

Answers to Your Questions

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary members are business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and help build goodwill and peace in the world. More than 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries carry out service projects in their local communities and abroad to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy and the environment.

How Much Time Does Rotary Take?

You are required to attend 50% of the club meetings or make up at another Rotary club anywhere in the world. Attendance credit is given for participation in our service projects and committee meetings. Rotary is a vibrant and active service club.

What do I get out of Rotary?

You get back what you put into it and that can be a lot. There is tremendous personal satisfaction from working with your fellow Rotarians in making our community and our world a better place to live. Service to others gives value and meaning to your own life. You can make life-long friends and business acquaintances locally and internationally. Globally, Rotarians are highly respected.

How Do I Join Rotary?

Membership is by invitation only. Visit with a Rotarian that you know and discuss your interest. An alternative is to attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of Wichita or even participate in one of its many local or international service projects or programs.

For additional information about Rotary's many programs, projects, opportunities and membership, visit www.rotary.org or www.wichitarotary.org

Rotary's Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

ROTARIANS SERVE

Their Communities
To Make the World
A Better Place in Which to Live

ROTARIANS ENJOY

Fellowship – Great Programs
“Service Above Self”



Rotary's "Centennial House"

Our club's project in 2005 to celebrate Rotary's 100th Birthday – funding and construction of a Habitat For Humanity house

Welcome to Rotary Club of Wichita (Downtown) Wichita, Kansas



Serving Wichita
Since September, 1911

Club #30
District 5690

Club Meetings are held
at Noon every Monday
at Botanica
701 Amidon
Wichita, Kansas

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The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

Second. High ethical standards in business and the professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



SERVICE Above Self

A Brief History of the Rotary Club of Wichita

In the summer of 1911, a 31 year old Wichita insurance agent, Harry W. Stanley, attended an insurance meeting in Chicago. While there, he met Paul Harris, an attorney who had started the first Rotary club in Chicago six years earlier, and he was convinced that he should bring Rotary to Wichita. The first meeting to organize a club was held in September, 1911 and by November, the Rotary Club of Wichita had been formed with 72 members. We later received our official Charter as Club No. 30. Today, over 50 Rotary Clubs can trace their roots back to us.

Today, our club remains one of the largest in the world with almost 400 members.

In the Rotary Club of Wichita We Turn the Ideals of Rotary Into Action!

Club Service

Club Lunch Meetings each Monday
Social Functions with Spouses and Families
Participation on Club Committees
Networking and Helping Fellow Rotarians
Weekly Programs and Special Events
Fellowship (Greeters, Assigned Seating)

Vocational Service

Career Day for High School Students
Interact Club at Wichita East High School
(a service club for high school students)
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp

Community Service

Reading is Fundamental – provides 3 books per year to over 10,000 students in 19 Title One elementary and Child Start schools
Habitat for Humanity House – we fund and build a house every other year
Salvation Army
Dictionary Project - provides Scholastic Children's Dictionary to every USD 259 3rd grade student (almost 4,000 books in 59 schools)
Blood Drive
Many more each year as needs surface

International Service

Host and sponsor International Group Study Exchange Teams & Ambassadorial Scholars
Rotary Youth Exchange Program
Polio Eradication Campaign
Sponsor and participate in many international humanitarian programs, Heifer Project, Vietnam Library, Panama projects, India water projects, and our club's signature project – the multi-faceted Haiti Project – which has grown to include solar cooking.

Cost of Membership

Club Membership Dues (Qtrly) \$ 188.50
**includes weekly meal cost, Rotary magazine, free parking at Botanica on club meeting day.*

Entrance Fees (one time – upon joining)

New Member Entrance Fee over age 35 \$ 350.00
New Member Entrance Fee under age 35 \$ 150.00
Wichita Rotary Charitable Fund \$ 100.00

Voluntary Contributions

Quarterly WRCF contribution \$ 62.50 (or more)
Quarterly to Rotary Foundation \$ 25.00 (or more)

Become a Paul Harris Fellow with a \$1,000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation – \$100 per year over a 10 year period is an option)

The Wichita Rotary Charitable Fund

....is a 501(c)3 approved fund conceived in 1983 and originally funded with a \$10,000 contribution from each of 10 past presidents of the club. From its original \$100,000 corpus, the corpus has grown to over \$1,200,000. It is funded by new member entrance fees and voluntary contributions of club members. Club service projects such as the Habitat House, Reading is Fundamental, Dictionaries for 3rd grade students and others receive funding from our club's charitable fund.

The Rotary Foundation

....is one of the foremost foundations in the world. It provides an opportunity for Rotarians to work for world understanding and peace. Established in 1917, the Rotary Foundation is supported by the voluntary contributions of Rotarians and friends of Rotary. Through their Foundation, Rotarians work to achieve world peace and understanding through local, national and international humanitarian, educational and cultural programs that improve the quality of life for millions of people around the world.