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Rotary, the world's first and largest network of grassroots clubs solving common problems through uncommon service began with the formation of the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois USA on February 23, 1905.

The club was started by a young lawyer, Paul P. Harris and three of his friends. They wished to recapture the friendly spirit they had felt among business people in the small towns in which they had previously lived. Their weekly meetings "rotated" among their offices, providing the new service club with its name.

Today Rotary flourishes with some 33,000 clubs, and over 1.2 million men and women as club members providing community service in 166 countries.

Service Above Self

Rotary is an opportunity to build lifelong friendships and experience the personal fulfillment of providing volunteer service.

Rotary is essentially a grassroots organization, with most of its service efforts being carried out at the club level.

Clubs work on projects relating to health, hunger, environmental concerns, literacy and vocational assistance, drug abuse and assisting senior citizens and young people.

Club members support projects internationally and locally through their own contacts with Rotarians in other countries, and through participation in the programs of The Rotary Foundation, an International 501 (c)(3) organization.

How Do I Become A Rotarian?

Membership in a Rotary club is by invitation only. Clubs meet weekly for fellowship and present interesting program speakers dealing with topics of local and global importance.

The real work of Rotary takes place before and after the meetings, when Rotarians plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian and educational service projects that benefit people in their local communities and around the world.

The Four-Way Test

The 4-Way Test is a simple but profound statement of 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?**

Requirements

Rotarians should be business owners, professionals, managers, retirees or community leaders.

Rotarians must attend 50% of the meetings to remain in good standing.

To maintain this percentage they can attend meetings at any Rotary Club throughout the world or by participating in a project that Rotary sponsors. Online "make up" opportunities exist.

Rotarians should participate in a minimum of one or more committees within their club.

What Does Rotary Offer Me?

Being involved in Rotary offers you many opportunities. Among them are:

- Providing direct service to your community.
- Making new friends.
- Meeting Rotarians who may one day require the products or services you offer.
- Learning more about social service organizations, fitness and health, consumer affairs, as well as other businesses and hobbies through the many programs presented at meetings throughout the year.



The 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 acquaintances, 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 by each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third The application of the ideal of service by 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 Avenues of Service

1. **Club Service** - providing service to the Rotary club to enable it to run efficiently in the spirit of fellowship;
2. **Vocational Service** - putting high standards of conduct into practice in the business and professional lives of Rotarians;
3. **Community Service** - identifying needs in the Rotary Club's community and addressing those needs with service projects;
4. **International Service** - working for international understanding and peace by promoting goodwill between all people.

A Brief Summary of Accomplishments and Ongoing Projects

Raised more than \$220,000 to help eradicate polio in the world.

Financial Support for the following:

- James V. Brown Library's *Children's Wing*
- Special Olympics
- Literacy Learning Center
- Children's Development Center
- Salvation Army
- CAPP
- American Cancer Society
- and more...

Rotarians at work here:

- Brandon Park
- Adopt a Highway
- Local schools through the Dictionary Project and Jr. Rotarian and Exchange Students and more...

For more information visit
www.williamspportrotary.org.

Meeting Information:
Mondays • Noon • Genetti Hotel

Have you walked in someone else's shoes lately?



AN INVITATION TO JOIN

**THE
ROTARY
CLUB**

**OF WILLIAMSPORT
IN DISTRICT 7370**

*"The Future of Rotary
is in Your Hands"*