



Rotarian Profile: John Godfrey

A member of the Rotary Club of Battle Creek for over three decades, John Godfrey started out as a junior Rotarian, when he was sponsored by the Rotary to attend Boys State at Michigan State University.

His interest in joining was in part influenced by his father, who was a Lion Club member. John describes Rotary as the premiere service club in the world that serves as an excellent avenue in meeting and networking with members from within the community. A connection to the world and the Rotary's motto "*Service Above Self*" are both life-long inspirations for how John lives his life.

One aspect of embracing the Rotarian motto is the opportunity to participate in a wide array of community service projects sponsored by Rotary in Battle Creek. To that end, John has volunteered in such projects as the Conservation Day river clean up, ramp building projects with Habitat, the back pack program at the Foodbank of South Central Michigan and the Annual Rotary Children's Christmas party.

His efforts continue by supporting the club's grants program for local non-profit organizations. Along with providing grants, Rotary has taken on a leadership role in mentoring and enhancing many community organizations. He also spoke of the very critical role that Rotary International has eradicating polio around the world.