

When someone asks the question, **"What is Rotary?"**

The answer should be simple but it doesn't seem to be.

We mumble words like helping, projects, and international,
But the real meaning of Rotary, in fact, is very personal.

We each join Rotary for reasons of our own
To share a meal, make a deal, or not to be alone.

But once you are a Rotarian, a change slowly starts within
It's not about you, but what can you do, and when can you begin.

"Making a Difference" is the theme for this Rotary year.
It asks each Rotarian to make a pledge sincere.

To reach out to those around the world, who have a dire need
And make a difference in their lives and help them to succeed.

A huge task for only one, but we stand with many others.
Together we can make a difference for every one who suffers.

The logo for this year can be viewed in different ways.
Let's take a look and figure out the thoughts that it portrays.

Looking at the logo there are shapes for us to see.
First, those focus areas - those pillars of Rotary.

For clean water, peace all around, as well as end disease-
For education, healthy babes, and micro-economies.

Second, those pillars could be people, who need help to face each day,
So there is hope and happiness and fear is pushed away.

Third, those pillars are Rotarians coming together strong as one
To make things better for those in need until the job is done.

So, I ask again the question, **"What is Rotary?"**
It creates a better person - the best that you can be.

Rotary makes you think about the **difference you can make**
By giving, sharing, and caring - for someone else's sake.

So, how to answer the question. **"What is Rotary?"**
It's the best decision I've ever made for others and for me.

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