

## Who are We?

The most important thing in our lives is our children. They are the future of our community, our country and the world. Helping children is the primary goal of the Rotary Club of Edmonds. It is the local arm of Rotary International, the world's oldest service club organization. It is made up of 1.2 million business and professional leaders in more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, all volunteering their time and talents to serve our communities and the world. Rotary provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

Our club meets every Tuesday at noon at the Edmonds Conference Center, located at the corner of 4th and Bell in downtown Edmonds, Washington. Our members develop wonderful friends and acquaintances in the club and the Edmonds area and see the club as an opportunity for service.

We have two primary fund raisers, an Auction in the Spring and the popular Edmonds Rotary Waterfront Festival at the Port of Edmonds Marina in early June.

## International Projects

### **PolioPlus**

Rotary International (RI) spearheads the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. RI



is the largest private sector donor in the world. We have contributed more than \$600 million to the polio eradication activities in 122 countries. In addition,

tens of thousands of Rotarians have partnered with their national ministries of health, UNICEF, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the health providers at the grassroots level in thousands of communities. Vaccinations have prevented an estimated 500,000 children per year from contracting polio. Only four countries are still polio endemic—an all time low.

### **Water Projects**

Rotary International and our club support water projects throughout the underdeveloped world. Nearly 20 percent of the world population doesn't have access to safe and clean drinking water. In many



villages in Africa, women spend their day carrying water which may not even be clean from a source many miles away .

Rotary has been providing wells in village centers from which safe drinking water can be drawn, thus avoiding many of the illnesses and deaths due to unsanitary water. Women, who no longer have to spend their day carrying water, can now tend their children and do other productive work.

## Local Projects

A few of the many local projects and activities that the Club and the Foundation support are:



- **Trinity Place** - YWCA housing for women in transition
- **College Scholarships** for local high school graduates
- **Edmonds Community College** scholarship fund
- **YMCA** Partners with Youth program
- **Boy Scouts** troop sponsor
- **Rotary First Harvest** for food banks
- **Recognition of the students of the month** from local high schools

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## The Edmonds Rotary Foundation

*The Edmonds Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization formed to provide a means for people and organizations to contribute tax deductible donations to support local and worldwide Rotary programs.*

*The Foundation provides funding for many of the charitable activities of the Rotary Club of Edmonds.*

*If you would like to donate or to create a bequest to the Foundation, you may request further information from:*

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## *The Rotary Club of Edmonds and The Edmonds Rotary Foundation*



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