## Welcome to the

# Rotary Club of Livonia Fireside Chat



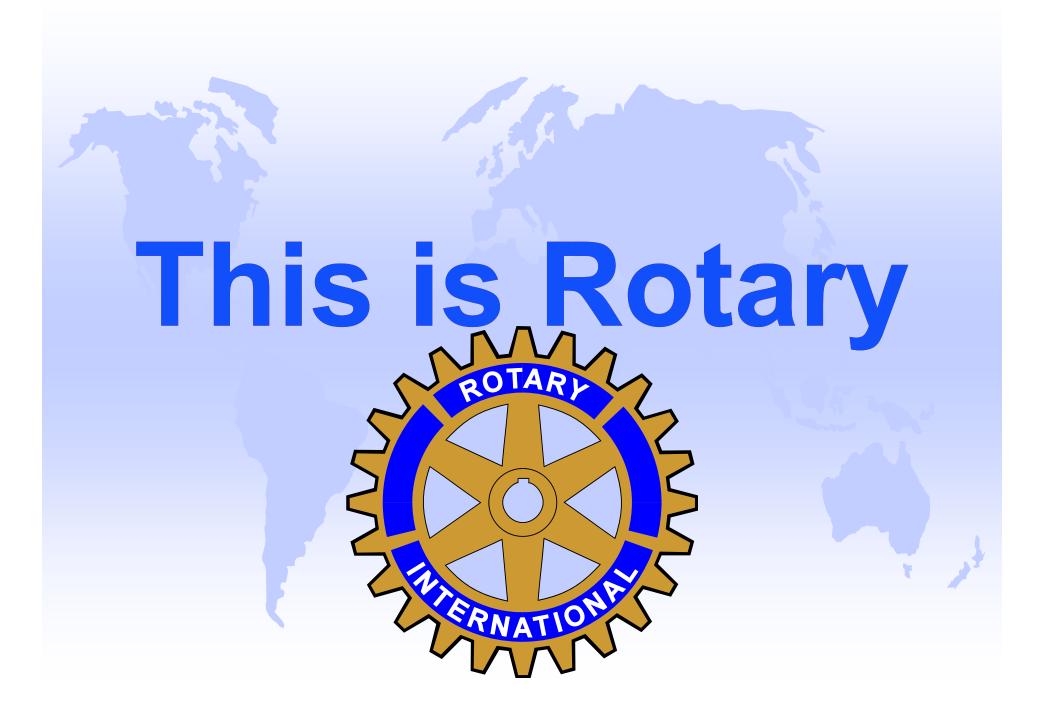
### Purpose

A fun, informal and informative evening with interaction

#### **Outcome**

To obtain a better understanding of Rotary International and Rotary Club of Livonia

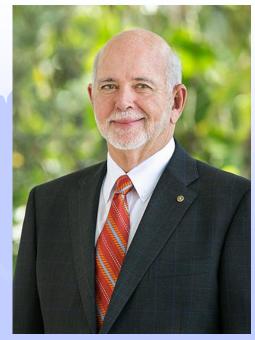




## Rotary is an International Organization

- There are 527 Districts in 200 countries throughout the world.
- Our club, The Rotary Club of Livonia, is in District 6400.
- The District covers southwest Ontario and southeast Michigan and includes 51 Rotary Clubs.

Rotary International is governed by a president and a board of directors elected from all over the world.

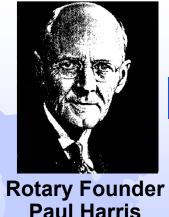


**President Barry Rassin** 



**Governor Paul Sincock** 

Annually each District elects a District Governor but each club is an autonomous group.



## In the beginning...

- The first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago in 1905, by Paul Harris.
- ◆ The club, with four members, met in rotation at the offices of the members thus the name Rotary.
- There are currently more than 33,000
   clubs with more than 1.2 million members.

## Women in Rotary

- In 1987 women were admitted to Rotary.
- Today the number of women in clubs is increasing (more than 200k) with many clubs having women serving as presidents.
- ◆ There have been 5 female presidents who have served as club president since 2000. Since 2007 in District 6400, 6 out of the last 10 governors have been women.

### Service Above Self

- Rotary was not long to recognize that fellowship alone would not keep a group together — there needed to be a purpose.
- First project was public washrooms in downtown Chicago.
- Rotary became the world's first "service club".



# The Rotary Club of Livonia



## Major Projects

- Development of Rotary Park from wooded area starting in 1962.
- Built Pavilion and Restrooms in 1976
- In 1983 the club built 2 additional Pavilions
- Erected lights at Bentley Football Stadium
- Legacy Plaza Fountain Project with paver bricks and benches were constructed in 2001
- ◆ Built a ½ mile Rotary Centennial Track in 2005
- Built 3 Playscapes including the most recent
   Barrier Free Playscape

## The Rotary Club of Livonia Projects

- Livonia Elementary School Literacy Project
- Summer Lunch Program
- Kids Against Hunger Meal Packing
- Easter Egg Hunt at Rotary Park
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- City of Livonia Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade



### Volunteers in Action











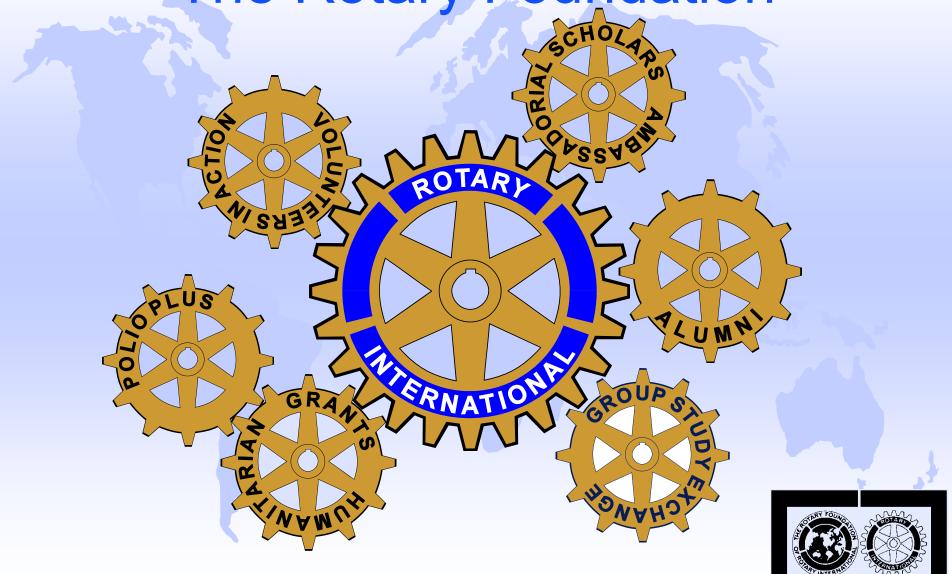




"World Peace through Understanding"







## Paul Harris Fellows & Benefactors

- 4 Livonia Rotarians are Benefactors of the Permanent Fund. Several past members are Benefactors
- ◆ 26 of our current members are Paul Harris Fellows. 24 of the 26 have contributed \$2,000 or more to TRF. 13 of the 26 are \$5,000 or more
- Many now donate a small amount monthly thru Direct Payment.

## The Rotary Club of Livonia Student Exchanges

- Rotary Youth Exchange Program
  - 16-18 year olds are exchanged world-wide.
  - Part of a 9,000 students/year program.
  - Rotarians host these young people in their homes for three to five months.
  - Students become part of the family.
  - Livonia Rotary has hosted over 50 students from all over the world.
  - We have sent at least 25 students abroad.



- The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:
- First. The development of acquaintance 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 his or her occupation as an opportunity to serve society;



◆ Third. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his or her personal, business and community life;



Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.



# We implement the object of Rotary through the Five Avenues of Service



#### Club Service

 Those things that a Rotarian does to help make successful the running of the local club.

#### Vocational Service

 The promoting of the "ideal of service" throughout the business and professional world.

#### Community Service

 Urges every Rotarian to participate in all activities which make the community a better place in which to live.

#### International Service

 Encourage and foster the advancement of understanding and good will among people of the world.

#### Youth Service

- All activities with the youth in our community.



#### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Livonia are:

Membership ------Halyna Bialczyk

Youth Service -----Dale Coller

Foundation ------Holli Kerkhof

Service Projects -----Bob Moore

Administration ------Dave Cash

Fundraising------Bill Fried

Public Image ------Austin Keathley

International Service -----Ron Gaffney

### Club Officers

President: Dave Stechholz

President-Elect: Janet Haas

Secretary: Janet Haas

Treasurer: Mike Vokal

Past President: Laura Perlowski

A new board is elected to take office on July of each year.

## Rotary Club of Livonia

Chartered in 1945 with 23 original members



## Major Club Fundraising

- 75 Years of Fundraising
- ◆Reverse Raffle for 2018-19 April 29, 2019



## Livonia Rotary Charitable Foundation

- ◆501c3
- Endowment Fund
- Club Service Fund
- Doc Marston Fellows



## 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 Privileges in Rotary

- The Privilege of FRIENDSHIP WITH LEADERS:
  - in your community
  - in neighboring cities and towns
  - around the world



## The Privileges in Rotary

- The privilege of GIVING SERVICE to your community.
- The privilege of DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL and understanding.
- ◆ The privilege of helping BUILD HIGHER ETHICAL STANDARDS within your vocation

through the common bond of Rotary.



## Your Obligations in Rotary

#### **Participation**

- To be a Rotarian you must give of your time and talents:
  - in community work
  - in social functions
  - in Club and District activities.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT CAESER'S WINDSOR,

ON MAY 10-12, 2019



## Your Obligations in Rotary

#### Attendance

- Attendance at the weekly meetings is a benefit of Rotary. A minimum of 60% is expected.
- You can maintain your attendance levels by making up at another Rotary Club, participating in a club fellowship, fund raiser, service project or by attending a District event or a RI Convention.

## Your Financial Obligations

Annual Dues

\$250.00

Meals

\$14.00

Fines \$3.00 for Sgt and \$2 for leaving early

Social Events

**Based on Events** 



### Membership

There are three types of membership in our Rotary Club:

- Active
- ◆Senior Active (Rule of 85 Aggregate # of years in Rotary plus your age)
- Honorary



### The Rotary Club of Livonia Fun

- A service club should be fun to be a part of even when the work is tiresome.
- Livonia Rotary strives to be a fun, youngat-heart club.
- Social events are offered regularly.
- We live up to RI Past President Hugh Archer's theme: "Enjoy Rotary."



## You are Rotary

- Participate for friendship
- Participate for service
- Participate for fellowship
- Participate for knowledge
- Participate for international understanding

Remember you are Rotary!



## THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN ABOUT ROTARY!!

