

**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.

### HISTORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Rotary was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney, who wanted to encourage fellowship among business acquaintances. Rotary quickly took on a primary service component which continues today in the words of the well-known Rotary motto —

#### *Service Above Self.*

The weekly meetings in those first years literally "rotated" among the offices of the members, providing the new service club with its name. As Rotary grew in numbers, the rotating of meetings among the offices of the members became difficult; however, the focus of Rotary on business is still preserved in the classification system which ties each Rotarian with a business or professional role in the community.

Rotary brings together people of all races, nationalities, religious faiths, and political beliefs in a common mission of service to the community. Rotary is truly a large international organization which promotes peace and understanding throughout the world.

### ROTARY DISTRICT 7210

District 7210 includes 65 individual Rotary Clubs throughout an area including 8 counties having combined membership of nearly 2000 Rotarians. More than 30 active committees guide District activities. Arlington Rotary Club members have a long history of participation in the many committees and special projects organized by the District. Rotarians are urged to participate in the annual District Conference.

### HISTORY OF ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB

Arlington Rotary Club was chartered on June 4, 1953, sponsored by the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club. From the charter group of 25 members the Club has grown to nearly 60 men and women dedicated to service in our community, nation and to countries throughout the world.

## Arlington Rotary Club Contributions

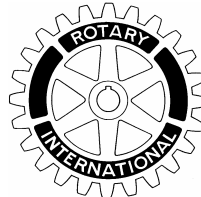
Since its founding in 1953 the Arlington Rotary Club has actively participated in the several avenues of Rotary service. These projects include, among many others:

### Community Service Activities

- Long time association and support for Rehabilitation Programs, Inc. :  
Funded and constructed a handicapped accessible playground and gazebo.  
Cook and serve at annual children's picnic.  
Annual cleanup for grounds & landscaping.  
Funded Community Access Grant.
- Recognize Students of the Month with awards at regular meetings.
- Support and participate in Christmas in April, a local housing restoration program.
- Centennial project provided potting & storage shed for Vassar Garden Art Space, in conjunction with Interact club at BOCES.
- Support to Literacy Volunteers of America, with continuing annual Spelling Bee team sponsorship.
- Community Service Awards to non-Rotarians in recognition of their service to our community.
- Annual Hudson River clean-up project.
- Annual Veterans picnic at Castle Point Hospital. Special Veterans' Day club program.
- Support of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.
- Sponsorship and support of Red Cross in semi-annual blood drives.
- Thanksgiving Baskets for Hudson River Housing.

### Vocational & Youth Service Activities

- Dutchess County Science Fair sponsorship, organization and judging support since 1988.
- Sponsor and participate in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Program, an intensive 4 day conference for high school sophomore leadership training, started in 1989 by Arlington Rotarian Walter Neidhardt.
- Annual award to 5 BOCES graduates.
- Annual award of Walter Neidhardt Scholarship to Arlington High School Graduate.
- Sponsor 3 Rotary Interact Clubs at BOCES.
- Charter and sponsor Rotaract Club of Ridley Lowell Institute.



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## Arlington Rotary Club Contributions

### International Service Activities

- Sponsored International Exchange Students from Brazil, South Africa, Mexico and Switzerland to the United States.
- Participate in International Group Exchange to Brazil.
- Organized ongoing annual donation and delivery of excess hospital equipment to Dominica, Jamaica and other needy countries.
- Supported "Pure Water for the World" initiative in Honduras.
- Sponsor donation, refurbishment and shipment of a fire truck to Dominica.
- Provided 3 homes for needy families in Ethiopia.
- Major contributor to Rotary International **Polio Plus** goal to eradicate polio in the world by 2005.
- Support Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, a non-profit corporation providing worldwide humanitarian grants to needy peoples and worthy projects, and educational awards for international exchanges of university scholars, teachers, business and professional people.
- Nominate applicants for Rotary Foundation Scholarships.
- Contribute funds for national disaster relief.

## Arlington Rotary Club Recognition

### Rotary District 7210 Recognition

- Rotary International Presidential Citation each year since inception for outstanding achievements.
- Four Arlington Rotarians served a term as Governor of District 7210.
- The Rotary Foundation Award, recognizing 100% participation as Paul Harris Fellows or Sustaining Members.

## Responsibilities of Membership

### Arlington Rotary Club Members should...

- Attend weekly meetings regularly.
- Actively participate in one or more club committees.
- Promptly pay quarterly fees and dues.
- Support major fundraising activities of the club.
- Participate in Rotary avenues of service, demonstrating **Service Above Self**.
- Support Rotary Foundation as a Paul Harris Sustaining Member, Fellow, or Benefactor.

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

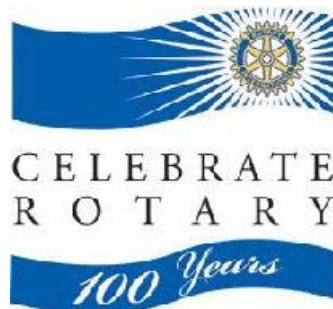
### WHAT IS ROTARY?

#### ROTARY IS A SERVICE ORGANIZATION...

- ◆ Of business and professional people united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.
- ◆ Of more than 1.2 million Rotarians belonging to nearly 32,000 Rotary Clubs in nearly 170 countries, with membership by invitation.
- ◆ That began **February 23, 1905** in Chicago. The international headquarters is in Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A., with branch offices in **7** countries on **4** continents.
- ◆ That has compassion for the underprivileged, the underfed and the disabled, many of whom are the beneficiaries of more than 25,000 service projects conducted by Rotary Clubs throughout the world each year.
- ◆ That each year adds fulfillment to the lives of more than **7,000** young people of secondary school age as they study in a country other than their own.
- ◆ That is proud of **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION** which contributes approximately 20 million US dollars annually to its various programs promoting international understanding and goodwill.
- ◆ That sponsors **INTERACT**, nearly **10,000** service clubs for young people of secondary school age, in **117** countries.
- ◆ That sponsors **ROTARACT**, more than **7,600** clubs, in **158** countries for young leaders, ages 18 to 30.
- ◆ That sponsors **POLIO PLUS**, with a goal to eradicate Polio by the year **2005** throughout the world.
- ◆ That meets weekly, not just to eat, but to enjoy fellowship and discuss how to serve others.



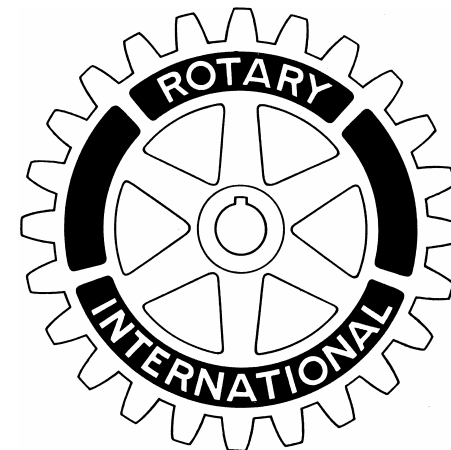
## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Arlington Rotarians and Rotarians throughout the world are guided in the things we think, say or do by ...

## The 4-Way Test

1. Is it the **Truth**?
2. Is it **Fair** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **Goodwill** and **Better Friendships**?
4. Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?



Getting Acquainted With

## ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB

Chartered June 4, 1953

Meets Every Thursday 12:15 PM  
Christos Restaurant  
155 Wilbur Blvd  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Arlington Rotary Website:  
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