



MEMBER GUIDE 2024-2025



What is Rotary?

Rotary International is one of the largest service organizations in the world. We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Our Motto: Service Above Self

Object of Rotary

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

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions: the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
4. The advance of international understanding, good will and peace through a world

fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Principles – The Four Way Test

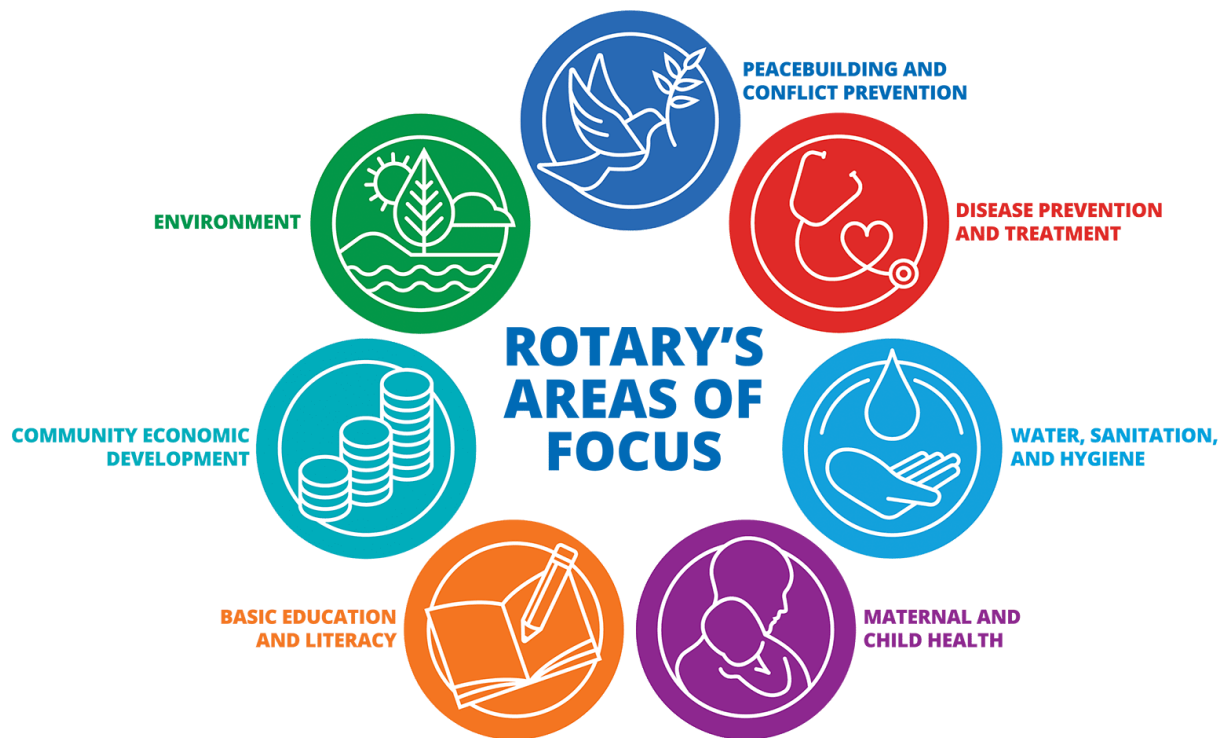
The purpose of the Four Way Test is to act as a guide when making decisions. By asking ourselves these questions and having a ‘yes’ to each, one may then proceed with the idea at hand knowing that it will be helpful to all

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?

What We Do

We are an international service organization that brings together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.



We Implement Objectives Through Five Avenues of Service

Community Service: Every Rotarian is encouraged to participate in activities which make our area a better place to live. These include fundraisers and club social events and many community sponsored programs.

Youth Service: Recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities as Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, Rotaract, and Interact, service projects, and creating international understanding with Rotary Youth Exchange.

International Service: Encourage and foster the advancement of understanding and goodwill among peoples of the world. The Rotary assists with disaster relief, international assistance, Polio Plus Partners, AIDS clinics, Pure Water Programs and other activities. We encourage members to attend international club meetings when they travel abroad.

Vocational Service: The promoting of the idea of “service above self” throughout our business and professional world.

Club Service: Those duties that Rotarians do to help the successful running of the Club. This includes the following activities: publicity, speakers, membership, club bulletin, fellowship activities, chair duties as assigned.

Your Obligations in Rotary

Participation:

To be a Rotarian you must give of your time and talents:

- in community work
- in international work
- in social functions
- in club activities



Attendance:

Developing meaningful social connections builds a stronger Club. 100% attendance is encouraged in Rotary, 50% attendance is the preferred minimum target.

Three consecutive meetings missed without communication with the President or make-ups are cause for concern. It is up to the President of the club and the board to decide how to handle consecutive absences.

Your Privileges in Rotary

1. The privilege of friendship with leaders in our community, neighboring communities, all over the country and world.
2. The privilege of giving service to your community

3. The privilege of developing international good will and understanding
4. The privilege of helping build higher ethical standards within your vocation

HOW ROTARY IS STRUCTURED

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL – THE OVERALL ORGANIZATION

There are over 46,000 Rotary clubs globally encompassing 530 districts in over 200 countries, totaling over 1.2 million members. The first Rotary Club was founded in Chicago on February 23, 1905, by Paul P. Harris and his colleagues. Rotary International is organized into areas, districts and clubs as the membership platform representing all Rotarians.

The Rotary Foundation – A Global Community Service Fund

The Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation created in 1917 by Rotary as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." At over \$1 billion, it has one of the largest and most prestigious international fellowship programs in the world and operates well-known health and humanitarian service projects. It is funded solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation.

OUR ROTARY DISTRICT 6930

Rotary Clubs are organized in Districts. Rotary District 6930 stretches along Florida's Gold, Treasure, and Space coasts from Titusville to Boca Raton and includes six counties: Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Okeechobee, and Palm Beach.

ROTARY CLUB OF WELLINGTON

We were chartered April 11, 1980, and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Belle Glade. The Club itself is a 501(c)4 that is directly a part of the international organization where your benefits and obligations are based. The charitable work is covered by a separate foundation set up by the Club.

Rotary Club of Wellington Foundation

A separate entity established by the Club as a 501(c)3 not for profit as the platform for collecting and distributing the charitable funds used in our programs.

Wellington Community High School Interact Club

The Interact is a Rotary Club sponsored high school community service and leadership program. Chartered in 1995, the Wellington Interact club comprises over 180 students.

Rotary Club of Wellington 2024-2025 Officers and Directors

Officers

- President	Walter Imperatore
- President Elect	Maria Fernanda Cruz
- Immediate Past President	Scott Armand
- Vice President	David Berns
- Treasurer	Jim O'Neil
- Secretary	Don Gross
- Sargent at Arms	Andrew Burr

Directors

- Community Chair	Maggie Zeller
- Youth Chair	George Kinoshita
- Membership	Tiffany Rodriguez
- Directors At Large	Randy Pfeiffer Tom Carrerras
- Rotary International Foundation	Jess Coburn

Past Presidents (*active or current members*)

Don Gross	Randy Pfeiffer
David Berns	Tom Carreras
Tiffany Rodriguez	Juan Ortega
Ben Boynton	Scott Armand
John Herring	Barry Manning

Our Club: Meetings

Meetings are not mandatory; however, they are an integral part of creating the connections that make Rotary better. We encourage members to target two meetings a month and participate in our programs.

Weekly Lunch Meetings

Thursdays 12:15 pm Wanderer's Club, 1900 Aero Club Drive, Wellington

Quarterly Dinners

Student of the Quarter
Installation Dinner (June)

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Last Tuesday of the Month – 12:15 PM
Central Palm Beach Chamber, 2794 W. Forest Hill Blvd., Suite 19, Wellington

Financial Considerations

There are expenses that you should be aware of before joining the Club.

Application Fee	\$125.00
General Monthly Dues (includes lunch and dinners)	\$110.00
Young Professional Monthly Dues (under 40 – two lunches/month)	\$55.00
Quarterly Donation to Rotary Foundation (optional) *	\$25.00

**Each member is encouraged to make financial contributions to the Rotary Foundation at a level the member determines to be appropriate.*

Bringing a Guest to Lunch

Members are encouraged to bring guests to our activities. Lunch fees for guests are \$20; with advance notice, there's a children's option at \$10.

Training Programs

Rotary has online and live seminars on various topics, many of which are free. Some programs are reimbursed by the Club. Ask the Club President or Membership.

Starting Out in the Club

1. Discuss your interests with Membership, President or President Elect.
2. Pay induction fee and dues
3. Sign up for at least one of our programs/events or training
4. Meet other members – sit at different tables at lunch; get together outside club
5. Give a 10 Minute talk about yourself within 12 months of induction
6. Attend a Board of Directors meeting within 6 months of induction
7. Attend a District Function within the first six months
8. Attend meeting of another club within the first six months

Getting Involved – Programs and Opportunities

This is what makes us tick. We have a lot going on and it's easy to get involved. Let us know what interests you and we'll get you started. Here's our current list of programs along with the team leaders.

Weekly Lunches – Why are they beneficial?

A key feature of Rotary is our weekly lunches, which offer members regular opportunities to connect and network. Unlike other organizations that meet less

frequently, these gatherings are crucial for maintaining engagement and building relationships. We ask everyone to target two a month, but hopefully show up more. Here's the program:

- **Buffet lunch and networking – start 12:15**
When you arrive pick a table. We recommend changing where you sit weekly to meet more members. Start eating right away, there's no announcement.
- **Meeting opening and club announcements**
- **New member induction (when needed)**
- **Speakers**
The President Elect oversees this program that is designed to bring topical issues to our members. Members are encouraged to make suggestions for speakers.
- **Queens' Pot**
A weekly card game where members buy raffle tickets to participate. Four winners are chosen randomly: the first wins \$20, and the other three pick a card. If they select the Queen of Hearts, they win half the pot; if they pick a joker, they win instantly. If there are no winners, the deck stays, and the raffle continues.
- **Happy Dollars**
Members are given the opportunity to announce birthdays, anniversaries and other events in their life. It's another way we learn about each other.
- **Meeting close – typically by 1:30**

Community Service – Maggie Zeller, Chair

Children

- **Back to Basics** www.backtobasics.org – October, November
We donate and wrap gifts including sneakers, socks and other essentials to enable children to go to school with dignity and be ready to learn
- **Dictionary Project** – September, October – *Caroline Pena*
We personally distribute dictionaries to every 3rd grader in our area and part of a literacy program.
- **Project Lift- Belle Glade** www.projectlift.org – *Nikki Stinson*
We provide resources to support this program that provides vocational skills and improves the lives of at-risk teens and their families through mental health counseling and mentoring.

General Community

- **Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust** www.cartfund.org - *Brian Betron*
We collect at lunches that goes to cutting edge, high impact research grants to help find a treatment or cure for Alzheimer's Disease
- **Healing Hands Flags** – May – *Don Gross*
We partner with the Village of Wellington to create a display of flags purchased with

donations for those who want to honor someone with a memorial

- **Rotarians Modeling the Way: Community Outreach** – *Caroline Pena, Dwayne Brown*
A member inspired program to gather volunteers to help people in the community and Palm Beach area in need through clean ups, chores and other activities.
- **Hospital Worker Recognition**
We serve ice cream to hospital workers to give them a much-needed break

Homeless

- **Lord's Place** - November www.thelordsplace.org
We donate and serve holiday meals to those in need

Veterans Affairs – *George Kinoshita*

- **Unified Dream** www.unifieddream.org
We support the annual event of this group that help veterans reintegrate
- **Friends of Fisher House West Palm Beach** www.fofhwpb.org
We work together with FOFH in various ways to support their mission to ensure active military, veterans and their families experience the comfort of home in welcoming accommodations while they receive vital medical care.
- **Wreaths Across America** – December - www.wreathsbacrossamerica.org
Our donations purchase wreaths that honor the fallen in an annual memorial in December

Youth/New Generation Service – George Kinoshita, Chair

- **Wellington High School Interact Club**
We sponsor, mentor and guide the Club and members as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills. In addition to periodic meetings, typical activities include: street clean ups, community service hours, leadership programs, Student of the Quarter community service recognition, and quarterly dinners and scholarships
- **Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition** www.pbcbh.org - *Tom Carrerras*
We sponsor an art contest and help place posters in school buses to create awareness that thwarts teen alcohol use

Rotary International – www.rotary.org - Jess Coburn, Chair

- **The Rotary Foundation** <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>
- **Foundation Grants**
Our club has access to grants based on the donations we make to the Rotary Foundation
- **Rotary Youth Exchange** <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges>
Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries. The program encompasses incoming and outgoing students; short term or year long options plus identifying host families – *Walter Imperatore*

- **International Projects** – *Maria Fernanda Cruz*

Our club has been involved in many lifesaving, meaningful international projects. Projects are highly vetted to ensure impactful results in areas of need. Local clubs are partnered with international clubs to oversee projects.

Club Programs and Administration

- **Membership** – *Tiffany Rodriguez, Chair*

From recruiting new members to onboarding to mentoring, our team is tasked with ensuring that members have a fulfilling experience with the club

- **Finance** – *Marc Strich*

This committee works with membership and the board to help establish budgets and monitor cash flow and balance sheet statements

- **Who Am I?** – *Jay Broder*

A weekly e-mail contest testing our knowledge on a variety of topics

- **Social media and website** – *Dennis Golub, Don Gross, Maria Fernanda Cruz*

Members uploading stories and photos and networking with social media

- **Birthday recognition** – *Susan O'Dell*

A birthday letter is sent to every member of our club

- **Chamber of Commerce** – *Walter Imperatore, Maria Fernanda Cruz*

We are a member of the Wellington and Central Palm Beach/Hispanic Chambers of Commerce

- **Wellington Village Community Roundtable** – *Walter Imperatore, Don Gross*

We participate in a quarterly meeting of local community organizations hosted by the Village of Wellington

Club Events

- Thomas Wenham Memorial Golf Tournament – March – *Larry Falk*

- Kids Raffle – April – *Scott Armand*

- Petal it Forward – October - *Walter Imperatore*

- Family AutoFest – *Walter Imperatore*

- World Peace Ceremony – September – *Don Gross, Michael Zeman*

- Wellington Rotary Ruck March & Food Drive – November – *George Kinoshita, Marc Strich*

- Holiday Parade – December – *Scott Armand*

A Typical Year

The Rotary year starts every July. Here's a typical year in our club:

July to September

- Weekly lunches and speaker series
- Monthly Board meetings
- Dictionaries for 3rd graders
- Wellington Rotary World Peace Ceremony

October to December

- Weekly lunches and speaker series
- Monthly Board meetings
- Club evening social
- Interact Student of the Quarter Dinner
- Interact Street Clean Up
- Wellington Rotary Ruck March & Food Drive
- Lord's Place Thanksgiving dinners
- Back to Basics Gift Wrapping and distribution
- Holiday Parade with Central Palm Beach Chamber
- Club Holiday lunch
- Club annual meeting and election of officers and directors

January to March

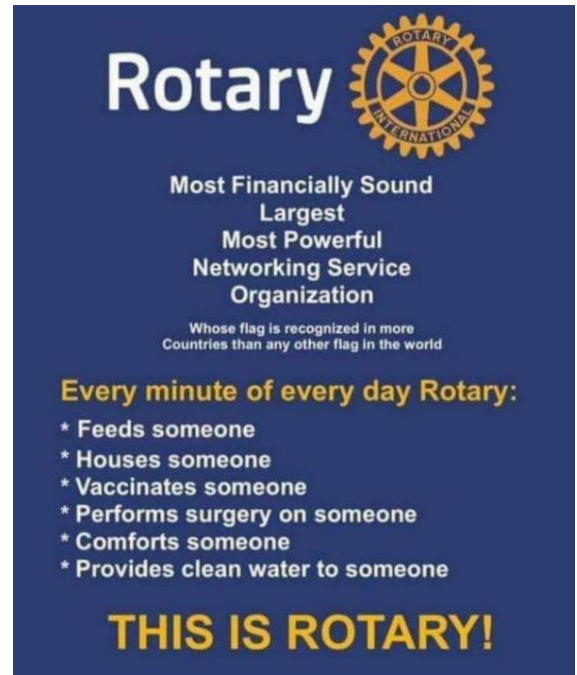
- Weekly lunches and speaker series
- Monthly Board meetings
- Interact Student of the Quarter Dinner
- Interact Street Clean Up
- Thomas Wenham Memorial Golf Tournament

April to June

- Weekly lunches and speaker series
- Monthly Board meetings
- Healing Hands Flags Exhibition
- High School Interact Talent
- Kids Raffle
- Scholarship Dinner
- New Officers and Directors Installation Dinner

Ongoing Programs

- Project Lift – Belle Glade
- Rotarians Modelling the Way: Community Outreach



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Club Bylaws

The Club is governed by a set of bylaws and a constitution following Rotary Guidelines. All members are entitled to a copy of the bylaws which are available on our website.

Setting Up Your Account/Learn More About Rotary

DACDB dacdb.com <i>needs set up</i>	This is where you maintain/update your personal information. It further provides a club directory, details about the club and district. Information about other clubs and other resources.
My Rotary my.rotary.org <i>needs set up</i>	Part of the Rotary International website rotary.org . This is an incredible and comprehensive source about Rotary programs, templates for programs, packages for club/member operations and more.
Social Media	wellingtonrotary.org shows updates, events and directory Our Club also maintains a Facebook page with updates, Instagram, and Twitter account
E-Mail	wellrotary1@gmail.com

Rotary Club of Wellington Swag

Russell-Hampton <https://russellhampton.com>

Contact the President or Membership Committee if interested in a polo shirt

Awards and Member Recognition

- Awards Presented at June Installation Dinner
Members
 - Rotarian of the Year
 - Rookie of the Year (new member; not necessarily every year)
 - Service Above Self – outstanding service member recognition
 - Paul Harris Fellow – based on contributions to the Rotary Foundation
- Non-Rotarian Recognition
 - Paul Gladney Award – given to a member of the community at large
- Awards Presented at the Wellington Rotary World Peace Ceremony
 - World Peace Award – awarded to a member of the community in recognition of their contributions
 - Poetry and art awards given to various students and their teachers

Rotary Club of Wellington World Peace Park

Near the Library off Forest Hill Boulevard, the Peace Park was dedicated on September 21, 2007. There are 14 acres of wetlands and grassy areas with a boardwalk over the wetlands and an open-air gazebo that houses the Peace Pole and dedication marker. It is the site of the annual Wellington Rotary World Peace Ceremony.

YOUR NOTES

SCAN FOR WEBSITE

