

Omaha West Rotary

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About Rotary

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization. Its more than 1.2 million members volunteer their time and talent to further the Rotary motto, Service Above Self.



Rotary's 4 Way Test

A simple but profound philosophy-
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?

Omaha West Rotary in Action

- Making environmental improvements through Metro programs such as Christmas Tree Recycling.
- Offering vocational information through special seminars and talks.
- Sponsoring international scholarships and cultural exchanges of people from all walks of life through Rotary International.
- Honoring speakers each week by purchasing books in their name for our adopt a school partner Skinner Magnet school.
- Supporting the College World Series through ticket sales.
- Training and rewarding our future leaders through weekly meetings and committee duties.
- Volunteering to work on community projects.
- Providing financial assistance for community members in need.
- Leading the installation of the 911 emergency marking system on 125 miles of walking/bicycle trails in the Omaha Community.



Meeting Time: Fridays 12:00 PM

11:45 AM to 12:20 PM Fellowship and Lunch

12:20 PM Call to order and Invocation

12:25 PM Secretary's remarks, introductions of visiting Rotarians and guests, fines for members, introduction of new members, special announcements or awards.

12:40 PM—1:00 PM Guest Speaker followed by questions.

For the list of future guest speakers, see our website: www.omahawestrotary.org

What is a Rotarian?

Rotary International is an organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and builds goodwill and peace in the world. The Rotary Club of Omaha West was chartered by Rotary International in 1956 and continues, over 50 years later, as a flourishing service club with a long history of supporting community and international programs.

Membership in Omaha West Rotary offers the opportunity to build lifelong personal and business friendships, polish your professional and leadership skills and make a difference in our community and the world while you experience the personal fulfillment of providing volunteer service to others.

Membership in a Rotary club is by invitation and strives for a membership that reflects a wide cross section of the local business and professional community. Clubs meet weekly for fellowship and interesting, informative programs dealing with topics of local and global importance.

The real work of Rotary takes place before and after the meetings, when Rotarians plan and carry out humanitarian and educational service projects that touch people's lives in the local community and across the world.

Rotarians are expected to: Attend Rotary meetings regularly (attend or make-up 50% of their club's meetings), serve on a club committee, support Rotary International Foundation and our West Omaha Rotary Foundation, and say "Yes!" when asked to serve as a greeter, give an invocation or brief vocational talk or help with a club project.

Building Financial Foundations

Rotary International Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

West Omaha Rotary Foundation

In 1991, the West Omaha Rotary Foundation was established as a 501(c)(3) organization that is separate from the Rotary International Foundation. It is supported by gifts from Rotarians and friends as well as fundraisers.

The Foundation's focus is cultural, educational and humanitarian programs in which our Rotary club is directly involved.

In 1998, an endowment fund was established within the foundation to assure that the charitable work of Omaha West Rotary could continue indefinitely. Trustees of the foundation are elected from our club's membership.



Omaha West Rotary's Activities

Community Service

Our first service project, the Senior Recognition Day program, began in the Spring of 1957 when the club honored one young man in each of the six Omaha public high schools as each school's Outstanding Citizen. Today, students in the Omaha area public and private schools are honored at an annual luncheon that includes parents and school representatives as our guests. This luncheon and a scholarship award for each student are funded by our West Omaha Rotary Foundation.

In November 1959, after a year of study, fundraising and preparation, we opened the Rotary Senior Citizens Recreation Center at 41st & Grand Avenue. The inspiration for the center was Mrs. Dora Bingel, a forward-thinking retired schoolteacher who donated a building and assisted in funding the Center. Upon her death, the Arthur & Dora Bingel Foundation was established to assure the continuation of the center, with trustees elected from our membership. In 1993, the center was moved to 36th & Cuming Streets where it is jointly sponsored by The Salvation Army and Omaha West Rotary Club and supported in part by the Bingel and West Omaha Rotary Foundations.

In 1989 we helped organize the first Christmas Tree Recycling program in Omaha and continue to coordinate the efforts of the Omaha area Rotary clubs, co-sponsors of this annual community project.

Beginning in 1995, we have annually honored an Omaha police officer and firefighter with our Service Above Self award in recognition of outstanding performance in the line of duty. Honorees are selected by their respective chiefs who also speak on behalf of the honorees at this special club meeting.

In 1999, we became an Adopt-a-School Partner with the Dr. Eugene Skinner Magnet Center which is named after an esteemed Omaha educator and a past president and secretary of our Rotary club. Through the financial support of our members and the West Omaha Rotary Foundation, we provide books, clothing, personal hygiene items and medical supplies. We also recognize two outstanding sixth grade students at our annual Skinner Skyhawk Award's luncheon.

Service above Self

Club Service

We welcome outstanding speakers on a wide range of topics of interest for programs each week.

We begin every meeting with a thoughtful invocation.

Our fellowship Activities include a fall Golf Outing, a December Holiday Party and other family of Rotary events.

Greeters ensure visitors feel welcome at noon meetings and introduce visitors to members who invite them to join their table for lunch.

International Service

We host International Students from UNO at weekly Rotary meetings.

We solicit and recommend candidates for the Rotary Ambassadorial and World Peace Scholarships, Vocational Training Teams and Rotary Youth Exchange Programs.

We support health and community projects in developing countries.

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