



# Rotary International

## What it does

### What it represents

### What it accomplishes

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace everywhere.

Rotary was founded in Chicago in February 23, 1905, and now consists of some 1.2 million service-minded men and women belonging to more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in 170 nations.

Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" - Rotary concerns itself with truth, fairness, and improving relations between people and nations. The avenues of Rotary service include community and international volunteerism through club activity and participation in all vocations.

Rotary clubs are nonreligious, non-governmental, and open to every race, culture and creed. Club membership represents a cross-section of local business and professional services.

Rotary clubs are autonomous and determine their own service projects based on local needs and the interests and abilities of members, who meet weekly to initiate and plan service activities.



## The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



## Interested in Membership?

Find out more about becoming a Rotarian by attending a prospective member orientation held at 11:15am on the first Thursday of the month before our regular meeting.

# ROTARY CLUB OF CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK



Chartered April 24, 1919

PO Box 671

Canandaigua, NY 14424

Meets Thursdays at 12:15pm

For more information, visit:  
[www.canandaiguarotary.org](http://www.canandaiguarotary.org)

*... Reaching out to  
humanitarian needs  
... Giving back to  
community programs*

# Rotary Service Projects

Opportunities for service include Club fundraisers, community events, committee work, serving on the board and holding office. Highlights of some of our activities are listed below:

**Adopt-a-Highway:** Twice a year Canandaigua Rotarians remove litter from two miles of Routes 5 & 20 east of Canandaigua working in conjunction with the NYS-DOT highway safety and ecological program.

**Bowl-A-Thon and Bowl for Fun:** Kiwanians compete with Rotarians for bragging rights in a fun bowling contest. Scholarship funds are raised in the family and friends Bowl-a-Thon event.

**Charitable Requests:** A committee reviews special requests for one-time financial assistance to organizations. Special situations can often be remedied with our help. Past projects included city beautification programs and equipment for a playground.

**Camp ONSEYAWA:** The Club supports the regional two-week summer camp for mental and physically disabled children, giving them the opportunity to experience summer camp.

**Dictionary Distribution:** Rotary gives free dictionaries to third graders, providing educational resources and sending students our message that reading is important.

**Holiday RPO Concert:** This annual event is the opportunity of a lifetime for Academy musicians to perform on stage with the professionals of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.



**Interact Club:** Canandaigua High School students meet after school to participate in Interact, the High School version of Rotary. Interact introduces students to principles of Rotary and gives them a chance to serve their community as they practice “Service Above Self.”

**Reforestation:** The club celebrates Arbor Day by bagging several hundred pine seedlings which are then given to the Primary and Elementary school students who plant them on the property of their choice.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** Our club supports the Salvation Army’s annual bell ringing campaign by staffing sites and collecting donations. In the spirit of friendly competition, each year is a competition against the Kiwanis Club.

**Scholarships:** Four Canandaigua Academy students are awarded annually for their academic successes and contributions to the community. Quarterly, the club also recognizes a “Student of Excellence.” One additional scholarship is given annually to a FLCC college student.

**Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion:** A section of the rose beds in historic Sonnenberg are maintained by the club. At the annual Arts in the Gardens Rotarians man the refreshment booth to support the Sonnenberg program.

# Rotary Benefits

- Mutual Fellowship
- Worldwide Affiliation
- Community Service
- Ethical Objectivity
- Vocational Growth
- Family-Oriented Programs
- Rewarding Experiences



- Information and Education
- Non-governmental
- Non-religious
- Confidence Building
- Cultural Diversity
- Business Networking
- Leadership Exposure

