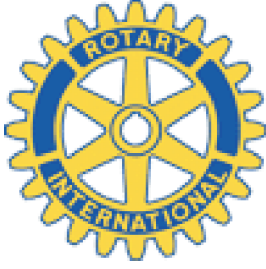


Winter Park / Fraser Rotary Club

Winter Park / Fraser Valley Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at noon at Beaver Village Lodge 726- 5741



Service above Self

Our local Rotary district includes 57 clubs and over 3,200 members.

Polio Plus

Rotary leads private-sector participation in the global effort to eradicate polio. The value of the half-billion-dollar program is multiplied by the thousands of volunteers in more than 100 countries helping to immunize children.



A Rotarian immunizes a child against polio. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Rotary's volunteer and financial assistance in vaccination efforts means polio will disappear in nation after nation and region after region. Polio eradication will not occur until the disease disappears from all nations and all regions.

Rotary's community-based leadership in target countries was a deciding factor in the World Health Assembly's goal of polio eradication.

Rotary's top philanthropic goal Is to end polio worldwide.

Polio, a crippling and sometimes deadly disease, still threatens children in parts of Africa and Asia.

Rotary members have donated their time and money to help immunize more than 2 billion children in 122 countries.

Rotary is the largest private supporter of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, committing more than \$600 million dollars and thousands of volunteers.

For as little as 60 cents worth of oral polio vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. Tremendous progress has been made toward ending polio worldwide.

In the 1980s, about 1,000 children were infected by this crippling disease every day. In the two decades since Rotary and its global partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, polio cases have been slashed by 99 percent.

Rotary will continue the fight until the world is certified polio-free and every child is safe from this devastating disease.

Rotary International is the world's first service club with over 1.2 million members

This space funded by the surrounding local Rotary Club members

Why I'm a Rotarian

By Andy Gold

International fellowship has always been a big part of Rotary. We all know this; first because we are always told and second because our own Winter Park club is frequently joined by someone from somewhere who are always certainly most welcome. But when it comes to ourselves being welcome elsewhere, sometimes we are not quite sure. I had a chance to put this to the test a couple months ago when I found myself in Santiago, Chile with an evening to kill. (most Santiago bars don't open till midnight)

So, I got on the internet and looked up Rotary Clubs. Of the 23 clubs in the Santiago area, one met that night about a mile from my hotel. That didn't surprise me too much as there are over 32,000 local Rotary clubs worldwide.

I admit I was nervous as a total stranger who doesn't even speak the language just barging into some private room. But within seconds, the welcome was complete. With my couple dozen Spanish words and their several dozen English words, and a lot of willing patience I was as at home there as I would be anywhere.

We had a Rotary meeting with all the typical Rotary stuff, a great dinner, and talk about their community service projects providing inexpensive laptops to children in developing areas of Chile. Afterwards the entire club crammed into a few cars and drove off to some pub, where after way too many piscos (necessary for way too much karaoke) I got back to my hotel by 4:00.

Today we continue to keep in touch. Our two clubs will likely join up for some joint projects and exchanges, and we've got a dozen new friends 7,000 miles from home.

So it's true; around the world there are 1.2 million people who will welcome you into their homes and give the shirts off their backs, all because they know that you and they all share that same commitment for "service above self". (and of course pisco.)



The San Cristal de Santiago Rotary Club - Santiago, Chile

November Speakers

WP/Fraser Rotary Club meets
Tuesdays; noon at Beaver's Lodge

11/6 Nathan Svoboda on the Safeway Remodel

11/13 To be announced

11/20 To be announced

11/27 Rotary District speaker

Granby Club meets Wednesdays at noon at the Long Branch Restaurant

Grand Lake Club meets Tuesday 7:00 pm at the Bear Paw Restaurant

Kremmling Club meets Wednesdays; 7:30 am at the Trinity Episcopal Church

For more information about the Winter Park Fraser Valley Rotary Club join us at a weekly meeting or see our web site at: www.wpfv-rotary.org