

## Service Above Self

Rotarians find their greatest satisfaction in joining together to give their time, talent, and energies to serve those in need.

They call this ideal “Service Above Self.”

## Four Avenues of Service

Rotary divides its programs into four spheres of interest, each one supporting the overall motto of *Service Above Self*.

**CLUB SERVICE:** a supportive environment within all club activities

**VOCATIONAL SERVICE:** A commitment to helping others within Rotarians’ business and professional workplaces

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Helping neighbors and communities with special concern for youth, senior citizens and those in need

**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:** Working to meet the needs of the world community in areas of health, hunger and humanity.

## The 4-Way Test

Rotarians encourage high ethical standards. The “Four-Way Test” serves as guidance toward that goal:

“Of all the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the truth?
- 2) Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?”

## The Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise.

Rotarians devote their efforts to providing personal and financial assistance to local groups and communities as well as to international projects.

## The Wheel Emblem

Adopted in 1923, Rotary’s wheel emblem of 24 cogs and 6 spokes was designed to symbolize civilization and movement.

The keyway in the center of the wheel indicates that it is “a worker and not an idler.”



## The Rotary Club of ACTON-BOXBOROUGH

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# Rotary



**Business People Dedicated  
To Service**

## What is Rotary?

Rotary International is a worldwide service organization of business and professional men and women united to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Founded in 1905, Rotary now comprises over 1 million member Rotarians in more than 28,000 individual clubs, in 155 countries and territories around the world!

Each Rotary club meets weekly so that members may discuss service goals and enjoy each other's fellowship.

## *Where do YOU come in?*

Rotarians find many lasting friendships as they work with other business and professional people serving their communities. By working together, they feel they can accomplish much more than one person alone.

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

Your personal and financial support of Rotary's efforts is always welcomed and encouraged.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in Rotary is by invitation.

Initiation fee is \$60, Annual Dues are \$120

Attend weekly meetings (Min 30/60%)

Weekly meals are \$13, Fines are normally \$1-2

Participation in fund-raisers

New members should expect to "Volunteer" for a committee within a month of joining. Once you have been able to see more of the working of our club, you can become involved in one of the Avenues of Service. You will select one with the help of your Sponsor

For more information, ask any Rotarian or contact the representative listed on the back of this brochure.

## The Rotary Club of ACTON-BOXBOROUGH

### **PARTIAL LIST OF LOCAL PROJECTS:**

Generated thousands of dollars for worthwhile, primarily local charitable causes through annual fund raisers: 10K Race, Wine & Chesse, Golf Tournament

Sponsors programs for local youth, including:

- the **D.A.R.E.** youth awareness program;
- **Rotary Youth Leadership Award**, a weekend event which develops leadership abilities in high school students;
- scholarship & campership grants;
- Career Day fair for high school juniors and seniors with motivational speakers and the participation of many local business leaders;

Presents programs of food, fellowship and fun for local elderly groups, such as the popular Annual Barbeque and Christmas Party;

### *Some other local recipients of recent contributions include*

- The Community of Caring
- Dana Farber Platelet Drive
- Individuals in the Acton and Boxborough communities who have demonstrated a particular need for support.

### **PARTIAL LIST OF INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS**

Established freshwater wells in HAITI

World eradication of POLIO

Built housing in  
KOREA and the PHILIPPINES

Built a frozen fish factory  
in NEW GUINEA

Built a school in JAMAICA

Brought solar panel electricity to  
the jungles of SRI LANKA

Provided (and continues to provide)  
financial support to the  
Children's Hospital in ROMANIA