

## The 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:

- **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

The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

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?

## Thinking about joining Rotary?

### What you should know about us:

Our Club is more than 90 years old. We are made up of about 90 local business men and women, from both the profit and non-profit sectors of our communities. To become a member you must either work or live in Oak Park, River Forest, or surrounding areas.

We meet weekly for lunch at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays at Holley Court Terrace, located at 1111 Ontario St. in Oak Park (just east of Harlem) and near the Holley Court high-rise parking garage. The meetings last till 1:30 pm.

### What do we expect from you?

There is an annual financial commitment with several payment options. Annual dues include international and district dues, local projects, and the cost of all weekly lunches.

Since we are a service organization, you should be a service-minded individual. Rotary's Motto is "Service Above Self."

Each member serves on a committee — the time commitment is really up to you.

### How do I become a member?

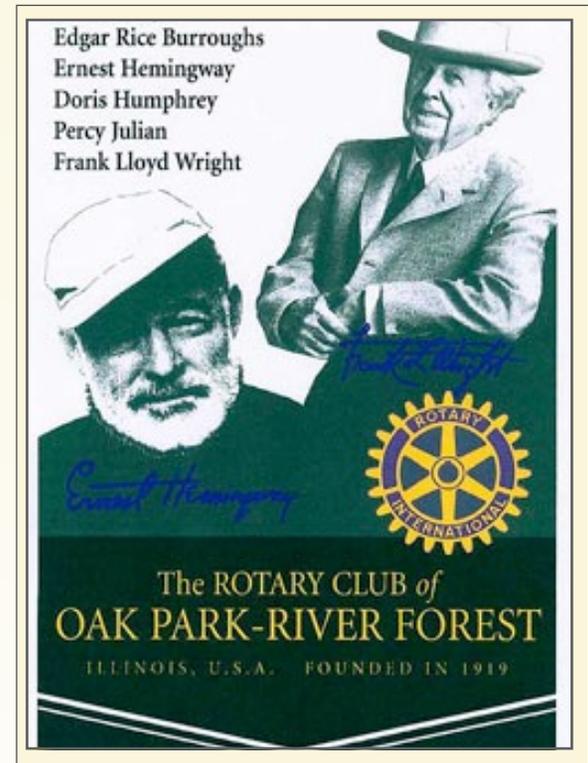
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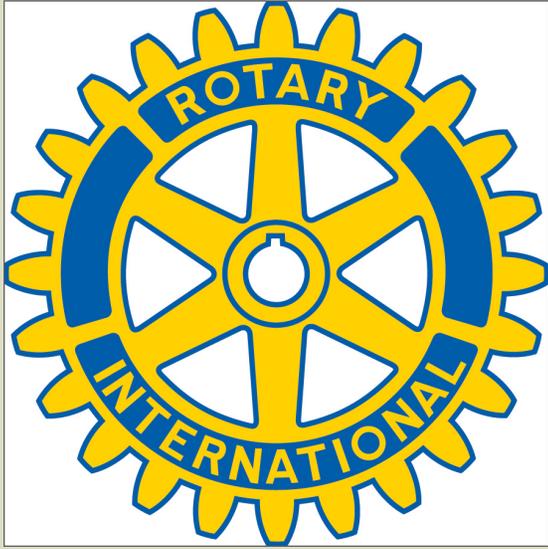
# ROTARY CLUB

OF OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST



More than  
90 years  
of service

# Club's history of giving



Over the past five years, our club's combined local and international giving has totaled upwards of \$350,000.

## Internationally

In the International Avenue of Service, our club has supported international projects to improve healthcare, nutrition and living standards and provide clean water in developing countries, and provide temporary housing and potable water in countries struck by disaster throughout the world. For many years, the Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest has been actively involved in identifying, coordinating, and helping fund a wide variety of projects in Latin America, Africa, and Asia.

We have collaborated with Engineers Without Borders to help create a waste management plant and a bridge in Honduras, and build another bridge in a remote Guatemalan village. In addition,

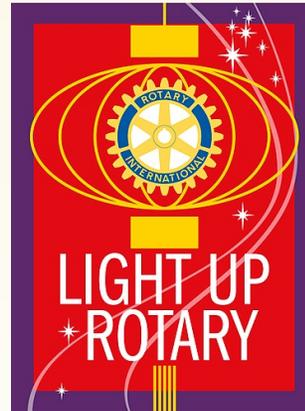
we have contributed to a clean water project in a small Mexican community. Our club has also supported the Solar Oven projects in Honduras and the Dominican Republic.

## Locally

The Avenue of Community Service covers the projects and activities our club undertakes to improve life in our communities.

The Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest supports a wide variety of special community projects, including child care and youth services, adult counseling programs, literacy and reading skills, cultural projects, animal care, support services for the disabled, senior initiatives, as well as projects helping the homeless and those impacted by today's economy.

Our club has funded a dictionary program for the past seven years that has progressed from serving 450 public school students in Oak Park and River Forest's 10 elementary schools to now serving more than 3,200 students in 50 public, private and home schools in Oak Park, River Forest, Forest Park, Elmwood Park, Cicero, Berwyn, and parts of Chicago.



The Rotary Club of Oak Park-River Forest supports a wide variety of special community projects ranging from child care, youth services, adult counseling programs to cultural projects.

It is an unparalleled opportunity to meet and work with great people who simply wish to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

The Rotary Club's mission is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

If you have a desire to learn, if you want to help others, if you want to make new friends and establish new business and professional relationships — Rotary is for you.