



Why Join Rotary?...

People of Action



Rotary's global network of more than 1.2 million neighbours, friends, leaders and problem-solvers see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Together we volunteer our skills and resources to solve issues and address community needs.

Our Shared Ideals

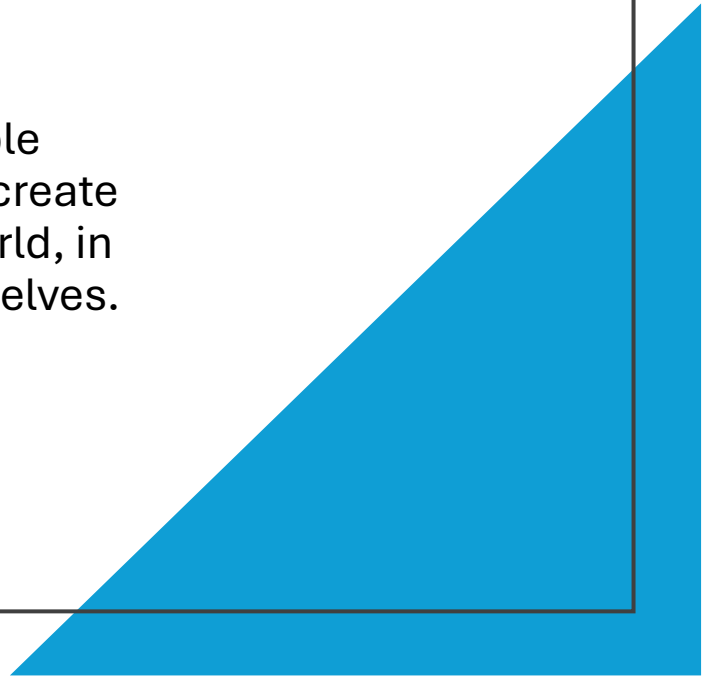


The heart of every Rotary club is its dedicated members, who share the ideals of **service, friendship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.**

Positive Change



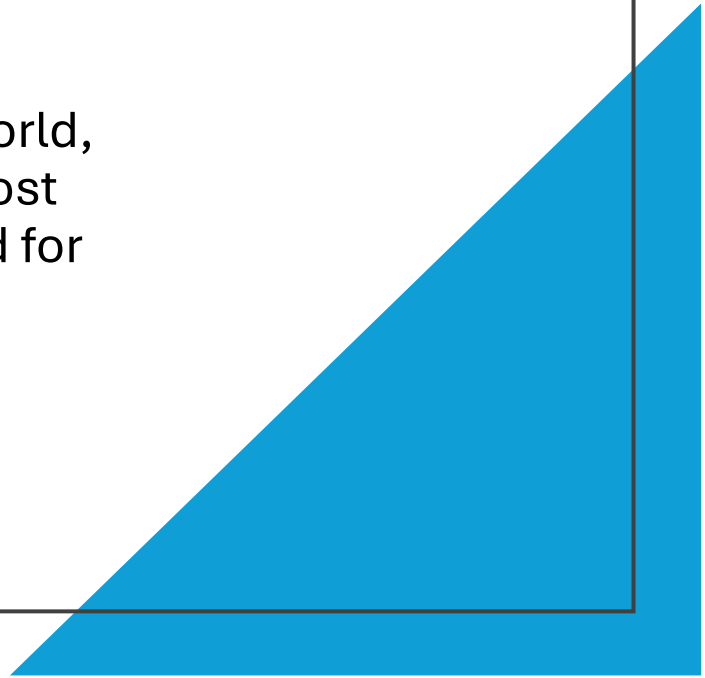
Rotary clubs bring together people across generations who wish to create lasting positive change in the world, in their communities, and in themselves.



Friendship



In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friends and fellowship.



Business Development



Rotarians represent a cross section of every business community.

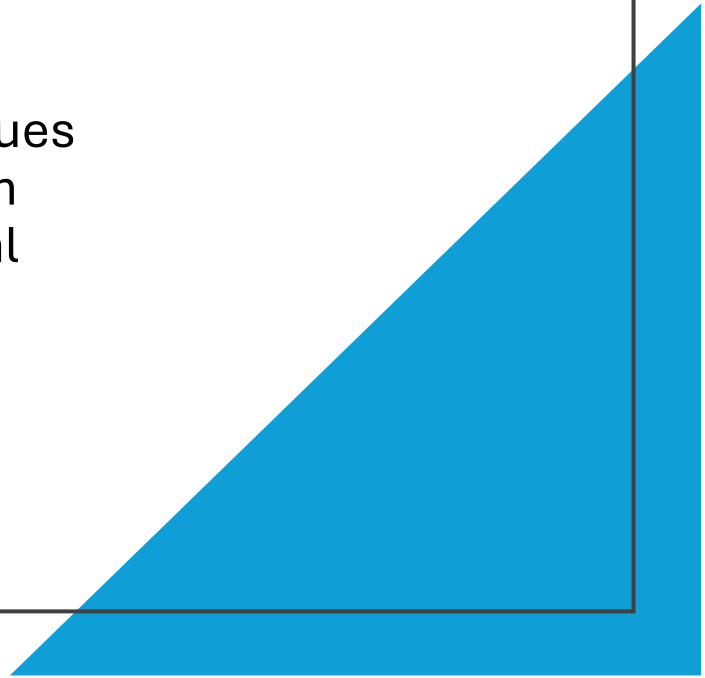
We come from all walks of life.

We help each other and collectively help others.

Personal Growth



Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.



Leadership Development



Serving on a club committee(s) or in district positions is an education in *leadership*: learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.

Continuing Education



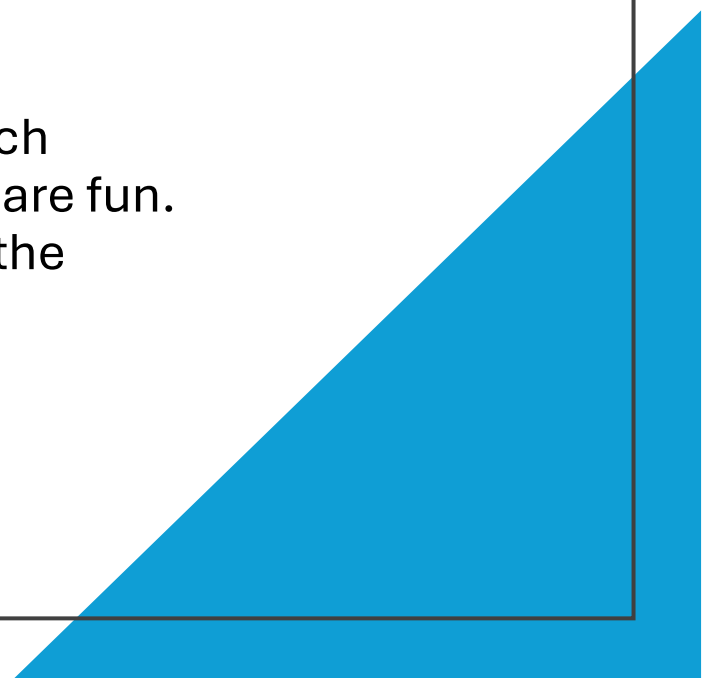
Each week at our club, there is a program designed to engage and keep one informed as to what is going on in the community, nation, and world.

Different speakers, different topics – always interesting and often inspiring.

FUN



Rotary is fun. A lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. Club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. And the service is fun.



Public Speaking



Rotary gives you opportunities to develop and enhance your skills and confidence to grow as a public communicator.

Citizenship in the Community



Being a member in a Rotary club makes one a better citizen within the community.

Rotary clubs often have some of the most active citizens in their community.

Citizenship in the World



We are Rotary *International*. There is an annual International Convention. We have thousands of aid projects.

Every Rotarian is welcome to attend meetings at over 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographic areas.

Each club has Rotarians like you, ready to be a welcoming friend in their community.

Assistance When Travelling



With clubs throughout the world, many traveling Rotarians benefit, particularly if they need a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, or simply advice on a great local restaurant! (And don't be surprised if you're invited to eat at their home instead!)

Entertainment



Every Rotary club and district has fun social activities.

Rotary also has conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that entertain while providing information, education, and service.

Becoming a Better People Person



With today's world so online, many find interpersonal connections have decreased and their "people skills" aren't being practised.

If that's you, Rotary is a terrific antidote. Our meetings, events and functions provide "real" connections and experiences.

Rotarians are people people!

Family Programs



Rotary has one of the world's oldest and largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse / partner involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members grow and develop family values and great memories.

Vocation Improvement



Every Rotarian can grow and develop their profession or vocation... by serving on committees where their skills are leveraged or being a mentor for youth and young professionals.

Living Ethically



Rotarians espouse and practice a 4-Way Test that provides clear ethical standards in decision-making.

Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

Four Way Test:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion



Rotarians reflect practically every religion, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, ethnic identity and sexual orientation.

We are some of the world's most prominent citizens from every background.

By being in Rotary, we become more aware of other cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere.

Prestige



Rotary is the world's oldest and most prestigious service club. Its ranks include executives, managers, professionals, decision-makers, community leaders and people of influence from all walks of life – whether it's the public sector, business, professional services, the arts, and more.

Nice People



Rotarians are some of the nicest people on earth!

We think that while it might be nice to be important, it is more important to be nice.

No Funny Hats



Rotary has no secret handshake, no hidden policy, no official creed, no faith-based rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

Opportunity to Serve



The **Rotary Club of West Ottawa** is a *service* club. Our business is helping people. Our product is service. We provide community service both locally and internationally.

The BEST reason to become a Rotarian is because **you** can make a positive and meaningful difference in the lives of others. And you'll find it is richly rewarding when you do!