

## What Is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary club members are local business, professional, and community leaders 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 34,000 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.

### Benefits of Membership

Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to make a contribution to their own communities and to communities around the world.



People 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 world.*



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 US\$355 million to Rotary to support PolioPlus activities.



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## Our projects in 2012

*Providing 135 sets of new desks and chairs to a school in Gldani (September 2012)*



In 2011, Franklin Hockenbrocht, an American teacher of English language working in Gldani, initiated a joint project between our club and his hometown club, the Rotary Club of Sunbury, PA. The project allowed the Rotary Club Tbilisi International to provide 135 sets of new desks and chairs to pupils at Tbilisi School #209 located in Gldani neighborhood of Tbilisi

*Total project value: 16,794 GEL (10,200 USD)*

*Renovating a bedroom and corridor at the Begurebi Orphanage (June 2012)*

A charity run for the homeless children was organized and the donated money was used to renovate a bedroom and corridor in one of the Tbilisi orphanages.

*Total project value: 4,204 GEL (2,550 USD)*

*Ringling in the New Year Party with Homeless Children (January 2012)*

The three levels of Rotary clubs in Tbilisi, Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact, organized and financed a visit of homeless children to the Multi-Pulti children entertainment center to celebrate the New Year.

*Total project value: 1 040 GEL (630 USD)*

## Our Guests



We regularly invite guest speakers to our meetings to learn about their activities and interests and explore ways to jointly serve our community.



We have recently received businesspeople, representatives of different charitable and non-government organizations, local officials, diplomats, among others, to learn about opportunities to cooperate and others' priorities in Tbilisi, Georgia, and the region.



## Our events

We arrange seminars, conferences, wine tours, and other social events.



In July 2011, an international seminar was organized in Batumi and Tbilisi with the participation of about 40 Rotarians from Hungary, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, and Switzerland.



We organized a fundraising seminar and a wine tour in September 2012 with about 20 guests from Ukraine, Russia, Switzerland, and the USA.

### WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Rotary's motto, service above self, in combination with assessments of local needs and opportunities, guide our project selection. Funds donated to Rotary Club Tbilisi International will be used to support our ongoing priorities of:

- supporting education and job training,
- providing clean water,
- combating hunger, and
- improving health and sanitation.

