

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.

Avenues of Service

Based on the object of Rotary, the four 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 standards

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

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

The Four-Way Test

Followed by Rotarians worldwide in their business and professional lives, The Four-Way Test was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932. It has since been translated into more than 100 languages.

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?



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Why Join Rotary?



Rotary International, the world's oldest service club organization, is made up of over 32,000 clubs in 168 countries. Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. Rotary education - the fundamental knowledge that will make every member better informed about Rotary and proud to be a Rotarian.

*"Thanks to rotary, my efforts to make the world a better place are multiplied. I'm no longer alone."
- F A Palacios, Ecuador*

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The genius of Rotary has been its ability to respond to the needs of the day, from child welfare to refugee relief to rural development to polio immunization. Rotary enjoys a rich and sometimes complex tradition and organizational structure, with many programs and custom that can be confusing to new and even not-so-new members. Rotary programs and service opportunities are designed to help Rotarians meet needs in their own communities and reach out to assist people in need worldwide.

Professional Networking

As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals people who make decisions and influence policy.

Service Opportunities

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment.

International Awareness

With more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in over 168 countries, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Friendship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professional, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

Good Citizenship

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

Family Foundations

Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

Entertainment

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

Leadership Development

Rotary is an organization of successful professionals. Team building, fund raising, public speaking, planning, organization, and communication are just a sampling of the leadership skills that club members can exercise and enhance. Being Rotary leader provides further experience in learning how to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

Diversity in Membership

Rotary's classification system ensures that a club's membership represents a variety of the community's professional men and women, including leaders in business, industry, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.



Programs by Rotary

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Interact Rotary Clubs organize and sponsor this service organization for youth ages 14-18; over 10,000 clubs in 118 countries.

Rotract Rotary clubs organize and sponsor this leadership, professional, development, and service organization for young adult's ages 18-30; more than 7800 clubs in 158 countries.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

These programs are designed to promote international understanding by bringing together people from different countries and cultures.

- Ambassadorial Scholarships, the world's largest, privately funded international scholarships program for university studies, sends 900 students each year to serve as ambassadors of goodwill while abroad.
- Rotary World Peace Fellowships are awarded to individuals for study in master's degree programs at the Rotary Centres for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.
- Rotary Peace and Conflict Fellowships are awarded to individuals for study in a short-term certificate program at the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict studies in Thailand



- Group Study Exchange is a cultural and vocational exchange program between districts in different countries for business people and professionals ages 25-40.
- Rotary Grants for University Teachers are awarded to higher education faculty to teach abroad in an academic field of practical use to people in a low income country.



Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Rotary clubs organize and sponsor these groups of non-Rotarians who work to improve their communities; more than 5700 RCCs in 71 countries.

Rotary Fellowships Vocational, recreational, and service-related groups open to all Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors sharing common interest; 93 fellowships.

Rotary Volunteers Rotarians and other skilled professionals are provided opportunities to offer their services and experience to local and international humanitarian projects.

Rotary Youth Exchange Clubs and districts sponsor and host students ages 15-19 who travel abroad for an academic year or an extended holiday; about 7000 a year.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Clubs and districts sponsor seminars to encourage and recognize leadership abilities of youth and young adults ages 14-30.

World Community Service (WCS) Rotary clubs and districts from two different countries form partnerships to implement community service projects.

Rotary recommends that clubs planning service activities consider nine major needs or concerns: Children at Risk, Disabled Persons, Health Care, International Understanding and Goodwill, Literacy and Numeracy, Population Issues, Poverty and Hunger, Preserve Planet Earth, And Urban Concerns.