



What Does It Mean To Be A Rotarian?!?

“Service Above Self”

Historically Speaking



- Organized in 1905 in Chicago by Paul Harris for Professional Networking
- Today Rotary International is in 168 Countries
- 1,219,532 Members in 31,936 Clubs

Historically Speaking



Rotary Club of New London

- Founded in 1917 with ___ members
- By 1990 had ____ members
- Today over ____ members
- District 7980
 - Largest active club in the District
 - Currently ___ members of Rotary Club of New London serve at the District level or higher



Historically Speaking - Service



- Rotary's first community service project was 1907
- Rotary Club of New London's first community service project was

- Community service and betterment projects emphasize helping people help themselves

Why Rotary?



- Professional Networking
- Personal Growth
- Friendship
- Opportunity to Serve
- Cultural Diversity
- Good Citizenship
- World Understanding
- Fellowship
- Ethical Environment

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

BRIDGING CONTINENTS

Professional Networking



- Rotary Club of New London members include:
 - Directors of Not-For-Profit Organizations
 - Religious leaders of varied faiths
 - Lawyers
 - Doctors
 - Current and former political leaders
 - President and heads of local public and private educational institutions
 - Bankers and financial planners
 - Business owners
 - Community leaders

Personal Growth



- Professional Development
- Leadership
- Public speaking
- Communication
- Organization
- Planning
- Team Building
- Fund Raising
- Teaching



Friendship



- Fellowship among primary reason Rotary was started
- Rotarians have friends wherever they go worldwide
 - 31,936 Clubs
 - 1,219,532 Members
 - 166 Countries



Rotary builds community and enduring friendships

Cultural Diversity



- Association of local Clubs in many countries
- Clubs open to men and women of every ethnic and racial group, political view, language and religious belief
- Contains cross-section of current and developing world leaders
- *Rotarians practice and promote appreciation of the uniqueness of individuals*

Good Citizenship



- Weekly Club programs keep members informed about local community, nation and world
- Expansive network of Clubs with local and international projects offer extensive opportunities for service and interchange
- Members suggest and help develop new and ongoing local and international projects

World Understanding



- Members gain understanding of global humanitarian issues
- Members have significant impact through service projects and exchange program of Rotary International and its Foundation

The promotion of peace is one of Rotary's highest objectives

Fellowship



- The District and Rotary Club of New London hosts parties and activities offering both breaks and enhancement of personal and business life
 - Rotary After Hours
 - Club Picnic
 - Holiday Party
- The Foundation hosts dinners and seminars that provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, service and fun



Ethical Environment



Rotary 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?

Encouraging high ethical standards and respect for all worthy occupations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days

Local Community Service



- Service at Food Shelter
- Dictionary Project
- Student Mentoring
- Senior Dinners and Sand Bucket Distribution
- Rotary Centennial Playground at Toby May Park
- Thanksgiving Turkey Collections
- Camp Rotary

Local Community Service



International Projects



- Student Exchange
- Wells and Water Systems
- Polio Immunizations
- Concrete Block Homes
- Latrines
- AIDS Orphans Education
- Dengue Fever Prevention
- School Lab Equipment
- Matching Grants



International Projects



- Matching Grants
 - Barranco, Peru (local suburb of Lima)
 - 1999-2000 - Rotary Club of New London's First International matching grants for a humanitarian project
 - Club Foundation agreed to set aside up to \$3,000 for project.
 - Project involved support for vocational training center that teaches handicapped to make brooms and other saleable items and also assists them with learning other life skills
 - More than \$6,000 has been raised to support work of Peruvian Rotarians



Four Avenues of Service



Club Service – Meredith Diette

- Club Bulletin Committee
- Fellowship Committee
- Membership Development Committee
- Music Committee
- Program Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Fund Raising Committee

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BRIDGING CONTINENTS

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Vocational Service – Denny Hicks

- Youth-in-Government
- Exemplary Workers' Recognition
- Literacy in the Workplace
- Interact
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Rotaract

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Community Service – Reid Burdick

- Rotary Centennial Playground at Toby May
- Outstanding Teacher
- Unsung Hero
- Yale-Harvard Day
- Camp Rotary
- Student Recognition
- Senior Dinner
- Holiday Children's Book Drive

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International Service – Herb Rader

- Rotary Foundation Committee
- Group Study Exchange
- Youth Exchange
- Gift of Life
- Ambassadorial Scholars
- Scholarships at local institutions of higher education
- Matching Grant Program

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Required Fiscal Investment



- Bi-Annual dues - \$80 (prorated if appropriate)
- One-time club initiation fee \$50 (not applicable to transferring members)
- Weekly Meetings
 - Lunch meeting - \$15 per week for 50 weeks for a total of \$750 maximum
 - Without lunch - \$3 per week for 50 weeks for a total of \$150 minimum
 - Breakfast meeting (food not included) - \$3 per week for 50 weeks for a total of \$150 minimum
- Installation Banquet – approximately \$45
- Club Picnic – approximately \$20

Optional Fiscal Investment



- Glad and Sorry Dollars
- Fines
 - \$1 for members arriving late or leaving early from meetings
 - \$10 for cell phones ringing during meetings
 - \$1 for non-Rotary related announcements
- Weekly Raffle - \$2 for 3 tickets (winnings to club as designated)
- Rotary Foundation contribution - \$100+ (no maximum)
 - Every Rotarian Every Year
 - Paul Harris Fellowship arrangements
- Fest Tickets – Each member asked to sell 4 tickets for Oktoberfest and Springfest at \$35 a ticket
- Occasional other requests
 - Turkey Drive
 - Polio collection

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

Personal Investment



- Meeting attendance
 - 60% meeting attendance with 60% of those with your own club
 - Attendance credits often given for committee and project work
 - Make-ups at other clubs
 - Ledyard Club – Thursdays, 7 a.m., Groton Inn & Suites
 - Montville Club – Tuesdays, 7 a.m., Ed's Kitchen
 - Niantic Club – Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m., Flanders Fish Market
 - Groton – Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., Mystic Marriott
 - Norwich – Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m., Holiday Inn Express
 - Norwich Sunrise – Mondays, 7:00 a.m., Marriott Courtyard
- Participation in Club projects and events
- Choose committee assignment(s)
- Learn about Rotary
- *Share Rotary*



Elevator Speech



“Members of the Rotary Club of New London benefit from professional networking while engaged in service projects and programs that enrich both local and international communities.”