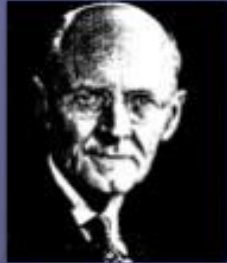




Welcome to

Potomac Rotary

New Member Orientation



Rotary Founder
Paul Harris

In the beginning...

- The first Rotary club was organized in Chicago in 1905, by Paul P. Harris.
- The club, with four members, met in rotation at the offices of the members - thus the name Rotary.
- Growth began immediately. Less than 15 years later there were over 1,000 clubs around the world.

➤ There are approximately 1.2 million members in over 35,000 clubs worldwide at present.



Rotary At A Glance

- Rotary brings together a global network of volunteers who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.
- Rotary also offers expanded service opportunities including:
 - **Interact**: a service organization organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs for young adults aged 12-18. There are more than 12,300 Interact clubs in 133 countries.
 - **Rotaract**: groups organized by Rotary clubs to promote leadership, professional development, and service among young adults aged 18-30. There are more than 8,000 Rotaract clubs in 167 countries.
 - **Rotary Community Corps (RCCs)**: groups of non-Rotary members who work to improve their communities. There are more than 7,500 RCCs in 80 countries, all organized and sponsored by Rotary clubs.

Rotary Programs

- [Grants](#)
- [Scholarships](#)
- Youth [Exchanges](#)
- Peace [Fellowships](#)
- Friendship [Exchange](#)
- Rotary [Community Corps](#)
- Rotary [Youth Leadership Awards](#)
- New [Generations Service Exchange](#)



**World Peace through
Understanding**



Rotary Standard of Excellence

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say, or do ...

- ✓ Is it the TRUTH?
- ✓ Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- ✓ Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- ✓ Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary Motto:

Service Above Self



Participation in Rotary

Participation

- As a Rotarian you give of your Time, Talents and Treasure:
 - in community work
 - in fellowship and social functions
 - in club and district activities.

Key Benefits

- Friendship
- Business Contacts
- Opportunity to Serve
- Leadership Development
- Public Speaking
- Fun



Responsibility of All Rotarians

- Sustaining & Increasing Membership
- Participating in Service Projects – Local & Global
- Supporting the Foundation of Rotary International
- Serve in the club Leadership & Committee Activities



Rotary Code of Conduct

➤ As a Rotarian, I will:

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



History of Potomac Rotary

- Chartered in 1960
- 26 Current Members
- District Recognition and Involvement
 - Home to largest number of District Governors
 - Home to the father of Polio Plus Program*
 - Award winning Club

* Polio Eradication: Rotary is close to eliminating the second human disease in history after smallpox, with a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases worldwide since 1985, when Rotary launched its [PolioPlus program](#). In 1988, Rotary spearheaded the creation of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) with the [World Health Organization](#), [UNICEF](#) and the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). Polio eradication remains Rotary's top priority. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunize more than two billion children against polio in 122 countries. Currently, Rotary is working to raise \$35 million per year through 2018 for polio eradication, which will be matched 2 to 1 by the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#).



Potomac Rotary Leadership 2021-2022

- E. Charles Ezuma-Ngwu - President
- John Reid- Past President
- Gosha Bawiec- Secretary
- Asok Motayed- Treasurer
- Committee Chairs / Directors
 - Vijay Khetarpal Foundation & Grants
 - Jim Harris Community Projects
 - Jonathan Spaeth Charities
 - Hazel Jean Pagan-
Bullock Membership
 - Andrew Klansek Public Relations
 - K.C Cole Juarez Programs & Social
- ✓ A new board is elected to take office on July 1st of each year
- ✓ All Executive positions in Rotary are one year terms that change on July 1st
- ✓ All Director positions in Rotary are one year terms that change on July 1st



Potomac Rotary Causes

➤ Major Fundraising Causes

- Polio Plus
- Rotary Foundation

Potomac Rotary Supports Many Local and Global Projects such as

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| ✓ <i>American Red Cross</i> | ✓ <i>Bikes for the World</i> | ✓ <i>Habitat for Humanity</i> |
| ✓ <i>Mercy Health Clinic</i> | ✓ <i>Polio Plus</i> | ✓ <i>Dictionaries for all 3rd Graders in MCPS</i> |
| ✓ <i>St. Martin's Food Pantry</i> | ✓ <i>EduGirls</i> | ✓ <i>Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern</i> |
| ✓ <i>Nourish Now</i> | ✓ <i>Togo Water Project</i> | ✓ <i>Victory Court Library</i> |

➤ Fundraising Events

- Member contributions, 50/50, Happy Bucks, Thanksgiving & Christmas Auction



Rotary Dues/Contributions

- Initiation Fee – None at present
- Club Dues – \$120 per quarter (\$480/year)
- Charities contribution – \$91.25 per quarter (\$365/year)
- RI Foundation Contribution - \$100 per year
- Meeting Meals – Your personal tab
- Social Events – as priced & attended

Optional

- Paul Harris Fellow - \$1000
- Paul Harris Society Member - \$1000 Annually or \$84/month
- Major Donor - \$10,000
- Bequest Society - \$10,000 Bequest



Rotary Club Protocol

- Upon induction it's important you get to know as many members as possible quickly
- Engagement is more important than attendance
- Your participation is a condition of membership
- Attend 50% of monthly Events & Meetings
- Attend a Board meeting to know the inner workings
- Attend a District event; conference or Leadership training
- Attend a club meeting anywhere in the world
- Memorize & take the Rotary Four-way Test
- Read the “ABC’s of Rotary”



Guiding Principles

- The development of **acquaintance** as an **opportunity for service**
- High **ethical** standards: **worthiness** and **dignifying** of all occupations
- **Application of the ideal of service** to personal, business, and community life
- **Advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace** through a united fellowship



Rotary Communication

- As a member it's your responsibility to Log on and Complete personal profile at each one of these Websites:
 - Club www.PotomacRotary.org
 - District <http://www.rotary7620.org/>
 - Rotary International (www.rotary.org)
- Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) , and Twitter coming soon.
- The Rotarian Magazine
- Club Bulletin
- District Newsletter



Rotary Hierarchy

- ❖ Rotary International is governed by a President and a board of directors elected from all over the world.



District 7620
District Governor 2021-2022
Geetha Jayaram



Rotary International
President 2021-22
Shekhar Mehta

- Annually each district elects a district governor
- Each club is autonomous.
- **Burgess, Deborah Johnson**– Dist. Secretary
rotary@district7620.org



Rotary Conferences

➤ Rotary International Convention:

- June 4-8, 2022
- [Houston, Texas](#)

➤ Potomac Rotary

2021 – 2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

- *Please look for a copy of the strategic plan, also obtain the Club Bylaws to familiarize yourself with the club.*