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Indiana, PA Rotary Club Announces Dissolution After Decades of Community Service

Indiana, PA –

After more than a century of dedicated service to the community, the Indiana, Pennsylvania Rotary Club will dissolve in June. This will mark the end of an era for the historic organization. Club leadership and longtime members made the decision with heavy hearts amid declining membership and financial challenges.

Founded in 1920, the Indiana Rotary Club has been a cornerstone of community service, organizing countless initiatives to support local education, health, and economic development. The club has been integral to Rotary International, a global network of service organizations committed to humanitarian efforts, whose motto is “service above self.”

A Legacy of Service

Over the years, the Indiana Rotary Club has significantly impacted the local community. The club's influence has been far-reaching, from providing scholarships to high school students and supporting literacy programs, running the AMBA blood analysis program AMBA, highway cleanups and the Luxury Raffle, which has raised over a million dollars for community projects over several decades. Members have also contributed to global efforts such as Rotary International's End Polio Now campaign and clean water projects in developing countries. “This decision was not made lightly,” said Club President Dana P. Henry. “Our club has been a driving force for good in Indiana County for decades. However, with declining membership and the increasing difficulty sustaining our activities, we felt this was the right time to step back.”

Challenges Leading to Dissolution

Like many civic organizations, the Rotary Club of Indiana has faced a steady decline in active membership in recent years. Maintaining service projects and fundraising efforts became increasingly difficult. The COVID-19 pandemic also took a toll, disrupting events and reducing financial contributions. “We've seen a shift in how people engage with service organizations,” explained longtime member Jay Rubin. “The commitment required for traditional clubs like ours has become harder to sustain in today's fast-paced world. Younger generations are more inclined to participate in short-term volunteer efforts rather than long-term memberships.”

What's Next for the Community?

Although the Rotary Club will dissolve, its members remain committed to community service. Many have expressed interest in continuing projects through other local organizations like Midday Rotary or forming a more flexible volunteer network to carry on the spirit of Rotary's mission. Club leaders are working to ensure that the club's funds and resources will be allocated to ongoing community initiatives before officially disbanding. The Rotary Club's legacy thus may continue to support local charities, schools, and civic groups. Applications for support from these funds will be available on the club's website, www.indianarotary.org, in early April. While the Indiana, PA Rotary Club may be ending, its legacy of service will live on in the many lives it has touched. Community members are encouraged to continue the spirit of giving, ensuring that along with the Indiana Midday Rotary Club, Indiana remains a place where "service above self" endures.

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