



# Bemidji Rotary Club



## WEEKLY MEETINGS

**Mondays @ 12:00 NOON**  
**Bemidji Eagles Aerie #351 Club**  
1270 Neilson Avenue  
Bemidji, MN 56601

Rotary is an international service organization that gives you an opportunity to join leaders to take action on important issues affecting our community, our nation, and the world.

We have lots of fun—whether we're socializing or working together on service projects.

Rotarians raise funds for local, national, and international service projects, as well as for scholarships and charitable contributions that help community organizations achieve their goals.

## MAKE-UP MEETINGS

**Bemidji Sunrise**  
Tuesdays @ 7:00 am  
Bemidji Eagles Aerie #351 Club

**Bagley Rotary**  
Wednesdays @ 12:00 noon  
D&R Café

**Fosston Rotary**  
Thursdays @ 12:00 noon  
New Journey Church

**Grand Rapids Rotary**  
Mondays @ 6:00 pm  
Timberlake Lodge

**Grand Rapids Centennial Rotary**  
Thursdays @ 12:00 noon  
Sawmill Inn

**Park Rapids Rotary**  
Wednesdays @ 12:00 noon  
CHI St. Joseph's Area Health Services

**Walker Rotary**  
Tuesdays @ 12:00 noon  
Walker Area Community Center



Globally, nationally, and locally, Rotary focuses on six areas:

- maternal & child health
- basic education & literacy
- economic & community development
- peace & conflict prevention/resolution
- disease prevention & treatment
- and, water and sanitation.

[www.bemidjirotary.org](http://www.bemidjirotary.org)

# ROTARY MOTTO: Service Above Self

## MEMBERSHIP

Rotarians are expected to attend at least 50% of all club meetings in a six month period of time.

If a regular club meeting is missed, Rotarians can “make-up” a meeting within a two week period of time on either side of the meeting date missed.

Meeting make-ups can be completed in a number of ways:

**Be involved in a Rotary-sponsored project.**

**Attend another Rotary Club’s meeting.**

Find the online Club Locator at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

**Visit a make-up meeting online** by logging on to an e-club Rotary meeting.

**Initial membership fee:** \$20

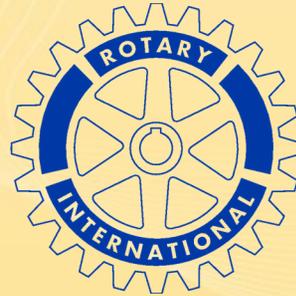
**Annual Dues:** \$160, billed quarterly

**Weekly meal cost:** approximately \$10.77

Dues statements are issued quarterly.

Payments can be submitted to the Club Secretary or Treasurer.

The average annual cost of participation in the Rotary Club of Bemidji and Rotary District events is \$676, including initial membership fee, annual dues, and weekly meal costs. Prices are subject to update.



Rotary brings together people like you, whose sense of responsibility inspires them to give back to their communities. At Rotary, we work together for the common good, and form lifelong friendships in the process.

People join Rotary for many reasons, including community involvement, personal development, professional networking, and camaraderie. But perhaps the most important benefit is the satisfaction you gain from making a real difference in your community and in the world.



Rotarians constructing the Paul Bunyan Inclusive Playground by the Lake Bemidji waterfront.

## PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

### Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival

The first Saturday in August, this community festival is a partnership between the Bemidji Rotary Club and the Bemidji Area Chamber of Commerce. Learn more at [www.BemidjiDragonBoat.com](http://www.BemidjiDragonBoat.com)

### Playground Projects

The Bemidji Rotary Club has a history of creating opportunities for people to gather and play. The Club has been instrumental in the creation of playgrounds at Cameron Park and Village of Hope (homeless shelter for families).

Our newest playground is at the Lake Bemidji waterfront, near statues of Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. The Paul Bunyan Inclusive Playground is a playground for all abilities.

### Rotary Youth Exchange

Annually, the Bemidji Rotary Club hosts a youth exchange student between the ages of 15 and 18 to experience and learn about another culture by living and studying abroad.

### Latin American Rotary Aid (LARA)

LARA combines the energy and resources of small Rotary clubs within our District, and brings Rotarians together to provide community service projects in Honduras.

### Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

The Bemidji Rotary Club sponsors high school students to take part in RYLA, an international program created by Rotary International to encourage strong leadership in youth.

Students are given opportunities to develop and practice leadership skills.