

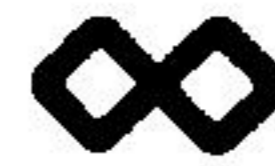
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Meet some local Rotarians

Every week in more than 18,000 clubs in some 150 lands around the world, business and professional men break bread at their weekly meetings. They call out familiar names, exchange news and jokes, hear a presentation and go back to work.

But they do more than that. They form a community -- whether of 20 or 700. And they serve. They seek out the needs of their communities and work to meet them. That work may result in a new playground or a clinic, a community center for the aged, a hospital or a school, or needed support for an already existing community

service. This vast network of service is the strong and ever-growing root system of Rotary International. Yet Rotary is still more.

At their meetings, Rotarians discuss the work of The Rotary Foundation, the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) program, world community service, disaster relief, youth exchange, Rotaract and Interact. These are some of the international extensions of Rotary's service and ongoing efforts to increase understanding. They have evolved as a natural result of Rotary's expansion around the globe.

All of these activities are part of Rotary, evolving, as Rotary has grown, into a diverse and complicated global network. Yet, as seemingly complex as it is, Rotary can still best be described as a movement to increase understanding through person-to-person contact and service. While its achievements are legion, its potential is even greater. The growth of Rotary continues at an astounding rate. Last year, there was the equivalent of one new Rotary club every 16 hours. Each of these are new communities of fellowship which increase Rotary's capacity to meet the challenges ahead.

The challenges are great. World tensions increase daily. Dwindling supplies of energy and other resources combined with struggling economies multiply the likelihood of conflicts. Everywhere we turn, we face new crises. At times these are overwhelming, but Rotary has the capacity, based on 75 years of experience, to ease world tensions. Through its established avenues of service and by as yet undiscovered paths, Rotary will continue its efforts to further international understanding and good will.

REX G. HESLOP. Three years in Rotary. "Rotary is an opportunity to provide meaningful service to the community." The Cultural Centre and Industry '80 are two projects that show the club's commitment to Georgetown.

THOMAS HAINES. "Fellowship and community service is the purpose of Rotary". Tom is a 17-year member.

FRANK ALLEN. "We need aggressive and service-oriented people who will contribute to the community as well as the fellowship in the club." Frank has 13 years of Rotary service.

JOSEPH HAGGE. Two years in Rotary. "I evaluated Rotary as the best vehicle to achieve more involvement in the community."

FRED W. LONG. A seven-year member. "Rotary provides a broad base of operations as a leader in community projects and through Rotary International our reach is extended world wide."

HOWARD BRIGGS. "Serving in a positive manner is the key to Rotary." The Easter Seal programme, annual Senior Citizen Dinner and youth exchange all show the club's positive approach.

HARRY A. GREIG. "Rotary is to be involved in the community and give something in return for the privilege of living and earning ones livelihood in the community." Harry is a 15-year member.

If you would like to talk to a Rotarian about being a Rotarian drop a line to: Rotary Club of Georgetown.

Reviving the old Arena

By RALPH URSEL
Rotary Club of Georgetown

In 1975, as a result of a province-wide engineering survey instigated by the provincial government, many community arenas were found to be structurally unsound as a result of age or unsuitable design for heavy snow loads.

To the citizens of Georgetown, now the proud owners of two arenas (since the erection of the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena), it came as a blow that the Georgetown Memorial Arena, built in the 1920s, was now found unsafe. Accordingly, town council, acting on consulting engineers' reports, closed down the older structure January 28, 1976, until further notice.

Initial estimates on repair hovered around the half million dollar mark; it appeared the building was beyond economical repair. However, when further investigation came up with much lower figures (approximately \$150,000) the town approached Wintario and found that, if it could raise \$50,000 privately, the funding agency would come up with the rest.

The Rotary Club, in the midst of its second Skateathon campaign, felt it could make a substantial donation to spearhead this drive. Skateathon Chairman Bob Gougeon therefore approached council with an offer to pledge at least \$3,000.

The Skateathon was even more successful than the first and the Club more than redeemed its pledge. On January 16, 1977, at a regular Club meeting, Skateathon Secretary Howard Briggs, in the absence of Bob, presented the town with a cheque of \$3,500.

The fund eventually went over the top by more than \$10,000.

Rotary Xmas for Seniors

By JOSEPH HAGGE
Rotary Club of Georgetown

"Yes Veronica, there is a Santa Claus". Whether you are seven or 70, there is a Santa Claus, for he represents the spirit of Christmas - the spirit of giving of oneself for the joy of others.

It is a long standing tradition (since 1956) that the Rotary Club of Georgetown hold a Senior Citizens dinner in the Christmas season, an event which, to many of the Senior Citizens of our community elicits both excitement and gratitude - gratitude that someone cares.

This annual event is held in the hall of one of the local churches, which is decorated in true Christmas tradition. The food is prepared by the wives of Rotarians and any Rotarian who has a flair for the art of gastronomy. The meals are served to the more than two hundred guests at

the dinner by the members of the club. The guests include not only the senior citizens but also entertainers and the Pastor of the church whose hall is being used and sometimes the mayor of Halton Hills.

Transportation to and from the event is provided and has been provided for the past ten years by the Radical Car Club of Halton Hills, thus making the event a true community affair. Many drivers take time to drive their passengers to other parts of the town so that they may view the Christmas decorations, a service greatly appreciated by their guests.

It is heart warming to know that the senior citizens are not passive observers but are active participants in the entire event thus making it one of the success stories of our Rotary Club's annual calendar.

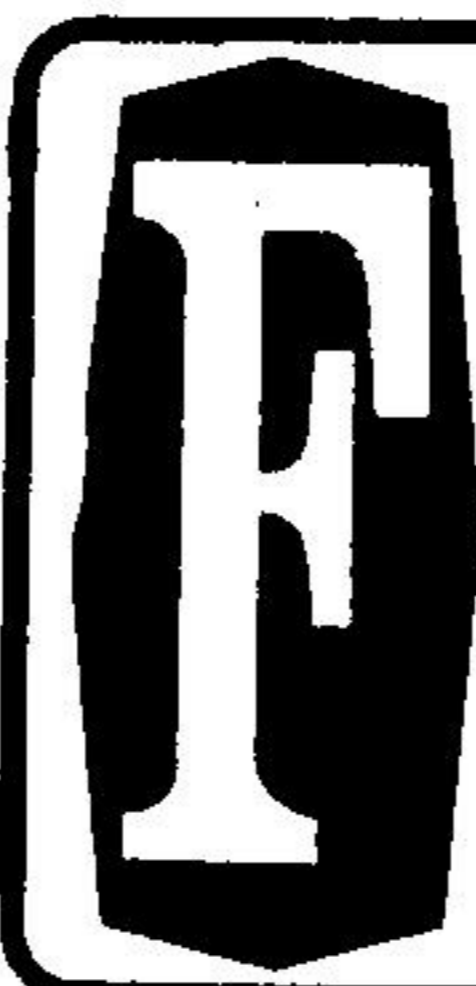
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