

## Why Join Rotary?

- Friendship & Fellowship
- Business Development
- Personal Growth & Development
- Leadership Development
- Citizenship in the Community
- Continuing Education
- Fun Fun Fun
- Public Speaking Skills
- Citizenship in the World
- Assistance when Traveling
- Entertainment
- The Development of Social Skills
- Family Programs
- Cultural Awareness
- Prestige
- Great People
- The Absence of an “Official Creed”  
and finally...
- **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process and return of that satisfaction to one’s own life. It is richly rewarding.



## Rome Rotary in Action!

Some of Rome Rotary’s involvement in the local community and beyond includes:

- ▶ Sponsoring international Youth Exchange students — both inbound and outbound.
- ▶ Presenting scholarships to college-bound-local students.
- ▶ Recognizing the Rome Rotary Teacher-of-the-Year.
- ▶ Providing an annual Christmas Party for more than 100 needy children with Santa and gifts of coats, boots, toys, and other holiday items.



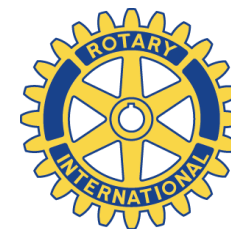
- ▶ Sponsoring an annual Christmas Party for the senior citizens in the Rome Memorial Hospital Residential Healthcare Facility.
- ▶ The annual 4th of July Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldiers in Rome.
- ▶ Giving the annual Roses-for-the-Living award to an outstanding community volunteer.
- ▶ Monthly contributions of food and money for local food kitchens to feed the poor and hungry in this area.
- ▶ Sponsoring a Rome Little League Team for more than 50 years.



- ▶ Participating in the Rotary District 7150 Gift-of-Vision Program that provides eye surgery and corneas to people from around the world.
- ▶ Ringing the bell for the Salvation Army each holiday season.
- ▶ Providing an annual Halloween parade and party for the children of the community.
- ▶ Providing dictionaries to third-graders and thesauruses to sixth-graders.
- ▶ Rotary Readers reading to local at-risk children each week during the school year.
- ▶ Providing the annual Canalfest festival in Bellamy Harbor Park as a family event for the community.



- ▶ ... and the list goes on and on with community and international contributions from the Rome Rotary Club since 1919!



## *A few Prominent Rotarians...*

**Neil Armstrong**

**Sir Winston Churchill**

**Walt Disney**

**Thomas A. Edison**

**Bill Gates**

**Warren G. Harding**

**John F. Kennedy**

**Douglas MacArthur**

**George C. Marshall**

**Dr. Charles H. Mayo**

**Norman Vincent Peale**

**James Cash Penney**

**John J. "Blackjack" Pershing**

**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

**Charles R. Walgreen Jr**

**Woodrow Wilson**

**Orville Wright**



## *Four Way Test*

"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?"

## *What is Rotary?*

- ▶ Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.
- ▶ Rotary is the world's first service club. The first Rotary Club was founded in Chicago on February 23, 1905.
- ▶ There are more than 1.2 million service-minded women and men belonging to more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in 200 nations and geographical areas in the world.
- ▶ Rotarians meet weekly for fellowship and interesting and informational programs dealing with topics of local and global importance. Membership reflects a wide cross section of community representation.
- ▶ Rotarians plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs that touch people's lives in their local communities and world community.
- ▶ The Rotary Foundation provides over \$100 million each year for international scholarships, cultural exchanges, and humanitarian projects large and small that improve the quality of life for millions of people. Rotary is widely regarded as the world's largest private provider of international educational scholarships.
- ▶ Rotary International is largely responsible for the eradication of polio throughout the entire world! This amazing accomplishment demonstrates Rotary's commitment to service and its international focus.



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*"Service Above Self"*

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simply join us for lunch

at our regular Tuesday meeting at noon

at the Franklin Hotel

(Just show the greeter this brochure)