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# Rotary International

Service Above Self Since 1905

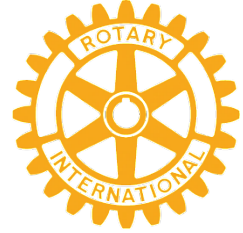


Rotary International Theme 2024-2025

# WHO WE ARE

Rotary

*PEOPLE of ACTION*



- Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, opportunity-creators and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.
- Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For almost 120 years, Rotary's people of action “Rotarians” 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.

# 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.

# OUR MISSION & VISSION

**Our Mission:** We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Rotary



Rotary's Vision Statement

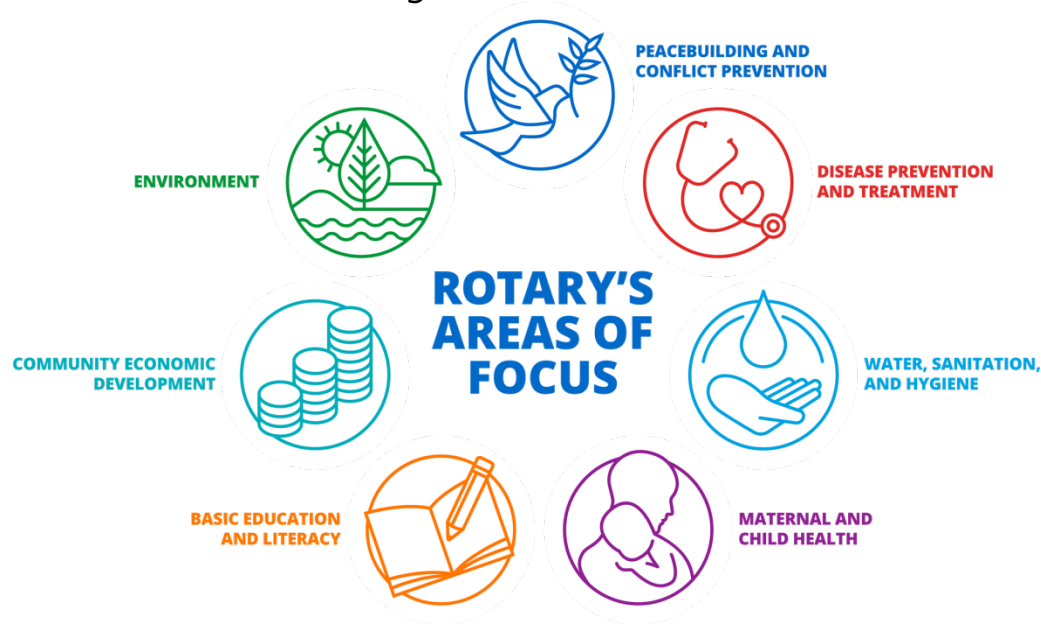
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IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

# 5 AVENUES OF SERVICE

1. **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
2. **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* and the *Code of Conduct*.
3. **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* and this *Community Service* presentation (PPT).
4. **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.
5. **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, EarlyAct, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

# 7 AREAS OF FOCUS

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 46,000+ clubs work together in:



# HISTORY

- Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on February 23, 1905 so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.
- Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.



**Rotary Founder  
Paul Harris**



# GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE

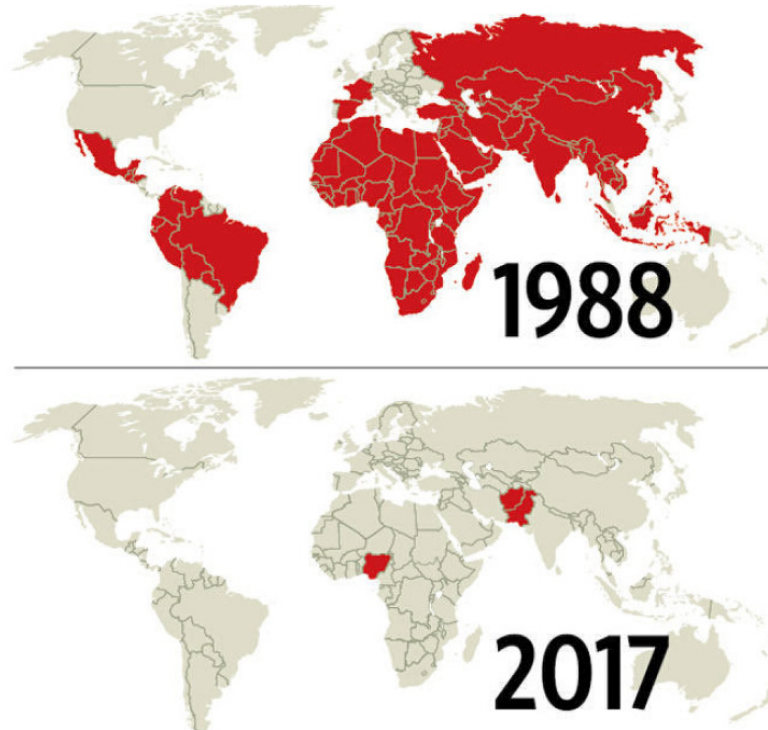
- Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.
- As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.
- Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.
- Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

## The polio endgame

Since 1988, when the WHO resolved to eradicate polio, its footprint has shrunk dramatically. It is only considered endemic in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria (which hasn't seen a case since 2016). Last year there were only 22 new cases reported.

	1988	2017
■ Endemic countries	125	3

SOURCE: World Health Organization  
TORONTO STAR GRAPHIC



- In 1988 there were over 350,000 case of polio per year.
- In 2021 there were 5 cases reported.

# DISTRICT-CLUB MEMBERSHIP



District 6910 (North Georgia)

- Members: 3,200 +
- Average club size: 43 members

- Members: 76 Active Members
- Corporate, Rule of 85 & Honorary
- Ages range from late 20's to 80+

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF CANTON, GEORGIA

- Chartered by the Rotary Club of Marietta on May 20, 1937.
- High performing, award winning club: Consistently recognized at the district and international zone level.
- We have chartered all other clubs in our Rotary District 6910 Area 16: Woodstock, Jasper, Cherokee County, Towne Lake and Carpe Diem.
- Please enjoy the following video!



**[The Rotary Club of Canton's 87th Anniversary of Service Above Self](#)**

# MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT

Meaningful community involvement through:

- Charitable giving (cash and in-kind donations).
- Scholarships and grants.
- Sweat equity: Time, talent, and energy of Rotarians leading and supporting projects, programs and initiatives for our community and beyond.
- “Heart for Service Days” during lunch meetings, once a month.



# EXAMPLES OF ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT

- The Children's Haven
- Goshen Valley Foundation & Boys Ranch
- Habitat for Humanity
- Next Step Ministries
- MUST Ministries
- Salvation Army
- End Human Trafficking
- Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon
- Public Safety Memorial
- Canton Rotary Park
- Cherokee Veterans Park Trail
- Boy Scouts of America (Appalachian)
- Hasty Elementary School
- Liberty Elementary School
- Teasley Middle School
- Cherokee High School
- Sequoyah High School
- Reinhardt University
- Anna Crawford Children's Center
- Cherokee Family Violence Center
- Homeless Coalition Cherokee County
- The Recovery Organization of Cherokee County
- Sequoyah Regional Library System
- And many more!



# NETWORKING, FAMILY FUN, FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDSHIP



# CLUB LEADERSHIP 2024-2025

- President: Marcie Smith
- Vice President: Francisco Lozano
- Secretary: Annie DeLuca
- Treasurer: Shane Burr
- President Elect: Billy Peppers
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Marianne Butler





# BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-2025

- Joe Smith (2024-2027)
- JoEllen Wilson (2023-2026)
- Lisa-Marie Haygood (2024-2027)
- Lynn Epps (2022-2025)
- Rebecca Johnston (2023-2026)
- Shane Moore (2024-2025)



# FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

- Rotary Foundation (Donate / Contribute)
- Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP)
- Sponsorships (Various)
- Coins for Alzheimer Research Trust (CART) Fund
- 50/50 (Weekly Drawing)
- Happy Dollars & Biz Fins (\$1 or \$5)
- PolioPlus.
- Other events: Prayer Breakfast, Women in Leadership Breakfast & Panel, An Affair To Remember Gala, Promoting Mental Health in Our Community Conference & Panel of Experts, etc.



# CHARITABLE FUND RECIPIENTS

- Scholarships
- Cherokee County Public Safety
- Sequoyah Regional Library System
- PolioPlus Immunization Project
- Anna Crawford Children's Center
- YMCA
- Malon Mimms Boys & Girls Club
- Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Special Olympics
- Goshen Valley Foundation
- The Children's Haven
- Cherokee Family Violence Center
- Encompass Ministries
- World Community Service Projects
- EarlyAct and Interact Clubs
- MUST Ministries
- Next Step Ministries
- End Human Trafficking
- Habitat for Humanity
- American Cancer Society
- Cherokee County School District
- Georgia Rotary Student Program
- Cherokee FOCUS
- The Recovery Organization of Cherokee County and more!

# CHARITABLE FUND BOARD 2023-2024

- Marcie Smith, Rotary Club of Canton President (ex-officio non-voting member).
- Lynn Epps, Chair (yearly elected – 2024 Elected by Canton BOD).
- All others serve three year terms as follows:
  - 2023 Elected to the Board of Trustees by Canton Club BOD
    - Rebecca Johnston
    - JoEllen Wilson
  - 2022 Elected to the Board of Trustees by Canton Club BOD
    - Clark Cordner, Treasurer
    - Buddy Bennett (position of Treasurer as elected by Charitable Fund BOT)
  - 2024 Elected to the Board of Trustees by Canton Club BOD
    - Susan Padgett Harrison, Vice Chair (position of Vice Chair as elected by Charitable Fund BOT)
    - Barbara Jacoby, Secretary (position of Secretary as elected by Charitable Fund BOT)

# ACTIVE COMMITTEES AND CLUB INVOLVEMENT

- Canton Rotary Charitable Fund - Lynn Epps
- Community Service – Billy Peppers
- District Conference 2025 - Shane Burr
- Family of Rotary - Lori Baker & Francisco Lozano
- Fundraising – Kathy Homschek
- Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) – Francisco Lozano & Buster Cushing
- International Service - Anu Narula
- Membership – Kristi Estes & Jennifer Puckett
- Programs - Rebecca Johnston
- Public Image – Barbara Jacoby & Jaye Grimes
- Vocational Service - JoEllen Wilson
- Website – Francisco Lozano
- Youth Service & Rotary Foundation - Peter Gleichman

# GRSP & THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



## Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP):

*Bringing Nations Together – Peace Through Friendship.*

- Will Watt Fellow (\$1,000)
- Hue Thomas, Jr. Fellow (\$2,500)
- Kendall Weisinger Fellow (\$5,000)



## Rotary Foundation:

*Making a Difference Across the World.*

- Paul Harris Fellows (\$1,000)
- Paul Harris Sustaining Member (\$100/year)
- Paul Harris Society (\$1,000/year)
- Benefactor (\$1,000+)

# WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP IN ROTARY COST?

- **Annual Costs = \$1,100**
- Club, District & RI Quarterly dues of \$225 (\$900/year) which includes meals.
- Optional: Will Watt Sustaining Member (GRSP) \$100 per year
- Optional: Paul Harris Sustaining Member Fellow \$100 per year
- Sponsor Fundraisers \$125 +
- Miscellaneous (CART Fund, etc.) \$100
- Sponsorship Opportunities (numerous)
- Guest fees \$15 per guest (lunch)
- New Members are encouraged to consider becoming Rotary Foundation Benefactor (\$1,000 in your will to Rotary International)
- Corporate Memberships Program

# RED BADGE TO BLUE BADGE

## Encouraging Participation and Learning

1. Deliver Prayer & Pledge @ 1 meeting .\*
2. Introduce Guests & Deliver Sunshine @ 1 meeting.\*
3. Give Speaker Response @ 1 meeting.\*
4. Lead the 4-Way test for 1 meeting.\*
5. Introduce yourself during induction.\*\*
6. Attend 1 Board of Directors meeting.\*\*
7. Get in touch with your Rotary Mentor.\*\*\*
8. Join a committee or participate in a service project.\*\*\*
9. Complete profile, upload picture & navigate DACdb.\*\*\*\*

\* Scheduled by Sergeant-at-Arms.

\*\* Scheduled by President.

\*\*\* Facilitated by Vocational Service Chair.

\*\*\*\* Facilitated by Webmaster.





# OUR STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE



- The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do is a test used by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships.
- The test can be applied to almost any aspect of life.
- The test was scripted by Herbert J. Taylor, an American from Chicago.
- It was later adopted by Rotary International, the global federation of Rotary service clubs.

# QUESTIONS?

## Get to Know Us:

- Rotary Club of Canton
- District 6910 – Club # 4156
- District Area 16
- Rotary International Zone 34

## Weekly Meetings (typically):

- Tuesdays @ 12:00 pm, Noon
- Rotating venues such as the Cherokee Conference Center, R.T. Jones Memorial Library, Canton City Hall, Thrive Coworking at the Jones Building, etc.



# USEFUL LINKS

- **Club Website:** [www.therotaryclubofcantonga.org](http://www.therotaryclubofcantonga.org)
- **DACdb (Intranet):** <https://www.dacdb.com/>
- **By-Laws:**
  - [Rotary Club of Canton](#)
  - [Canton Rotary Charitable Fund](#)
- **District 6910 Website:** <https://www.rotarydistrict6910.org/>
- **Rotary International Website:** <https://www.rotary.org/en>
- **The Rotary Leadership Institute Sunshine Division:** <https://rlitraining.org/>

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