



West Bend Noon Rotary Club



Rotary International

2011-12 Rotary International theme:

REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY

As a West Bend Noon Rotarian you join more than 1.2 million Rotarians in over 33,000 clubs in 200 countries. Clubs are divided into 530 Districts. Our District is 6270.

The 19 member RI Board of Directors which includes the RI president, president-elect, meets quarterly to establish policies. The current president develops a theme and service emphases for the year as noted above.

RI is headquartered in Evanston, Illinois with seven international offices in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Korea, and Switzerland. The office for RI in Great Britain and Ireland located in England, serves clubs and districts in that region. The Secretariat's chief operating officer is the RI general secretary, who heads a 740 member staff working to serve Rotarians worldwide.

Frequent visits to the RI web site www.rotary.org will keep you updated as to what Rotary is doing on a worldwide basis. It also serves as a practical source for any questions you have about Rotary...classifications, moving to another city and wishing to join a club in your new location, updates on becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary InterAct, locating a club where can do a "make-up" and so much more. The RI web site and a monthly review of your magazine, **the Rotarian** will keep you abreast of what Rotary is doing worldwide to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

Polio Plus

Polio Plus, the most ambitious program in Rotary's history, is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. For more than 20 years, Rotary has led the private sector in the global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. Today, Polio Plus and its role in the initiative is recognized worldwide as a model of public-private cooperation in pursuit of a humanitarian goal. In addition to providing financial and volunteer support, Rotary works to urge support from other public and private sector partners. This includes the campaign to End Polio Now, inspired by the extraordinary challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Other major programs led by RI are Rotary World Peace Fellowships, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange and Rotary Youth Exchange.