

# Burton Rotary Club New Member Information

Thank you for considering membership with The Burton Rotary Club. The following information is designed to make you familiar with all aspects of our club. If you have any immediate questions or concerns, please contact our club president, Joe Simpson at <a href="mailto:joethepro@pga.com">joethepro@pga.com</a>

### What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. Our motto is "Service Above Self" and we work together to make a positive difference in our community and around the world.

## Meetings

The Burton Rotary Club meets every Thursday from 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm at Sharky's Sports Bar in Burton Michigan. We have a board meeting at Tia Helita's the second Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting. We try to arrange a guest speaker twice per month and conduct a business meeting on the first Thursday of each month. Although we strive for perfect attendance at our meetings, we understand you might need to miss occasionally. You can make up your missed meeting at another area Rotary Club if you would like. Several times a year we will have a special event that will replace our regular noon meetings. Please check your calendar for those dates.

# Cost to Belong

The cost to belong is approximately \$224.00 per quarter. Of this cost, \$42.00 per quarter is Rotary Dues and \$182.00 is your cost for lunch each week. Members will be billed for lunch

each week even if you do not attend the meeting. We also have several special events such as our Christmas Party that have an additional fee. These special events are always optional.

#### Dress Code

Most members are coming from work and the dress ranges from business casual to suit and tie or dress/skirt. We are a professional organization and want to reflect this at our meetings.

## **Our Projects**

As an International Organization, our number one goal is to eliminate Polio in our lifetime. We are getting close to reaching this goal with only 19 cases of polio reported last year.

The Burton Rotary Club projects include: Senior Harvest Ball, Music in the Park, Boys and Girls Club Bike Give-Away, Student Scholarships, Camp Quality, Old Newsboys and many more. We also provide support for a variety of other projects such as Heats On, Diaper Drive, Pack the Truck, The Boy Scouts, The First Tee, The Women's Shelter of Flint and many more.

#### How Do I Join?

To become a member of The Burton Rotary Club, you must be sponsored by an existing member of the club. Once you complete your membership application it will be reviewed by the Membership Committee and they will contact you within a week or so. Once you are approved for Membership, we will conduct a small swearing in ceremony at a regular weekly meeting to welcome you to the club.

# Why Should I Join?

The benefits of belonging to Rotary are many. You will meet fantastic new people, network with area leaders, have a chance to make your voice heard and be able to give back to your community in a meaningful way!