

A PIECE OF HISTORY



Rumford's Rotary with the former Paul Harris Tree in Full Red Autumn Color



The Plaque Located Under the Tree

"THIS TREE WAS PLANTED OCTOBER 2, 1939 BY PAUL P. HARRIS FOUNDER OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL"

On 23 February 1905, Paul Harris formed the first club with three other businessmen. Paul Harris named the new club "Rotary" because members met in rotation at their various places of business. Club membership grew rapidly. Soon Paul became convinced that the Rotary club could be developed into an important service movement and strove to extend Rotary to other cities.

THE 4 - WAY TEST

The 4-Way Test was developed by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932. In 1943, it was adopted by Rotary International as a code of ethics to be followed in our business and professional lives.

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?


MEETING TIMES & LOCATIONS

Tuesday, 7:30 to 8:30AM
Amato's
65 Lincoln Ave.
Rumford, Maine 04276

Join us for Quarterly Socials,
See our Website:
www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org
For days and times

RIVER VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

Service Above Self!



Peace Through Service

Sakuji Tanaka
Rotary International President
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RIVER VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

Thank you for your interest in our club. River Valley Rotary has a strong tradition of community service and offers a good opportunity for fellowship with other leaders from the Rumford area. In addition, your association with Rotary International will give you the opportunity for extended fellowship through visits to other Rotary clubs and participation in Rotary International activities.

ABOUT OUR CLUB

The River Valley Rotary Club was chartered in March of 1925. We host a social meeting every third Tuesday at 4PM and also meet weekly on Tuesdays for breakfast, fellowship, and to hear from an interesting speaker. Program topics range anywhere from local community activities to international affairs.

Our club has approximately 25 members, which makes us about average in size for most Rotary clubs.

ABOUT OUR LOCAL INTERACT CLUB

The River Valley Rotary Club established the areas Interact club. Interact is a group of high school students that meet on a regular basis to discuss the needs of the community, help with fundraisers to support those needs and to generate a greater bond between the youth and adult population. Both Dirigo and Mountain Valley High Schools provide this opportunity to their students.

OUR PROJECTS

The River Valley Rotary club has earned the reputation of being exceptionally strong in its community service activities. Service activities and financial support projects have included, but not limited to:

Local Community Projects

- Annual scholarship awarded to graduating seniors from Mountain Valley and Dirigo High Schools and Region 9 School of Applied Technology
- Weatherization
- Relay for Life and The American Cancer Society
- Chisholm Ski Club
- Black Mountain of Maine
- Rumford Hospital
- American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Oxford County Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice
- Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts
- Local Literacy Project
- Oxford County Adult Rehabilitation Center

International Community Projects

- “Roto-Plast” cleft pallet surgeries
- RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership training camp
- Water Purification Project
- Polio Plus
- Safe Passage
- Every Rotarian Every Year (Rotary Foundation Contributions)
- Financial Contributions for Natural Disasters Around the Globe.

GETTING INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved when you join a Rotary Club. You will initially be asked to participate on a committee. Planning and work in any Rotary committee is ongoing. You can also get involved in organizational and hands-on activities in some of our community service projects. Our major fundraisers involve the entire club, and many skills are needed to make our fundraising dreams become real. There are opportunities to work directly with young people and others who may need our help.

The River Valley Rotary Club also provides an opportunity to spend an enjoyable lunch hour one day each week with friends and colleagues, with interesting speakers, lots of laughter, and genuine camaraderie.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Semiannual dues are \$75.00, and weekly Tuesday meetings including breakfast are \$9.00. Meetings are from 7:30AM to 8:30AM every Tuesday. Instead of a morning meeting, quarterly socials are held from 4:30PM to 5:30PM. Social meetings include appetizers for \$7.00.

There are minimum attendance requirements for weekly meetings. These requirements can be met by attending makeup meetings at other area Rotary Clubs, volunteering for Rotary events or participating in an on line meeting.

There are no meetings after Monday Holidays.