



# **Welcome to the World of Rotary**

**Orientation for New Members**

**Rotary Club of Medford Sunrise**



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**Rotary International** is the world's oldest and among the largest service organizations.

You are joining a **global network** of **1.2 million Rotarians** who belong to more than **34,500 Rotary clubs** in **217 countries and geographical areas** worldwide.

Rotarians are **business and professional leaders** who **volunteer their time and talents** to **serve in their local communities and people around the globe.**

### Service

All Rotary clubs share a **key mission – to serve their community and those in need throughout the world.** By participating in club service projects, members learn about their club's involvement in local and international projects and can volunteer their time and talents where they are most needed.

*Rotary's motto --- Service Above Self*

The motto exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of its members.

### Organization

Rotary was founded in 1905 in Chicago by Paul Harris and three other businessmen. The group promoted fellowship among a diverse array of business leaders in the community. The Rotary name was derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

**Today, Rotary is an organization of men and women united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.** Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures,

ances, and creeds. Through Rotary's service programs, a Rotary club can have a significant effect on the quality of life in its community.

### **Rotary International is headquartered in Evanston, Illinois, USA.**

Rotarians are members of Rotary clubs. A club belongs to the global association Rotary International.

Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws. The only way to be a member of Rotary International is to join a Rotary club. **Thus, every Rotarian, even the President of Rotary International, is a member of a Rotary club.**

## **Rotary Districts**

Rotary clubs are grouped into Districts which are designated by numbers. There are 532 Rotary Districts, each led by a District Governor, who is an officer of RI. The District leadership, including the District Governor and various committees, guides and supports the clubs.

The 40 Rotary clubs in Ocean, Monmouth, and Burlington counties and the central part of New Jersey are members of **District 7500**. The District is divided into **8 Areas**. The Rotary Club of Medford Sunrise and 5 other clubs (Marlton, Maple Shade, Medford-Vincentown, Moorestown, Moorestown Breakfast) are in **Area 2**. An Assistant Governor who is a member of one of the clubs in an Area guides the Area clubs in meeting their goals and is the District Governor's liaison to those clubs.

Rotary Club of Medford Sunrise is one of **14 Rotary clubs in Burlington County**.

Rotary Districts are grouped into larger geographical areas called **Zones**. There are 34 Zones in the Rotary world.

**Rotary is essentially a grassroots organization, with most of its service efforts being carried out at the club level.** The structure of RI at the international and district levels is designed to support the clubs and help them provide more service in their local communities and abroad.

# Rotary's Guiding Principles

## Mission

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

## Object of Rotary

First formulated in 1910 and adapted through the years as Rotary's mission expanded, the Object of Rotary provides a succinct definition of the organization's purpose as well as the club member's responsibilities.

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 of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;**

**THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;**

**FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.**

## The Four--Way Test

Followed by Rotarians worldwide in their business and professional lives, The Four--Way Test was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago. It has since been translated into more than 100 languages and is used by organizations and individuals throughout the world.

*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*

## **Avenues of Service**

Based on the Object of Rotary, the Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based.

**Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.

**Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical stands.

**Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

**International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

**Youth Service** recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects, and exchange programs.

## **Areas of Focus**

Rotary is a grassroots organization. We carry out our most meaningful service work through our Rotary clubs.

Our clubs and Rotary International direct our service in **six Areas of Focus**:

**Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution**

**Disease Prevention and Treatment**

**Water and Sanitation**

**Maternal and Child Health**

**Basic Education and Literacy**

**Economic and Community Development**

## **Rotary Programs**

Rotary International's programs and service opportunities are designed to help Rotarians meet the needs of their own communities and assist people worldwide.

**Global Networking Groups** encompass Rotary Fellowships (vocational and recreational interest groups) and Rotarian Action Groups (groups focused on service activities). There are about 70 Global Networking Groups, and they are open to all Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors.

**Interact** is a service organization organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs for youth ages 12--18. It has more than 12,300 clubs in 133 countries. Most Interact clubs are located in high schools.

**Rotaract** is organized by Rotary clubs to promote leadership, professional development, and service among young adults ages 18--30. There are more than 8,000 clubs in 167 countries. Most Rotaract clubs are located on college campuses.

**Rotary Community Corps (RCC)** are groups of non--Rotarians who work to improve their communities. There are more than 6,800 RCCs in 78 countries, all organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

**Rotary Friendship Exchange** encourages Rotarians and their families to make reciprocal visits to other countries, staying in each other's homes and learning about different cultures firsthand.

**Rotary Youth Exchange** is Rotary's exchange program for high school students. The program offers students ages 15--19 the chance to travel abroad for cultural exchanges of one week to a full academic year. Rotary clubs and districts sponsor and host more than 8,000 Youth Exchange students a year.

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** are seminars sponsored by clubs and districts to encourage and recognize the leadership abilities of youth and young adults ages 14-30.

## Other Non---RI Programs

**Rotaplast International** is a non---profit humanitarian organization providing free reconstructive operations and treatment for children in need worldwide. Rotaplast provides long---term solutions by funding and mentoring local physicians; launching public education projects; and advancing research. Through collaborative programs throughout the world, Rotaplast efforts expand far beyond surgical intervention and help foster international goodwill, peace and understanding. The goal of Rotaplast International is to eliminate the incidence of untreated cleft lips and palates in children worldwide by the year 2025. Rotaplast International is headquartered in San Francisco, California, USA.

**ShelterBox** is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by disaster worldwide. The organization ShelterBox, purchases, assembles, and warehouses containers filled with emergency shelter, food, and other supplies, and ships these “ShelterBoxes” to disaster areas where they are needed. ShelterBox International is based in Cornwall, England, UK.

**Gift of Life** is a Rotarian---based program in which the sole focus is the providing of care to children in need that suffer from congenital heart defects. Over the past 4 decades, Gift of Life has provided help and hope to more than 15,000 children from 67 countries on 5 continents. Gift of Life has grown into an international movement that provides care to hundreds of children every year by redefining charity. Through its strategic approaches, they have developed unique initiatives regarding their interaction with children, parents, healthcare professionals and government officials.

## **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)**

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

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### **Contributing to TRF**

Donors may direct their gifts to three main funds: **the Annual Programs Fund**, which supports the Foundation's humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs worldwide; **the Permanent Fund**, which provides an endowment; and the **PolioPlus Fund**.

### **Foundation Program**

#### ***PolioPlus***

To eradicate polio, Rotarians have mobilized by the hundreds of thousands. They're working to ensure that children are immunized against this crippling disease and that surveillance is strong despite the poor infrastructure, extreme poverty, and civil strife of many countries. Since the PolioPlus program's inception in 1985, more than two billion children have received the oral polio vaccine.

Through the efforts of Rotary, polio remains in only 4 countries in the world – India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria.

Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge is the Rotary Foundation's response to the two grants totaling \$355 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio. Every dollar given to PolioPlus will be counted toward the \$200 million match.



## ***Educational Programs***

**Ambassadorial Scholarships**, The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, more than 40,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is one of the world's largest privately funded international scholarships programs. Nearly 700 scholarships were awarded for study in 2009-10. Through grants totaling approximately US\$16.2 million, recipients from about 70 countries studied in more than 80 nations.

**Group Study Exchange (GSE)** – Annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts to cover travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of professions. Rotarian hosts organize a four- to six-week itinerary of vocational, educational, and cultural points of interest. Since 1965, more than 57,000 individuals (almost 12,000 teams) from 100 countries have participated at a cost of more than \$92 million.

**Rotary Peace Centers** – Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows can earn either a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

## ***Humanitarian Grants***

Humanitarian grants enable Rotarians to support service projects that provide water wells, medical care, literacy classes, and other essentials to people in need. Rotarian participation is key to the projects' success. Through the Humanitarian Grants Program, Rotarians have received US\$1.6 billion in grant awards since 1947.

**Disaster Recovery** allows Rotarians to donate money in response to specific disasters. Funds are distributed to local committees to support recovery efforts. The program was created in 2005-06, and the Foundation currently administers four Disaster Recovery accounts: Hurricanes Stan and Wilma (Guatemala and Mexico), Hurricane Wilma (United States), the Earthquake in India and Pakistan, and Solidarity in South Asia. Total contributions to the accounts were \$6.4 million.

**District Grants** enable districts to support service activities or humanitarian endeavors that benefit local or international communities. District 7500 distributes its grant to individual club projects each year.

**Global Grants** help Rotary clubs and districts carry out humanitarian projects with clubs and districts in other countries. The Rotary Foundation provides a one-to-one match for each US\$1 District Designated Fund/SHARE contribution and a \$0.50 match for each new \$1 cash contribution.

## Rotary Club of Medford Sunrise

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Moorestown Breakfast, The Rotary Club of Medford Sunrise was chartered in October, 2010.

**Classification Principle:** When you become a member, you will receive a classification. By assigning each member a “classification” based on your business or profession, this system ensures that a club’s membership reflects the business and professional composition of its community.

**Weekly Meetings:** Rotary clubs meet weekly. Most clubs meet during either breakfast, lunch, dinner, or happy hour. The Rotary Club of Medford Sunrise is a breakfast club and meets at 7:15 am on Wednesdays at The Medport Diner, Medford, NJ. The club does not meet on national holidays and in some years there is no meeting during the December holiday season, depending on when the holidays fall.

**Attendance:** You are expected to attend weekly meetings regularly. The requirement to be a member in good standing is 50% attendance.

**Making Up Meetings:** If you miss a meeting, you can make it up by doing one of the following. This is called a “Make--Up”.

- Visit another club, anywhere in the world.
- Attend a Medford Sunrise Rotary Club Board Meeting.
- Participate in a club service or fundraising activity.
- Participate in a District conference, seminar, or committee meeting.
- Participate in a Rotary International conference or activity.
- Do an online makeup on the Rotary International website or E--Club.

Make--ups must be done within 2 weeks prior to or 2 weeks after the missed club meeting.

After doing a make--up, inform the club’s Secretary of the details – where and when. You will then receive credit for making up a missed meeting. Many Rotarians, including some in our own club, have perfect attendance for many years. A sure way of getting there is to make up missed meetings.

**Visiting Other Clubs:** There are Rotary Clubs everywhere, over 34,000 of them. If you are traveling, look for a Rotary Club to visit. You simply walk into a Rotary meeting and introduce yourself as a Visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Medford Sunrise. You will be instantly welcomed. You may take our club's flag to exchange with the club you visit. You can find a list of clubs around the world on the Rotary International website. Use the Club Locator link in the upper right--hand corner. And remember, visiting another clubs counts as a make up for a missed meeting.

**Guests:** You are encouraged to bring family members, colleagues, or prospective members to the club's weekly meetings. To keep our club strong, every Rotarian, even new members must share the responsibility to bring new people into Rotary. You are responsible for meal cost of your guests. If the guest is a prospective new member, the club will pay for the first visit.

**Sponsoring new members:** You are encouraged to sponsor new members, particularly those who will increase the diversity of the club in ethnicity, gender, age, and type of business or profession. The club's Membership Chair can provide you details on sponsoring a new member.

**Dues:** Club dues are currently \$720 annually, payable monthly at \$60. Invoices are sent electronically monthly. Your dues must be paid upon receipt.

**Every Member Every Year:** Contributions to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs. The Rotary Foundation asks that every Rotarian contribute at least \$100 to the Foundation every year.

**Paul Harris Fellow:** After a Rotarian contributes \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation; you become a Paul Harris Fellow. Once you become a Paul Harris Fellow, you may honor another person by making them a Paul Harris Fellow for each additional \$1000 you contribute. Each club decides how to award Paul Harris.

**Club Leadership:** The club is led by an elected Board of Directors. Election of Board Members and Officers is held annually in December to take office at the first meeting in the following July (beginning of Rotary Year). The Board meets at 7:15 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are open to all members and the entire membership is encouraged to attend.

**Committee Assignments:** Every member is encouraged to serve on one or more committee. You can volunteer by contacting any board member, officer, or committee chair.

## **The Things We Do**

The Rotary Club of Medford Sunrise is an active participant in programs and projects that serve our community and people around the world. We are seeking opportunities to work with other Rotary clubs on both community and international projects, and on fundraising activities. We strive to provide leadership beyond the club level at the District level.

Following is a sample of the activities of the club.

### **Vocational Service Projects**

- Vocational Job Shadowing
- Vocational Speakers Bureau
- Vocational Awards

### **Youth Services**

- Preparing to implement Thesaurus project with sixth grade students

### **Community Service Projects**

- District Simplified Grant projects benefiting those in need
- Quarterly visits to Ronald McDonald House
- Operation Yellow Ribbon of South Jersey
- Medford NJ Dickens Festival
- Medford NJ Community Calendar

### **International Service Projects**

- PolioPlus
- Shelter Box
- Rotaplast
- Gift of Life

### **Fundraising Activities**

- Dickens Festival
- Coin Drops
- Medford NJ Community Calendar

**Rotary Club of Medford Sunrise**  
**Board of Directors – Rotary Year 2014---15**

President	Rob Shafer
President--Elect	Norm Mackey
Vice President	Jim Robinson
Immediate Past President	Richard Lechner
Secretary	Steve Smith
Treasurer	Frank Donnelly

**Rotary District 7500, Central New Jersey, USA**  
**District Leadership – Rotary Year 2014---15**

District Governor	Harriet M. Primack, Red Bank
District Governor Elect	David C. Forward, Medford Sunrise
District Governor Nominee	Deborah Horner, Marlton
Immediate Past District Governor	Sheila Vinton, Point Pleasant
District Secretary	Adeline “Addie” Schmidt, Red Bank
District Treasurer	Horton Hickerson, PDG, Red Bank
District Foundation Chair	Kathleen “Kathy” Hiltner, PDG, Moorestown
Assistant Governor, Area 2	
District Membership Chair	Gary Siciliano, PDG, Asbury Park



[Rotary](#)

Members: 1,220,115

Clubs: 34,558

Districts: 529



[Rotaract](#)

Members:

133,860\* Clubs:



[Interact](#)

Members: 365,125\*

Clubs: 15,875\*



[Rotary Community Corps](#)

Members: 174,547\*

Corps: 7,789\*

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## **Rotary's Work with Other Organizations**

Rotary International works with many leading organizations and educational institutions in carrying out its worldwide humanitarian efforts.

### **Polio eradication partnerships**

Rotary International is a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative along with:

- ✧ World Health Organization
- ✧ U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- ✧ UNICEF
- ✧ Other partners include the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and donor governments.

### **United Nations**

Rotary International appoints representatives to work with several United Nations agencies and international organizations.

### **Strategic partners**

Under the Future Vision Plan, The Rotary Foundation Trustees have formed strategic partnerships with the following organizations:

- ✧ Aga Khan University, an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network, that is focused on increasing the number and skills set of professionals in the developing world by providing access to opportunities in higher education and research.
- ✧ Oikocredit International, a Netherlands---based cooperative financial institution that offers loans or investment capital to microfinance institutions, cooperatives, fair trade organizations, and small--- to medium---size enterprises in the developing world.

### **Rotary's Partners**

When Rotary partners with other organizations, we multiply the impact made by either group on their own. We call this “the Rotary effect.” From local food banks to global humanitarian organizations, we work with a wide variety of partners, including:

- ✧ [Aga Khan University](#)



- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Global FoodBanking Network
- Goodwill
- Mercy Ships
- ShelterBox
- UNESCO---IHE
- UNICEF
- United Nations
- World Health Organization

### **Government partners**

RI/USAID International H2O Collaboration: An alliance between Rotary International and the U.S. Agency for International Development to support and facilitate water and sanitation projects.

### **Rotary Peace Centers**

The Rotary Foundation partners with the following universities to offer fellowships leading to degrees or certificates in areas related to conflict prevention and resolution:

- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (professional development center)
- Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC, USA
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

**For more  
information:**

**Rotary International**

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**Rotary District 7500**

[www.rotarydistrict7500.org](http://www.rotarydistrict7500.org)

**Rotary Club of Medford**

**Sunrise**

[www.medfordsunrise.org](http://www.medfordsunrise.org)