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## *What is Rotary*

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ROTARY is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

ROTARY is the world's first service club. The first Rotary Club was founded in Chicago, IL on February 23, 1905 by a lawyer, Paul Harris, and three of his friends. Weekly meetings were "rotated" among the founders.

ROTARY is some 1.2 million service-minded men and women belonging to over 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 nations around the world.

ROTARIANS meet weekly for fellowship and interesting programs dealing with topics of local and global importance. Membership is by invitation and reflects a wide cross-section of community representation.

ROTARIANS plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs that touch people's lives in their local communities and our world community.

ROTARY is the Rotary Foundation, that each year provides some \$90 million for international scholarships, cultural exchanges, and humanitarian projects, large and small, that improve the quality of life for millions of people.

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## *Rotary Motto*

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## *Service Above Self*

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## *Membership Responsibilities*

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Each member of the Club is expected to attend regular weekly meetings and is required to attend 60% of meetings each quarter. Members can attend or make up meetings at any Rotary Club in the world.

Each member is required to pay annual dues and expected to support Club activities and projects.

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## *The Object of Rotary*

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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 acquaintances 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.

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## *Areas of Service*

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- **Club Service**  
Providing services to the Rotary Club to enable it to run efficiently in the spirit of friendship.
- **Vocational Service**  
Putting high standards of good conduct into practice in Rotarians' business and professional lives.
- **Community Service**  
Identifying needs in the Rotary Club's community and addressing them with service projects.
- **International Service**  
Working for international understanding and peace by promoting goodwill between all people.
- **New Generations Service**  
Recognizing the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

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## *What Rotary Means*

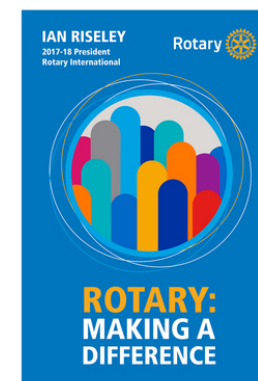
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### *To the COMMUNITY, A Rotary Club*

- Promotes a friendlier community by providing genial fellowship and thoughtfulness of others;
- Helps reduce frictions by providing a common meeting ground and appealing to unselfish motives;
- Cooperates with, and thereby strengthens, other local organizations;
- Strives to develop a spirit of cooperation in the handling of matters of public welfare;
- Serves as a training ground for constructive leadership — an invaluable asset to the community;
- Links the community with many thousands of other worldwide Rotary communities.

### *To a MEMBER, a Rotary Club*

- Provides an opportunity to express, in a practical way, the desire to be of service;
- Increases the opportunity to express in action the desire to be helpful to others;
- Constantly widens one's circle of friends;
- Increases members knowledge of other businesses and professions, and their concerns;
- Provides a friendly contact and a hearty welcome in many cities in the world;
- Gives the satisfaction of participating in a movement which is building understanding.



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## *The Rotary Club of Canton*

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The Rotary Club of Canton was chartered on November 1, 1919. Today, the Rotary Club of Canton has about 26 members with a goal of 50 members this year. The Club participates in a variety of community and international service projects each year that include:

**Youth Exchange** - Each year, our Rotary Club hosts an inbound exchange student from a foreign country. For the past several years, we have often sponsored an outbound student to another country.

**Citrus Fruit Sales** - Club participates in an annual fundraiser for scholarships, as well as other projects.

**Tech Student of the Month** - Club honors a CHS student each month during the school year

**Scholarships** - Club awards annual scholarships to Graham Hospital School of Nursing, SRC nursing students, and through an SRC Foundation grant.

**Boys State/Girls State** – Club supports a CHS boy to Boys State and Girl to Girls State each year for leadership training.

**Polio Eradication** - Club supports Rotary International efforts to eradicate polio from the face of the earth.

**Donations** - to a variety of community organizations, including: the YMCA, the YWCA, United Way, and several others.

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## *The Four-Way Test*

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Of the things we think, say, or do

**FIRST...**

Is it the TRUTH?

**SECOND...**

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

**THIRD...**

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

**FOURTH...**

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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### *For more information about Rotary*

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*Visit:*

*The Rotary International web site:*

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**Rotary Club of Canton website:**

[www.cantonrotaryclub.org](http://www.cantonrotaryclub.org)

**Rotary Club of Canton on facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfCantonIllinois](http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubOfCantonIllinois)

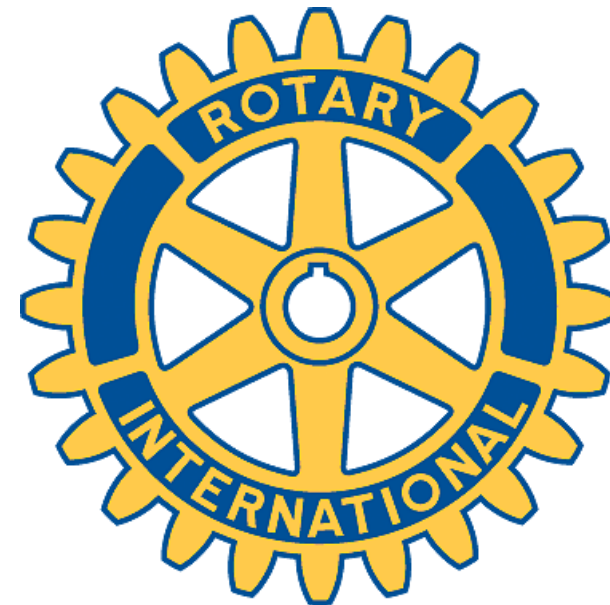
*Welcome*

*to the*

*Rotary Club*

*of*

*Canton, Illinois*



*Club President*

Curt Oldfield

*Visit with us at our weekly meeting:*

Graham Hospital Boardroom

Canton, IL

**Wednesdays at Noon**