

## How Did Rotary Begin?

Rotary is the world's first service club. A young lawyer, Paul P. Harris, and three of his friends, started the Rotary movement in Chicago in February of 1905. The group wanted to recapture the friendly spirit that they had experienced in the small towns they grew up in and had lost in the bigger city. Their weekly meetings "rotated" among their offices; hence the name "Rotary" that would become internationally known.

## How Do I Join The Madison Rotary?

Interested in becoming a member? For more information visit our website and go to the "Becoming a Member" page or contact any current member of the Club to get your questions answered.

You will be given an opportunity to attend some meetings as a guest before being welcomed with a formal induction into the Rotary Organization.



New Member Induction



Installation of Officers

## What is Rotary?

### *Service above self*

Rotary is a worldwide organization of men and women who are business and professional leaders. Rotary provides humanitarian services, encourages ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries.

The main objective of Rotary is service in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects to address needs in their local communities and in the international community. Additionally, they support programs for educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers and other professionals.

## History of Madison Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Madison was chartered on June 11, 1928 as part of the Tritown Rotary Club of Madison, Guilford and Clinton, with Madison considered the founding club. Since its founding, the Madison Rotary Club has endeavored to live up to the motto of Rotary International by providing "Service Above Self" to the local, state, national and international communities.

Due to its exemplary efforts worldwide, this club has been the three time recipient of the Rotary District 7980 coveted Pettengill Award, the latest in 2010.

In 2008 the Madison Club celebrated 80 years of service with a special evening event that was attended by a large group of Rotarians, including the District Governor and nineteen past presidents of the Club. Citations were received from Rotary International President D. K. Lee, Rotary District Governor Rick Benson and Connecticut Governor Jodi Rell.

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For further information  
please go to our website:

[www.madisonctrotary.org](http://www.madisonctrotary.org)



## ROTARY CLUB of MADISON, CT



85  
Years of Service  
to the  
Community of Madison  
&  
Around the World

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## The Four Way Test

Of the things Rotarians think, say or do, we ask ourselves:

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?



3rd Grade Dictionary Presentation

### Please Join Us - Madison Rotary Meets:

**Day:** Thursdays  
**Time:** 12:15  
**Place:** Friends & Co.  
11 Boston Post Rd  
Madison, CT

## Fund Raising Projects



Annual Golf Tournament



"Capitol Steps" Performance

## Education Programs

- Awarded over \$135,000 in College Scholarships
- "Student of the Year" Awards in all Public Schools
- Dictionary Project for 3rd Grade Students
- DHHS Interact Program
- Sponsored DHHS Students to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program



Elementary Schools Students of the Year

## Community Service Projects



Warm the Children



Amber Alert Registrations



Neighbor 2 Neighbor

- Madison Youth Sports
- Local Eagle Scout Projects
- Odyssey of the Mind
- SARAH
- Participation in local July 4th Parade
- Madison Food Pantry

## International Projects

- Haitian Health Foundation
- India Schools Rain Water Harvesting
- Rotary International Polio Eradication Program
- Drill Fresh Water Wells in Uganda
- Water Filters for Dominican Republic Schools
- Ship Firefighting Equipment to Uruguay

## 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.



Community Service Award Presentation