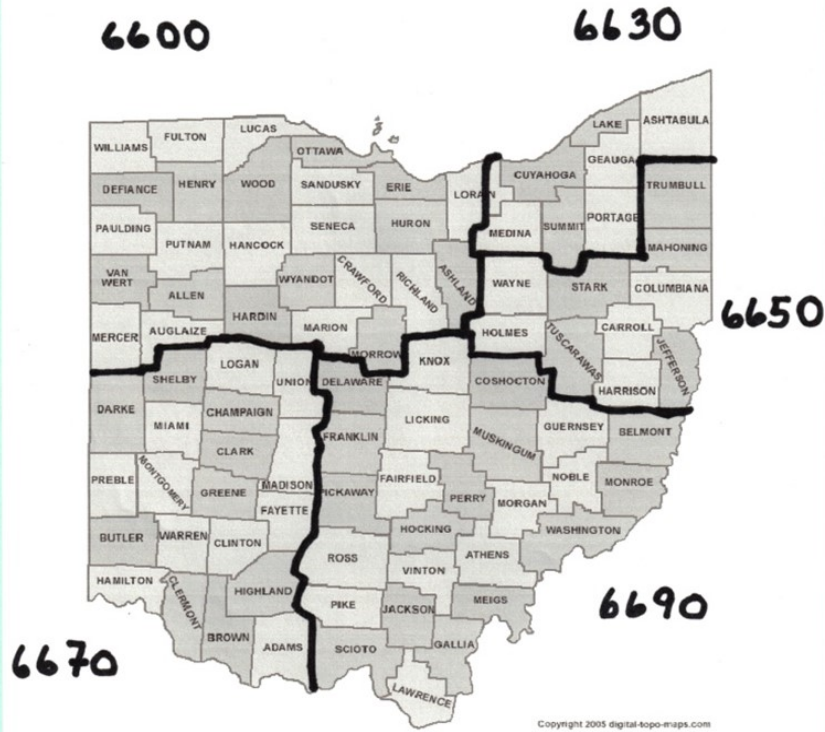


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A Rotary Handbook

The Aurora, Ohio Rotary Club

Designed for Rotarians and
Their Spouse/Partners

Revised by The Rotary Club of Aurora 2015

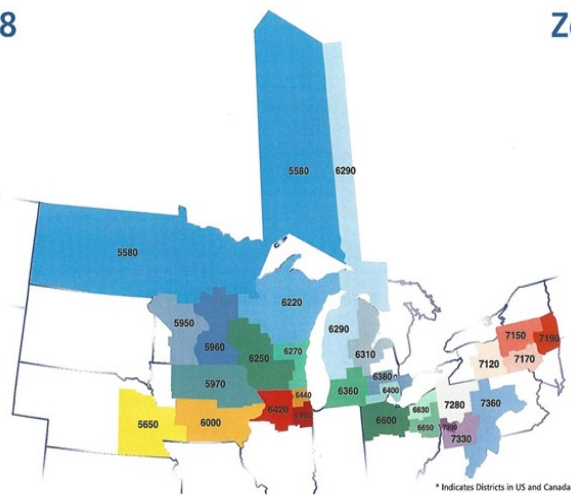


Working together to Make A Difference

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A Definition of Rotary

Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Enjoy the Rotary Experience

Here are some ways to be part of Rotary

Attend a meeting
 Attend an event
 Attend a fundraiser
 Help with your club's fundraiser
 Attend a district event
 Read the district newsletter
 Host an exchange student
 Have your family participate in the Youth Programs
 Attend a RI Convention Read the Rotarian Magazine

The Structure of Rotary Fast Facts at a Glance

Individual Members are part of a *Local Rotary Club*. Clubs are grouped in a *Cluster*. The clusters make up a *District*. Our 16 districts make up a *Zone (29)*. Zones become *Rotary International*.

There are:

A. Over 1.2 million members worldwide
 B. Over 34,000 clubs world wide
 C. 11 Clusters in our District
 D. 537 districts world wide
 E. 34 Zones world wide

GETS	Governor Elect Training Seminar
GMS	Grants Management Seminar
GSE	Group Study Exchange
MOP	Manual of Procedures
OD	Official Directory
PDG	Past District Governor
PE	President Elect
PETS	President Elect Training Seminar
PHF	Paul Harris Fellow
PHS	Paul Harris Society
PN	President Nominee
PP	Past President
PPE	Preserve Planet Earth
PPP	POLIOPLUS Partners
PRID	Past Rotary International Director
PRIP	Past Rotary International President
RC	Rotary Coordinator
RFE	Rotary Friendship Exchange
RI	Rotary International
RIBI	Rotary Int'l Great Britain and Ireland
RID	Rotary International Director
RIDE	Rotary International Director Elect
RIP	Rotary International President
RIPE	Rotary International President Elect
RLI	Rotary Leadership Institute
RPIC	Rotary Public Image Coordinator
RRFC	Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator
RRIMC	Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinator
RV	Rotary Volunteers
RYE	Rotary Youth Exchange
RYEO	Rotary Youth Exchange Officer
RYLA	Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
TRF	The Rotary Foundation
TRFT	The Rotary Foundation Trustee
VTT	Vocational Training Team
WCS	World Community Service

The District Training Assembly

This is designed for the incoming club and district officers to learn about their roles for the following year. In addition to them, all Rotarians are invited to attend and learn more about the programs and activities in the District.

The District Conference

This is a celebration of the current Rotary Year and also includes some education. It is a time for Rotarians from all over the district to come together in friendship - to exchange ideas, learn, and share. There also are usually non-Rotary activities planned at this event.

The International Convention

Each year the whole of Rotary assembles in one of the 207 countries where Rotary has a presence. Rotarians from all over the world attend. It is an outstanding experience to see so many people joined by a common cause and mission coming together to celebrate Rotary's work. There are usually outstanding speakers and entertainment at the convention.

Where will they be?

2016	Seoul, South Korea
2017	Atlanta, Georgia
2018	Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Rotary Acronyms - What do These Mean?

AG	Assistant Governor
COL	Council on Legislation
DDF	District Designated Funds
DG	District Governor
DGE	District Governor Elect
DGN	District Governor Nominee
DGND	District Governor Nominee Designate
DMC	District Membership Chair
DT	District Trainer

Governance

President leads the club

Assistant Governors lead the cluster

District Governor leads the district

Rotary International Director leads two zones (28+29 for us).

These international directors make up the *Board of Directors* which is chaired by the *Rotary International President*.

For each of the above positions, there is an “elect”, the person to follow and also a “nominee”. In this way, there is the ability for the incoming officers to work together and help each other.

(The *Secretariat* administers the organization)

The Rotary Foundation (Rotary International)

Our Rotary International Foundation has a separate Board of Trustees and is responsible for the administration and handling of Our Rotary Foundation. This is the money that is donated to the Rotary Foundation. The money is raised by donations from Rotarians and Fundraisers and individual contributions.

The donations to the RI Foundation are used for doing good in our local communities and around the world. Donations to Our Rotary International Foundation are returned to the district in the form of grants, to help fund the local and international projects.

The Rotary Club of Aurora Foundation is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service. This permits our contributions and sponsors to receive tax deductions for their generous contributions. The Foundation manages the funds received distributes them to local and regional educational and/or charitable organizations and individuals which meet the criteria for the IRS.

Grants

Our clubs are able to apply for grants for projects either locally or internationally. At the district level, a club may receive a matching grant up to \$3,500. At the international level, clubs may obtain matching funds at a minimum level of \$10,000.

Clubs make an application to our grants committee. The Grants Committee is charged with making sure the grant complies with all RI and District Rules. The committee helps the clubs through the process.

Clubs are able to apply for a matching grant from the district to do local projects or from the district and RI to do projects with another country. Below are some projects that the clubs in our district did this year with funds from Our Rotary Foundation.

Grants for projects should address at least one of the 6 Areas of Focus that have been identified by Our Rotary Foundation.

The six areas of focus are:

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

Disease Prevention and Treatment

Water and Sanitation

Maternal and Child Health

Basic Education and Literacy

Economic and Community Development

USING THE FOUNDATION TO DO GOOD Grants-District 6630)

<u>Club</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Akron	Food Bank Equip	1000	2000
Ashtabula	Layette Project	2125	5000
Bedford	Library Project	625	1239
Burton Middlefield	Interactive Boards	3394	6788
Chesterland	Next Step Program	2975	7000
Cleveland	Equip Camp Cheerful	3500	7145
Conneaut	Literacy Project	1800	3600
Garrettsville Hiram	Entrance to Trail	3500	6800
Medina Cluster	Mugrage Park	2975	7273
Mentor	Homeless Shelter	3500	9675
Northampton Twp.	Rotary Swims	1700	6777
Summit North Cluster	Battered Women's Shelter	3500	10,500

A Little History Continued

Rotary Timeline

- 1905** February 23, Attorney Paul Harris organizes first Rotary Club
- 1907** R.C. of Chicago organizes the installation of public "biffies"
- 1910** Paul Harris elected first president of The National Association of Rotary Clubs
- 1911-13** Clubs formed in Canada, Great Britain and Ireland.
Renamed International Association of Rotary Clubs
- 1917** President Arch Klumph of the Rotary Club of Cleveland proposes establishment of an endowment fund, the forerunner of the Rotary Foundation
- 1945** Forty-nine Rotarians help draft the United Nations Charter
- 1947** Rotary Founder, Paul Harris dies; outpouring of funds from Rotarians used to establish fellowship program.
- 1947-48** First Ambassadorial Scholars study aboard
- 1962** First Interact Club formed in Melbourne, Florida
- 1962** World Community Service program launched
- 1965** Matching Grants and Group Study Exchange programs begins
- 1968** First Rotaract Club formed in Charlotte, N.C.
- 1979** TRF grant to immunize 6 million children against Polio in Philippine Islands
- 1985** Rotary launched POLIO PLUS and campaigns to raise \$120 million to immunize children worldwide
- 1987** First women join Rotary
- 1988** Rotary Polio campaign raises \$247 million for Polio Plus
- 1994** Western Hemisphere declared "Polio Free"
- 1999** Rotary Centers for Peace and Conflict Resolution begin
- 2000** Western Pacific region declared "Polio Free"
- 2002** Europe declared "Polio Free"
- 2005** International Rotary Centennial Convention in Chicago
- 2006** Polio reduced to 4 countries –Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan
- 2007-09** Gates Foundation gives \$355 million to Rotary to help eradicate Polio
- 2015** **"We are this close to ending Polio"**. Only 2 countries left, Afghanistan & Pakistan!

The Eradication of Polio Worldwide



Our District at Work

The District does not have a set project. It is charged with carrying out the goals of RI and in helping each club is the best it can be. The good works are initiated by Rotarians at the club level. These works can be done by a club, cluster, or some with the help of a district grant.

Directory

The District Directory is intended for internal use only. The Directory may not be given to an organization for the purpose of solicitation. The Aurora Rotary Club Directory has the same requirements.



WEB SITES FOR ROTARY

Rotary Club of Aurora Web Site: www.aurorarotaryclub.org
 Clubrunner: go to www.aurorarotaryclub.org and click on “Member Login” located at the upper right. Password required.
 Facebook—Aurora Rotary: www.facebook.com/AuroraOhioRotary
 Rotary District 6630 Web Site: www.rotarydistrict6630.org
 Rotary International Web Site: www.rotary.org

Some Rules of the Organization

Attendance

Rotarians are encouraged to attend the weekly meetings. If the Rotarian is unable to attend the home club, then a visit to another Rotary Club is encouraged. The attendance requirement is not as stringent as in the past.

Check with Club Secretary to learn more ways to enjoy the many other benefits of attending other activities.

What is the Cost for membership?

This varies from club to club due to the local dues. There are RI dues and District Dues. In addition to that there are dues for the local which can include the weekly meal. The support of the Foundation is encouraged.

Annual Fundraisers of the Rotary Club of Aurora

The Taste of the Western Reserve has become our Outstanding Community Event. For the past 15 years the Rotary Club of Aurora has held its “TASTE” Event of the Year. We involve over 20 local restaurants to bring their specialties to present to guests to enjoy and judge. The Taste also has a raffle, silent auctions and offers outstanding entertainment during the Sunday afternoon at the Signature of Solon Country Club. We generally have over 400 guests and raises over \$20,000 annually to support the many Club projects and activities.

Recently we have added a Fall Tailgate Party on a Sunday afternoon. This event is held at Doogan’s restaurant in Aurora and features a televised presentation of a football game, as guests enjoy good food and drinks in the indoor comfort. This event brings in an additional \$2,000.

Community Supported Activities:

Camp Sunshine
 Fishing Derby at Sunny Lake Park
 Car Show Sunny Lake Park
 Community Service Day
 Portage County Park System Support
 Leaf Pick Up in the Fall
 Food Bank/VOA
 Fill a Bag – Feed A Family Food Drive
 Neighbor to Neighbor support
 Coleman Foundation
 Restore/Habitat/Humanity/Portage County
 Relay for Life
 Police Dog for Aurora
 Bell Ringing for Salvation Army
 Nights Answering phone for Santa
 2 Breakfasts with Santa
 Member/Chamber of Commerce
 Fourth of July Parade and Games

International activities:

Neighborhood School in Engoshura, Kenya, Water Well, Water Bottling Company, Local Farming to provide food for the School; Provide beds and linens for boarding students. New Micro Bank Financing for New and On-Going Businesses.

Water Project in El Salvador in participation with other Rotary Clubs

Provide Shelter Boxes for Devastated and Disaster Areas
 Local and International

Shoe Boxes for Christmas Children of the Dump in Nicaragua

Bead Bracelets made by the children of the dump

The Effect Rotary Has on Your Life

Rotary brings opportunities and more meaning and purpose to human life. It is people helping people on a local and international level. We are investing in ourselves as we promote and serve the communities in which we live. Our heritage and legacy is passed on with memories of funding with dollars and sweat equity. Rotary makes it all worthwhile. Setting example, by proudly wearing our pins and showing the decals on the cars is really sharing the good things in life. When we work on projects to help others in Rotary, the rewards give more meaning to our lives. “Working Together to Make a Difference”!

A Little History

Who Founded Rotary? Paul Harris

What Year was it Founded? 2-23-1905

Why the Name? The first meetings took place in the offices of the members and it was on a rotating basis.

What is our Motto? **Service Above Self**

RI Themes? Each year the President selects a theme for the year. This year, it is: **“Be a Gift to the WORLD”**

Rotary Headquarters Evanston, Illinois

Rotary fiscal Year July 1 to June 30

What Directs Us?

The Object of Rotary

To encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise through the development of acquaintance as the opportunity for service. The promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions. Through service in one’s personal, business and community life.

Through the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace.