



Member Handbook

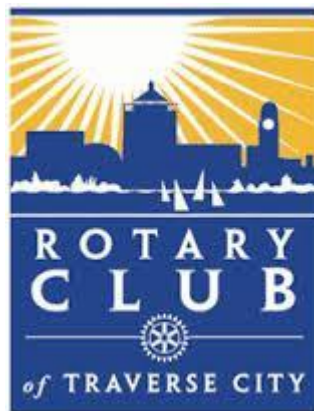
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Chapter 1

● New Member Information



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HISTORY of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed on February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread, and within a decade, clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York to Winnipeg, Canada. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents. The organization adopted the Rotary International name a year later.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving club members' professional and social interests. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto – **Service Above Self**.

Rotary has become 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. In more than 200 countries, approximately 1.4 million Rotarians belong to more than 46,000 Rotary clubs. Rotary club membership represents a cross section of a community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. Being a Rotarian is an honor and privilege and represents a personal commitment to exemplify high ethical standards in one's own vocation or occupation.

WHAT DOES ROTARY DO?

The main objective of Rotary is service – in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotary International (RI) has developed a broad range of programs designed to help clubs carry out this vital mission. Some of these programs have been underway for many years, while others have been developed more recently to meet emerging needs.

Rotary's community development projects address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty, hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. Rotary clubs also support programs for youth, leadership training, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, and other professionals. The international concept of RI programs enables clubs and districts to assist Rotary efforts abroad and to share information and arrange exchanges with Rotarians in other countries. Although Rotary clubs develop autonomous service programs, all Rotarians worldwide are united in a campaign for the global eradication of polio through the Rotary Foundation. To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries.

HOW IS ROTARY ORGANIZED?

As the name states, Rotary is an international organization. Each Rotary club is part of a territory known as a Rotary District. There are over 46,000 clubs worldwide, and 530 districts. The total membership is approximately 1.4 million. Rotary is represented in over 200 countries and geographical regions around the world.

ROTARY HEADQUARTERS

Rotary International headquarters is located in Evanston, IL. RI is governed by a board of directors which includes the president of Rotary International, the immediate past president, and 17 other directors. The president is provided living accommodations and an office suite in Evanston during the year of his/her presidency, as a full-time commitment is required for the position.

DISTRICT FUNCTION & ORGANIZATION

The Rotary District organization is the intermediary between the clubs and Rotary International (RI) for various activities including Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange, and other programs.

Our District 6290 was formed in 1932; our first district governor was Paul S. Bond of Grand Rapids. The district is one of six in Michigan and as an international district it also includes clubs in Canada. The district governor leads the Rotary movement for a term of one year. Previously he/she has served a one-year term as Governor Nominee. The Governor Nominee is the only elected official representing our District.

Upon ascending to the Governorship, he/she appoints all other elected officers, including the Assistant District Governor(s), Associate District Governor(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Region Representatives, and all chairpersons of the various committees and commissions.

The district holds three (3) major meetings each year:

- President Elect Training (PETS) – for club president-elects and secretaries
- District Assembly – an educational opportunity for club directors and other Rotarians
- District Conference – an annual review of club achievements and award presentations

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP

Types of membership include:

Active Member: One who has been elected to membership under a classification of business or profession, and who has met all the obligations, responsibilities and privileges of membership as provided in the Rotary International Constitution and Bylaws.

Active Exempt Member, Rule of 85: A form of membership reserved for those who have provided at least 20 years of service to Rotary. This is usually regarded as a mark of Rotary distinction. An active exempt Rotarian must be at least 65 years of age. When the aggregate of the member's age and years in Rotary is 85 or more, he/she may apply to Active Exempt status.

Honorary Member: This status is granted to an adult person who has distinguished himself/herself by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals. An Honorary Member cannot hold office and is not required to pay dues. This status is given with the approval of the Board of Directors. This term may be continued at the Board's discretion.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF ROTARY

❖ PURPOSE

The purpose of Rotary and this club is to pursue the Object of Rotary, carry out successful service projects based on the Five Avenues of Service, contribute to the advancement of Rotary by strengthening membership, support The Rotary Foundation, and develop leaders beyond the club level.

❖ DIVERSITY

Rotary International recognizes the value of diversity within individual clubs. Rotary encourages clubs to assess those in their communities who are eligible for membership, under existing membership guidelines, and to endeavor to include the appropriate range of individuals in their clubs. A club that reflects its community with regard to professional and business classification, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity is a club with the key to its future.

❖ THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

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

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

❖ THE FOUR-WAY TEST

From the earliest days, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. The Four-Way Test was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor and adopted by Rotary in 1943. The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways.

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

❖ ROTARY PINS

We hope you will wear your Rotary pin proudly wherever you go to show your involvement in Rotary. There are other types of pins you may notice other Rotarians wearing:

- President's Pin and Past President's Pin
- Director/Officer Pin
- Paul Harris Fellow Pin (or medallion)
- Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Pin (with varied precious stones)
- Attendance with the number of years of perfect attendance
- District Pin
- Event Pins

FIVE AVENUES OF SERVICE

Rotary's Five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club.

1. **Club Service**, the first Avenue of Service, involves action a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.
2. **Vocational Service**, the second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary's principles and lending their vocational skills to club-developed projects in order to address the issues and needs of society.
3. **Community Service**, the third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.
4. **International Service**, the fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with

people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.

- 5. Youth Service**, the fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. (SRCC 6) Based on the Object of Rotary, the Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based – club service, vocational service, community service, international service, and youth programs.

ROTARY IN TRAVERSE CITY

Traverse City currently has two Rotary clubs. The oldest club, the Rotary Club of Traverse City, meets each Tuesday at noon. Founded in 1920, our club has 200 plus members and is considered a large club in the world of Rotary. As are all other Rotary clubs, the 'Noon Club' is a member of Rotary International.

The second Rotary club, the Traverse Bay Sunrise Club meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:30am at the Presbyterian Church. Members are invited to attend the Sunrise Club meeting as well as any Rotary Club meeting in the world.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR CLUB

The permanent charter for the Traverse City Rotary Club was issued on May 1, 1920. The first club president was State Senator James Milliken, whose son William (also a Traverse City Rotarian) would later serve as the governor of Michigan from 1969 to 1983.

One of the Rotary Club's first service projects was the establishment of the Traverse City Chamber of Commerce in 1921.

The leadership of the 1923 club president Clarence Greilick resulted in the acquisition of 450 acres of land in the Spider Lake and Rennie Lake areas. The club raised \$1,100 for this purchase and an additional \$7,500 for 27 acres with Rennie Lake frontage. The purpose of this acquisition was the creation of a campground for 4-H, the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. In 1955, all of the land acquired was turned over to a new nonprofit corporation called Rotary Camps & Services, Inc.

In 1955, Rotary Camps & Services, Inc. leased the Camp Greilick property to the Scenic Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America for 99 years for the sum of \$1 (one dollar) and reserved the mineral rights. In 1956, the Rotary Club bought 393.5 acres on Bass Lake which became known as Camp Sakakawea and was leased to the Girl Scouts.

In 1975, Rotary Camps & Services and Total Petroleum Company agreed to a lease for potential mineral exploration. An outstanding contract negotiated by some very astute Rotarians (Al Arnold, Frank Power, Jerry McCarthy and Bob Hilty) provided the club with 25% royalties until all production costs were met, and 40% thereafter. Once the oil and gas revenues started coming in, a separate charitable organization was formed to manage the windfall. This entity is called Rotary Charities which is discussed in more length later in this handbook.

WHAT OUR CLUB STANDS FOR IN THE COMMUNITY

Members of the Rotary Club of Traverse City are a team of leaders from the community leading the community. We are a catalyst for non-profit organization sustainability. We are deeply committed to community development.

We are strengthened by a diverse membership representing the general population of our community. We try to identify all areas of business in our community for membership and include a growing age span among our members. We pride ourselves on having members who are committed, passionate, caring, and willing to serve.

We continually strive to have diverse, timely, and interesting programs each week. Meetings are fun, educational, productive, and uplifting. We look for pertinent, relevant programs regarding community, state, national, and international issues.

Rotary clubs achieve the objective of “Service Above Self” through activities in five primary areas referred to as the Five Avenues of Service. Our club divides our numerous committees and projects into these five areas: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Services.

FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS

QUARTERLY MEMBER DUES

Rotary Club dues and meals are billed in advance on a quarterly basis. Invoices are due upon receipt to assure your account remains in good standing. You may pay by check, or you may have your credit card on file in the Rotary office and have your quarterly dues automatically billed to your card.

Quarterly Charges	Total: \$180.50/quarter
➤ Club Dues	\$95.00/quarter
➤ Rotary International Dues	\$21.25/quarter
➤ District Dues	\$12.25/quarter
➤ Facility/Venue Fee	\$52.00/quarter

All members will pay a \$4.00 per week “facility fee” in advance.

Members who attend the weekly meeting and have lunch will be credited \$4.00 per meeting attended.

- **Weekly Lunch (optional) – Cost varies based on meeting venue and the number of Rotarians in attendance. \$17.00 – \$29.00/meal**

OTHER CHARGES

Throughout the year, you will have the opportunity to donate to Club fundraisers, the Rotary Foundation, World Community Service, and contribute to other projects and events.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Rotary Club of Traverse City is a vibrant, active, working club. All members are encouraged to become involved in committees and projects. Some of these are:

- **Christmas Baskets:** Funds are solicited from club members and used to purchase food, clothing, toys, etc., for needy families in the community.
- **Boots for Kids:** To provide children of families who struggle economically throughout the Grand Traverse area with winter boots and clothing, that in return builds their self-esteem.
- **Youth Exchange:** This popular Rotary program funds and houses inbound and outbound exchange students.
- **STRIVE Program:** Youth program that provides support to both individual students and organizations working with the youth in our community.
- **Students of the Week:** Local high school and NMC students are recognized for their academic achievements, leadership, and community involvement.
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** Rotarians staff Salvation Army kettles located around town during the holiday season.
- **TAG Day:** Rotarians go to local businesses and ask the public to support our efforts to raise money and provide services to those with physical and mental disabilities.
- **Free Fishing Day:** children are allowed to fish in a netted area that is supplied with more than 1000 fish. Baiting hooks, cleaning fish & other tasks require volunteers.
- **World Community Service:** The purpose of the World Community Service Committee is to mobilize the resources of the club members and others in the community to participate in world community service projects. Through World Community Service projects, Rotarians help improve lives and promote international understanding and goodwill by means of material, technology and professional assistance.

ROTARY PUBLICATIONS

THE ROTARIAN MAGAZINE

This magazine contains news of Rotary around the world. It is included in your membership dues and is delivered monthly.

THE OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

This information is available online at www.Rotary.org.

THE ROTARY eBULLETIN

This is published weekly. It is a convenient and useful tool that includes information on the previous week's meeting and upcoming events. The newsletter is emailed to all members who provide their email address. Archived newsletters are located on our club's website, www.traversecityrotary.org.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

In 1917, RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed that an endowment be set up “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Five trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to “hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property . . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI.” Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation's growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs.

All Rotarians, world-wide, are encouraged to support the Rotary Foundation with a sustaining membership under the “Every Rotarian, Every Year” campaign. \$25 per quarter.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

All Rotarians are encouraged to contribute to the Rotary Foundation to fund charitable endeavors including PolioPlus, international student exchange, teaching programs in developing countries, fellowships and many other international goodwill and humanitarian programs. After contributing a total of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation, Rotarians become Paul Harris Fellows (PHF).

For \$100, a Rotarian can become a sustaining Paul Harris Fellow. When incremental payments accumulate to \$1,000, a sustaining member will receive a Paul Harris Fellowship. Some Rotarians continue to contribute to the Rotary Foundation after receiving their PHF and become multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation remains to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$2.2 billion. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.

Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

ROTARY CAMPS & SERVICES

The purchase of 450 acres of land in 1923 for a youth camping facility was our Rotary Club's first community service project. From the beginning, our forefathers implemented the Four-Way Test based on community need, establishing a sound foundation for the future. When oil was struck on that same property 54 years later, the Rotarians focused again on the community and the future. After careful thought, deliberation, and discussion, they established a corporate structure that would ensure that the assets Rotary was given would be protected, the community would be served, and our club would remain an active service organization. That insightful decision led to the establishment of Rotary Charities, the re-organization of Rotary Camps & Services, and the continuing vitality of Rotary Club #754, the Rotary Club of Traverse City.

ROTARY CHARITIES

In order to protect the oil and gas revenue from vulnerability to legal liability that might be incurred on the property, Rotary Charities, a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation, was formed. Royalty payments came into Rotary Charities' portfolio. The land where the wells were located, and the liability potential remained the property of Rotary Camps & Services. Rotary Charities was charged with the fiduciary and philanthropic duties, and Camps & Services was responsible for the real estate and stewardship of the land.

At the same time, thoughtful Rotarians worried that this new source of cash might lead to a decline in the Rotary Club's commitment to community service. They feared that our service club would become merely a community checkbook. The articles and bylaws of both Rotary Charities and Camps & Services were set up to ensure linkages between the Club and Charities, but not a direct connection between the financial assets of Rotary Charities and the land assets of Camps & Services and the Club. Rotary Charities was organized as a public foundation with the members of its corporate body being the entire Traverse City Rotary Club. The Club membership elects the Rotary Charities and Rotary Camps & Services board members from within its own membership ranks, thus ensuring accountability to the Club, but also allowing primary service to the community.

For over 30 years, Rotary Charities has been supporting non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and local units of government in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau Counties. Since Rotary Charities' inception in 1978, grants totaling over \$54 million have been awarded to nearly 300 organizations.

We envision a region of vibrant, connected communities where all people & ecosystems thrive

ROTARY & the ERADICATION OF POLIO

“When Rotary started talking about polio, people listened.”
William Gates, Sr., co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

The US\$200 million funding agreement between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation marked another milestone in Rotary's 20-year legacy of polio eradication work. Rotary made a commitment to immunize the world's children against polio in 1985 and became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative three years later. The other partners are the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

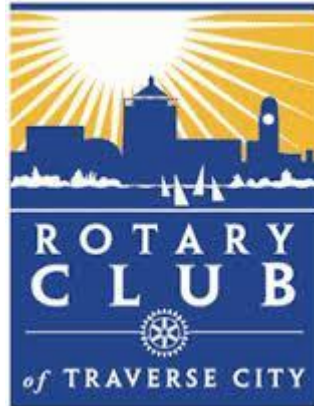
To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$2.1 billion dollars to the eradication effort, an amount that will continue to grow by the time the world is certified polio-free. Since 1995, the advocacy efforts of Rotary and its partners have helped raise more than \$15.2 billion in vital funding from donor governments. Over the years, Rotary club members have volunteered their time and personal resources to reach more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries with oral polio vaccine.

Thanks to Rotary and its partners, the number of polio cases has been slashed by more than 99.9 percent, preventing five million instances of childhood paralysis and 250,000 deaths. When Rotary began its eradication work, polio infected more than 350,000 children annually. In 2007, fewer than 2,000 cases were reported worldwide and in 2015, less than 75 polio cases were confirmed worldwide. The only two countries still considered epidemic are Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The polio cases represented by that final less than one percent will be the most difficult and expensive to prevent for a variety of reasons, including geographical isolation, worker fatigue, armed conflict, and cultural barriers. That's why it is so important to generate the funding needed to finish the job. The bottom line is this: As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, all children – wherever they live – remain at risk.

Chapter 2

● Club Traditions & Expectations



CLUB TRADITIONS & EXPECTATIONS

There are forty-six thousand Rotary clubs in over 200 countries around the world. While all Rotary clubs subscribe to the basic values and objectives of Rotary International, each club is unique in the way it serves these principles. In this section, we learn of the unique characteristics and traditions of our club.

- Every Rotarian is encouraged to be actively involved in Rotary and always say “Yes” when asked to participate in club projects or tasks.
- Every club member should serve on at least one committee.
- Recognize and support Rotary’s global attention to humanitarian needs.
- Attend Rotary meeting regularly and out of respect for our speakers, stay for the entire program.
- Sit at one of the designated tables if you must leave before the program is over.
- Do not use the Rotary directory for promotional or non-Rotary business purposes.
- Wear the Rotary pin with pride.
- Recognize Rotarians who perform outstanding Rotary work with the Red Rose Award.
- Recognize outstanding community involvement by non-Rotarians with the Service Above Self award.



- Join Rotarians at different tables to enjoy the diverse social and business contacts that Rotary offers.
- Get to know a new Rotarian by inviting him/her to join you at your table.
- Maintain silence when someone is speaking at the podium.
- Participate in the new member orientation program (IM Rotary) during the first year.
- New members are asked to work with the Christmas Basket committee and be responsible for an adopted family during the holidays.
- When introducing a guest, do so with one short sentence. Say the guest's name last so that other members can remember it when they greet the guest. If it is a family member or business associate, establish that. Simple and appropriate introductions are as follows:

“From Traverse City, Joe Smith.”

“From Traverse City, my business partner, Jane Doe.”

Chapter 3

● Club Committees

❖ CLUB SERVICE – ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES

Attendance: Chris DeGood

Maintains data on club membership attendance at weekly meetings, coordinates and presents awards for attendance milestones, and reminds members of club attendance policies.

Club Bulletin: Sonya Laws

The Rotary Bulletin is produced on a weekly basis by the Club Administrator. Standalone stories can be written and submitted by members to be shown in the bulletin. Any photographs from an event can be e-mailed to admin@traversecityrotary.org. Upon completion the bulletin is e-mailed to most members.

Public Relations: Tawny Hammond

The PR Committee is responsible for the promotion of all internal club activities, presidential and board announcements, and other less predictable issues through a mix of media relations that include regional newspapers, magazines, radio, TV and billboards. E-mails are also sent to internet sites, service clubs, social organizations, and public institutions. New members are always welcome.

Program Speakers: Steve Wade

Recruitment of new and interesting speakers for our weekly meeting. Organizes the schedule, communicates with speakers, hosts introduce them at the meeting. Coordinates with the President and Club Administrator on a weekly basis.

Technology: John Noonan

Maintains the Club Runner database with information on all members, maintains the Club website, reviews computer and technological innovations as needed.

❖ CLUB SERVICE - FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEES

Awards and Recognition: Paul LaPorte; Sid Lammer; Michael T. Jackson.

This committee is responsible for recognition of our members, members of the community and the very special “Red Rose Award,” one of the most prestigious awards given by our club. A Red Rose is presented to a Rotarian who has committed years of service to a specific endeavor or a broad range of club and/or philanthropic activities. Committee members meet annually and more often as needed to discuss potential recipients. The Service Above Self award presents Paul Harris Fellowships to deserving people in the community to recognize their volunteer and community efforts. Awards are given during the weekly meetings and followed up with a press release in the Record-Eagle.

Golf, Tennis and Pickleball Outing: Mike Meindertsma

This committee plans and conducts an annual fellowship event held at a local golf course/tennis club at which members can enjoy a fun day together. The golf team that will represent our club in the annual Kiwanis/Rotary “Cherrity Cup” is selected based on the best scores from this event.

Social Events: Susan Kraus

The purpose of this committee is to develop, plan and coordinate opportunities for Rotarian camaraderie. Members meet one to two times per year to discuss different event possibilities to bring club members together generally on the second Tuesday of each month. Planning the event involves choosing the location, entertainment, theme, announcements, coordinating reservations and food selection. If you like to entertain and throw parties, this committee is the place for you.

Thoughts of Gratitude and Reflection: Homer Nye

This committee provides invocation at every Rotary meeting. One goal of the committee is to have many traditions represented. Prayers may be reflective of one tradition but should be mindful and respectful of the traditions of others. Those who offer the invocations do not need to be clergy.

Music: Bob Stowe

Are you a music lover? The Music Committee plans and provides the musical elements for the weekly meetings as well as special musical events. Members participate in organizing, instructing, and scheduling a roster of song leaders to make club meetings enjoyable.

Lawn Chair Precision Drill Team: Al Zelinski

The lawn chair precision drill team brings a smile to the faces of the young and old up and down the parade route. Our group of 20+ typically meet once a week for the 4 weeks leading up to the National Cherry Festival Grand Royale Parade. Our group leads the start of the parade and prepares them for an awesome experience in watching one of the best parades in the Midwest. As a participant in the group, you must be able to walk the entire parade route and carry a lawn chair. Our group does get invited to participate in other parades, and depending on the group’s availability, we may represent Rotary in those communities. If you are looking for a fun activity to be a part of, this could be just what you are looking for.

❖ CLUB SERVICE – PROJECTS**Salvation Army Bell Ringing: Haider Kazim**

Bell ringing is a very important service project. Rotarians participate on an annual basis in December with filling kettles for the Salvation Army. Committee members will sign up members, organize assignments, and participate in the collection.

TAG DAY OPEN POSITION

Through member contributions and Tag Day, we contribute over \$10,000 per year to the Access-ability Committee for grant awards to children and adults with special needs. Every Rotarian is expected/asked to serve on Tag Day, held each June, by selling tags to raise money for the Committee. If the Rotarian is out of town that day, or cannot work the event, he or she is encouraged to donate to the fund. The traditional amount is \$25.

Christmas Baskets: Steve Wade; Dan Rickard, Dale Chilcote

Help families in need celebrate Christmas with gifts of food, clothing, and toys. In early December, at two regular meetings, members contribute money which is allocated to the families by need. Family assignments are given to new members, who each contact their assigned family, determine specific needs, shop, wrap items where appropriate, and make a personal family-to-family visit to deliver the baskets.

❖ COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**JJ Beckett Access-ability Committee: Ruth Blick**

This committee meets the last Tuesday of each month after the regular Rotary Meeting. The committee provides “grants” to handicapped individuals and through tax exempt organizations. Grants are approved for the purchase of equipment or services that they would benefit from receiving but cannot afford themselves. Applicants submit a grant appeal, which is reviewed and may be investigated by the members; a decision is then made on the grant amount. Funds for dispersal are collected annually during an event called Tag Day. All Rotarians are asked to participate financially. Committee members are required to work on Tag Day and recruit additional Rotarians to collect money at a specific location in the community.

Good Works Committee: Miriam Owsley

Annually, our major fundraisers produce over \$50,000 that the club uses for various “good works” projects. The largest of these projects is an ongoing grant process whereby the Good Works Committee reviews requests made to the club for funds. The committee meets to review grant requests on a quarterly basis, to receive assignments to meet with grant requesters to learn more about their particular needs, and to make the awards.

50/50: Al Zelinski

This committee coordinates the selling of 50/50 tickets at the start of each weekly meeting. The 50/50 proceeds are donated to the Youth Activities Club which helps support the STRIVE program, Youth Exchange, and Kids Free Fishing Day. The 50/50 is a weekly event that many members enjoy.

Happy Bucks: Paul LaPorte

This committee collects \$\$\$ at the start of the meeting as members share moments of joy in their personal and professional lives. The funds go to the social committee that schedules fellowship activities.

Free Fishing Day: Chris DeGood

The purpose of the Water Committee is to assist and act as a liaison between the Great Lakes Water Studies Institute at NMC, Rotary, and its partner organizations in a variety of ways with Rotarian’s time, energy, talents, and professional skills. Uniquely, it is a committee made up of representatives from several local Rotary Clubs. Projects range from work bees to protect our region’s water resource to various strategic initiatives, including Kids Creek Restoration, Adopt a Stream, and Kids’ Free Fishing Day.

❖ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

World Community Service: Linda Racine

The WCS Committee seeks to work in sustainable partnership with the poorest of the poor throughout the world to help them reach personal independence by addressing health, food, personal and educational needs. Through support from our club, Rotary Charities, and matching grants from Rotary International, this committee has raised nearly \$1 million over the past 10 years for projects benefiting our global community. Past projects include a playground and sports field for a school in South Africa, Safe Passage in Guatemala City, and BioSand filters in the Dominican Republic. Meetings are held bi-monthly for approximately 90 minutes to review projects to support, financial resources, and outcomes of past projects.

Polio Eradication:

Rotary Foundation: Kurt Rivard

This committee educates members about the Rotary Foundation activities and raises money for those activities. Members meet quarterly to develop interesting programs utilizing tools available from Rotary International and member input.

Wheels of Hope: Al Bonney

There are no medical treatments in Nigeria for a child who contracts polio. If they live through the disease, they usually lose the use of their legs. They cannot move far, go to school, learn a skill or get a job. Forgotten by their families, they live on food scraps to get through the day.

The simple addition of a wheelchair enables mobility, dignity and a level playing field. The polio survivor has a chance to get an education, learn a trade, find a job, have a family and earn a living. A wheelchair is a transforming event in these people's lives. Wheels of Hope is a 501(3)c non-profit organization. The mission is to raise funds to build wheelchairs for the polio survivors in Nigeria. We solicit funds from Rotary clubs, churches, philanthropic groups, and individuals. The board of Wheels of Hope is made up of Traverse City Rotarians. More information is available at www.wheelsofhope.net.

❖ YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth Exchange: Carla Weaver

The Youth Exchange Committee coordinates and reviews international exchange student applications for selection and sponsorship by the Rotary Club. Each year our club hosts two inbound exchange students and sponsors two to four Traverse City students for exchange. Students are hosted by two to three families during their 11- month exchange and attend one of the Traverse City area schools. Members will assist with documentation requirements, recruiting host families and overseeing student activities throughout the year for inbound and outbound students.

Life Leadership Conference: Bruce Finlayson

This committee identifies high school students in Grand Traverse County as applicants to the annual District 6290 leadership conference. Those students who demonstrate qualities and interests in leadership are sponsored to go to a three-day event of motivational speakers and scintillating panel discussions. Young men and women throughout the district and internationally enjoy the educational aspects and making many new friends. Selection is made each April for the June conference. Typically, our club sponsors ten participants to attend the conference of nearly 200 attendees.

STRIVE: Sakura Takano

STRIVE is a program committed to assisting area youths with such things as academics, attitude, life skills and community involvement. Come help us determine the best ways to positively affect the youth in our area. This committee meets five to six times per year to review program needs, direction and grant awardees for area youth and projects. There is nothing more valuable that you could do with your time!

STUDENT GUESTS: Autumn Soltysiak

On a weekly basis, two outstanding students are chosen from one of the 12 area high schools or NMC to be recognized for their contributions. Students are selected by school administration and submitted to the committee. Students are introduced at the weekly Rotary meeting and have the opportunity to present their goals, accomplishments and ambitions. Members may take turns introducing the new students each week.

❖ MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES
CLUB SECRETARY: Connor Miller**Committee Assignments: Dale Chilcote**

This committee organizes the annual committee sign up for all members. After the annual sign-ups are complete, the database is used to update the club directory and to assure the Directors and Committee Chairs are aware of the members who have committed to their committee.

I.M. Rotary – New Member Orientation: John Noonan

All new members are placed in the 12-month new member orientation program. Meeting monthly, this program is designed to increase their awareness of Rotary International and the various elements and activities of our club.

Membership Education and Retention: Dale Chilcote

This committee is responsible for accepting and approving new member applications and assuring new members are informed of the club's recommendations and requirements. Prospective members will meet with a member of the committee to review the details of our club prior to committee or Board approval of the new application.

Chapter 4 Recruiting & Membership

- **How To Propose a New Member**
- **New Member Orientation**
- **New Member Activities**

Time for **Family**
Time for **Work**
Time for **Community**

Rotary  Time to make
A DIFFERENCE
Time for **Rotary**

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are for members when introducing a prospect to Rotary and presenting them for membership:

- Take your prospect as a guest to a meeting or 2 and introduce him/her to other Rotarians and the Membership Committee Chairperson.
- Pick up a Prospective Membership package/application and share it with your prospective member.
- Assist your prospect in completing the application by hand or online and return it to the club administrator. Contact the chairperson or a member of the Membership Committee if you or your prospect have any questions.
- After the application has been submitted to the Membership Committee, the candidate is welcome to attend meetings as a guest of their sponsor, but will be responsible for their meal charge.
- The Membership Chair will hold a brief initiation meeting with your prospect before the day he/she is inducted into the Rotary Club to review the requirements and recommendations of the club.

- After induction, the sponsoring member will serve as a ‘mentor’ to the new member and sit with them for the next several meetings to further explain Rotary traditions and activities.
- Helpful websites for you and your prospects:
 - Rotary Club of Traverse City www.traversecityrotary.org
 - Rotary International www.rotary.org
 - Rotary Charities www.traversecityrotary.org
 - Rotary District 6290 www.rotarydistrict6290.org

IM ROTARY - New Member Orientation Program

Purpose: The goal of this committee is to integrate new members into the world of Rotary, our club's mission, traditions, and activities; and help them become strongly involved long-term club members.

About the program:

- The committee will consist of seasoned Rotarians (counselors) and the newest members of the Rotary Club. New Rotarians will automatically become members of the committee for at least one year.
- Meetings will be held monthly.
- New Rotarians will be expected to attend a minimum of five meetings within 12 months of becoming a member.
- New Rotarians will be expected to complete a checklist of orientation activities throughout the 12 month period (i.e., similar to the established Red Badge program activities).
- Committee members will plan at least one social event that could include spouses and/or family members within a 12 month period.
- Club committee chairs will be requested to attend meetings to explain the operations, goals, and service projects of their committee.

NEW MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Simple and helpful ways to become familiar with our Rotary Club. Please work with your sponsor and complete these activities in the next 90 days. By the time you finish this list, you will be familiar with Rotary and our club, and will understand better how you can take a productive and fun place in the "Best Rotary Club in the World"!

1. Learn the basics about our club and what membership in it means. Participate in the pre-membership briefing.
2. Enjoy the formal introduction process of acquainting our membership with you and the skills and experiences you bring to our club. Get introduced to club membership
3. Establish some understandings about how your sponsor can help you quickly and simply become comfortable with all the details of being a member of Rotary.
4. Start the formal process of meeting the members of our club face-to-face, up close, and personal. Serve as a greeter for three weeks.
5. Meet the leaders of the club and learn what they do as Board members. Use your directory and greet each Board member and exchange student.
6. Learn how to "make up" for a missed meeting and discover what another Rotary Club meeting feels like. Attend another Rotary Club meeting in the area.
7. Attend a Rotary Board meeting
8. Begin inserting yourself into the daily activities of the Rotary Club by signing up for at least one committee and visiting our Club, District and Rotary International websites.
9. Complete the New Member Orientation Program, IM Rotary
10. If you have a question, feel free to ask!!

Welcome to Rotary!