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Have you ever seen this wheel, on a poster or a hotel plaque, and wondered what a Rotary Club is? Well, a Rotary Club is a group of people who enjoy friendship and fellowship, but whose main raison d'être is "Service above Self" meaning that they work to help those who may be less fortunate than themselves, both within their local community and further afield.

Rotary Clubs meet regularly so that members can enjoy each other's company and discuss projects. Edinburgh Rotarians have made a difference locally and globally, from organising an annual Forth Bridge Abseil to building a school in Sierra Leone.

There are 11 Rotary Clubs that meet within 10 miles of Edinburgh City Centre, about 190 clubs in Scotland, and 33,000 clubs worldwide, with over 1.2 million members. New adult members are always welcome, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, colour, religion or politics. All we ask is that you share our desire to put something back into our community.

In the next few issues we'll tell you about our local clubs and what they are doing to enhance our city and our world. Maybe you'll find one that suits you.

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