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It is Great to be a Rotary Member!

Rotary is an international service organization comprised of more than 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries around the world. 1.2 million men and women constitute the membership of these clubs which share the purposes of providing humanitarian service, encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations, and building good will and peace in the world. They give life to the Rotary motto... *Service Above Self*.

Benefits of Membership

Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to make a contribution to their own communities and to communities around the world. Members may join Rotary for many reasons, including community involvement, personal development, professional networking, and camaraderie with fellow members. Perhaps the most important benefit is the satisfaction gained from making a real difference in the world.



Fundraising

Rotary has Flexible Membership Requirements

The Rotary of Avon-Canton member definition is someone who is engaged in, or is retired from, an occupation that presents the opportunity to serve society.

Ask one of our members for more information and how to join our Rotary.

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Rotary/Favarh Initiative and Charitable Giving

In 2016, Rotary of Avon-Canton pledged \$150,000 to Favarh. The funds will go towards the construction of an exciting new Life Enrichment Program (LEP) building for Favarh – The Arc of the Farmington Valley. This project will help the nonprofit organization provide even greater support for its clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The 7,500 square-foot building, located on Commerce Drive in Canton, will enhance Favarh's day programs for adults who can't work because of disability and medical complexities or who have retired from work.

The new facility will be named the **Rotary of Avon-Canton Building.**

Other Charitable causes include Amber Alert, Avon & Canton Dollars for Scholars, Avon/Canton Fuel Bank, Guiding Light Orphans in Uganda, Hartford City School Partnerships, Polio Plus-Worldwide Polio Eradication, Roaring Brook Nature Center, FOCUS Center for Autism, Salvation Army, Rotary INTERACT Programs at Avon and Canton High Schools, Healing Meals, Seniors Job Bank, Tanzania Nursing Scholarships, and many others.

Thanks to the support provided by you to our annual Golf Tournament, Tastes-of-the-Valley, and other fund raising activities since 1973, our Rotary has contributed more than **ONE MILLION DOLLARS** to local and international causes.



Clean Water and Medicine in Uganda

International Programs

Rotary of Avon-Canton supports medical, youth and clean water projects in Uganda, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and Haiti. We also support the "Polio-Plus" program that has helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio. Rotary's programs are developing the next generation of leaders, providing funding to make the world a better place, and making peace a priority.

The Objective of Rotary

The main objective of a Rotary club is service in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotary International has developed a broad range of programs designed to help clubs carry out this vital mission.

Fundraising Events

Rotary of Avon-Canton has two major events. Our annual golf tournament is held in the Fall at the Golf Club of Avon, and a food and wine event "Tastes-of-the-Valley" is in the spring. Members bring their talents and energy to these outstanding events. 100% of the profits from these events go directly back to the local, regional and International communities.



Educational Tools Program

Regional Involvement

Thanks to Rotary of Avon-Canton's 17 year commitment, Hartford students are able to come to school and have a pencil box filled with the necessary writing utensils waiting for them. This has allowed students the ability to start the school year with the basic tools that many take for granted. Now, students can focus on their learning immediately.

Rotary Commitments

Rotary of Avon-Canton meets every Friday for breakfast at Avon Old Farms Hotel at the corner of Rts. 10 and 44 (southeast corner at the base of the mountain).

- The meetings begin promptly at 7:30 AM and end at 8:30 AM.
- The main program features entertaining, informal, and varied topics provided by outstanding speakers.
- Annual dues are \$150 and weekly meeting cost is \$14
- Membership commitment is at minimum - two Rotary involvements per month. Those include weekly meetings, charity events, committee meetings and organization, alternate meetings and activities, and meetings at other Rotary clubs.
- Donations to the Rotary Foundation are made by many members. Amount and frequency of donations is at the member's discretion. Donations are tax deductible, and 100% goes to Rotary's charitable endeavors at the local, regional, and international level.

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