

Rotary



Rotary is 1.4 million passionate individuals in 46,000+ clubs worldwide. We are both an international organization and a local community leader. Together we lead change in our own backyards and across the world.



OUR MISSION

We provide service to others,
promote integrity, and
advance world
understanding, goodwill,
and peace through our
fellowship of business,
professional, and community
leaders.



VISION STATEMENT

Together, we see a world
where people unite and
take action to create
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Rotary **brings leaders together to exchange ideas and take action** to help empower youth, enhance health, promote peace, and eradicate polio.

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Where we are*

387,663

Asia

337,842

USA, Canada, and the Caribbean

295,099

Europe, Africa, and the Middle East

90,422

Central and South America

43,219

Great Britain and Ireland

34,634

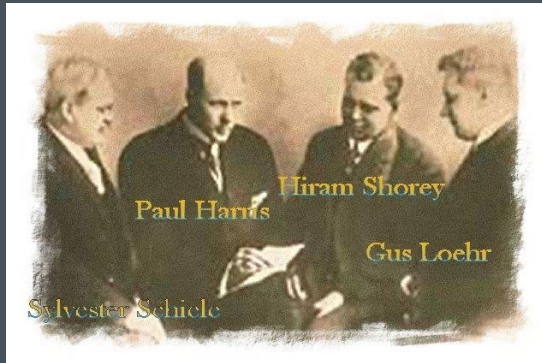
Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands

*Numbers represent Rotary club members



Rotary's official motto

"Service Above Self"



Rotary started with the vision of one man – **Paul Harris**. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.

Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.

Paul Harris
Rotary founder

Membership

The heart of Rotary is our members, dedicated people who **share a passion for community service and friendship.**

Rotary members share ideas, make plans, hear from the community, and catch up with friends during club programs that fuel the impact we make.



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Rotaract Clubs

■ Rotaract clubs bring together young people ages 18 and older in communities worldwide to organize service activities, develop leadership skills, and socialize. Rotaract members are emerging experts in their fields and trying new approaches to solve problems.

Interact Clubs

■ Through Interact clubs, people ages 12-18 connect with others in their community or school and learn about the world through service projects and activities.

We work differently

We see differently: Our multidisciplinary perspective helps us see challenges in unique ways.

We think differently: We apply leadership and expertise to social issues – and find unique solutions.

We act responsibly: Our passion and perseverance create lasting change.

We make a difference at home and around the world: Our members can be found in your community and across the globe.





What we do

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 46,000+ clubs work together to:

Promote peace

Fight disease

Save mothers and children

Support education

Grow local economies

Protect the environment



Promoting peace

- Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.



Fighting disease

- We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.



Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene

We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.

Saving mothers and children

Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.





Supporting education

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.



Protecting the environment

Rotary members are tackling environmental issues the way they always do: coming up with projects, using their connections to change policy and planning for the future.

Growing local economies

We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.



The community is invited to join all three Rotary Clubs of Gig Harbor for the Annual Star Awards.

Each Rotary club honors a non-Rotarian community member who exemplifies "Service Above Self,"

100 percent of proceeds donated to the honorees' designated charities.

2023

Gig Harbor Rotary -- Patricia (Pat) Lantz

Gig Harbor Midday -- Robert (Bob) Vollbracht

Gig Harbor North -- Carolyn Wiley



2022

Gig Harbor Midday - Melissa Oman.

Rotary Club of Gig Harbor - Kaitlin Pifer

Rotary North - Dr. Sara Thompson

- Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 5PM at Heron's Key
- We focus, not exclusively, on programs to help children.
- Galloping Gertie, our biggest yearly fund raiser, supports a series of projects to help children, locally and internationally.
- We support three local organizations: Foodbackpacks4kids, Communities in Schools, and Children's Home Society.
- We participate in local road clean-up projects and assist other local organizations with some of their projects.
- We helped promote peace in Ukraine and the Middle east by planting Peace Poles in Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula. We support an Interact Program at Henderson Bay Academy.
- Helped set-up a Sister City relationship with Croatia and Norway.
- Internationally partnered with a local non-profit organization, Opal House, located in Guatemala, to build housing, a schoolhouse and to update a medical center.
- Built five enclosed toilets and installed a well in the village of Binji, in the state Sokoto, NW Nigeria.

**Want more information about the Rotary Club of Gig Harbor North and how we may assist with some of your projects/program?
Contact: President Angela Mattison-Lindbom, 253-514-5032**





GIG HARBOR MIDDAY ROTARY

BESIDES A ROBUST INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH, INTERACT CLUBS, AND SEVERAL ONGOING COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, MIDDAY ROTARY IS PROUD OF OUR LITTLE FOOD PANTRY (LFP) PROGRAM.

AS OF 3/15/2023 WE HAVE SIX (6) PANTRIES IN THE GIG HARBOR/KEY PENINSULA AREA.

WE OBTAIN FOOD THROUGH FUNDRAISING, FOOD DRIVES AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL AGENCIES. WE HAVE 10 DEDICATED CLUB MEMBERS (PANTRY STEWARDS) WHO RESTOCK OUR LFP'S SEVERAL TIMES EACH WEEK. LFP'S PROVIDE IMMEDIATE AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY, NON-BARRIER FOOD TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.



We Meet on Friday Morning 7:00-8:30 am
at the Gig Harbor Yacht Club



- **Youth** - Interact Club, Red Barn, CIS, Youth Exchange, Dancing Classrooms, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Scholarships
- **Community** - FISH, Skansie Park Flag, Pavilion, Harbor History School House, Bark Park, Connie's Clock, Pavilion at Key Peninsula, Rotary Aviation Zone, Wollochet Exchange Pollinator Planting
- **Vocational** - Cars for Change, Women's Prison Program, NJROTC Program at Peninsula High, Prison Scholarships
- **International** - Cleft Palate Operations, Potable Water in Guatemala and Peru, Rachel/Computers in Guatemala

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