

## Rotary Club of Palgrave's Weekly Rotary Minute

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At Rotary, we channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

1. Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
2. Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
3. Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
4. International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad and more.
5. Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Within these areas of service are the reasons why we all joined Rotary, but let us not forget that the vast majority of Rotarians are those who enjoy their meetings, who count their fellow Rotarians among their closest friends and feel that by being a part of such a group they can contribute something worthwhile to their community and to the world.

I would like to finish this minute with a quote from the Rotary International President of 1956-57, Gian Paolo Lang, and perhaps we should ponder the message within, "I believe Rotary is basically a simple thing, and we may be in danger of losing sight of the real object of Rotary because we become engrossed in exterior forms and procedures. We must try to free ourselves from unnecessary over structures, reclaiming the fundamentals . . . Let us be simple, for the simple way is often the best!?"

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