

# MEMBER GUIDE



*Ashland, Ohio*

*Club No. 3460*

***SERVICE ABOVE SELF***



## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

*of the things we think, say or do*

*first...*

Is it the **TRUTH**?

*second...*

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

*third...*

Will it build **GOODWILL** and  
**BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

*fourth...*

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all  
concerned?

*fifth...Is it FUN?*

## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

<https://www.rotary.org/>

1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs in  
200+ countries.



## **ROTARY ZONES 30 & 31**

<https://www.rizones30-31.org/>

13 states, 31 districts, 1450+ clubs, 63,000+  
members.

*We will transition to Zone 29 in 2027.*



## **ROTARY DISTRICT 6600**

<https://rotarydistrict6600.org/>

58 clubs and 5,800+ members in Northern  
Ohio.



## **ASHLAND, OHIO 3460**

<https://www.ashlandrotary.net/>

The Rotary Club of Ashland was founded  
on May 2, 1922, chartered as club number  
1150, with 23 charter members.



Rotary International is the world's oldest service  
organization and one of the most widely recognized.

Rotary is made up of three parts:  
**Rotary International**, our **Club**, and  
**The Rotary Foundation**.

To help you identify and lean into your passion for Rotary, please work through this booklet.

You will improve your knowledge of **Rotary International**, our **Club**, and **The Rotary Foundation**.

Perhaps this process will refine your answer to the question:

### **Why are you a Rotarian?**

Thank you for your engagement and enjoy!

### **Get to know your Club Leaders**

- Ask the club President why they joined Rotary and what their goals are for their Presidential year?
- Ask the club President-Elect what is their personal passion for Rotary?
- Ask the Immediate Past President what defined their year of club leadership?
- Find a club member that can tell you the origin story for our club.

### **Club Membership Dues**

Dues are paid quarterly. The Club Treasurer will email you an invoice for payment. Be sure to keep your profile up to date at <https://www.ashlandrotary.net/>. You can pay online or send check payable to: Rotary Club of Ashland, PO Box 630, Ashland, OH 44805

## **The ROTARY ACTION PLAN**

Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves.

- Increase Our Impact
- Expand Our Reach
- Enhance Participation Engagement
- Increase Our Ability to Adapt

## **7 AREAS OF FOCUS**

Rotary organizes international and local service within 7 Areas of Focus.

1. Basic education and literacy
2. Community economic development
3. Disease prevention and treatment
4. Maternal and child health
5. Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
6. Water, sanitation, and hygiene
7. Environmental issues

**Is there an Area of Focus that holds a special interest for you and your Rotary Club?**

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

<https://my.rotary.org/en/who-we-are/about-rotary/guiding-principles>

We provide service to others, promote integrity, advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

## 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

*Printed on the inside cover of this passport.*

Is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings.

## AVENUES OF SERVICE

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

**Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.

**Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.

**Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.

International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.

**Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Did you know?

## **YOU CAN JOIN ROTARIANS ACROSS THE GLOBE!**

With over 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries, you can find a meeting whether traveling close to home or around the world.

It also means that, should you need to relocate, we will miss you, but you can find a new club to join!

You can go to [my.rotary.org](https://my.rotary.org) and, without logging in, search: club name, meeting location, distance from you, language, in-person/virtual, or meeting day.

Or you can download the Rotary Club Locator app!

## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Go global! Attend an international convention.

<https://convention.rotary.org/>

Join thousands of changemakers, social innovators, and service project leaders. Make it a goal to attend one International Conference.



## **OFFICIAL ROTARY APPS**

<https://my.rotary.org/en/knowledge-and-resources/rotary-tools/official-rotary-apps>

Find the information you need, wherever you are, with Rotary's official mobile apps. Whether you're looking for a club to visit while traveling or friends to meet up with at this year's convention, our mobile apps make it easy to find all this and more on your smartphone or tablet.

## **Rotary Club Locator**

Find Rotary clubs worldwide with our free Rotary Club Locator app. You can search for clubs by keyword, country, state or province, district, and even meeting day. Or simply use the “Near me” feature to find clubs close to your current location.

**Rotary Learning Center**  
The RotaryLearn app allows you to access the Learning Center on your mobile devices to complete your role-based courses, track your progress, and explore other courses and resources — wherever you are.

## **Rotary Virtual Reality**

Combining the power of Rotary’s virtual reality app with a VR viewer and a smartphone, you can immerse yourself in some of the world’s most vulnerable communities and gain a 360-degree perspective on the causes Rotary champions - including polio eradication and peacebuilding - and learn how you can take action to change the world.

## **Rotary Events**

Get the most out of each year’s **Rotary International Convention** with the Rotary Events app. Plan your daily schedule, learn about featured speakers and entertainment, download session handouts, and connect with friends.

The Rotary Events app also offers guides for participants of the **International Assembly**, Rotary’s annual training meeting for incoming district governors.

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>

**Our mission:** The Rotary Foundation (TRF) helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

TRF transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, TRF has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

*Together, we can make an impact in your community and around the world.*

Giving to TRF is primarily at the discretion of the individual Rotarian, though some clubs have chosen to include a portion in the club dues.

Half of our TRF giving returns to our district as District Designated Funds to fund district (local) grants and global grants led by our clubs. The 501(c)3 has the highest ranking of 4 stars by Charity Navigator.

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

<https://www.rotary.org/en/history-paul-harris-fellow-recognition>

The **Paul Harris Fellow** recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to **The Rotary Foundation**.

Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Since 1905, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world. It started with the vision of one man – **Paul Harris**. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on Feb. 23, 1905, so diverse professionals could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.

*“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.” —Paul Harris*

Maybe someday you will want to become a **Paul Harris Fellow!**

## WORLD POLIO DAY

October 24

One Day, One Focus, Ending Polio.

<https://www.endpolio.org/>

**World Polio Day** is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good.

Since 1988, we've seen a worldwide reduction in polio cases of 99.9%. Only two countries remain polio-endemic: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Visit the website to

- Learn
- Share
- Donate



End Polio



## **STAY CONNECTED!**

### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

Go to <https://www.rotary.org/>

Sign in for easy access to resources.

**Rotary Club Central** Set club goals and track how you're doing. Monitor your progress with detailed reports.

**Grant Center** Launch and manage all your Rotary Foundation grants in one place.

**Membership and Foundation Reports** Find reports with data about membership, contributions, recognition, and more.

**Learning Center** Learn new skills with online classes and materials created for your specific role or interests.

**Service Project Center** Browse successful club projects from around the world.

**Brand Center** Find logos, photos, videos, and all the resources you need to promote Rotary in your community.

And much more!

## **ROTARY ZONES 30 & 31**

<https://www.rizones30-31.org/>

A community of Rotarians in the **Heart of America.**

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## **ROTARY DISTRICT 6600**

<https://rotarydistrict6600.org/>

### **Unite for Good**

Visit the district website to learn about

District Programs • Giving & Grants

District Events • Leadership

Membership • Training & Resources

Medical Equipment Supplies Abroad (MESA).

MESA collects used medical equipment to send to other countries. A portion of your dues supports this effort.

## **ASHLAND, OHIO 3460**

<https://www.ashlandrotary.net/> AKA Club Runner  
member login is firstname.lastname.7790 then create password

Keep your profile up to date to stay connected!

Meetings, Events, and Projects

My Club Runner

Club Executives, Members, and Committees

Club Bulletins

Web links

and more!

## **OUR CLUB**

### **PROGRAMS**

We all have unique connections and ideas. Contact the club Programs Coordinator to suggest speakers or program ideas!

### **CLUB COMMITTEES**

Talk to a club Board Member to ask about committees and committee leaders.

### **SOCIAL**

We schedule informal social activities to build stronger friendships.

### **STRUCTURE**

President

President Elect

Immediate Past President

Secretary

Treasurer

Sergeant-at-Arms

Foundation Chair

Fireworks Chair

Programs Chair

Board Members

Board Member/Administration

Executive Secretary

*\*Current leaders are included as an insert.*

## **GET INVOLVED!**

Whether it is supporting club efforts by

- serving in a leadership role or on a committee
- offering to lead a project
- attending social events
- volunteering for service projects
- making suggestions for the good of the cause
- representing our club at other club meetings and events or at the district or international level

there are many opportunities to get involved.

Beyond local club leadership, some choose to advance into district leadership. Our district has a history of leadership involvement with Rotary International at very high levels.

### **Follow your passions and make an impact!**

Speak with other Rotarians and club leaders to find your fit.

- Community Service
- Fundraising
- Greeter
- International Service
- Meeting Set-Up
- Membership
- Programs/Presenters
- Social Events
- Youth Services/Rotary Youth Leadership Award

## OUR ROTARY CLUB PROJECTS

- 4th of July Fireworks supported by selling Raffle Tickets
- Holiday Nut Sale to support STRIVE scholarships
- Make Ashland Sparkle
- Brag for Bucks
- Interact meetings
- Other projects as decided upon by club members and as the need arises

**Brag for Bucks** At each meeting, members can make a donation and share a good news story. The money is used to support a cause which is determined by the current Club President.

The Rotary Club of Ashland supports students at Heartland Technical Education Center through **INTERACT** Take action, build international understanding, and make new friends around the world.

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Find out how serious leadership can be seriously fun.

**STRIVE** scholarship program. This annual effort is one of the ways we invest in the future of our students.

**Ashland Rotary Club**  
**New Rotarian to True Rotarian Journey**

1. Attend a board meeting
2. Interview a past president about the history of the club
3. Serve as a greeter for two meetings
4. Give a personal bio
5. Give the invocation or share an inspirational quote at a meeting
6. Attend an Interact meeting
7. Visit another Rotary club
8. Discuss the Rotary Foundation with the club's Foundation Chair
9. Volunteer for a committee
10. Invite a potential new member to a meeting

## NOTES

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