



Chartered on February 26, 1927

A local chapter of the world's largest membership organization, where volunteers are dedicated to serving one another, the Hastings area communities, and the world at large. We promise to live with integrity, respect, and in peace in all areas of our lives and our focus is on being supportive to our elder citizens, providing educational opportunities to all who seek them, and being a resource for economic development.

Anyone applying to the Rotary for membership consideration agrees to:

- 1) Act with integrity and high ethical standards in personal and professional life
- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3) Use their professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in their community and in the world
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians

To apply, an application form must be completed, and dues of \$130 must be paid upon acceptance into the club. Dues are paid semi-annually to the club. They are used by Rotary International to support grants locally and globally, to support the organization that manages Rotary in more than 200 countries, and to support training and education for all Rotarians. All Rotarians are required to make personal donations towards the war on Polio, a battle that is almost won – but not quite. We started the battle in 1985 when the children and young adults in more than 122 countries were affected by the disease at a rate of 1,000 per day. Now we are down to three nations and less than 20 cases – but we cannot stop now.

With our global world, Americans are only one person and one airplane flight away from seeing our children crippled and dying again if this disease is not entirely eradicated, so that's what we're still raising funds to do. Our partners in the battle today include the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and more than 20 countries around the world. We look toward 2021 to be able to declare the world polio free!

And, while we are service oriented, Rotary International offers many perks to its members. Many high-quality leadership training programs via the Web are free to all Rotarians. Rotary Peace Universities have produced peace leaders around the world and those accepted to the program go for free with all expenses paid by Rotary International. Rotary Global Rewards is a program geared to not only save Rotarians money with excellent discount programs, but also to showcase the businesses of Rotarians who can advertise their offers to millions of people.

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Our motto is Service above Self, and we include our Rotarians first and foremost in our service. If you'd like to learn more about Rotary, visit Rotary.org. If you'd like to learn more about the Rotary Club of Hastings, please email us at HastingsFLRC@gmail.com. We'd love to have you come to a meeting or have a cup of coffee with the president to learn more. Rotary and You – could be a *perfect* fit!

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