

Rotary



Rotary Club of Seneca Falls
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NEW MEMBER PACKET

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What would it take to change the world?

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio, all under the motto **“Service Above Self”**. Rotarians are guided by the **“Four Way Test”**; ***Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all?***



What is a brief history of the Seneca Falls Rotary Club?

The Seneca Falls Rotary Club was formed in 1922 by 22 charter members. Today the club has approximately 40 members—both men and women—who are active in supporting a multitude of services on a regional, national and international level. Seneca Falls Rotary welcomes individuals who have a desire to serve others within the friendship of the Rotary family.

What are some of the major local service projects of the Rotary Club of Seneca Falls?

- Sponsor Junior Rotarians and an Interact Club
- Support Seneca Falls Backpack Program
- Support for Camp Onseyawa, a four-county summer program where nearly 100 developmentally disabled children receive a full one-week or two-week summer camp experience at no cost to their families.
- Cady Stanton Park Beautification
- Fill the Bus Donations
- Providing financial contributions to many organizations and/or providing helpers for their various projects.



Some of these community organizations include:

United Way of Seneca County, Seneca County House of Concern, Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes, Seneca Falls Library Children’s Programs. American Red Cross in the Finger Lakes, Seneca County Community Christmas Project, Seneca Falls Historical Society, and a variety of Seneca Falls Central School District activities; such as the *Myndersian* Yearbook, Project Graduation, Bass Fishing Club, and Scholarships & Awards for Mynderse Academy graduating seniors.

What are our major international projects?

- We have contributed greatly to the Rotary International project of eliminating polio world-wide. As you know, that goal is within reach.
- Whenever there is a world disaster, Seneca Falls Rotary donates funds and provides support. In addition, we collect funds and support local emergencies.
- Seneca Falls and Clifton Springs Rotary Clubs have partnered to support many programs at the Malawi Children's Village in the Mangochi region of Malawi, Africa.
 - Since 2008, we have assisted with the successful implementation of 37 irrigation sites and the produce; such as maize, tomatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, and cabbage. The produce benefits over 50,000 people.
 - The Malawi Children's Village has a private secondary school, named Gracious, which provides education for students in grades 9 -12. The school also offers vocational training programs; such as sewing and carpentry. The school also has a water treatment system, which is sponsored by Engineers Without Borders. Rotary provides support for the school, programs, and water system.
 - Each year, Rotary provides support for Koche Community Hospital, which is in the Malawi region.



In order to facilitate the important projects listed above, the Club participates in and/or organizes the following fund raisers:

- Chocolate Extravaganza (March)
- Music in the Park Cookout
- Canal Fest Cookout
- Community Yard Sale
- Golf Tournament (June of each year)



Are You Interested in Becoming a Member of the Rotary Club of Seneca Falls?

As you can see, we are an active club that is committed to helping both our local community and worldwide community. You may choose to become active and serve on one or more of our local committees; Administration, Foundation, Fundraising, Community Relations, International Service, Membership, Youth, Literacy, Vocational, Sunshine, and Public Relations. We also believe in fellowship and know that good stewardship can also be good fun!

If you are interested in helping to provide service to the greater local community and the entire world, contact us (P.O. Box 272, Seneca Falls, NY 13148) expressing your interest, **or simply join us any Tuesday at 12:00 noon at the Seneca Falls Country Club where you can meet members and learn more about what we do.**

Rotary Club of Seneca Falls Membership Costs

The following is a summary of costs associated with membership in the Seneca Falls Rotary Club. Some costs are fixed, such as dues, and some are variable and left to your choice and means.

Semi-Annual Dues: \$85 (twice per year)

Weekly lunch: \$14

50/50 Raffle tickets, Happy Dollars, trips, etc—your decision

Annual Donation to Paul Harris Foundation:
Amount is your choice but we ask that you make some donation annually (can be as small as \$10 per year)



Support of Events and Ticket Sales (we want people at the events versus just buying the tickets)

- Chocolate Extravaganza in March (expectation to sell tickets – 5 tickets @ \$20 each)
- Golf Tournament in June (recruit teams, recruit sponsors, provide event day help)

Occasionally we have pass the hat donations but again they are your choice. Occasionally we fine everyone for something—not wearing a Rotary pin or not being part of some big event or such but it is usually only a \$1.

While not a financial cost we do want you to give time to projects and service. It is the best part of Rotary. Some examples of service:

Cady Stanton Park Beautification
Reading at local schools
Vaccine Clinic Volunteer
Dictionary Project
Earth Day Clean-Up Service Project
Seneca Falls CSD Literacy Initiatives
Cookout at local events (Canal Fest, Music in the Park)
Red Cross Blood Drive
Emergency Meals on Wheels

