

## What is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide network of community volunteers.

Rotary club members are business, professional, and community leaders in the Wausau area who meet regularly to plan and implement community service activities and network with other professionals. For those interested, members can also choose to become involved in international humanitarian service efforts. More than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas belong to over 33,000 Rotary clubs.

Rotary builds international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants. Throughout the world, Rotary clubs participate in a broad range of educational, intercultural, and humanitarian activities designed to improve the lives of others.



PolioPlus, Rotary's most ambitious program to date, focuses on global immunization efforts and has played a leadership role with the World Health Organization, CDC, and UNICEF in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed \$355 million to Rotary to support PolioPlus activities.

## Rotary Club of Wausau supports:

### Annual Events

#### WRUT 'n Run

Held the first Saturday of October each year, the Wausau Rotary Ultra Trek Race (WRUT) is the annual fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Wausau.



Scholarships, local and international grants, and special projects are funded through this event each year.

**Love Is International** is another annual event hosted by the Rotary Club of Wausau and the Early Birds Rotary Club. Rotary-sponsored foreign-exchange students placed all over northern and central Wisconsin are given the opportunity to meet and share experiences with each other and students in local high schools for a fun-filled weekend each Spring.

### Scholarships/Grants

Rotary Club of Wausau provides 5 - \$1000 college scholarships to area high school seniors each Spring.

The club has also supported area events and programs including Little League, Boys and Girls Club, Scouting, Robert Monk Gardens Easter Egg Hunt, United Way Ready to Read, Grand Theatre, Performing Arts, School Districts, Kids Voting, Community Vegetable Gardens and more.

In 2014, the club provided sponsorship of building water wells in South Sudan – with total funds sent reaching over \$42,000.

## Rotary Club of Wausau Projects

For our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015, the Rotary Club of Wausau is leading research and development of the clean-up of Bluegill Bay Park in Wausau for family fishing and recreation. The club is also sponsoring the development of public art for the Wausau area as well as other celebratory events throughout 2014-15.

Each year, students from each of five area high schools are chosen to participate in the Rotary Uthrotar program. Students are invited to attend club meetings, network with local business people and participate in community service projects to learn more about their chosen fields of study for college and their future.

HungerPlus-Marathon County is a grassroots, collaborative effort initiated by the club to support the Marathon County Hunger Coalition. To date, the club has raised over \$12,000 through member donations for the purchase of food as well as nutrition and cooking classes for area residents in need. In 2013, the club assisted in the purchase of eggs for local food pantries. In 2014, a semi-load of 5-pound bags of potatoes were also delivered.



The club also participates in local community service programs such as highway clean-up and Salvation Army bell ringing.

## Benefits of Membership

People may join Rotary for many reasons, including community involvement, personal development, professional networking, and camaraderie with fellow members. But perhaps the most important benefit is the satisfaction gained from making a real difference in the community and the world.

Most members of the Rotary Club of Wausau are active in multiple other civic, religious and philanthropic organizations in the community. The diversity in background, occupation, vocation and passion make us the successful club that we are –and we welcome new members.

The Rotary Club of Wausau prides itself on providing excellent and informative weekly programs for its members and visitors. We welcome speakers from the area, Wisconsin, nationally and internationally to share information about themselves and their stories.

Through the club, the district, and Rotary International, members will find opportunities for leadership development, personal growth, and local, regional and international involvement. We encourage you to follow your passion in Rotary – and we provide many, many avenues to do so.



## Join the Rotary Club of Wausau

The Rotary Club of Wausau meets each Monday at the Jefferson Street Inn, downtown Wausau. Meetings start at noon and are completed at 1 :00 pm.

Members represent a cross-section of businesses and organizations throughout the Wausau area. Those interested in becoming members of the Rotary Club of Wausau may contact a club member or inquire via the club's website.

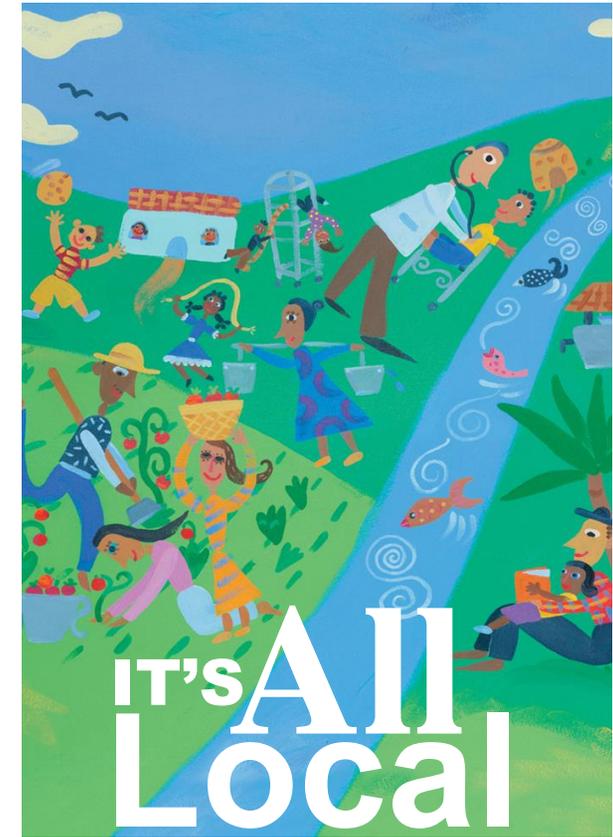


**RI Club No. 2675**

**Club #1 in District 6220**

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**[www.wausaurotary.org](http://www.wausaurotary.org)**



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100 years of Service  
to the Wausau Area  
and beyond*