



A Brief Introduction to the ROTARY CLUB OF CHAPLEAU

Who we are? Rotary International is made up of over a million men and women of all races and religions, found in all parts of the world who accept our motto “Service above self”. As such, Rotarians do not allow politics or religious issues to interfere with striving to make this world a better place for all.

In Chapleau, we are your neighbours who have joined together to do good things, through Rotary, in our town and around the world. Our names are Jocelyne Bernier, Twyla Berry, Lucy Bignucolo, Lynn Bignucolo, Richard Bignucolo, George Evans, Dave Laughland, Joanne Laughland, Chuck Orton, Jim Shearer, Luc Tessier, Natalie Tessier.

When and where do we meet? We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month (except when we suspend operations for July and August). We usually meet at 6 p.m. for a supper meeting in a Conference Room at the Aux Trois Moulins Motel. Sometimes circumstances and work on our projects cause us to meet at other times and places. (The children of Rotarians a.k.a. “Rotarians-in-training”, are welcome at our meetings and events.)

Why do we meet? Beyond the pleasure we take from each other’s company, we meet to plan how we can contribute to our own community and to the wider world. It’s fun and it’s rewarding to be together with like-minded folk doing good things.

Our own community? Here are some of the things we do. We offer scholarships and awards to students in all the schools of Chapleau. We annually send a high school student for an “Adventure in Citizenship” offered by the Rotary Club of Ottawa. We built the Rotary Pavilion on Chapleau’s waterfront and we are continuing to beautify the area with planters and trees. We have made major contributions to the Chapleau General Hospital Foundation, and the Bignucolo Residence, including the Standing Garden in the latter’s courtyard. We support the Chapleau branch of the Canadian Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. We support specific projects for local groups such as the Chapleau Ski Club, the Chapleau Figure Skating Club, and the Chapleau Performing Arts. Discreetly, we respond to

requests for help on behalf of distressed individuals. And also, we have adopted 2 kilometers of Highway 101.

The wider world? Through the world-wide organization of Rotary International, we are participating in the campaign to eliminate polio from the planet, we supply wheelchairs to those who need them in Central and South America, we supply shelter boxes to regions suddenly devastated by natural disasters, and we are encouraging local students to get involved with the Ryan's Well project to provide safe drinking water in parts of Africa.

To increase international understanding and goodwill, we have introduced visiting professionals from such places as Korea and south-eastern Africa to Chapleau. We have also facilitated the sending of youth from Chapleau for a year of living abroad and have arranged to receive young people from foreign lands into homes in Chapleau.

What kind of commitment does each Rotarian make? A Rotarian is expected to attend as many meetings as possible to offer his or her talents, abilities, ideas, and energy to getting the good work of the Club done.

Fund-raising? The Rotary Club of Chapleau has one major fund-raiser, the Annual Rotary Sport and Trade Show, held in late April, after the ice is out of the arena. *It's all shoulders to the wheel for this effort.*

And how much does membership cost? Annual Dues are \$150, which may be paid in two installments. After that, the only costs are what you pay for your suppers at the Aux Trois Moulins Motel. (Each member chooses his or her meal from the restaurant menu.)

Any questions? You know who we are. Ask us.

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