

Rotary

Club of Freeport Merrick





What is Rotary?

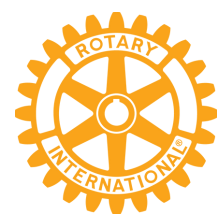


Rotary's Motto – “Service Above Self”

Rotary International is one of the largest service organizations in the world with over 46,000 clubs worldwide and more than 1.4 million members.

The mission of Rotary International is to “provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.”

Rotary International is a non-political and non-religious organization. Membership is by application or invitation and based on various social factors.



History

Rotary International started out in 1905 in Evanston, IL from one man's vision, Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.



Rotary's Reach



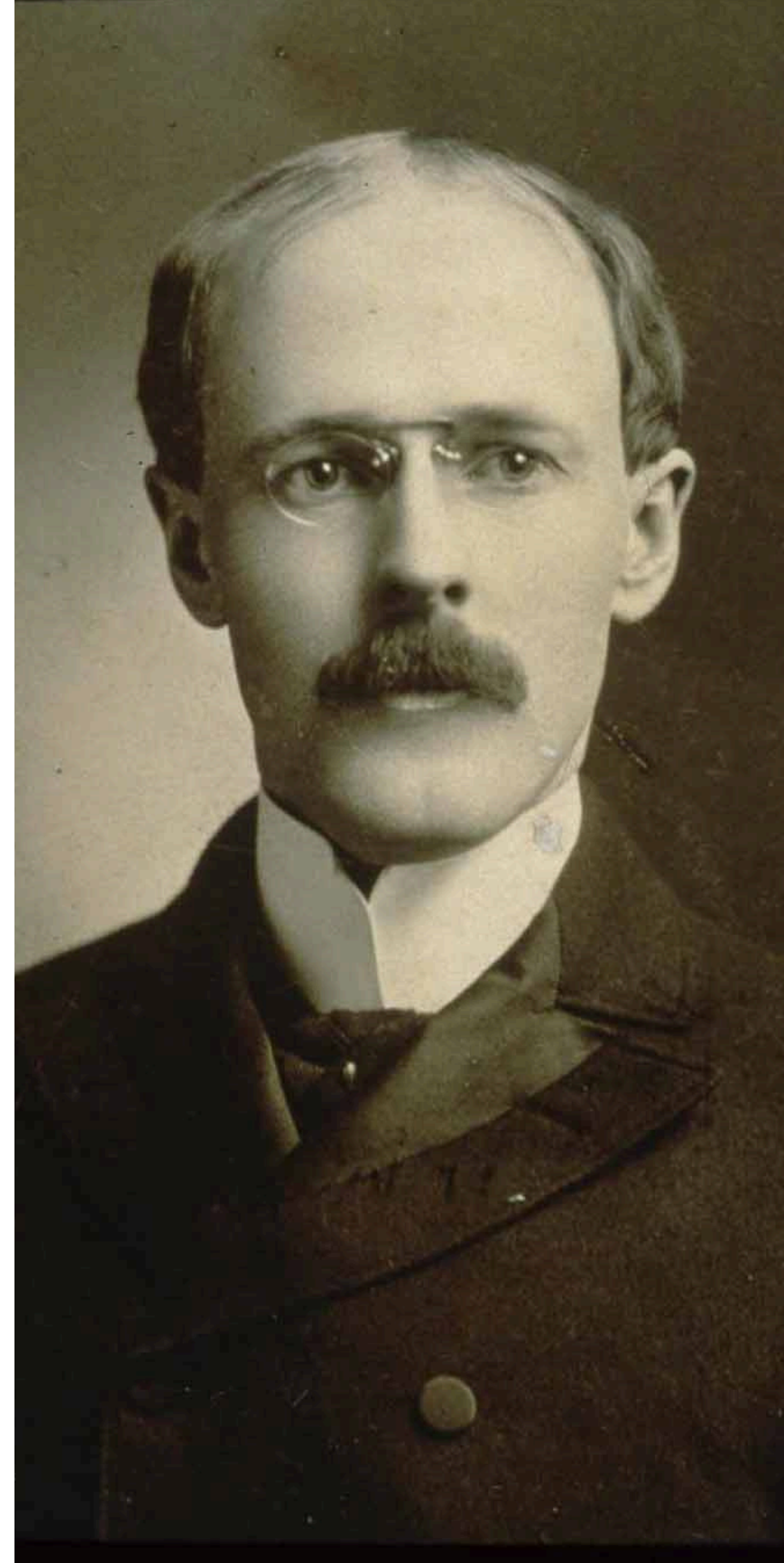
Rotary International members helped start the United Nations and educated members on the importance for planning for peace. As such, Rotary International has a non-voting seat in the General Assembly of the UN



In 1979, Rotary began a project to immunize six million children against polio in the Philippines. The effort's success led to Rotary making polio eradication its top priority



In 1968, the first Rotary Club banner to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of the Houston Space Center Rotary Club



Rotary Causes



**PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION**

Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.



**DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT**

We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.



**WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE**

We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.



**MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH**

Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.



**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY**

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.



ENVIRONMENT

We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.



**COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy and planning for the future.



Famous Rotarians



John F. Kennedy



Gerald Ford



Warren Harding



Walt Disney



Winston Churchill



King Charles III



Manny Pacquiao



Thomas Edison



Maragaret Thatcher



Neil Armstrong



Woodrow Wilson



Pope Francis



Franklin D. Roosevelt

Freeport Merrick Rotary



A Brief History of the Freeport Merrick Rotary Club

The Freeport Rotary Club became officially chartered on November 27th, 1943 with 19 members at the Elks Clubhouse (currently the Elks Plaza). Nearly 200 Rotarians and guests from 16 Rotary Clubs on Long Island attended.

A quote from one of the guest speakers, Halsey B Knapp, of Farmingdale: "The price of Rotary is a little time salvaged from the oceans of time men waste, and harnessed to a purpose not far removed from the Golden Rule".

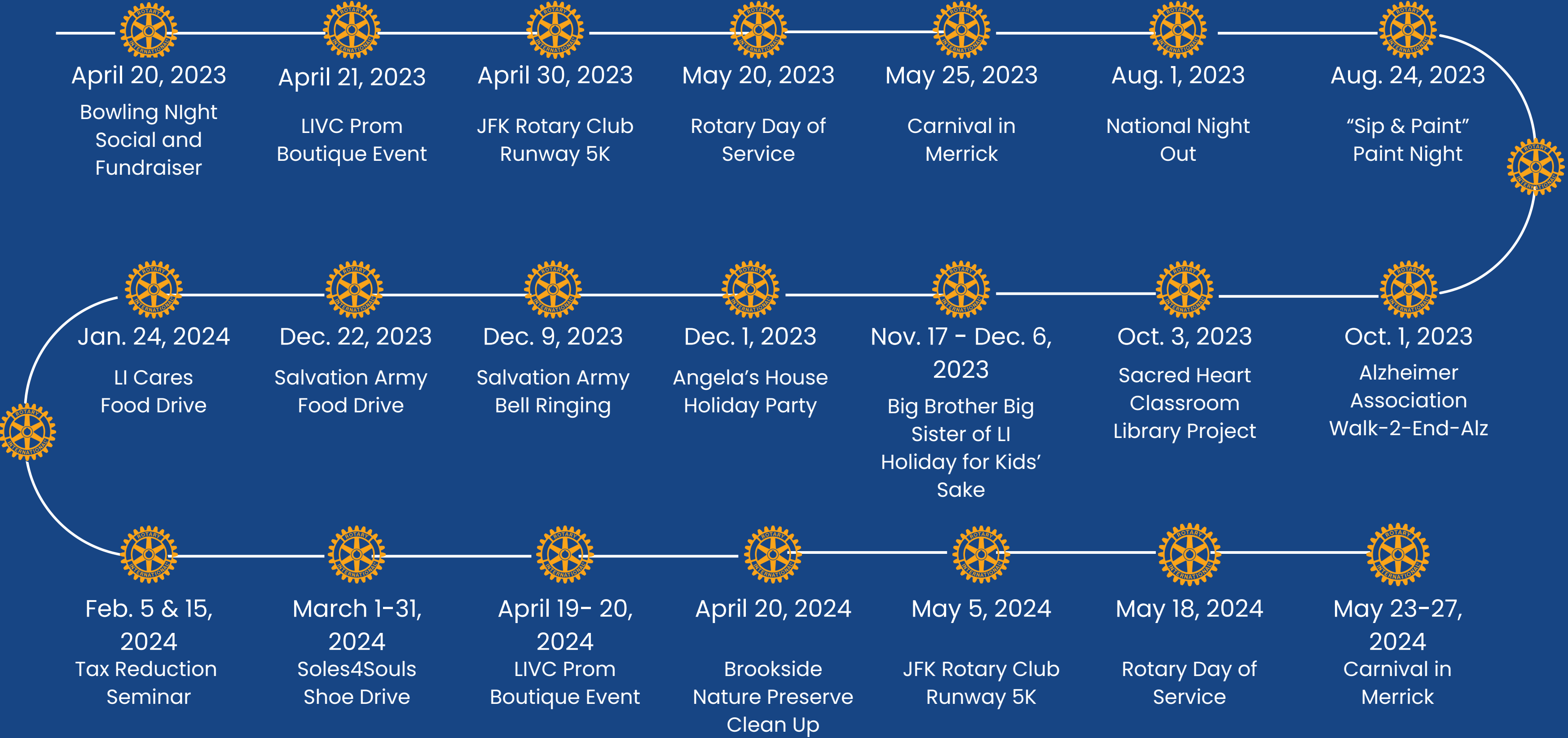
Over the years the club has embarked on many projects. In 1944, the club sent Overseas Letters to more than 200 Freeport servicemen on duty at active battlefronts, "a touch of home away from home". In September, 1944, the Rotary club started something called the "work pile project", which was a survey to help estimate the Village's war needs and opportunities.

In 1947, The Freeport Rotary Club forwarded a resolution to the school board requesting that school gymnasiums be kept open during the Christmas and Easter holidays in an effort to curb juvenile delinquency.

Some of the more current projects are: sponsoring a Gift of Life child, making contributions to many non-profit organizations in the community such as Operation Pride, The Little League, the INN, Feed the Children, Thanksgiving turkey donations, Salvation Army bell ringing, and high school scholarships. The club is currently involved with a well project in a rural area of Haiti.

Over the years, the membership in the club has changed as some members moved away or passed on, with new members always stepping in to fill their shoes. On July 8, 2008, the Freeport club expanded its charter to include Merrick. Through the years, from 1943 to the present, the mission of the club has remained unchanged: to "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders-Service Above Self".

Recent Activities of the Freeport Merrick Rotary Club





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