



Park Ridge Rotary Club

Your First Six Months

Welcome to the Park Ridge Rotary Club. During your first six months as a Rotarian you will get to know your fellow Club members, learn more about the Rotary world, and establish your own goals for "Service Above Self."

FIRST STEPS

To get you started, certain onboarding steps will be taken:

- You will be installed as a Rotarian in a brief ceremony led by our Membership Committee, Club Officers and your mentor or sponsor.
- The Club Secretary or President will update our Club website (Clubrunner) with information from your application. You are encouraged to explore our site for information on meetings, upcoming events and other Club information.
- Our Club President will acquaint you with our committee system and help you identify which groups you may want to join.

OUR CLUB

For most of us, members of the Park Ridge Rotary Club are good friends, providing support and encouragement to each other. We are bound by a common commitment to "Service Above Self" and a desire to give back to our community. To get started, we encourage the following:

- Attend regular club meetings as often as you can. We meet several times a month, and in addition to interesting speakers, these meetings are also social in nature.
- Come to a Board meeting (typically the third Tuesday of every month) and participate in our discussions.
- Help our Treasurer at regular club meetings to greet arriving members. It's a great icebreaker, will acquaint you with other members and let you assist in a club activity.
- Get involved in service projects and fund-raisers. In addition to helping our neighbors, we are also engaged in efforts that extend to our state, country and international communities.

THE LARGER ROTARY WORLD

Over time, you will become fully engaged in our Club activities as well as the broader worldwide Rotary organization.

- You are encouraged to visit Rotarians in other clubs, locally, nationally and around the world. Wherever you travel, you will likely find a group of Rotarians to welcome you, share ideas and collaborate on projects.
- In addition to our Club's service projects and fund-raisers you will find multiple possibilities to participate in the Rotary world. Opportunities include (but are not limited to):
 - Attend monthly District staff meetings
 - Attend District and International conferences
 - Participate in 'Fireside Chats'
 - Host a Gift of Life child and caregiver
 - Get involved in our many youth services (RYLA, Interact, student exchange projects, etc.)
 - Become a graduate (and post-graduate) of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)
- You can learn more and take part in Rotary by exploring online sites, including:
 - www.parkridgerotaryclub.org
 - Facebook.com/Park Ridge Rotary Club
 - www.Rotary.org