**ABOUT ROTARY:**

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary members have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

Our Structure: Rotary is made up of three parts: our clubs, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation. Together, we work to make lasting change in our communities and around the world.

**Our motto: Service Above Self**

For more than 110 years, our [**guiding principles**](https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/guiding-principles) have been the foundation of our values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

**What we do**

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world’s most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

* Promote peace
* Fight disease
* Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
* Save mothers and children
* Support education
* Grow local economies

**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**

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**

The Four-Way Test 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:  
Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**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. Learn more in [An Introduction to Vocational Service](https://my.rotary.org/en/document/introduction-vocational-service) and the [Code of Conduct](https://my.rotary.org/en/document/rotarian-code-conduct).
* 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. Learn more in [Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects](https://my.rotary.org/en/document/communities-action-guide-effective-projects).
* 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 [Rotaract](https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/sponsor-rotaract-club), [Interact](https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/sponsor-interact-club), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/organize-ryla-event), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/start-exchange).

## Get involved: Turn your passion for change into action through Rotary. Rotary members dream big and do whatever it takes to find solutions.

**Whether it’s as a member, partner, or supporter, you can be a part of the solution.**