



## Why Join the Rotary Club of Washington, DC Besides Our Motto "Service Above Self"?

- 1. Friendship:** Rotary offers a relaxed backdrop for well-informed, charitable individuals to enjoy each other's company and meet people with a wide array of personal and professional experiences. Rotary offers the opportunities to plug into parties, conferences, conventions, and other social activities in addition to Rotary's service programs.
- 2. Business Relationships:** Rotary consists of a richly rewarding, cross section of business skills. The opportunity to network, be mutually supportive, and be educated in an always-changing world are three reasons Rotary began in Chicago in 1905. Rotarians prize ethical behavior both personally and professionally, sharing the simple values of "Rotary's 4-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?
- 3. Individual Growth:** Membership in Rotary continues one's education in local and international issues, as well as human nature. Spurred by partnering with leaders in the nonprofit world, Rotarians leverages its community service to create positive change. Responding to their knowledge of the district, individuals continually refine how they privately dispense their time, talents and treasure. The gift of Carter Baron Amphitheatre to the city came out one Rotarian's recognition of the need in the District for cultural and leisure space. A common Rotary saying is "He profits most who serves best."
- 4. Continuing Education:** The weekly Rotary Club of Washington, DC lunch programs offer access to diverse subject matter experts who keep members informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world.
- 5. Citizenship in the World:** Rotarians are warmly welcome to attend any membership meeting held by over 35,000 clubs in almost all countries around the globe. Many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, lodging, dining recommendations or other advice, while traveling internationally, has found assistance through the network and hospitality of local clubs.

6. **Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs as well as high school / college clubs for future Rotarians; offers opportunities for families to be involved in community projects; offers international support for family members serving abroad; and provides a host of activities designed to help family members grow their awareness of philanthropy.
7. **Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, the Rotarians are collaboratively united to respect the individual differences that arise from different religions, countries, cultures, races, creeds, political persuasions, languages, colors, and ethnic identities.
8. **Prestige:** Rotary members represent executives, managers, policy makers and leaders from the vast spectrum of business enterprises.
9. **Positive People:** There is a grassroots belief in Rotary that collective action locally and internationally can improve the world that we see today.
10. **Leadership Development:** Rotary offers excellent board training for those wanting to serve on the Board of the Rotary Club of DC or the Board of the Rotary Foundation of DC. Members can also lead a wide array of committees serving Club, local, national, and international interests supporting our motto "Service Above Self."
- 10½. **Humor:** We value wit and appreciate the humorous side to mankind as we pursue our philanthropic adventures. Let's have some fun while together we lead change in our own backyards and across the world!

**"Whatever Rotary may mean to us,  
to the world it will be known  
by the results it achieves."  
—founder Paul P. Harris**