

The Rotary Club of

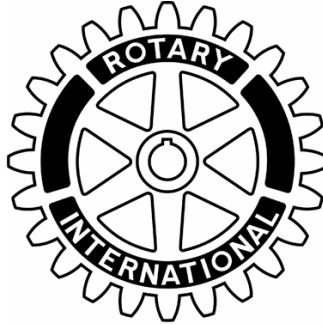
Rotary District 7450

Introduction Program for New Members

Especially prepared for

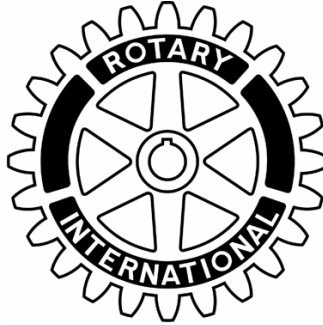
Who, by joining our club, accepts our motto:

“Service above Self”



The Purpose of This Introduction Program

- 1. To introduce you to the meaning and purpose of Rotary.**
- 2. To explain the benefits to you of your Rotary Club membership.**
- 3. To explain to you your responsibilities of your Rotary Club membership.**
- 4. To answer any of your questions.**



Rotary is an International Organization

Paul Harris organized the first Rotary Club in Chicago in 1905. This club met in rotation at the offices of the members – thus the name Rotary.

The world is divided into territories within which a group of clubs is associated – these territories are known as Rotary Districts.

- **There are _____ districts in the Rotary world in _____ countries and geographic territories.**

Rotary International is governed by a president and board of directors elected from all over the world. Annually each District elects a District Governor – but each club is an autonomous group.

- **There are now more than _____ Rotary Clubs with a total Rotary membership of more than _____ persons.**

We are in District 7450.

Rotary District 7450

- **Composed of _____ Rotary Clubs from Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties (plus one club from Lancaster County) with a total membership of over _____ Rotarians.**
- **Our District selects a District Governor to serve for a one year term.**
- **11 Assistant Governors, a District Trainer, District Officers and Chairpersons of numerous District Committees assist the Governor.**
- **The District assists Rotary Clubs in numerous areas including programs, membership development, web sites, vocational service, community service and international service.**
- **The District also sponsors numerous programs such as Youth Exchange, the Gundaker Foundation, Rotaplast, Stamp and Eyeglass collections, supporting Philadelphia Reads etc.**

Our District Conference Rotary District 7450

- **It is typically held in late September or early October.**
- **All members and their families are invited**
- **Includes Rotary presentations and displays**
- **Prominent speakers including the Rotary International's President's Representative**
- **It is sometimes held locally and sometimes at a fun destination out of our district.**
- **Visitors from other countries participate such as participants in the Youth Exchange and Group Study Exchange.**
- **Parties, social events and hospitality suites are always included.**

**Our next conference will take place on _____
at the _____ hotel in _____ .**

Plan now to attend!

Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;**
- High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his or her occupation as an opportunity to serve society;**
- The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his or her personal, business, and community life;**
- The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.**

We Implement the Object of Rotary Through the Four Avenues of Service

Club Service

- **Those things that a Rotarian does to help make successful the running of his Rotary Club.**

Vocational Service

- **The promoting of the “ideal of service” throughout the business and professional world.**

Community Service

- **Urges every Rotarian to participate in all activities, which make his community a better place in which to live.**

International Service

- **Encourage and foster the advancement of understanding and good will among peoples of the world. We support the Rotary Foundation Program, which enables outstanding students to study for one year- in a country other than their own.**

The Four-Way Test

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The 4-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word code of ethics for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

Of the things we think, say or do:

- **Is it the truth?**

- **Is it fair to all concerned?**

- **Will it build good will and better friendships?**

- **Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions

- **The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions was adopted by the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary:**

- **As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:**
 - Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
 - Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
 - Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
 - Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
 - Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society;
 - Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
 - Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
 - Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship

Your Privileges in Rotary

- **The privilege of friendship with leaders**
 - **in your community**
 - **in neighboring cities**
 - **all over the USA**
 - **in all parts of the world**

- **The privilege of giving service to your community.**

- **The privilege of developing international good will and understanding.**

- **The privilege of helping build higher ethical standards within your vocation.**

Your Obligations in Rotary

Participation

- **To be a Rotarian you must give of your time and talents:**
 - **in community work**
 - **in social functions**
 - **in Club and District functions**

- **It is the goal of our Rotary Club to provide opportunities for each member to provide service in a way that recognizes each person's talents, resources and abilities.**

- **As you proceed on your road in Rotary it is important that you assist our club not only by helping with established projects, but by helping us design future projects.**

Accessibility:

- **Remember to promptly respond to all phone calls and messages from members of our Rotary Club and other Rotary Clubs.**

- **Only in this way can we be effective in providing service to our local, national and world communities.**

Your Obligations in Rotary

Attendance

- **100% attendance is urged and honored in Rotary, however 60% is required. This goal can be achieved by attending each weekly meeting of our Club**

--OR--

- **You can receive attendance credit by making up the missed meeting by going to another Rotary Club meeting, any official Rotary committee meeting, service project or activity within two weeks.**

- **A list of all the other Clubs and their meeting places and times can be found at www.rotary.org.**
- **It is a good practice to call the secretary prior to your visit to make sure they will be there.**
- **You will be introduced and welcomed at any of the Rotary Clubs in the world.**
- **If you are traveling some distance it is customary to bring a small club banner to exchange. You can get them from the secretary.**
- **It is improper to offer a free meal to a visiting Rotarian at a Rotary meeting and it is improper to accept one.**
- **You will receive a makeup card which should be given to our Club secretary**

Your Financial Costs

- **Initiation Fee** \$ _____
- **Annual Dues** \$ _____
- **Meals** \$ _____
- **Gundaker Foundation** \$ _____
- **Rotary Foundation** \$ _____
- **Social Events (estimated)** \$ _____
- **Annual Fundraiser of our Club** \$ _____

District Conference

\$ _____

Total \$ _____

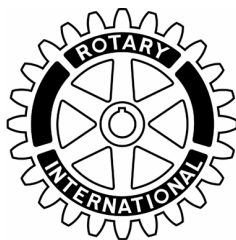
The Gundaker Foundation of Rotary District 7450

Honors Guy Gundaker, President of Rotary International in 1923-24 – Past President of The Rotary Club of Philadelphia PA.

- **Raises money from Rotarians in our District to provide funds for:**
 - **Youth Exchange – monthly programs for the teens visiting our district for the school year**
 - **Undergraduate and Graduate Grants**
 - **Matching Grants for projects of Rotary Clubs**

- **Each Club has one representative on the Board of Directors of the Gundaker Foundation. All members are welcome to attend these meetings, usually on the first Monday of the month**

- **All of these programs are paid for from the generous contributions from Rotarians like us.**

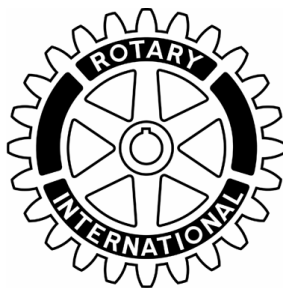


The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

Raises money from Rotarians to provide for many programs including:

- **Polio Plus – paying for vaccine to eradicate polio from the world**
- **Ambassadorial Scholarships - \$25,000 for one year of international study.**
- **Rotary Volunteers – pays expenses for Rotarians to go to another country for 1 month or more**
- **Matching Grants – matches Rotary Clubs gifts for projects mostly in other countries.**
- **Group Study Exchange – five business and professional people visiting another country**

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Rotary Learning and Training Opportunities

- **Rotary International Convention – every June, held in different cities around the globe.**
- **District Conference – every fall 2 to 3 days, usually held within or near to our district boundaries.**
- **District Assembly – half day in May, held within district – for all officers and members**
- **Rotary Institute – for future Rotary Leaders**
- **Rotary Foundation Conference**
- **District Membership Conference**

All Rotarians are Welcome!!

How You Were Chosen to be a Member of Rotary

- A member of this Rotary Club sponsored your membership.

- Our Classification Committee verified your occupation and agreed:
 - that you hold an important position in your firm
 - that you are an outstanding leader in your vocation
 - that your membership would not mean that there are more than 5 members in one occupation. (there can be up to 10% of the membership from the same occupation)

- Our membership committee verified your personal reputation both in your business and in the community.

- Our Board of Directors approved your application for Rotary membership.

- Our entire membership also approved you as a new Rotarian.

- You were asked to become a member of Rotary. It is now your responsibility to ask another qualified person to become a member of Rotary.

Our Club

- **Each year we elect our officers. These officers conduct the general business of our club.**
 - **President**
 - **President-elect**
 - **Vice-President**
 - **Secretary**
 - **Treasurer**
 - **Sergeant at Arms**
 - **_____ Members of the Board of Directors**

- **Our President, with the approval of our Board of Directors, makes committee appointments based upon the Four Avenues of Rotary:**
 - **Club Service**
 - **Community Service**
 - **Vocational Service**
 - **International Service**

- **You will be assigned to at least one of our committees by our President.**

- **Your will be welcomed by each member of our Club.**

- **But remember you must make an effort to meet and know us! Try to sit with different people each week.**

Your First Six Months in Rotary

- **Special recognition will be given to you if you meet your 60% attendance requirement and complete eight items on the following list in your first six months:**
 - 1. Join and participate as a member of a club committee**
 - 2. Participate in a hands on service project**
 - 3. Attend a District Assembly, District Conference, Membership conference or Rotary Foundation conference**
 - 4. Join and participate in a Rotary Vocational or recreational fellowship**
 - 5. Visit two other Rotary Clubs at a regular meeting**
 - 6. Contribute to Rotary Foundation and Gundaker Foundation**
 - 7. Sit at Sergeant-at-Arms desk or act as Greeter on two occasions**
 - 8. Attend 90% of the weeks**
 - 9. Participate in the Club fundraiser**
 - 10. Participate in the Internationality of Rotary by hosting or entertaining GSE team members, Youth Exchange students, visiting Rotary in another country etc.**

- **_____ has been assigned as your Rotary mentor. Call your mentor for assistance at _____ in your road to active Rotary membership.**

Rotary Vocational and Recreational Fellowships

- **Do you like genealogy? Music? Fishing? So do thousand of Rotarians in other countries.**
- **Is your profession banking? Medicine? Education? Take advantage of your Rotary membership to belong to an international professional organization with international contacts. There are over 40 of these fellowships.**
- **The fellowships have traditionally used their contacts to serve others.**
 - **The flying Rotarians ferry medical supplies and personnel**
 - **The canoeing Rotarians organize cleanups of polluted rivers**
 - **The Opthamology fellowship organized conference on the prevention of blindness in developing countries.**
- **You can learn more about fellowships by visiting www.Rotary.org click on programs...then click on fellowships.**
- **Most fellowships have a website which you can access from the Rotary website above and you can also fill out an on-line form to get further information. Visit their sites and join the fun!**

Our Annual Fundraiser

- **Its success is critical to our contributions and good work!**
- **You are Needed:**

- **Plan to Attend!**

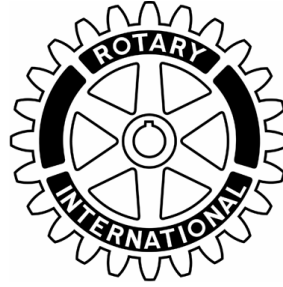
Remember 100% of all profit goes to our charities. None of the money is used for Rotary Club Operations.

Rotary Information is available

- **Rotary International publishes:**
 - **THE ROTARIAN**, published monthly. It will be mailed to your home.
 - **Rotary World**, a monthly newsletter, hard copy mailed to Club Presidents and also found on RI website.
 - **RI Website:** www.rotary.org
 - **Special website** www.Centennial.rotary.org
 - **Newsbasket**, timely Rotary news located on RI website.

- **District 7450 publishes:**
 - **District Website:** www.rotary7450.org
 - **Governor's Newsletter** which can be found on the district website.

- **Our Club publishes:**
 - **Our Club Bulletin**, published _____
 - **Club Website:** www.rotary7450.org
 - **Click on Local Clubs**, then on our club



Welcome to Rotary

Remember no organization is greater than its individual members.

- **Participate for Service**
- **Participate for friendship**
- **Participate for Fellowship**
- **Participate for Knowledge**
- **Participate for International Understanding.**

**Remember
You Are Rotary!**