

Rotary Club of Ann Arbor



New Member Orientation March 23, 2016

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The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

- Who we are
- What we do
- Why we do it
- How we do it
- Where you can fit in

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The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

- Founded in 1916 as club number 252
- “Town & Gown” – across the ages!
- One of 53 clubs in District 6380
- Largest Rotary club in MI but Toledo is bigger
- One of about 34,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide
- Clubs larger than ours worldwide: only about 30
- We’re among over 1.2 million Rotarians
 - We support a Rotaract club at U-M, and
 - Two Interact clubs [Huron HS and Pioneer HS]

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Membership Profile (March 2016)

- Active members: 320 (before today!)
- Also: five Honoraries
- Number of women: 107 [first ones in 1988]
- University faculty and staff (incl. retirees): 46
- Ages: 27 – 95 years [Median = 66]
- Members under three years: 54 [Median = 9]
- Members over 20 years: 78
- Husband & wife couples: 13

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Current Major Efforts

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| ▪ Centennial Playground | ▪ Tutoring |
| ▪ Helping veterans | ▪ Rotary Youth Leadership Awards |
| ▪ Polio Eradication | ▪ Junior Rotarians |
| ▪ Community Grants | ▪ Rotaract |
| ▪ International Humanitarian Projects | ▪ Interact |
| ▪ Golf & Tennis Outing | ▪ Weekly Programs |
| ▪ Local Scholarships | ▪ Social Events |
| ▪ STRIVE | ▪ Public Relations |
| ▪ “Rotary Fights Hunger” | ▪ Website & Newsletter |

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Why we do it



- Rotary’s enduring motto is “Service Above Self”
- Our club’s charitable efforts generally revolve around “Helping Kids Succeed.” We have maintained this theme
- Rotary’s theme for 2015-2016 is “Be a gift to the World”

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Annual Club Dues

- Billing in May for the coming fiscal year
- Rotary International dues
- Subscription to the Rotarian magazine
- District dues
- Guests' meals, supplies, conferences, etc.
- Operating expenses
 - Room & equipment rental
 - Club administration

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The Ann Arbor Rotary Foundation

- Oversees the distribution of funds for charitable activities
- Three major sources of income
 - Community Services Assessment
 - Proceeds from our Golf & Tennis Outing
 - Transfer from the Permanent Endowment
- Total of about \$165,000 per year

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Community Service Assessment

- Billing in the fall for the coming calendar year
- RFP issued to local nonprofits in January
- "Helping Kids Succeed" is the theme
- Detailed evaluation process
- Funds distributed in the spring
- A dozen awards made
- Up to \$5,000 per organization

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The Club's Permanent Endowment

- Started almost 30 years ago
- Donations optional
- Corpus now about \$1.6 million
- Managed by a committee of members
- 4.25% drawn off each year
- Supports local and international efforts

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The Rotary Foundation

- The charitable arm of Rotary International
- TRF has top rating by CharityNavigator.org
- Funds support projects worldwide
- Donations are optional
 - "Every Rotarian, Every Year" for most efforts
 - PolioPlus for eradication of polio
 - Both count toward Paul Harris Fellowships
 - Permanent Fund for the future

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Your next step

- Decide where YOU want to be in the Rotary lineup
 - Read your new member material
 - Review resources online
 - Consult with fellow Rotarians
 - Assess expertise, interests and availability
 - Drop in on committee meetings
 - Participate in service projects
 - Get involved!

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