

This is Rotary



**Rotary Club of Battle Creek
District 6360**



Rotary is an International Organization

- There are 1.2 million Rotarians in over 200 countries and areas throughout the world.
- Our club, The Rotary Club of Battle Creek, is in District 6360 which is comprised of 57 clubs with about 2700 members.
- The district covers Southwestern Michigan.





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.
- There are now approximately 1.2 million members in over 34,000 clubs worldwide.



Service Above Self

- Rotary was not long to recognize that fellowship alone would not keep a group together — there needed to be a purpose.
- The first service project was public restrooms in downtown Chicago, IL, USA.
- Rotary became the world's first service club.
- Our club was the first service club in Battle Creek. We were chartered in 1915.



The Rotary Club of Battle Creek



The Rotary Club of Battle Creek Projects

- Once a year, we identify possible projects.
- Committee prioritizes list to match club goals
- Board of Directors decides on cut-off point.
- We sponsor as many of these projects as possible.



The Rotary Club of Battle Creek Projects

- Club Grants – Our Grant Committee meets quarterly to review applications for grants from club funds. Projects serving our core focus areas of service are supported.
- Red Rose Award – Each year a volunteer is recognized for outstanding service in the community and an young person is rewarded with a scholarship based on their community service.
- Students of the Month – We have a committee that works with six area high schools to recognize outstanding students each month.



The Rotary Club of Battle Creek Projects

- Annual Children's Christmas Party – Every year since 1930 our club has hosted a free Christmas Party for kids who are physically or financially challenged. We provide gifts, sing songs and arrange for a visit from Santa Claus. In recent years we have partnered with the Sunrise Club on this project.
- We provide manpower for Habitat to Humanity, Food Bank, river clean-up, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and other community projects.
- CIR/Rotary Auction – For over 20 years the club has supported an auction to raise funds for Community Inclusive Recreation.



The Rotary Club of Battle Creek Projects

Major fund-raisers are:

- Our fundraising comes from endowment funds (@ BCCF), the District Foundation, the RI foundation and your weekly fellowship and an annual project assessment of \$120 per member. This eliminates any fundraising requirement.



Getting Involved

- Join an active Rotary Committee
- To join a committee talk to the Committee Chair
- Be sure to let Donna Gray, our club's administrative assistant, know so that records can be updated.



Active Committees and Chairs

- Community Grants – Cheryl Beard
- Membership – Larry Anderson
- Public Image – Kathy Gallagher
- Web Site/Facebook – Kathy Gallagher
- Rotary Foundation – Leeann Spiegelberg
- Club Service Projects – John Godfrey
- Food Bank – Chris Overbeek
- BCCF Education Trust – Vince Pavone/Peter Christ



Active Committees Cont.

- Habitat for Humanity – John Godfrey
- Student of the Month – Deb Davis
- River Cleanup – Tom Ebeling
- International Service Projects – Wilhelm Sturhan
- Children's Christmas Party – Julie Brown & Cheryl Beard
- Red Rose – Savannah Hatfield
- Newsletter – Tom Townsend
- New Member Orientation – Greg Dunn
- Programs – Tina Slayton
- Retention/Fellowship – Kathy Gallagher

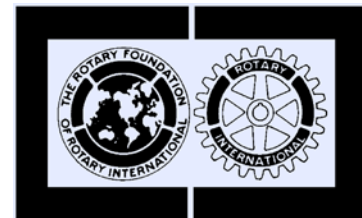


Volunteers in Action

- Rotary Grant Awards
- Rotary kids Christmas party



The
Rotary
Foundation



Rotary International Foundation

- The International Foundation is a non-profit corporation that supports Rotary's programs.
- The foundation was begun by Arch Klumph (RI's 6th President) in 1917.
- The initial contribution was \$26.50.
- As of 30 June 2014 year foundation assets were \$1.2 billion and awards for 2013-14 exceeded \$211 million



PolioPlus

- Polio Plus – For over 30 years Rotarians world wide have contributed well over \$1 billion and led the worldwide campaign to eliminate Polio.
- Rotary led the World Health Assembly to pass a resolution to eradicate polio which paved the way for the formation of Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988.
- Thousands of Rotarians have volunteered during National Immunization Days to vaccinate children.



Centers for Peace and Conflict Resolution

- Rotary supports Master's Level Peace Fellows at 6 international universities.
- Fellows are chosen based on their ability to impact world peace and conflict resolution during their careers.
- The goal of the centers is to understand and eliminate causes of global conflict.



RI Foundation Grants

- There are two types of grants district or global.
- District Grants are short term and smaller in scale. They can be used for humanitarian, scholarship or vocational training.
- Global Grants are large scale efforts to promote peace, prevent disease, provide for water and sanitation, improve maternal or children's health, support basic education and literacy or assist in economic and community development.



Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors



- Many **Battle Creek** Rotarians and spouses make gifts to the Rotary International Foundation. To make a gift follow this link <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give> or talk to our club's Foundation Chair.
- Over **100** members and partners have become Paul Harris Fellows (\$1000 or more to the Rotary International Foundation). Half of these are current members, family or friends.
- Sometimes the club provides a matching fund program to encourage donations.



District 6360 Foundation

- Established in 1992
- Tax-exempt
- Provides every Club in Rotary District 6360 with the opportunity for funding, administrative and/or partnering assistance in their service project activities.
- To contribute mail a check (note District 6360 Foundation) to:

**741 Wolverine Road
Mason, MI 48854**



Battle Creek Rotary Funds

- Educational Fund -- Supports excellence of education in the Battle Creek area in the broadest sense of the term “education”. It is recognized, with changing times and changing needs, that innovation, enterprise, and initiative need to be exercised in determining the most effective use of the Fund.



Battle Creek Rotary Funds

- Endowment Fund -- Provides current income and long term protection for the operations of the Rotary Club of Battle Creek.
- McPherson Fund -- Endowment Fund provided by the McPherson Trust and provides an annual distribution to the spendable side of the Rotary Club of Battle Creek Educational Fund.



Giving to BC Rotary Funds

- Education Fund --
<http://www.bccfoundation.org/giving/Rotary-Educational-Fund>
- Endowment Fund --
<http://www.bccfoundation.org/giving/Rotary-Endowment-Fund>
- McPherson Fund --
<http://www.bccfoundation.org/giving/Rotary-McPherson-Fund>



Object of Rotary

- The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:



Object of Rotary

- First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;



Object of Rotary

- Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his or her occupation as an opportunity to serve society;



Object of Rotary

- Third. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his or her personal, business and community life;



Object of Rotary

- Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.



We implement the Object of
Rotary through the Five
Avenues of Service



Club Service things that a Rotarian does to help make successful the running of the local club.

Vocational Service involves club members serving others through their professions and aspiring to high ethical standards.

Community Service the opportunity to implement club projects and activities that improve life in the local community.

International Service We work as an independent club or together with other clubs, districts or even Rotary International to support projects crossing national borders.

Youth Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs.



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



2016-17 Rotary
International President
John Germ



- Annually each district elects a District Governor (ours is **Bill Smith**) but every club is autonomous.



Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Battle Creek are the club's leaders

Club Officers

President: Chad Kyger

President-elect: Karla Fales

Past President: Larry Anderson

Secretary: Kathryn Gallagher

Treasurer: Ashley Plichta

and the following directors:

Jim Baldwin, Cheryl Beard, Deb Davis, Brent Fast, John Godfrey, Vince Pavone, Erik Smith, Wilhelm Sturhan, Leeann Spiegelberg and Tom Townsend.

All positions in Rotary are one year terms that change on 1 July.



ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS and ACTION GROUPS

Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who join together to:

- Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.)
- Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession
- Make new friends around the world
- Explore new opportunities for service
- Have fun and enhance their experience in Rotary



Rotarian Action Groups

- A Rotarian Action Group is an autonomous group of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who are experts in a particular field, such as microcredit or water and sanitation. Group members share their expertise by collaborating with clubs and districts on service projects.



SOME ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS AND ACTION GROUPS

- Fellowship Examples; Tennis, Flying, Scuba Diving, Canoeing, Wine and Social Networking.
- Action Group Examples: Addiction Prevention, Disaster Relief, Hunger and Malnutrition, and Peace.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

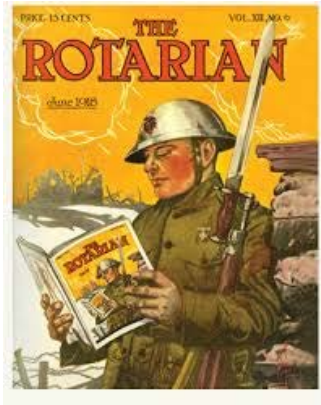
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Herbert W. Taylor – Rotary's 50th President



Staying in touch



Club & District E-Mailed Newsletters

- <http://battlecreekrotary.org/>
- [Rotary Club of Battle Creek on Facebook](#)
- <http://www.district6360.com/>
- <http://www.rotary.org/>



The Privileges in Rotary

- The privilege of FRIENDSHIP WITH LEADERS:
 - in your community
 - in neighboring cities and towns
 - throughout Battle Creek
 - around the world



The Privileges in Rotary

- The privilege of **GIVING SERVICE** to your community.
- The privilege of **DEVELOPING INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL** and understanding.
- The privilege of helping **BUILD HIGHER ETHICAL STANDARDS** within your vocation

through the common bond of Rotary.



Your Obligations in Rotary

Participation

- To be a Rotarian you must give of your time and talents:
 - in community work
 - in fellowship and social functions
 - in club and district activities.



Your Obligations in Rotary

Attendance

- Attendance at the weekly meetings is a benefit of Rotary. A minimum of 60% is expected.
- You can easily maintain your attendance levels by making up at another Rotary club meeting, an e-meeting, or by participating in a club service project or activity.



Your Financial Obligations

- Initiation Fee \$40
- Annual Dues \$66/quarter
- Meals \$11/week
- Project Assessment \$120
- 50/50 Raffle (your choice)

Your project assessment will appear in your first quarterly statement after you join and an annual assessment will occur in the October billing for each year after.



Membership

There are three types of membership in a Rotary club:

- Active
- Honorary
- Rule of 85 – Members whose combined age and years of membership total 85 or more. These members are excused from weekly attendance requirement.



What makes for a good Rotarian?

- A willingness to share Rotary with others.
- A belief in service and a desire to accomplish more through association with others than can be done alone.
- Demonstrating high ethical standards in your profession and life.
- A desire to be active in the club's meetings and activities.



Welcome to the

Rotary Club of Battle Creek

