



Potomac Rotary  
Chartered 1960

Welcome to

# Potomac Rotary

New Member Orientation



Rotary Founder  
Paul Harris

## In the beginning...

- The first Rotary club was organized in Chicago in 1905, by Paul P. Harris.
- The club, with four members, met in rotation at the offices of the members - thus the name Rotary.
- Growth began immediately. Less than 15 years later there were over 1,000 clubs around the world.

➤ There are approximately 1.2 million members in over 35,000 clubs worldwide at present.

# Rotary At A Glance

- Rotary brings together a global network of volunteers who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.
- Rotary also offers expanded service opportunities including:
  - **Interact**: a service organization organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs for young adults aged 12-18. There are more than 12,300 Interact clubs in 133 countries.
  - **Rotaract**: groups organized by Rotary clubs to promote leadership, professional development, and service among young adults aged 18-30. There are more than 8,000 Rotaract clubs in 167 countries.
  - **Rotary Community Corps (RCCs)**: groups of non-Rotary members who work to improve their communities. There are more than 7,500 RCCs in 80 countries, all organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

# Rotary Programs

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Youth Exchanges
- Peace Fellowships
- Friendship Exchange
- Rotary Community Corps
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- New Generations Service Exchange



**World Peace through  
Understanding**

# Rotary Standard of Excellence

## *The Four Way Test*

**Of the things we think, say, or do ...**

- ✓ Is it the TRUTH?
- ✓ Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- ✓ Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- ✓ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## *Rotary Motto:*

**Service Above Self**



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# Rotary Guiding Principles

- The development of **acquaintance** as an **opportunity for service**
- High **ethical** standards: **worthiness** and **dignifying** of all occupations
- **Application of the ideal of service** to personal, business, and community life
- **Advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace** through a united fellowship

# Participation in Rotary

## *Participation*

- As a Rotarian you give of your **Time**, **Talents** and **Treasure**:
  - in community work
  - in fellowship and social functions
  - in club and district activities.

## *Key Benefits*

- Fun & Friendship
  - Business Contacts
  - Opportunity to Serve
  - Leadership Development\*
  - Public Speaking
- \* Training opportunities - Rotary Leadership Institute, Club Leadership, District trainings, District Conference, Zone training courses and Global trainings events i.e. Annual Convention



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# Responsibility of All Rotarians

- Sustaining & Increasing Membership
- Participating in Service Projects
  - ✓ Local & Global
- Supporting the Rotary International Foundation
- Serve in the Club Leadership
- Serve on Club Activity Committees



# Rotary Code of Conduct

## ➤ As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

# History of Potomac Rotary

- Chartered in 1960
- 23 Current Members
- District Recognition and Involvement
  - Home to largest number of District Governors
  - Home to the father of [Polio Plus Program](#)\* Dr. John Sever
  - Award winning Club

\* Polio Eradication: Rotary is close to eliminating the second human disease in history after smallpox, with a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases worldwide since 1985, when Rotary launched its [PolioPlus program](#). In 1988, Rotary spearheaded the creation of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) with the [World Health Organization](#), [UNICEF](#) and the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). Polio eradication remains Rotary's top priority. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children against polio in 122 countries. Currently, Rotary is working to raise \$35 million per year through 2018 for polio eradication, which will be matched 2 to 1 by the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#).

# Potomac Rotary Leadership 2019-2020

- John Reid - President
- Don Harrison - Past President
- Anila Khetarpal - Secretary
- Mark Gollub – Treasurer
- Robert Rogers – Sergeant at Arms
- Committee Chairs / Directors
  - Claude Morissette      Foundation & Grants
  - Damien Alexander      Community Service
  - Asok Motayed              Charities
  - Mercedes C                Membership
  - Vijay Khetarpal            Programs & Social
  - Chris Good                Interact Chair
  - Tom Pratt                  Interact /PR
- ✓ A new board is elected to take office on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year
- ✓ All Executive positions in Rotary are one year terms that change on July 1<sup>st</sup>
- ✓ All Director positions in Rotary are one year terms that change on July 1<sup>st</sup>

# Potomac Rotary Causes

## ➤ Major Fundraising Causes

- Polio Plus
- Rotary Foundation

*Potomac Rotary Supports Many Local and Global Projects such as*

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| ✓ <a href="#"><u>Stepping Stones Shelter</u></a>  | ✓ <a href="#"><u>Bikes for the World</u></a> | ✓ <a href="#"><u>Habitat for Humanity</u></a>                                |
| ✓ <a href="#"><u>Mercy Health Clinic</u></a>      | ✓ <a href="#"><u>Polio Plus</u></a>          | ✓ <a href="#"><u>Dictionaries for all 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders in MCPS</u></a> |
| ✓ <a href="#"><u>St. Martin's Food Pantry</u></a> | ✓ <a href="#"><u>EduGirls</u></a>            | ✓ <a href="#"><u>Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern</u></a>              |
| ✓ <a href="#"><u>Gallaudet University</u></a>     | ✓ <a href="#"><u>Togo Water Project</u></a>  | ✓ <a href="#"><u>Victory Court Library</u></a>                               |
| ✓ <a href="#"><u>Nourish Now</u></a>              | ✓ <a href="#"><u>Wheels for life</u></a>     | ✓ <a href="#"><u>Pratham</u></a>   |
|   | ✓ <a href="#"><u>Muskaan</u></a>             |  |

## ➤ Fundraising Events

- Member contributions, 50/50, Happy Bucks, Thanksgiving & Christmas Auction

# Potomac Rotary Dues and other Contributions

- Initiation Fee – None at present
- Club Dues – \$100 per quarter (\$400/year)
- Charities contribution – \$91.25 per quarter (\$365/year)
- RI Foundation Contribution - \$100 per year
- Meeting Meals – Your personal tab
- Social Events – as priced & attended
- \$40/month for members under 40yrs Old

## Optional

- Paul Harris Fellow - \$1000
- Paul Harris Society Member - \$1000 Annually
- Major Donor - \$10,000
- Bequest Society - \$10,000 Bequest

# Rotary Club Protocol

- Upon induction it's important you get to know as many members as possible quickly
- Your participation is a condition for rewards of your membership into Rotary
- Attend at least 50% of monthly Events & Meetings
- Board meeting is an option to learn the inner workings
- Attend a District event; conference or Leadership training
- Attend a club meeting anywhere in the world
- Memorize & take the [Rotary Four-way Test](#)
- Read the “[ABC’s of Rotary](#)”

# Rotary Communication

- As a member it's your responsibility to Log on and Complete personal profile at each one of these Websites:
  - Club [www.PotomacRotary.org](http://www.PotomacRotary.org)
  - District <http://www.rotary7620.org/>
  - Rotary International ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org))
- Follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofpotomac/>
- The Rotarian Magazine
- Club Bulletin
- District Newsletter

# Rotary Hierarchy

- ❖ Rotary International is governed by a President and Board of Directors elected from all over the world.



District 7620

District Governor 2019-2020

**Bart Goldenberg**



**Rotary Theme  
2019-2020**

- Annually each district elects a District Governor
- Each club is autonomous
- **Sonia Liu**– Dist. Secretary [sonia@rotary7620.org](mailto:sonia@rotary7620.org)



Rotary International  
President 2019-2020

**Mark Daniel Maloney**



# Rotary Conferences

## ➤ Rotary International Convention:

- June 6-10, 2020
- [Honolulu, Hawaii](#)

## ➤ District 7620 Conference:

- May 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- [Hyatt Resort](#) – Cambridge, MD

*Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as it will help you learn more about your Rotary family.*