

Member Reference Manual

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About the Rotary Club of Toronto West

Welcome to Rotary Toronto West!

RTW is proud to be included in the Rotary family of more than 1.2 million people devoted to building a better world.

You make us stronger. The skills, experience, and enthusiasm you bring to our club enable us to help communities at home and on a global scale advance, to eradicate polio, train peacemakers, and provide support to communities battling disease, hunger, illiteracy, and poverty.

Through Rotary, you can build lifelong friendships as you exchange ideas with like-minded people. Using the resources and engaging in the activities available through RTW, District 7070 and Rotary International will make your experience with Rotary both rewarding and fun.

The purpose of this manual is to orient you to Rotary and serve as a reference to various aspects of this service organization.

The Objective of Rotary

Rotary strives to encourage and foster service ideals that apply to business and life generally in these specific ways:

- Developing a network of acquaintances to provide opportunities for service.
- Promoting high ethical standards in all occupations. Recognizing the value of all occupations. Dignifying all occupations as opportunities for social and community service.
- Supporting the application of service ideals in our personal lives, businesses and communities.
- Using opportunities for service to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace.

What We Value

Our core values are the foundation for our principles, ambitions and actions. They are integrity, diversity, service, leadership, and fellowship, or friendship. These values emerge as themes in our guiding principles.

The Four-Way Test

Early in the history of Rotary, member and subsequent Rotary International president Herbert J. Taylor developed the Four-Way Test as a means of encapsulating Rotary values and principles:

Of 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?

Rotary's Code of Conduct

The Four Way Test gives rise to a code of conduct that guides our daily behaviour. As Rotarians, we agree to:

- 1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in our personal and professional lives;
- 2. Deal fairly with others, and treat them and their occupations with respect;
- 3. Use professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in the local community and in the world;
- 4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.

Club Meetings

RTW strives to be a diverse and inclusive club. As an organization, Rotary is non-religious and apolitical.

We hold regular meetings where members gather to socialize and to discuss their current projects, other Rotary matters, and professional topics. In-person meetings include breakfast and frequently feature speakers on topics of common or mutual interest. Meeting formats vary, and as of 2020, are conducted online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Groups known as PODS may be designated to organize the content of the meetings.

The club offers strong fellowship, principally through weekly meetings, where we explore and discuss a broad range of interesting topics, as well as through committee participation that helps to foster deeper friendships, mutual respect and understanding. We provide opportunities to contribute and participate in a variety of events and fund-raising activities. The quality of your experience as a Rotarian reflects your participation in meetings and other activities so we strongly encourage you to get involved.

The History of RTW

The Rotary Club of Toronto West, also called Rotary Toronto West (RTW), has a rich history, with the original charter (for the Rotary Club of Islington) dating back to 1955. The Club as currently constituted began in 1997.

Our membership is diverse, encompassing men and women of various occupations and interests. We work within our community, contributing practical efforts, experience and funds for worthy causes. We are active in our District and support selected projects in Canada and internationally.

In over half a century of service, RTW

Adventure in Citizenship for Youth Albion Boys and Girls Club Alfa Literacy Project Arts Etobicoke Youth Theatre Project B-427 Camp Huronda for Diabetic Children Canadian Land Mine Foundation Consuelo Proiect Children's Rehab in Rivne, Ukraine Covid-19 Projects Days for Girls Dorothy Lev Hospice Etobicoke Brighter Futures Coalition Etobicoke Centennial Choir Etobicoke General Hospital Etobicoke Girls Residence Ftobicoke Public Library

Evergreen Project of Yonge Street Mission

Adopt A Village In Laos

Famous People Players Fight Against Drugs Friends of Fuller Parkette Gatehouse Gift of Life Habitat for Humanity, Rotary Drive Healthy Beginnings Hoops Unlimited Hope Air Horizons for Youth Humber Memorial Hospital Hustle Up the Humber Khartoum Limb Camp Lakeshore Swim Club LAMP Street Level Youth Letters to a Street Child Meagan's Walk (Pediatric Brain Cancer) Mosport Ride for a Child

Morelia Children's Hospital, Mexico

Operation Eyesight Universal Parent-Child Mother Goose Program Playgrounds for Dominican Republic Polio Plus Provide a Life Pueblito Canada Queensway General Hospita Rotary Group Study Exchange Rotary Police Awards Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Right to Play International Salvation Army Families of Youth at Risk Sheldon Kennedy Foundation Sleeping Children Around the World Toronto Board of Education Youth at Risk Toronto Police - 23 Division - Community Policing Liaison Committee

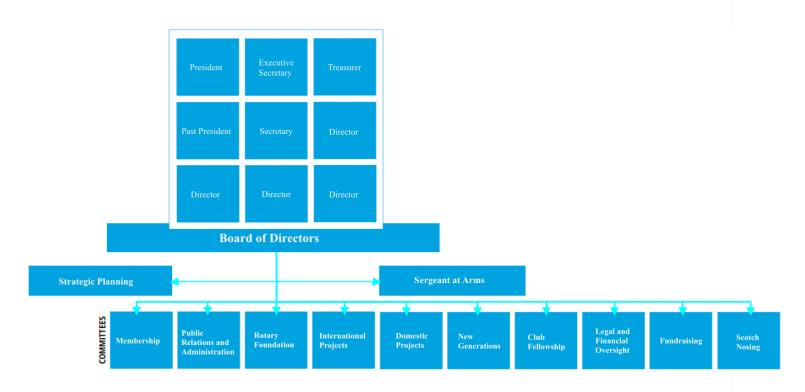
- Ski Hill Blues Program

Ontario Science Centre, Living Earth Project

has contributed to many initiatives, some of which are shown above and here.



Organizational Structure



Our organizational structure is depicted above. Member participation on the Board and in committees is expected.

Project ideas can originate with the membership, on committees or from the Board of Directors. Once approved in principle by the Board, committee members take on the tasks associated with determining the scope of the project, its costs and the due diligence necessary to ensure successful completion. When the details are known, a project proposal is sent to the Board for approval before the work commences.

Each committee is overseen by a chairperson who is accountable to the Board of Directors and the Club as a whole.



Areas of Service

Rotary's mission is "to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders." All Rotary activities are directed towards the fulfillment of this mission.

Rotary has 5 avenues of service:

- 1. Club Service: the actions a member should take within the club to help it function successfully.
- 2. Vocational Service: encouraging high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. Members are expected to conduct themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles and lend their vocational skills to club-developed projects that address the issues and needs of society.
- 3. Community Service: the activities undertaken by club members to improve quality of life in local communities.
- 4. International Service: activities undertaken by club members to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace through acquaintance with people of other countries, exploration of their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.
- Youth Service: members promote positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs.

Priorities in Action

We act on these types of service through 7 areas of focus that turn the philosophy and practical framework for the work of our club into action.

Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth

RTW strives to create and maintain safe environments for all youth participating in club-organized activities. The club adheres to Rotary International and district policies that are set to protect those in vulnerable sectors.



Promote Peace



Save Mothers and Children



Fight Disease



Support Education



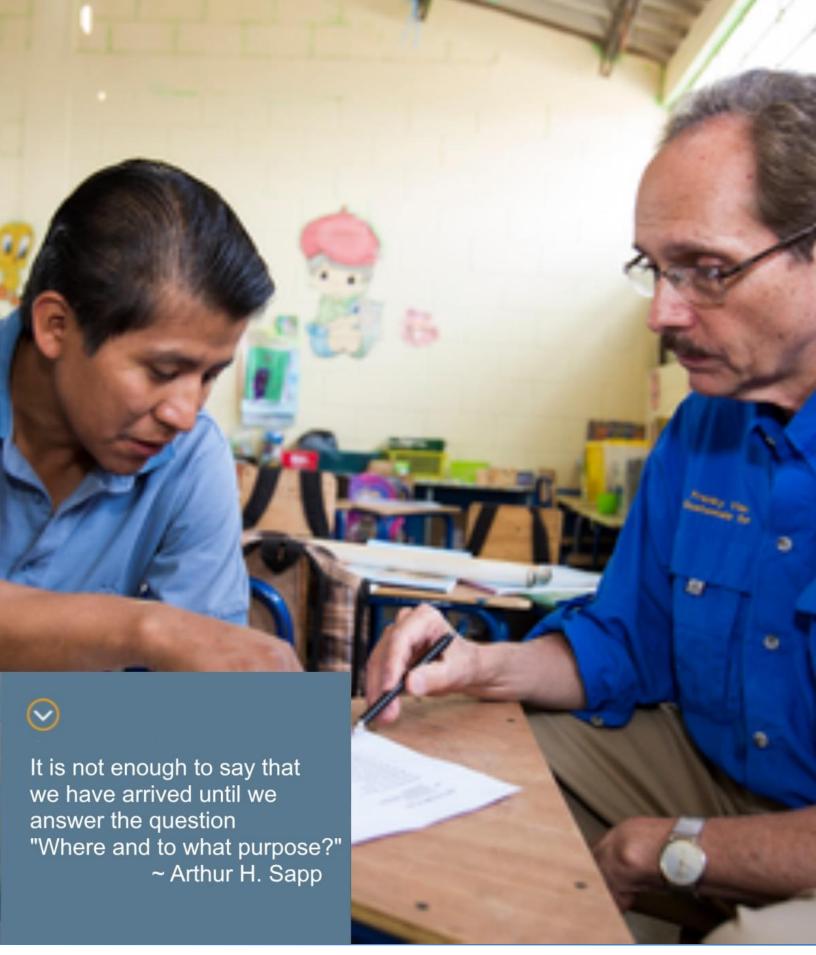
Provide Clean Water and Sanitation



Grow Local Economies



Support the Environment



Committees

COMMITTEES

Our committees are reconstituted annually in early July. The President circulates a sign-up sheet listing the committees and asks members to indicate which one(s) they would like to join. Members who don't indicate a preference may be voluntold to participate!

The description, function, and deliverables for many of the committees are described in the Club's strategic plan. An overview of the committees and their activities follows below:

Community Service: The Domestic Committee

The Domestic Committee's primary aim is to serve and engage with the local community. In addition to organizing and volunteering in projects such as the cleanup of James Garden, the Taste of the Kingsway, and food, clothing and bottle drives, the Rotary Club of Toronto West's Domestic Committee considers submissions for funding from local charitable organizations.

While over the years the Committee has largely funded programs aimed at youth and youth at risk, we have provided financial assistance to a wide range of charities.

Club Fellowship

The Club Fellowship committee promotes the development of comradery and friendship among Club members by organizing social events such as pub nights.

Fundraising

The objectives of the Fundraising Committeeⁱ are to:

- Coordinate all fundraising projects within the club
- Develop a club plan directing fundraising profits to appropriate club committees and projects
- Monitor shortfalls in funding in relation to club commitments
- Continually generate and investigate possible new fundraising ideas

RTW's fundraising initiatives change over time to reflect the nature of our projects and their funding requirements and the interests of the people we hope will contribute. Examples include the Rotary Youth Impact Awards Gala (RYIA), Scotch Nosing, Holiday Treats orders, collection drives for bottles, beer cans. clothing and food, GoFundMe pages and other avenues of online donating.

The Special Projects Committee is a subcommittee that is tasked with developing and executing plans for larger fundraising events such as RYIA and the Scotch Nosing event.

International Service: The International Committee

The objectives of RTW's International Service are to develop, implement and monitor service programs with an International focus and to educate club members about the range of Rotary's International Programs."

Legal and Financial Oversight

Every corporate organization is required to have governance and on many nonprofits or charitable entities (corporations without share capital), including our Club, there is a legal and financial oversight committee, often staffed with people that have some knowledge of the law, bookkeeping and accounting, whose job is to guide and review the workings of the executive to ensure that they do not step offside the myriad of laws and regulations required in today's societies, that financial filings, reports, tax returns and information returns are completed properly and in a timely fashion, and that the operations of the company are shielded from unnecessary liability, and kept in touch with up to date requirements, such as making sure members working with "vulnerable" people have the proper training, and police checks and so forth.

Membership

The Membership Committee creates and implements plans for identifying new members and retaining existing members by the following actions:

- Works with club members to follow up with new member referrals
- Following up with District referrals or with individuals who are seeking information about joining our club.
- Providing an orientation plan and related materials and web sites that introduces new members to our Club, the District and to Rotary International.
- Assigns mentors to new members that work with them for a year to guide them through an organized orientation programme.
- Encourages new members to get involved with Club Committees and other activities.
- Develop a population profile of our community to ensure our membership reflects the diversity that exists within our community.
- Works with the Director of Fellowship to plan fellowship events for all members and their family and friends.
- Conduct exit interviews as necessary to develop useful information that will inform the Club regarding retention of all members.

Public Relations and Administration

This committee promotes awareness of the Rotary Club of Toronto West and its projects and fundraising activities to our local community through print media, social media and our website. Flyers, posters and other printed materials such as brochures are produced when required. This committee maintains the website, our social media accounts and provides support for our online infrastructure, primarily the ClubRunner system.

Rotary Foundation Committee

The Rotary Foundation is an extremely important aspect of Rotary because it provides the financial basis for all of Rotary's undertakings. It is a duty of all Rotarians to contribute to the Rotary Foundation in any amount affordable every year. Read more about the Rotary Foundation on page 34.

The Foundation Committee is responsible for developing and implementing plans to support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation. For example, the committee co-ordinates the Club's participation in the annual Foundation Walk fundraising event.

Youth Services, New Generations

The New Generations Committee strives to create and carry out educational and support projects addressing the needs of young people. Included in these activities are support of our Interact and Rotaract Clubs. These are Rotary-related organizations that are designed for and led by high school and university students, respectively.

How to Join a Committee

New members who are interested in joining committees should let the President or their mentor know or approach the committee's chairperson directly. You can find information about who our committee chairs are on our website: About Us



Financial Structure and Oversight

The Rotary Club of Toronto West comprises two legal entities, the Rotary Club of Toronto West Inc. ("the club"), and The Rotary Club of Toronto West Charity Trust (the "Trust").

The club is a not-for-profit corporation, chartered by Rotary International, incorporated without share capital under the laws of Ontario.

The Trust is a foundation, incorporated without share capital under the laws of Ontario and registered with the Canada Revenue Agency so it is authorized to issue tax receipts for charitable donations.

As a club, we operate two separate funds, The Club Fund and the Community Fund, and each has separate bank accounts. There is also a third account for the club's operating expenses. RTW also maintains two additional bank accounts held in trust for each of the two Interact Clubs at Etobicoke Collegiate and Richview Collegiate high schools.

The Club Fund receives revenue from member payments such as members' dues, breakfast fees, happy bucks, the 50/50 draw, and other events such as the Christmas party or Presidents' Night. Club Fund expenses include those for administration/operations including fees to Rotary International, fees and Insurance paid to Rotary District 7070, fees for Rotary conferences, professional fees (bookkeeping, etc), and committee administrative expenses.

Community Fund revenue comes from fundraising initiatives, including The Youth Impact Awards, Scotch Nosing, Christmas cakes, assisting with Rotary Club of Etobicoke's Ribfest and so on. Community Fund expenditures are for grants toward projects, overseen by the Domestic and International committees.

The Charity Trust has one bank account and holds a portfolio of investments. The Trust's revenue comprises donations, including donations from the receiptable portion fundraiser ticket sales and personal donations, including an annual donation from Janet Heideker and her family in the name of her father, former Rotarian and Club member Ron Wayman, which, under an agreement with Ryerson University, has funded an annual award known as The Ron Wayman Rotary Award.

The funds held by the Trust grow with discretionary contributions from the club and are to be used for future significant grants as determined by the club from time to time.

Issues pertaining to fundraising, project funding and club operations are discussed at Board meetings and the outcomes of these discussions are reviewed with the club en masse at business meetings held monthly. The club's financial statements are reviewed with the club annually.



Project Approval Process

The International and Domestic Committees have specific due diligence processes that apply to projects under consideration. All other committees undertake due diligence as needed according to the nature of their projects.

When the due diligence is completed, a letter is sent to the President outlining the objectives of the project with details about its substance, manpower support or other resources needed, expected benefits, etc. The project proposal is reviewed with the Board of Directors. Upon approval, action or project-specific subcommittees are designated if required.



Strategic Plan

RTW's strategic plan is revisited every three years. It is revised by the Strategic Planning Committee, which convened on an ad hoc basis. The draft of the plan is then presented to the Board with a recommendation to adopt it. A copy of the strategic plan is kept in the Documents area in ClubRunner for ongoing reference. Rotary Toronto West's strategy is part of the larger context provided by the District 7070 and RI strategic plans. Some key elements of the most recent plan are presented below as an example. Questions about its contents should be directed to your mentor, or Brian Spencer.

Club Priorities and Goal

Strategic Vision

Rotary's Core Values: Fellowship, Service, Integrity, Diversity, Leadership

Our Vision Statements: IGNITE THE POTENTIAL IN YOUTH. Empower Youth to Maximize their Potential.

Our Mission Statement:

To make a positive impact on Youth with a fully engaged membership which is committed to creating strong community partnerships, has a high local profile and is financially stable.

Current Club Assessment

Strengths

- Great Fellowship
- **Effective Quality Speakers**
- Excellent Location Proximity to Islington Village
 - New members
 - Business networking
 - Project opportunities
- Adaptability History of Change Professional / Vocational Experience
- New member orientation

Weaknesses

- Members not engaged poor attendance
- Meeting format is stale
- Committee participation & lack of succession
- Lack of Continuity in Committee Heads
- Lack of structured and on-going orientation for committee chairs and members of committees.
- Not enough members <45
- Need more and efficient Fundraising
- Need more Service options. Tie to Community **Project Funding**
- Follow up with disengaged members
- Need central storage for Documents. Ex. Club
- Project Diversity Not many are RTW initiated
- Inertia

- Competition for Fundraising
- Volunteer Resources time and money
- Corporate support

Opportunities

- More Mentorship with Interact and Rotaract
- eClub Need info from 7070 or Clubs that have already done this.
- Partnerships
 - Member of Rotary HIP (Chris Snyder Toronto Rotary)
 - o Club merger Parkdale High Park
 - o Niches for Fundraising
 - Wine tasting in an Art Gallery
 - Scotch Nosing
 - Gin Tasting
 - Wings night Corn roast
 - Focus on specific projects GO Fund Me.
- Survey members
- Fireside chats
- Call Missing members
- Meeting on Committees Mandate. responsibilities, goals, back-up
- Redefine who we fund example: Why, etc.
- Be Proactive
 - Use Guardian / Snap'd to Promote RTW
 - Opportunities for our participation (Hands On) versus just cheque writing
 - o Find and develop RTW initiative projects
- Improve our identification being located at Montgomery's Inn. Make better use of Matching Funds with
- District, other Clubs and RI. Club President to establish the Mandate for the Committees, and Committee chairs to plan goals to meet mandate for each Rotary year.
- Need continuity for Chairs of each committee.
- Create a Vice Chair position for each committee to provide continuity and sustainability.
- Must have Succession Planning for President, President-elect, Committee chairs and vice-

Areas of Focus

1. Membership

- 100% member engagement
- Recruit and retain members
- Membership composition shall reflect our community

2. **Youth Impact**

- Engage in the community with a focus on Youth
- Support local and international projects with a focus on Youth
- Develop youth leadership

3. Partnerships:

- Develop Community Partnerships of all types, specifically including York Rotaract, ECI & RCI Interact Clubs and Islington Business Improvement Area (BIA) at the outset – expanding to include all genre of partnerships.
- These partnerships will improve our visibility in our local community, to attract new members and create an opportunity for membership engagement.
- Establish a Partnership Committee comprised of Community, New Generations, International and Fundraising Committee Chairs. The purpose of the Partnership Committee will be to maintain and deepen relationships with our partners and to ensure the chairs know who to contact when establishing new projects.

Community Profile 4.

- Increase visibility and profile of Rotary Club of Toronto West.
- Make an impact in the community.
- Update PR plan annually.

5. Fundraising:

- Develop multiple Revenue Streams.
- Grow the Legacy Fund to be used for larger projects.
- Strategic Planning Committee to recommend top 4 fundraising project ideas for consideration to the Board of Directors. Recommendations to Board annually as needed.



By-laws

The Club's bylaws consist of the documentation defining how the Board is constituted, what it does, how members are elected to the Board, requirements for Board meetings, club meetings and dues, and describing how voting and elections are to be conducted. They are based on the governance documents created by Rotary International which can be viewed here.



Glossary and Acronyms

Rotary will expose you to a lot of jargon. This glossary provides an introduction to some of the terms you are most likely to hear.

Rotary Club – The basic unit of Rotary. All Rotarians join as members of a club.

District – Clubs are grouped into administrative Districts. RTW is in District 7070.

Zone – Districts are further grouped into Zones. District 7070 is in Zone 28.

Rotary International - The Worldwide organization of all Rotary Clubs (https://www.rotary.org/), often referred to as RI

Interact – Rotary affiliated clubs for people aged 12-18 – typically high school clubs

Rotaract – Rotary affiliated clubs for people aged 18-30 –typically university/college clubs

Rotary Foundation – The organization that manages Rotary's investments and disbursements for projects beyond the means of individual clubs.

ClubRunner (CR) - an online portal that is used to produce and publish our website, manage administrative functions and event co-ordination, provide information to District 7070 and Rotary International

DGE, DG, PDG = District Governor Elect, District Governor, Past District Governor

District 7070 Assembly (District 7070 Training Assembly) – an annual one-day meeting focused on training and networking

District 7070 Conference – a major annual multi-day gathering for fellowship, training and communication

ECI = Etobicoke Collegiate Institute. RTW sponsors the ECI Interact Club.

EREY = Every Rotarian Every Year. A program to encourage an annual average donation of \$100 USD per member to the Rotary Foundation.

Evanston, Illinois city north of Chicago where the first Rotary Club was convened by Paul Harris and three associates in 1905.

Four Way Test – Ethical principles for business and personal relations.

Paul Harris – Chicago lawyer who founded Rotary in 1905.

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) – Person recognized for a contribution of \$1000 to Rotary.

Paul Harris Society - Society recognizing persons who elect to contribute \$1,000 annually to Rotary.

PE, PP - President Elect, Past President

PETS = President Elect Training Seminar

PolioPlus = Campaign, led by Rotary, to eradicate polio permanently from the earth.

RCI = Richview Collegiate Institute. RTW sponsors the RCI Interact Club.

Rotary International Convention – Annual meeting of thousands of Rotarians held in different cities around the world.

Rtn – abbreviation of Rotarian often used in signatures, addresses, etc.

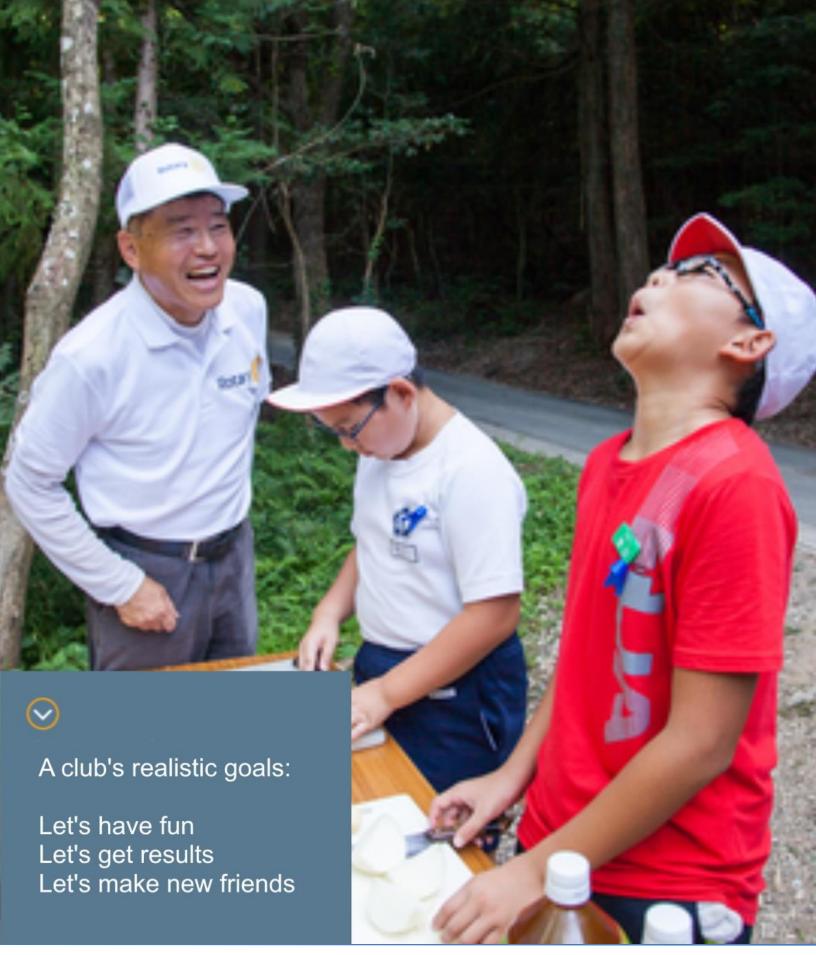
RTW = Rotary Club of Toronto West

RYIA = (Rotary Youth Impact Awards, pronounced "rye-ah" by some.) Annual gala and fundraiser recognizing exceptional contributions to "Ignite the Potential in Youth". (Following the 20th ceremony in 2019, the club is pausing to review the future of RYIA.)

RYLA – (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) An intensive learning experience for young people to develop leadership skills, have fun and make connections.

Scotch Nosing – An annual fundraising event of RTW featuring a meal with Scotch Whisky pairings. ("Whiskey" if you're Irish or American)

Service Above Self – Rotary motto.



Obligations and Expectations of Members

The obligations and expectations of Rotarians are explained in detail in Rotary International's Code of Policies document.

The expectations of members of Rotary Toronto West are:

Dues – the annual membership fee is due on June 30th of each year. Dues can be paid in full at that time or in 2 installments with post-dated cheques.

Donations – an annual donation to the Rotary Foundation is required. This is sometimes referred to as "Every Rotarian, Every Year" or EREY. Additional donations may be requested for Polio Eradication or other projects. Club members are expected to give according to what they can afford.

Meetings – members are asked to attend at least 50% of the meetings. Make-up meetings at other clubs are encouraged.

Participation – there are several ways in which you can participate, and we encourage you to do as many as you can, including:

- Committee work join at least 1 committee.
- Hands-on work volunteer to participate in a project or an event.
- Social events get to know your fellow Club members and have some fun!
- Rotary events become part of the larger organization by attending conferences and conventions.

Promote Rotary – wear some Rotary branded items such as shirts, hats, pins and jewelry.



New members are assigned mentors by the Membership Committee. Mentors are RTW members who have been exposed to various aspects of Rotary.

Guidance for new members:

First Steps

Get to know ClubRunner (CR). This is a key tool for most Rotary clubs, including ours. You will have a profile partly created for you so a good first step is to complete it, then spend some time exploring. Click here to access ClubRunner using the login ID and password that were provided to you by a club administrator. This will take you to your profile. Please complete your profile fully. Your contact information will automatically be included in the Club Member Directory.

Next Steps

Think of understanding the world of Rotary as a process that will unfold over time. Interacting with Rotary by talking with other members and attending events will facilitate the process. Here are some ways you can build your familiarity with Rotary:

- Have an introductory meeting with your sponsor and/or mentor.
- Attend weekly club meetings and get to know other members.
- Learn about how Rotary began.
- Explore Rotary International's mission and values.
- Discuss with your mentor how RTW acts on RI's mission and values.
- Explore the benefits of being a Rotarian. Create an account at My Rotary.
- Join a committee.
- Volunteer at a service event.
- Attend a fellowship event, such as a pub night.
- Participate in a district event: course, seminar, conference. Learn more from Rotary District 7070.

Keep in mind that Rotary welcomes your skills, abilities and experiences. Since mentorship is a two-way street, your mentor will want you to share your knowledge with them and the rest of the club.

Reviewing these documents (login at My Rotary here), courses and videos will deepen your knowledge of Rotary and heighten your comfort with it as an organization:

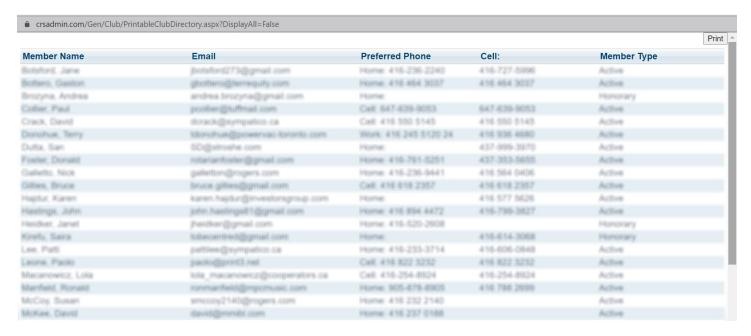
- Rotary Basics
- Connect for Good
- The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide
- The Rotarian or your regional Rotary magazine
- Take some courses at the Learning Centre
- Watch videos on youtube or Vimeo

Becoming a Mentor



Directory of Members

The directory of our club's members is held within ClubRunner and can be accessed here (login required) or from the Member's Quick Access page on our website. The image of the directory listing below has been obscured for privacy reasons, but what you will see resembles this:



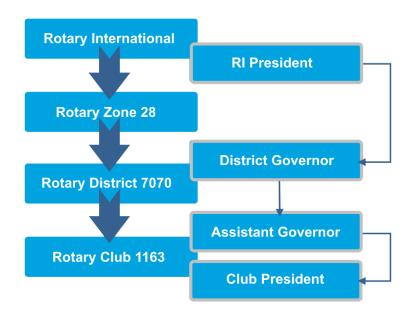
The directory is also easily accessed through the ClubRunner app, which you can download here.

You can learn more about the ClubRunner portal here.



Structure of Rotary

Rotary is organized as illustrated below.



Rotary International is the association of all Rotary Clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. It is managed by officers, directors and committees who come from different countries around the world. RI holds an annual convention in various locations to bring Rotarians together for inspiration and collaboration.

There are currently 34 zones that include approximately the same number of Rotarians. A zone is a geographic region which could be associated with one country or several. Each zone contains a number of districts, usually about 15 of them.

There are about 500 Districts in Rotary. Districts

are geographic regions that might be contained within one country or could include more than one. Districts oversee the activities of clubs, and there are commonly about 55 clubs per district. Each district is led by a Governor, who is assisted by other officers. A District Conference is held annually to promote fellowship, sharing ideas, and conducting District business.

Over more than one hundred years, Rotary has grown to include more than 33,000 clubs. All Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

You can learn more about the various levels of Rotary from these links:

- https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/our-structure
- https://my.rotary.org/en/download-latest-ri-zone-structure
- Rotary Zones 28 and 32
- Rotary District 7070

Rotary offers many courses online through my rotary org for learning and personal development. For example, a recent partnership with Toastmasters now gives us access to Toastmasters' training. Please take advantage of this wonderful membership benefit.



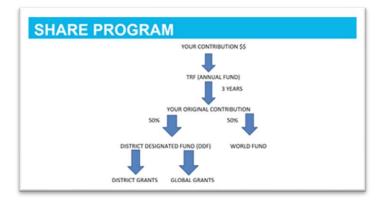
The Rotary Foundation

Rotary would not exist as it does without The Rotary Foundation.

In 1917, Rotary President Arch Klumph determined that funds would be needed to allow the organization to keep "doing good in the world" and proposed establishing an endowment fund for this purpose. These endowments, now known as The Rotary Foundation, allow clubs and districts to achieve sustained meaningful service.

A foundation is a legal entity with its own Board of Trustees that funds a charity. The Rotary Foundation is fully supported, operated and invested in by Rotarians. Its Board of Trustees includes many past presidents of Rotary International.

Funds donated by Rotarians to the Foundation are held for a period of three years, after which 50% are returned to the members' districts to fund the initiatives of their districts and clubs. The other 50% is used for World Fund grants.



Foundation grants The Foundation awarded \$86,677,399 in funding to 1,306 grants during fiscal year 2018. Here is a breakdown of causes the grants supported. \$35,660,986 Preventing disease \$18,761,791 Providing clean water \$10,998,136 Supporting education Growing local economies \$10,503,910 Saving mothers & children \$7,204,677 \$3,547,899 Promoting peace Rotary (M)

The figure to the left illustrates how funds from the Foundation are disbursed in grants related to Rotary's areas of focus.

The Rotary Foundation has funded more than \$3.7 billion in projects that help people around the world access clean water, medical care, literacy classes, and other essentials.

Our contributions to the Foundation allow our club to bring sustainable change to communities in need through our service projects.

You can learn more from the The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide or by taking the Rotary Foundation Basics course in Rotary's Learning Center.

Visit rotary.org/donate to learn how you can support our Foundation.

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Rotary International Programs and Funding Opportunities



Rotary Community Corps

Finding community solutions to community challenges, Rotary Community Corps unites Rotary members with nonmembers to make a positive difference.



Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens.



Rotary Peace Fellowships

Each year, Rotary selects up to 100 professionals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at our Rotary Peace Centers.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. Events range from one-day seminars to weeklong



Grants

For 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has been turning project ideas into reality. Our clubs receive funding to support humanitarian projects, scholarships, and international exchanges.



New Generations Service Exchange

New Generations Service Exchange is a shortterm, customizable program for university students and young professionals up to age 30. Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project.



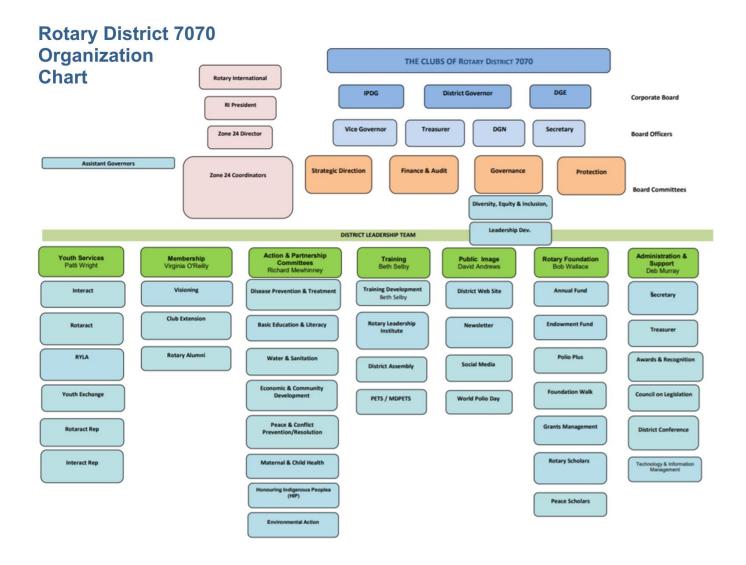
Scholarships

Rotary invests more than \$7 million a year in our future leaders and philanthropists by funding scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study.

Learn more at https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs

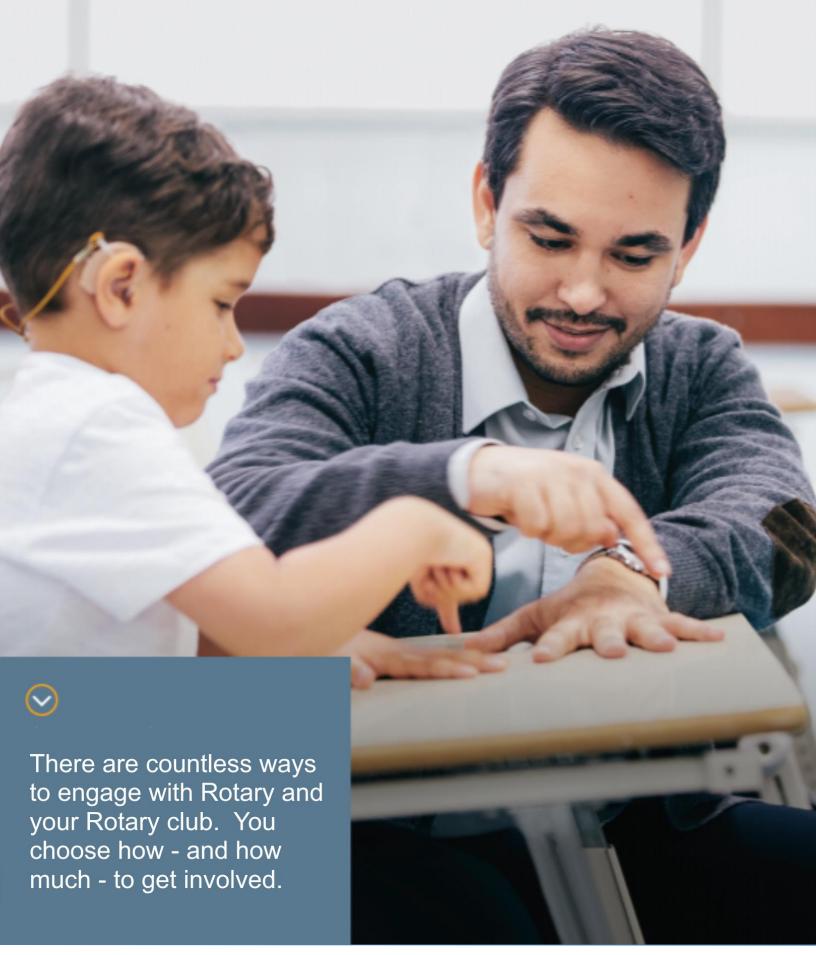


District 7070



District 7070 has existed for more than one hundred years, beginning in 1913. It's always been a highly active district and a history of its accomplishments can be found here. Other important documents related to District 7070 include the Guideline of Procedure and Policy and its strategic plan.

Because events, programs and leadership opportunities within District 7070 are always evolving, you are encouraged to visit the District 7070 website for more information.



What's Next?

Rotary offers a myriad of ways to become involved according to your needs, interests and budget. The time and energy you invest can return significant rewards as you share ideas, grow as a leader and make connections that can lead to lifelong friendships.

Work with your mentor to explore how you would like to shape your Rotary experience. Pay it forward by becoming a mentor yourself.

Attend meetings to stay in touch with the members of our club, and to be informed about our activities. Join in at fundraisers and hands-on events that allow you to witness for yourself how "doing good in the world" makes our communities better.

Service Above Self can be fun. Let's have fun together.

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