

# Rotary Club

Rotary is a service club of Business Owners, Managers, and Professionals. There are 1,211,723 members throughout the world. There are 31,603 Rotary clubs in 166 countries. New Members are invited into Rotary by members and are qualified by “classification” and approval. Rotarians meet weekly. Good attendance (60% minimum) is expected of Rotarians. Rotarians can make up a missed meeting at any Rotary Club in the World. Weekly meetings can be a breakfast, lunch, or dinner meeting. There is club business and usually a great informative program. There is also good fellowship and some networking between members.

The Rotary Club of Exton Frazer meets Wednesday mornings at 7AM at the Great Valley Sheraton, Rt 202 and Rt 30, in Frazer, at the Whitehorse Restaurant. Club Dues are \$150 per year, payable July 1. There is an initiation fee of \$75. Dues are prorated, based on July 1 if you join in the middle of the year. Weekly breakfast is presently \$8. There are also optional donations such as weekly \$1 contributions each to the Rotary and Gundaker Foundations. There are several fund raising projects held throughout the year and members are asked to participate in selling of tickets or items.

Rotarians fund an International program called “Polio Plus” through the Rotary Foundation that serves to eliminate polio and other diseases throughout the world. Most clubs also participate in international matching fund projects that give assistance to another participating club in another country. The Rotary Club of Exton Frazer has recently been involved with 2 other these projects: a visual aids project in India and a Dialysis Lab in Egypt. We also collect stamps and eyeglasses for third world countries. There is also a “Rotoplast” project that sends Rotarians to Latin America, where cranial-facial deformities are five times more prevalent than in the United States, to perform plastic surgery on children with congenital disorders.

There are also Community projects. Recent ones for our club include East Whiteland Township Police Department’s Drug Program, “The Clinic” in Phoenixville, providing free medical care to those who can’t afford it, handicap playground in Downingtown, sponsorship of a handicap baseball team in East Whiteland Township, sponsorship of the Interact Club at Great Valley High School, Student of the Month at Great Valley High School, Scholarship awards for students at Great Valley, and a proposed pavilion in a nearby park.

Rotarians have high ethical standards and promote it to others through the Vocational program and their 4 Way Test. Our club prints the 4 Way Test on the Great Valley School’s sports calendar and on a mouse pad that we circulate.