



About Our Club: More than a Century of Service Above Self

The Rotary Club of Washington, DC was founded in July 1912, the 46th Rotary Club to be established following the founding of the first Rotary Club in Chicago in 1905. There are now approximately 35,000+ clubs worldwide.

Today, the national capital's first club—our Rotary Club of Washington, DC—meets every Wednesday over lunch, 12:30-1:30 p.m., at the University Club, 1135 16th St. NW, Second Floor, Washington, DC. Our diverse club has about 140 members, all successful professionals or retirees with a shared commitment to the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

PEOPLE OF ACTION

Our club offers opportunities for our members—and those interested in making a difference—to get involved. Through meetings, social events, and volunteer projects, our members learn about the issues facing our community and communities all over the world, partnering with local, national, and global experts to exchange ideas about potential solutions and to draw up action plans to respond. Along with these opportunities to serve, members also are able to regularly network, resulting in lifelong friendships and business connections.

Our club is a proud part of this community and of Rotary International. Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 million members who believe that great things happen when dedicated minds come together. We are community and business leaders representing different professions, experiences, and perspectives but with a shared desire to connect with others to address the challenges affecting our community and communities around the world.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Solving real problems takes real effort, commitment, and vision. Rotarians work to protect communities from preventable disease, keep women and children healthy, improve education and economic outcomes, create safe water and sanitation infrastructure, and make our community and the world a more peaceful place.

The Rotary Club of Washington, DC established the Rotary Foundation of Washington, DC in 1922 to engage in works of charity. Our special Club Foundation is dedicated to supporting local and international non-profit organizations engaged in a wide range of community development and charitable activities. Members of the Rotary Club of Washington DC are directly engaged in over 20 community projects annually, and through the Foundation, support another 40-60 organizations and projects through contributions.

The Rotary Foundation of Washington, DC makes available two types of grant opportunities for DC non-profit organizations:

- Community Service Grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 per organization supporting projects that demonstrate need for small capital items or "seed money" for special services that provide direct and tangible benefits principally within the District of Columbia.
- Foundation Special Project Grants of \$20,000 supporting larger projects that demonstrate long-term sustainability and impact and offer opportunities for Rotary members to volunteer and raise the profile of the organization and Rotary in the DC community.

The Rotary Club of Washington, DC's International Service Committee (ISC) funds and oversees international humanitarian projects that align with The Rotary Foundation's mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

- Small Grants—The ISC funds small grants for humanitarian projects that demonstrate a need for small capital items or "seed money" for a special service that provides direct and tangible benefits.
- Global Grants—The ISC contributes to funding of global grants, approved by The Rotary Foundation, in partnership with other Rotary Clubs, that demonstrate long-term sustainability, measurable outcomes and aligns with Rotary's areas of focus. Grants must actively involve Rotarians and community members, respond to real community needs, and provide a community assessment.

GET INVOLVED

Becoming a member enables you to meet your community's leaders and to make an impact both here and around the world. We invite you to visit our club and find out more about us and the opportunities we offer to get involved.

Our members have found that it's a truly rewarding experience both personally and professionally.

Please join us and help make a difference!