

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative,

we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly **3 billion children** in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.



GET INVOLVED

Becoming a member enables you to meet your community's leaders and to make an impact both here and around the world. We invite you to visit our club and find out more about us and the opportunities we offer to get involved. Our members have found that it's a truly rewarding experience.



Rotarians landscaped the grounds of St. Anne's Center, Roseberry Street, on May 20, 2023.

OUR MEETINGS

Lunch Meetings
Wednesdays 12:00 PM
Dinner Meeting
Last Wednesday of each Month 6:00 PM

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"SERVICE ABOVE SELF"



"Create Hope in the World"

Rotary International's 2023-2024 Theme



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Solving real problems takes real effort, commitment, and vision. Rotarians work to protect communities from preventable disease, keep women and children healthy, improve education and economic outcomes, create safe water and sanitation infrastructure, and make our community and the world a more peaceful place. We are working with various organizations on the following initiatives and/or donations:

- ✓ NORWESCAP Food Bank
- End Hunger 3.6 to help those with food Insecurities
- ✓ St. Anne's Center (Grandma's House)
- ✓ Scholarships for PHS Students
- ✓ Joseph H. Firth Youth Center
- ✓ Christmas Gifts for area needy families
- ✓ Catholic Charities
- √ Phillipsburg Senior Center
- ✓ International Gift of Life Heart Surgery Program
- √ Habitat for Humanity
- ✓ Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Meals on Wheels Program Participants
- Rotary Foundation Disaster Relief Fund to support Ukraine Victims
- ✓ Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Event
- Shelter Box International (Tent and Supplies) for Disaster Relief

PEOPLE OF ACTION

Our club is a proud part of this community and of Rotary International. Rotary is a global network of more than **1.2 million members** who believe that great things happen when dedicated minds come together. We are community and business leaders representing different professions, experiences, and perspectives with a shared desire to connect with others to address the challenges affecting our community and communities around the world. Partnering with local, national, and global experts to exchange ideas about possible solutions, we draw up action plans to respond.

Since our start in 1938, our club has offered opportunities for our members - and those interested in making a difference - to get involved. Through meetings, social events, and volunteer projects, such as our Golf Outing and Corks & Forks, we raise funds to support both local and global initiatives. Along with these opportunities to serve, members also are able to regularly network, resulting in lifelong friendships and business connections.

MEET OUR BOARD



From left to right: Hailey Fritzsch, Debbie Shelly, Angelo Faillace, Jerry Pandolfi, Frank Geraghty, Marian Trapani, Robert Gould, Todd Tersigni and Bernie Rooney. Missing from picture: Carol Johnson and Robert Valcich.



INTERACT

Interact Clubs are an important branch of the greater Rotary youth programs that invite students between ages 12 and 18 to develop leadership skills while also focusing on the Rotary credo of "Service Above Self." We currently sponsor the Stewartsville Middle School and Phillipsburg High School Interact Clubs.

THE 4-WAY TEST



This test is one of the hallmarks of Rotary. Since it was developed in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, who later became RI president, it has never ceased to be relevant. Its four brief questions are not based on culture or religion. Instead, they are a simple checklist for ethical behavior. They transcend generations and national borders.