



Snapshot of Rotary



The Noon Rotary Club of Holland, MI



WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a service organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who conduct humanitarian projects, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and work toward world understanding and peace.

Rotary began in 1905, in Chicago when young lawyer, Paul P. Harris, and three of his friends wished to recapture the friendly spirit they had felt among business people in the small towns in which they had lived. Their weekly meetings "rotated" among their business offices thus providing the new service club with its name—**Rotary**.

Rotarians meet weekly to enjoy fellowship, engage current topics by enjoying a variety of program speakers. They also use these meetings to discuss ways and plans to serve others locally, nationally and internationally.

Today, Rotary flourishes worldwide with more than 30,000 clubs and 1.2+ million men and women as club members in 160+ countries around

the world. As an active Rotary member, you are admitted to any of these meetings regardless of where your travels may take you.

In addition to international membership, Peace has long been a major Rotary initiative. In San Francisco in 1945, prominent Rotarians were instrumental in establishing the United Nations. Fiscal and program years for Rotary run from July 1 through June 30. Every year, all Rotarians have the opportunity to gather each spring for an International Convention in Germany, Hawaii, Canada, South Korea, Atlanta and numerous other destinations. To check out further information, contact the Rotary International (RI) website at www.rotary.org



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HE/SHE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST

SERVICE ABOVE SELF –The Rotary International Motto

The 5 Avenues of Service

1. Community Service: identifying needs in the Rotary Club's community and addressing these needs with service projects.
2. International Service: working for international understanding and peace by combating sick-ness and poverty worldwide and promoting goodwill between people of all nationalities.
3. Vocational Service: honoring the dignity of work and high ethical standards in business and professional life, and working to transmit these values to young people in the community.
4. Club Service: providing service to the Rotary Club to enable it to run efficiently in the spirit of fellowship.
5. Youth Services: recognizing the positive change implemented by youth and young adults enriching and fostering world peace and cultural understanding.

The Four-Way Test

Of the things Rotarians think, say or do, we ask ourselves:

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?

The Object of Rotary

To encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service.
2. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal, business and community life.
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through the world fellowship of combining business and professional persons united in the pursuit of service to others.



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WHAT DO ROTARIANS DO?

) Fellowship

Rotarians come together in meetings, usually sharing a meal and many ideas as they become acquainted with fellow members. They share a community of enjoyable conversation and personal commitment.

) Serve

Rotarians staff committees to perform the particular club ideals in the actual work in the club, throughout the community as well as the world.

) Personify

Rotarians vow to commit their lives in a way which will reflect the true meaning of the Object of Rotary and the Four-Way Test.

Overview of Holland Rotary

) On Thursday, March 11, 1920, 17 men met to form the Rotary Club of Holland. Our 85th anniversary gift to the City of Holland was the "Boundless Playground" in Smalenburg Park..)

The Holland Rotary's first president was Carl A. Bigge. Our current president is listed on the www.HollandRotary.org home page (left side).

) The Holland Rotary is governed per by-laws by a Board of Directors, with nine elected directors and the elected officers.

) Members of Holland Rotary include over 100 business & community leaders of all ages representing a wide variety of businesses and professions.

) Women were first inducted into the club in 1988 and now make up more than 30% of the membership. Ten women have served as Holland Rotary presidents.

) The club has produced three District Governors, Fred Bertsch, Jr. 1979-1980, Tom Bos, 1998-1999, and Ed Swartz, 2018-2019.

) Rotary organizes at the club, district, zone, and international levels.

) The Holland Rotary Club has sponsored two nearby clubs: Rotary Club of Zeeland, chartered by Rotary International May 21, 1934, and Holland AM In The PM Rotary, chartered July 1, 2001.

) Holland Rotarians usually meet at 12:10 p.m. every Thursday at Haworth Inn and Conference Center, 225 College Avenue on the campus of Hope College with meetings usually lasting an hour (plus or minus 10 minutes).



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Why Become a Rotarian?

Being a Rotarian offers those interested...

Opportunity to meet and interact with community leaders at weekly meetings, state leaders at District Assemblies and Conferences, and national leaders at the annual convention.

Opportunity to learn more about local, national, international organizations and issues through weekly speakers.

Opportunity to work on local or international projects relating to health, hunger, environmental concerns, literacy and vocational assistance, cultural exchanges, and assisting senior citizens and young people.

Getting Involved – Holland Rotary committees in the Five Avenues of Service

Community Service Become involved in helping Challenged students via students Committee Community Service Committee

International Service International Service Committee, Rotary Foundation, Committee Foundation, and Scholarships Committee

Vocational Service

Vocations via Work Committee

Club Service

Fund Raising Committee

Program Committee

Membership Growth & Involvement Committee

Communications and Public Relations Committee

Youth Services

International Youth Exchange Committee

Youth, Schools and Colleges Committee

All members are encouraged to become active on at least ONE committee.



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Recent projects/ organizations supported by the Rotary Club of Holland include:

Leadership camps and scholarships for local schoolchildren – including Leaders of the 21st Century

Holland and West Ottawa Special Education

Youth exchanges to/from various countries

Clean water in Honduras, Dominican Republic, Haiti

Community Action House

Center for Women in Transition

Salvation Army

Tulip Time Festival Float

Adopt-a-Highway (Rt. 31 north)

Worldwide inoculation program to eradicate polio

Smallenburg Park Playground

Little Book Houses,

Windmill Island Benches and financial support of path improvements,

Donations to projects other clubs are sponsoring if involved in interests and goals of the Holland Rotary Club.

Personal and monetary donations to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation via “Re-Member”

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