



ROTARY CLUB OF BLAKESLEE

Established: July 15, 1964
CELEBRATING 54 YEARS



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OUR CLUB

Our club is committed to making a difference locally. In response to urgent needs, we are focused on projects that help eliminate hunger in our community and promote leadership in our youth.

We band together on all sorts of projects to help better our community and develop interesting fund-raising events to help us continue to provide financial assistance to our youth.

OUR PROJECTS

- ◆ Donation to the Pocono Mountain West Little League
- ◆ Charter of Cub Pack 90
- ◆ Donation to Rotary Foundation
- ◆ Road Clean-up
- ◆ Dictionary Program
- ◆ Scholarship Program
- ◆ RYLA Leadership Conference
- ◆ Golf Tournament / Other Fund raisers

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary International is a volunteer organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members belonging to 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary celebrated 100 years of service in 2005. The Rotary Foundation has awarded more than US\$2.1 billion in grants, which are administered at the local level by Rotary clubs.

What is the purpose of Rotary?

Rotary clubs exist to improve communities through a range of humanitarian, intercultural and educational activities. Clubs advance international understanding by partnering with clubs in other countries. Rotary also encourages high ethical standards in all vocations.

What do Rotary clubs do?

Rotary clubs address critical issues at home and abroad by providing health care and medical supplies, clean water, food, job training, youth development, and education to millions of people in need.

WHAT ROTARY DOES ABROAD

Rotary has accomplished many projects, specifically with the help of its members around the world.



Polio Eradication - In 1985, Rotary International created PolioPlus – a program to immunize all the world’s children against polio. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary is currently working to raise an additional US\$200 million toward a US\$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These efforts are providing much needed polio vaccine, operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents. In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$6 billion to the effort. With its community-based network worldwide, Rotary is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. Rotary volunteers assist in vaccine delivery, social mobilization and logistical help in cooperation with the national health ministries, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Peace - In an effort to educate tomorrow’s peacemakers and ambassadors, up to 110 Rotary World Peace Fellows are sponsored each year to study at one of the eight universities for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Since 2002, 431 fellows from over 75 countries have participated at a cost of more than \$23 million.

International Education - Rotary is the world’s largest privately-funded source of international scholarships. Each year, about 1,000 university students receive Rotary scholarships to study abroad. Rotary clubs also coordinate a high school-age student exchange program that has sent nearly 8,000 students abroad for three months to a year.

Humanitarian Projects - Rotary clubs initiate thousands of humanitarian service projects every year. These volunteer-driven projects address the root causes of conflict, such as hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy.

Literacy - Rotary clubs work to improve literacy rates worldwide. A unique, Rotary-pioneered approach called the Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) has proven very effective in resource-strapped developing countries. It was so successful in Thailand, that the Thai government adopted the program nationwide.

Water Management - Recognizing the importance of clean water, many Rotary clubs help to install wells and develop water treatment and distribution systems to increase access to fresh drinking water for communities in need, especially in developing countries.



Rotary brings together people like you — from all walks of life — who want to use their expertise for good. People whose sense of responsibility inspires them to give back to their communities. At Rotary, we connect for good — and form lifelong friendships in the process. Together, we empower youth, improve health, promote peace, and advance our communities in all corners of the globe. With 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs worldwide, our global community's impact has never been greater — and it continues to grow.

Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to give back to their communities and to connect with like-minded leaders and friends.

People join Rotary for many reasons, including community involvement, personal development, professional networking, and camaraderie. But perhaps the most important benefit is the satisfaction you gain from making a real difference in your community and in the world.

The Costs of Rotary

Although the costs of being a Blakeslee Rotarian can vary year to year, you can expect the following costs to be associated with your membership:

These costs help Rotary with humanitarian projects in the community and abroad.

Annual Dues	\$160.00 / Yearly (biannual of \$80.00)	Will be billed in two installments
Meeting meals	\$2.00 and up	When Necessary
Weekly Raffle 50/50	\$2-\$5	At Meetings your choice to play
Donations	fundraising	When Necessary
International Foundation	\$100 per year is encouraged	This is a personal decision

In Addition...

As a member of the Rotary Club Blakeslee, you should also be willing to assume leadership roles when asked. These would include chairing or co-chairing committees, being a club officer and becoming a member of the Board of Directors.

Finally...

We would like to thank you for considering our Club. By returning your completed member profile, it will alert us of your enthusiasm to join our club. Your member application will be processed and we look forward to accomplishing many projects together.

MEETING INFORMATION

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Blakeslee Community Center

Anyone is welcome to attend our meetings to learn more about our club

CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND WEEKLY MEETING INFORMATION

JOIN ROTARY & CHANGE THE WORLD

WHO WE HELP THROUGH ROTARY

[FIVE LOAF HOUSE](#)

[Ecumenical Council \(Food Pantry\)](#)

[HABITAT FOR HUMANITY](#)

Pocono Mtn West Little League

Pack 90 Cub Scouts

Veterans

Seniors

Clymer Library

Students of Pocono Mountain School

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is an honor to be serving as club President for the Blakeslee Rotary for the second time. (Past President 2015-2016)

This year's theme is "Rotary Opens Opportunities" and it certainly does! There are 1.2 million Rotarians in over 35,000 clubs worldwide, working as people of action, to better the lives of those around us.

As a resident and local business owner in Long Pond for 20 years, I am committed to the betterment of our local community while also sustaining the beautiful land around us.

Blakeslee Rotary is the perfect place for me to find that balance. We give scholarships to high school seniors, serve community dinners to honor veterans and raise funds to help a local veteran get a service dog. We also do road cleanups and give dictionaries to third graders every year!

If you love helping people and improving your local area and the world, maybe Blakeslee Rotary is the place for you, too! It's hard work, but the rewards are great!

Rotary does open opportunities, but it starts with local clubs.

-April Guilherme, President 2020/2021



ESTABLISHED 1964

The Blakeslee Rotary was established
July 16, 1964.



Our Club

President

2020/2021

April Guilherme

2020/2021 Events & Fundraisers

Veterans/Senior Dinner

May 2020 POSTPONED - Next one is Tentative November 2021 - Time TBA, check our website & Facebook

Raffle Basket—Theme for the basket TBA

Starts September 2020- Drawing in December 2020

Blakeslee's "Night At The Races"

September 2020 —POSTPONED - Next September 2021

Rotary's - Programs Sponsor Book

Print January 2021— If interested in being a sponsor please contact any Rotary member

Blakeslee Rotary's Car Show

September 6, 2020 Stay Tuned for updates

Rotary Speakers - Open to Community

See our Website for details

2020/2021 Officers

TBD - President Elect

Janice Miller-Lion - Secretary

Chris Warriner - Treasurer



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