy Dennen, Katelyn Pierson and Kathryn Williams

Current Officers and Board of Directors July 2024 – July 2025

President:	Katelyn Pierson
Vice President:	Leann Dennen
Secretary:	Mindy Dearborn
Treasurer:	John Murphy
Past President:	Kathryn Williams

Directors (Chairs):

Club Service	Kathryn Williams
Community Service	Leann Dennen
Vocational Service	Troy Dennen
International. Service	Kathryn Williams
Youth Service	Katelyn Pierson
Interact	Deb Pease
Foundation	Rick Murphy
Membership Dev.	Cynthia Chadwick-Grainger

Important Club By-Laws

- The purpose of Rotary is service. Active participation is the focal point of membership. How one serves is what s/he brings to the club.
- Members are responsible for providing a guest speaker at least one month a year. Speakers Schedules are printed in advance by the Program Chairperson.
- Existing members propose new members
- Proposed members must live or work within the service area or live in a town adjacent to our service area.

Financial Considerations

There are expenses that you should be aware of before joining the Club.

Annual Dues \$150.00 (billed semi-annually)	\$150.00
Donation to Rotary Foundation (optional)	\$30.00
<u>Total Annual Cost:</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>

Each member is encouraged to make financial contributions at a level the member determines to be appropriate.

Websites

Rotary International Web Site: <http://www.rotary.org/index.html>

District 7780 Web Site: <http://www.rotary7780.org/>

Scarborough Web Site: <http://www.scarboroughrotary.org>

How to Propose a New Member and How You Were Chosen a Member of Rotary

1. A member of this Rotary Club sponsored your membership to the Board of Directors
2. Our Board verified your occupation and agreed that:
 - You hold an important position in your profession
 - You are an outstanding leader in your vocation
 - Your personal reputation both in your business and in the community is sound.
3. An Officer of the Club and your Sponsor notified you of the responsibilities of a Rotarian and confirm your commitment to attendance to meetings and active participation in the club, and satisfactorily answer any question you might have concerning Rotary (Fireside Chat)
4. Our board of directors approved your application for Rotary membership
5. Our entire membership also approved you as a new Rotarian and after payment of fees and dues and an induction ceremony, you were considered elected to membership and your name was reported to Rotary International.

NEW MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Meet each member of the club
2. Pay induction fee and dues
3. Attend a Board of Directors meeting within 6 months of induction.
4. Sign up to serve one of the five “Avenues of Service” Committees.
5. Give a 10 Minute “Classification Talk” on your background and profession within 12 months of induction (an agenda outline/guide will be provided).
6. Attend a District Function (Assembly, Conference or Leadership Seminar) with in the first year.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ Date of Birth _____

Spouse's Name (if applicable) _____

Children's Name(s) (if applicable) _____

Employer (Last /Present) _____

Title(Position) _____

Work Address _____ Zip Code _____

Work Phone# _____ Fax # _____

E-mail Address: _____

Rotary Classification: _____

Languages Spoken: _____

Club Member Sponsor: _____

Please give a *brief biography* of yourself including such items as education, family, hobbies, etc. This information will be used to introduce you to the Club when you are inducted.

Preferred Assignment(s):

International Service Cultural Exchange Health and Wellness Programs Scholarships

Promoting Peace	Community Service	Civility and Honor	Membership	RYLA
Fighting Disease	Food Security	Vocational Service	Fellowship	Interact
Providing Clean Water	Grieving and Coping	Ethics	Foundation	Anti-bullying
Supporting Education	Disaster Resiliency	Personal and Professional Development	Fundraisers	Internships
Promoting Economic Independenc	Literacy	Club Service	Youth Services	Event Planning