What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers.

Rotary club members are business, professional, and community leaders in our valley who meet regularly to plan and implement community service activities and network with other professionals. For those interested, members can also choose to become involved in international humanitarian service efforts. More than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas belong to over 33,000 Rotary clubs.

Rotary builds international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants. Throughout the world, Rotary clubs participate in a broad range of educational, intercultural, and humanitarian activities designed to improve the lives of others.

Benefits of Membership

Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to make a contribution to their own communities and to communities around the world.

Members may join Rotary for many reasons, including community involvement, personal development, professional networking, and camaraderie with fellow members.

But perhaps the most important benefit is the satisfaction gained from working within Rotary's amazing volunteer network to make a real difference in the world.

Salvation Army bell ringing

Nursing home outreach

Start with Rotary and good things happen.

Current and Past M-W Rotary Projects:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES
BRIDGING CONTINENTS

- Monroe & Woodbury food pantries
- High School scholarships
- Salvation Army bell ringing
- Rotary youth exchange
- PolioPlus worldwide immunization
- Make-a-Wish foundation
- Youth trauma counseling, W Africa
- Friedrich's Ataxia research (FARA)
- Projects in Peru, Mexico, Haiti, Kenya, Nigeria, Cameroon and Bulgaria
- Valley View resident programs
- Rotaplast reconstructive surgery
- Orange County Safe Homes
- Rotary youth leadership (RYLA)
- Monroe "Clean Sweep"
- Museum Village adopted building
- Library fundraisers
- "Adopt-a-road" town highway and roadside gardens

Rotary is an international organization of women and men that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary was founded in 1905, making it the world's first service club.

The Rotary Club of Monroe-Woodbury was chartered in 1970. It is part of Rotary District 7210, which includes most of the Hudson Valley.

M-W Rotarians meet for breakfast every Wednesday from 7 :30 to 8 :30 AM at the First Presbyterian Church, 142 Stage Rd, Monroe, NY (845-783-1632) Visitors and guests are welcome!

SERVICE Above Self

PolioPlus, Rotary's most ambitious program to date, focuses on global immunization efforts and has played a leadership role with the World Health Organization, CDC, and UNICEF in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. The Gates Foundation has contributed a $355 million matching grant to Rotary to support PolioPlus.
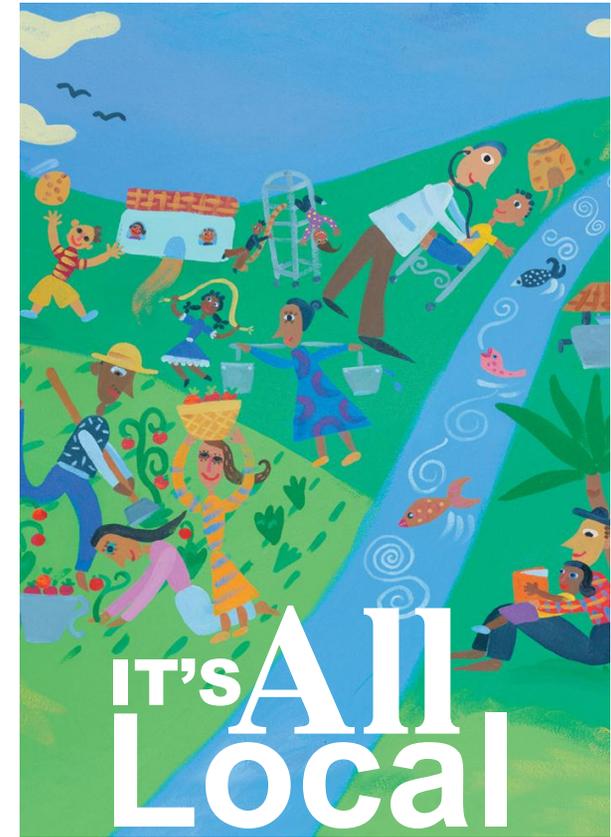
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