

Rotary

Club of Oromocto



— SERVICE ABOVE SELF —

WELCOME PACKAGE

FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS



FRIENDSHIP

Build lasting connections



SERVICE

Make a difference in our community



NETWORKING

Connect with local professionals



LEADERSHIP

Grow your skills and potential



GLOBAL IMPACT

Create positive change worldwide

— *Together, we create lasting change.* —

2026-2027

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President's Welcome Message

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Oromocto.

Whether you are attending your first meeting as a guest or considering becoming a member, I am grateful that you have taken the time to learn more about Rotary and our club.

After more than two decades of service in the Canadian Armed Forces, I believe leadership is ultimately about service to others. Rotary has given me an opportunity to continue serving alongside a remarkable group of people who are committed to making a difference.

I joined the Rotary Club of Oromocto in 2024. What I discovered was much more than a service organization. I found a group of people who genuinely care about their community, enjoy spending time together, and are willing to step forward when help is needed.

During my term as president, my goal is to continue building a Rotary club that is welcoming, relevant and impactful.

When we gather, we do not do so simply to conduct business. We gather to build friendships, strengthen our community, support worthy causes, and inspire one another to make a positive impact. I want every member to leave every meeting able to say "that was fun, that was interesting and that made a difference."

Our club includes people from many different backgrounds, professions, and life experiences. Some members are deeply involved in projects and leadership. Others contribute through fellowship, mentorship, fundraising, or simply by showing up and supporting the club. Every member matters, and every contribution is valued.

If you are looking for a way to serve your community, connect with good people, grow as a leader or become part of something larger than yourself, I encourage you to spend some time with us and discover what Rotary has to offer.

Yours in Rotary,

Daniel Mark Wheaton

President, 2026–2028

Rotary Club of Oromocto

What is Rotary?

Rotary is one of the world's largest and most respected service organizations. Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary has grown to more than 1.4 million members in over 200 countries and geographic regions.

Rotary's motto is **Service Above Self**. Through Rotary, members support local initiatives, develop future leaders, promote peace, fight disease, support education, provide clean water and sanitation, protect the environment, and strengthen communities both locally and globally.

Rotarians are neighbours, business owners, educators, military personnel, healthcare professionals, public servants, retirees, tradespeople, and community leaders who share a commitment to service.

Rotary clubs are independent, community-based organizations that identify local needs and take action to address them. While every Rotary club is unique, all are connected through a shared commitment to service, fellowship, integrity, diversity, and leadership.

Perhaps Rotary's most famous achievement is its leadership in the global effort to eradicate polio. Through the PolioPlus program, Rotary members have helped reduce polio cases worldwide by more than 99%.

Rotary is unique because it combines service, fellowship, and leadership development. Members do more than volunteer; they build lasting friendships, develop skills, and become part of a worldwide network of people committed to making a difference. Through local clubs, district initiatives, and international partnerships, Rotarians have opportunities to create meaningful impact at every level.

Rotary also provides opportunities beyond the local club. Members may attend district conferences, participate in leadership training, join international service projects, apply for Rotary grants, and connect with Rotarians from around the world.

Whether serving locally or supporting projects around the globe, Rotarians believe that ordinary people working together can accomplish extraordinary things.

The Four-Way Test

One of Rotary's most enduring traditions is the Four-Way Test.

Created in 1932 and adopted by Rotary International, the Four-Way Test serves as a simple guide for ethical decision-making in our personal lives, workplaces, and communities.

Rotarians around the world are encouraged to memorize the Four-Way Test and apply it in their daily lives.

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?**

Though simple, these four questions have guided generations of Rotarians and remain one of the defining principles of Rotary membership.

About the Rotary Club of Oromocto

Chartered in 1985, the Rotary Club of Oromocto has proudly served the community for more than four decades.

The club is dedicated to improving lives through service, fellowship, leadership, and charitable giving. We support local initiatives, contribute to international humanitarian efforts, partner with community organizations, and provide opportunities for members to build meaningful friendships.

The Rotary Club of Oromocto seeks to be more than a fundraising organization. We aim to bring together people who care about their community, encourage leadership and personal growth, and create opportunities for meaningful service. Through regular meetings, community projects, social events, and partnerships with local organizations, members are able to contribute their talents, build lasting relationships, and make a positive difference both close to home and around the world.

Why People Join Rotary

People join Rotary for many different reasons.

Some want to give back to the community. Others are looking for friendship, leadership opportunities, meaningful volunteer work, professional connections, or a way to support causes they care about.

Common reasons members join Rotary include:

- Giving back to the community
- Building friendship
- Meeting new people
- Developing leadership skills
- Supporting local causes
- Participating in international humanitarian efforts
- Staying active after retirement
- Expanding professional and community networks
- Being part of a respected global organization

Whatever brings someone to Rotary, most members stay because of the relationships they build and the impact they are able to make.

Who Are Our Members?

The Rotary Club of Oromocto is made up of people from many different backgrounds and experiences.

Our members include people with a background in business ownership and entrepreneurship, education, healthcare, military service, government and non-profit leadership, tradespeople, community volunteers, and professionals from a variety of other fields. Everyone is welcome.

Rotary values diversity of experience, perspective, and background. What unites our members is not what they do for a living, but their commitment to service, friendship, integrity, and community.

What We Do

The Rotary Club of Oromocto supports local, national, and international initiatives that improve lives and strengthen communities.

Examples of Rotary activities include:

- Supporting local charities and community organizations
- Providing scholarships and support for youth programs
- Supporting military families and veterans
- Participating in community improvement projects
- Partnering with local non-profit organizations
- Supporting humanitarian projects around the world through the Rotary Foundation
- Raising funds for community needs
- Recognizing exceptional service through Paul Harris Fellow recognition

Beyond fundraising, Rotary members contribute their time, ideas, expertise, and leadership to projects that make a meaningful difference.

Rotary Beyond Oromocto

When you join Rotary, you become part of a worldwide network of more than 1.4 million members.

Rotarians are welcomed at clubs around the world. Whether travelling for business, vacation, military service, or personal reasons, members can visit Rotary clubs almost anywhere and immediately connect with people who share Rotary's values.

Many members discover that Rotary provides not only opportunities for local service but friendships and connections that extend across the globe.

Rotary also offers opportunities to participate in district conferences, leadership development programs, international service projects, and Rotary Foundation grant initiatives. These experiences allow members to broaden their perspectives, develop new skills, and collaborate with Rotarians from other communities, provinces, and countries in pursuit of shared goals and lasting impact.

What Happens at a Typical Rotary Meeting?

Rotary meetings are designed to be welcoming, informative, and enjoyable.

Members and guests arrive beginning at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy a meal and fellowship together.

Meetings typically include:

- Welcome, introductions and opening remarks from the president
- Land acknowledgement
- O Canada
- Recitation of the Four-Way Test
- Moment of gratitude
- Meal and fellowship
- A guest speaker, discussion, education session, social activity, or community presentation.
- Committee updates and club business
- Chase the Ace
- “Fines and Brags”
- Announcements and closing remarks.

Most meetings conclude by approximately 7:00 p.m.

Our goal is not simply to conduct business, but to build community, strengthen friendships, inspire service, and organize meaningful action.

Annual Programs and Activities

Each year, members can expect a wide variety of programs and activities.

These may include:

- Presentations by community leaders, elected officials, community impact organizations or representatives of Rotary International, North Atlantic District and the Rotary Foundation.
- Fellowship and social events
- Volunteer service projects
- Networking opportunities

Every effort is made to ensure meetings remain interesting, relevant, and enjoyable.

Meeting Schedule and Attendance

The Rotary Club of Oromocto normally meets every second Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Meetings are not held on statutory holidays. When a scheduled meeting falls on a statutory holiday, the meeting is normally moved to the following Monday.

The club takes a three-week break during the Christmas season and pauses most regular meetings during July and August. In the event of school closures in Oromocto due to inclement weather, or at the discretion of the President, meetings may be cancelled to ensure the safety of members and guests.

While Rotary encourages regular participation, members understand that work, family, travel, and other commitments sometimes make attendance difficult.

If you haven't received a copy of the meeting schedule for the year, ask any member.

Membership Expectations

Membership in Rotary is an opportunity rather than an obligation. Every member contributes in different ways and at different stages of life. Some members take on leadership roles, while others focus on fellowship, service projects, fundraising, mentoring, or simply supporting the club through regular participation.

Members are encouraged to:

- Attend meetings regularly whenever possible
- Participate in at least one committee
- Support club fundraising and service activities
- Invite guests and help introduce others to Rotary
- Promote Rotary's values within the community
- Treat fellow members and guests with respect and courtesy
- Consider supporting the Rotary Foundation

Most importantly, members are encouraged to bring their ideas, skills, experiences, and enthusiasm to the club. Rotary is strongest when members are actively engaged and working together in service to others. There is no single way to be a successful Rotarian. What matters most is a willingness to contribute in a manner that is meaningful, sustainable, and rewarding for both the member and the community.

Membership Costs and Expectations

Annual membership dues are \$360.

Membership dues cover:

- Rotary International dues and Rotary North Atlantic District dues
- Club insurance
- Meeting space rental
- Meals provided at regular meetings

Members may pay their dues in one annual payment due on June 30 or in two equal instalments of \$180 due on June 30 and December 31. Dues may be paid by cash, cheque or e-transfer. (If paying by e-transfer, please include your name and “dues” in the message.”

Prospective Members

Guests receive a complimentary meal at their first meeting. For their second and third meetings, guests are invited to contribute \$5 per meeting toward the cost of their meal. Following attendance at a third meeting, an individual who wishes to continue attending will be invited to join the club. Membership dues will be prorated based on the portion of the Rotary year remaining.

This allows prospective members to experience Rotary before making a financial commitment.

PolioPlus

At each meeting, members are invited to contribute \$1 to \$2 to Rotary’s PolioPlus campaign. Participation is voluntary but encouraged.

Fines

At each meeting, a member secretly appointed by the President serves as the “Finesmaster.” Light-hearted fines, usually \$1 to \$2, are collected to support club administration.

Chase the Ace

Members and guests may participate in the club’s Chase the Ace draw. Tickets are \$5 for three chances. Proceeds help offset club administrative costs and help keep membership dues affordable.

Getting Involved

Rotary is not a spectator activity.

The strength of our club comes from members who contribute their time, talents, ideas, and enthusiasm. All members are encouraged to become active in at least one committee.

You are encouraged to explore different committees and become involved in areas that match your interests and skills.

Membership Attraction and Experience Committee

Focuses on attracting new members and creating an outstanding guest and member experience through recruitment, onboarding, mentorship, and member engagement.

Fellowship and Club Administration Committee

Strengthens friendships and club culture through fellowship activities, social events, meeting logistics, and member engagement.

Public Image and Social Media Committee

Promotes the club's activities, accomplishments, and impact through social media, storytelling, photography, and community outreach.

Rotary Foundation and Paul Harris Recognition Committee

Promotes understanding of the Rotary Foundation, encourages Foundation support, and coordinates Paul Harris Fellow recognition activities.

Service, Impact and Fundraising Committee

Leads fundraising initiatives, evaluates requests for support, recommends funding priorities, and coordinates service projects that create meaningful impact.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International and one of the world's most respected charitable foundations.



Through grants, scholarships, and humanitarian programs, the Foundation supports projects focused on:

- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation and hygiene
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development
- Environmental sustainability

The Foundation enables Rotary clubs to transform local fundraising efforts into global impact. Through district and global grants, Rotary clubs have funded projects ranging from clean water systems and medical equipment to literacy programs, scholarships, disaster relief, and community development initiatives.

Members often hear the phrase **Every Rotarian, Every Year**, which encourages annual support of the Foundation at whatever level is meaningful to the individual member. Contributions help ensure Rotary can continue responding to community needs and humanitarian challenges around the world.

Donors are be recognized through several programs, including:

- **Paul Harris Fellow** awarded when cumulative giving reaches **US\$1,000**. Contributions may be made personally or donated in someone's name.
- **Multiple Paul Harris Fellow** recognizes each additional **US\$1,000** in cumulative giving. Recognition levels are indicated by sapphires and rubies on the Paul Harris Fellow pin
- **Major Donor** recognizes cumulative personal giving of **US\$10,000 or more**
- **Bequest Society** recognizes individuals who have included **US\$10,000 or more** for The Rotary Foundation in their estate plans.
- **Paul Harris Society** – recognizes individuals who commit to contributing **US\$1,000 annually** to the Rotary Foundation.

Every contribution helps Rotary create lasting positive change around the world and advances Rotary's mission of creating hope, improving lives, and building stronger communities.

Honorary Membership

Honorary membership is the highest distinction a Rotary club may bestow upon a non-member.

It recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves through public service, support of Rotary's ideals, significant contributions to the community, or exceptional service to humanity. Honorary membership allows the club to recognize and maintain a connection with individuals whose achievements and values align with the mission of Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Oromocto normally extends honorary membership to:

- The Mayor of Oromocto
- The Member of Parliament representing the area
- The Member of the Legislative Assembly representing the area
- The Commander of 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown

The club may also confer honorary membership upon other individuals whom it wishes to recognize for outstanding service, leadership, community impact, support of Rotary, or other exceptional contributions consistent with Rotary's values.

Honorary members are valued friends of the club and are encouraged to participate in meetings, fellowship activities, and special events whenever possible.

Honorary members are not required to pay membership dues and do not hold the responsibilities of regular membership. When attending meetings that include a meal, honorary members are encouraged to contribute toward the cost of the meal in the same manner as guests and visiting Rotarians.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to attend every meeting?

No. Rotary encourages regular participation, but members understand that work, family, travel, and other commitments sometimes take priority.

Can I bring a guest?

Absolutely. Guests are always welcome.

Do I have to serve on a committee?

Members are strongly encouraged to participate in at least one committee. Committees are where much of the club's planning, leadership, and relationship-building takes place.

Is Rotary religious or political?

No. Rotary is non-partisan and non-sectarian. People of all faiths, backgrounds, and political beliefs are welcome.

Do I need to be invited to join Rotary?

No. Prospective members may express interest themselves. Membership decisions are based on mutual fit and a shared commitment to Rotary values.

Can spouses and partners attend Rotary events?

Yes. Many fellowship activities, social events, and special occasions welcome spouses, partners, family members, and guests. Spouses may also become members!

Can I visit before joining?

Yes. Prospective members are encouraged to attend up to three meetings before deciding whether membership is right for them.

How much time does Rotary require?

That depends on your level of involvement. Most members participate in a way that fits their schedule.

Can I visit other Rotary clubs?

Yes. Rotarians are welcomed at clubs around the world and are encouraged to visit while travelling.



Rotary Club of Oromocto

at a Glance



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CHARTERED: 1985



MEETING TIME: Every Other Monday, 5:30 p.m.



MEETING LOCATION: St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church Hall,
56 Broad Rd.



ANNUAL DUES: \$360 (includes meals)



DISTRICT: Rotary North Atlantic District



ROTARY MOTTO: Service Above Self



MEMBERSHIP: 16 members – (27 member target for 2027)



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*We look forward to welcoming you to the
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