



# DO MORE THAN YOU THOUGHT POSSIBLE WITH ROTARY

Join us and start making a difference  
through Rotary today.

Rotary is a global network of clubs with more than 1.2 million members — friends, neighbors, leaders, and problem-solvers just like you.

We apply our diverse perspectives and collective expertise to support one another and tackle the most persistent issues that our communities face.

## JOIN US TO:

- Connect with other people of action
- Form new friendships and build your network
- Find creative ways to meet community needs
- Gain new skills and grow as a leader



## Welcome to Rotary

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, leaders, and problem-solvers who unite to create lasting change. By joining the Fergus Falls Noon Rotary Club, you also join Rotary International, the world's oldest service club organization, founded in 1905.

With more than 33,000 clubs in over 165 countries, Rotary connects you to a worldwide community committed to service, fellowship, and ethical leadership.

## What Rotary Stands For

**Service Above Self:** Rotary's core principle guides everything we do.

### The Four-Way Test

Applied to all we think, say, or do:

- Is it the truth
- Is it fair to all concerned
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned

### A Welcoming, Inclusive Community

Rotary is nonpolitical and nonreligious. Our club values diversity and strives to create a warm, inclusive environment for all.

## Benefits of Membership

### Service Opportunities

Make a difference locally and globally through hands-on projects and humanitarian initiatives.

### Fellowship & Relationships

Build meaningful friendships with community leaders and professionals.

### Professional & Personal Growth

- Leadership development
- Public speaking opportunities
- Networking
- Exposure to new ideas through weekly speakers

### Global Connection

Attend Rotary meetings anywhere in the world, participate in international service.

## The Five Avenues of Service

### 1. Community Service

Local projects include:

- Lake Region Takes Root Community Garden
- United Way partnerships



- Library Books for Little Ones
- Dictionaries for 3rd Graders
- Josh the Otter Water Safety Program
- Ditch cleaning
- Salvation Army bell ringing

## 2. International Service

Supporting global humanitarian efforts:

- PolioPlus
- ShelterBox
- Wheelchair distribution
- Youth Exchange
- Clean water projects
- Club-funded projects in Haiti, Zimbabwe, and Bolivia

## 3. Vocational Service

Promoting high ethical standards and sharing professional expertise.

## 4. Club Service

Activities that strengthen the club:

- Serving as Greeter
- Offering to say Invocation
- Committee service
- Meeting setup/cleanup
- Fundraising support

## 5. Youth Service

Many of our programs support youth leadership, literacy, and safety. Examples include:

- International student exchange
- RYLA Camp sponsorship
- Donation of dictionaries, water safety, and 4-way test books to local classrooms

## What to Expect at Weekly Meetings

**Location:** Salvation Army **Arrival:** 11:45 AM – 12:00 PM **Meeting:** 12:10 PM – 1:00 PM

Meeting Flow

- Networking & lunch
- President calls to order by ringing of bell at 12:10
- Pledge of Allegiance, 4-Way Test & Invocation
- Announcements, Trivia, Brags & Fines
- Guest speaker (12:30–1:00)
- President adjourns the meeting with ringing of bell at 1:00

Member Meeting Participation Opportunities

- Greeting & check-in



- Offering the invocation
- Setup/cleanup
- Serving on team that invites & introduces speakers or plans programs
- Inviting, transporting and introducing student guests from area schools
- Interacting with student guests & foreign exchange student
- Sharing announcements, brags & fines

\*Note – occasionally meetings are held offsite at local businesses to tour behind the scenes or preview soon-to-open businesses.

## Annual Events

- January: Otter Orations
- April: Kindergarten book delivery & Josh the Otter reading
- May: Ditch cleanup
- June: Lucky Duck Derby fundraiser
- July: Habitat for Humanity Build Blitz
- August: Annual Peach Sale
- September: Ditch cleanup
- October: 3rd Grade Dictionary Delivery 2nd Grade Book Project ("Elmer & Andy's Apple Dumpling")
- November: Rotary Rose Sale
- December: Salvation Army bell ringing

## Social Events

These vary, but have included M State sporting events, holiday white elephant party, picnics at the park, or after-work gatherings at local breweries.



## Membership & Dues

### Dues

There are several types of membership including Active Individual, Active Corporate, Active Family, and Honorary.

- First year: **covered by the club**
- After first year: **\$300 annually**
- Meals: **\$10 per lunch** (only when you eat)

### Optional Contributions

**Rotary Minute Plus Insurance – \$95** Club contributes \$105 on your behalf, supporting:

- Annual Fund
- PolioPlus or another Rotary initiative of your choice
- Bolivia school project

### Brags & Fines

A fun tradition supporting club fundraising. Punch cards available.

## FAQs

- **How do I become a member?**
- A current member sponsors you, and the board approves membership.
- **Do I have to attend every meeting?**
- Attendance is encouraged but flexible. Engagement matters most.
- **How am I billed for meals?**
- Members who eat lunch are recorded at meeting check-in and billed for those meals quarterly.
- **What is the Leadership of the Club?**
- Officers are elected yearly and the Board is comprised of a President, President Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors
- **How does the club communicate with members?**
- Weekly Rounds are sent by email, other messages by e-mail, Phone Call or Text
- **Can I bring guests?**
- Yes, please! Prospective members' meals are covered by the club.
- **What if I travel?**
- We offer a virtual link to attend Noon Rotary meetings online if you're able. You're also welcome at any Rotary club worldwide.

## Your First Year in Rotary

New members often:



- Attend meetings regularly and participate in fundraisers
- Participate as Greeter/Check In to get to know other members
- Determine what task they are most comfortable doing to help the meeting run smoothly
- Join a committee
- Participate in at least one service project
- Attend social events
- Learn about Rotary's global programs

Your sponsor and club leadership will help you get connected.