

Rotary Club of Lancaster

Committee Descriptions

2020-2021

Car Wash Fundraiser Committee

Chair: Gary Loiseau

The Car Wash Committee raises funds in the Fall & Spring only from those members who wish to participate. Members of the Club sell car wash tickets to members who otherwise wish to have their car washed at a local car wash which splits proceeds with the Club.

Chaplain Committee

Chairs: Jennifer Goldbach, Randy Riggs

The Chaplain is responsible for handling weekly invocations at Club meetings. Members of this Committee take turns providing invocations and attempting to make them relevant to the topics being presented and sometimes doing culturally and religiously diverse invocations.

Community Service Awards Committee

Chair: Sarah Thibault

The Community Service Awards Committee identifies one or more adults and one or more youths whose community service merits recognition. Activities of members of this Committee include soliciting information on community & student volunteers, assessing the information obtained, and selecting the award recipients.

Fellowship Committee

Chair: Brad Reynolds

The Fellowship Committee is responsible for organizing events that encourage fellowship among the members. Among this Committee's activities are organizing social gatherings, and planning and organizing special events such as ski trips, golf outings, and many other activities.

Foundation/Permanent Fund Committee

Chairs: Nick Downey, Scott Owens

The Rotary Foundation/Permanent Fund Committee is responsible for encouraging membership giving to the Rotary International Foundation to support charitable purposes of Rotary International Foundation. Activities of this Committee include educating members of the activities of Rotary International Foundation, soliciting donations, and assisting with support of the Foundation, including encouraging attendance at an annual Foundation dinner.

Fundraiser Committee (Wheels and Wings & 5K)

Chair: Russ Harlan, Steve Dietrich

The Spring Fundraiser Committee is responsible for planning and holding a spring event designed to further fellowship and raise funds to support Club projects.

Global Grants Scholars Committee

Chair: Ed Hauck

The Global Grants Scholars Committee is in charge of soliciting and evaluating applications (with the Rotary District and Rotary International) for scholars who would study abroad using Rotary International scholarships. Members of this Committee identify students who may wish to undertake such studies, and help process their applications.

Historian Committee

Chairs: Herb Landau, Steve Henning

The Historian Committee is responsible for maintaining the history of the Club. This Committee tracks events and happenings of the Club throughout the Rotary year and preserves a record for future use.

Joys & Concerns Committee

Chair: Linda Dodge

The Joys and Concerns Committee gathers voluntary information about members' good (and not so good) news. This Committee makes weekly announcements to let members know when other members have good news or whether there is reason to have concerns for members (but only if the member wishes the concerns to be known).

Long Range/Strategic Planning Committee

Chairs: Bill Patrick, Greg Orth

The Long Range/Strategic Planning Committee is a committee charged with updating the long term planning of the Club. Members of this Committee are identifying objectives of the Club and developing plans to meet them, including action plans and ways to strengthen the Club.

McCaskey Mentorship Committee

Chairs: Alicia Moranz, Rich Wolman

This Committee works with the faculty and staff at McCaskey High School in the School District of Lancaster to mentor junior and senior students who are in the Career & Technical Education Program, serving as role models & mentors at monthly lunch meeting with the students.

Music Committee

Chairs: John Saeger, Mike Lutz

The Music Committee is responsible for providing music for Club meetings and events. Among the responsibilities of this Committee are providing weekly song leaders for meetings, piano players for meetings, and organizing and managing a Club choir/ensemble that periodically performs at the Club or at events such as the Club's annual basketball extravaganza.

New Member Orientation

Chairs: Chuck Blumenstock, Althea Ramsay Carrigan

This Committee is responsible for (1) providing information to prospective Rotarians whose membership applications have been approved and (2) inducting such new members. The Committee handles the information component of its responsibilities by holding periodic meetings at which prospective members are told the history and operations of the Club, Club expectations, and how the Club operates.

Online Video Make-Up Committee

Chair: James Zaccariello

The Online Video Make-Up Committee is responsible for using the Club's easy-to-use equipment to record, edit and post the speaker remarks from each weekly Club meeting to the Online Make-Up Page at LancasterRotary.org, as well as the Club's Facebook page.

Preserve Planet Earth Committee

Chair: Peter Barber, Dick Hendricks

The Preserve Planet Earth Subcommittee is responsible for our Club's green activities. Among the activities of this subcommittee are to maintain Rotary Park in Downtown Lancaster and to work with others in activities that are green, including an ongoing project to develop an environmentally significant project with a local elementary school.

Program Committee

Chairs: Tom Gemmill, Dan Cooper, Sarah Thibault

The Program Committee is in charge of providing weekly informative programs for the Club. Committee actions include identifying topical programs, finding and arranging for speakers, and introducing the speakers.

Public Relations/Website Committee

Chairs: Jodi Kreider, Christiana Sternberg

This Committee is responsible for informing the public about Club events, news, and activities. Members of this Committee will arrange press releases, media coverage, social media, and other ways to get information to the public about Rotary International, this Club, and its activities. It also oversees and maintains the Club's website including managing and updating the content of website – including photos, copy/content on each subpage, etc.

Refugee Center

Chair: Josh McManness

The Rotary Refugee Center committee is in charge of overseeing the day to day operations of the Rotary sponsored center at Reynolds Middle School.

Registration/Greeter Committee Visitor/Birthday Introductions Committee

Chairs: Michael Gibeault, Mike O'Day

Registration/Greeter Committee Visitor/Birthday Introductions is responsible for handling weekly registration and greeting duties. Members of this Committee are responsible to register members for meetings and collect weekly meeting dues, and having a greeter greet all members and guests as they enter the meeting room. This Committee is also responsible for announcements concerning Club guests and visiting Rotarians and for a monthly recognition of member's birthdays. Members of this Committee make weekly announcements concerning who is attending the meeting from other clubs or as guests of our members and once a month announce which of our members are celebrating a birthday that month.

Rotaract/Interact Committee

Chair: Dave Hosler

This Committee's purpose is to establish and help maintain college and high school clubs affiliated with Rotary. Members of this Committee are presently working with faculty and students at Franklin & Marshall College and McCaskey High School.

Rotary Means Business Committee

Chair: Rob Gallagher

The Rotary Means Business (RMB) Committee coordinates the hosting of Rotary Means Business events by our Club, as well as informing Club members of other District-sponsored RMB events. RMB encourages Rotarians to support the success of their fellow Rotarians by doing business with them, and by referring others to them. RMB events are open to Rotarians and no-Rotarians.

Rotary Rendezvous

Chairs: Tom Baum, Kaitlyn Blosser

Rotary Rendezvous is a new opportunity for busy professionals to be involved and is an alternative to the mid-day meetings. It is intended to engage existing members and attract new members that find our traditional format difficult for their schedules. Rendezvous starts with a happy hour, followed by a short meeting, and ends with fellowship and food at the member's expense. Currently, events are held in the evenings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.

Rural-Urban Farmer's Day/Strawberry Auction Committee

Chair: Leon Ressler

The Rural-Urban Farmer's Day/Strawberry Auction Committee is responsible for agricultural-related activities of the Club. Among the activities of this Committee are putting on an annual Farmer's Day during which an agricultural business presentation is made and local farmers are invited to the Club meeting, and to hold an Annual Strawberry auction supporting the local 4H program.

RYLA/District Projects Committee

Chairs: Lisa Lewis, Graham Side

The RYLA/District Projects Committee is responsible for supporting the local Rotary District #7390 (several Central PA counties). Among the activities done by this Committee are identifying teens at three local schools who show leadership potential to send to an annual leadership camp called Rotary Youth Leadership Camp (RYLA).

School District of Lancaster Committee

Chairs: Ben Bamford, Clint Krushinsky

The School District of Lancaster Committee is responsible for coordinating Club efforts to support the School District of Lancaster. Activities of this Committee include identifying needs in areas that the School District may use assistance, arranging for volunteers from the Club to help, and generally working with the School District, which has included events such as Guest Readers, and (in conjunction with Power Packs program) providing meals for children and their families who would otherwise be without food on weekends.

Sergeant at Arms Committee

Chairs: Dave Eberly, Larry Helicher

The Sergeant at Arms Committee is responsible for operational aspects of weekly Club meetings. Among the things done by the Sergeant at Arms Committee are setting up audio visual equipment for programs, assisting speakers with their needs, and handling a traveling microphone for members to ask questions of speakers.

Summer Youth Experience Committee

Chair: Bill Boben

Rotary's Summer Youth Experience Committee is in charge of managing our partnership with the local United Way in our signature cause. This Committee has, among its responsibilities, the duty of working with the United Way to identify programs that receive grants (funded by the Club and the United Way) to help run summer programs for youth.

Transmitter Committee

Chairs: Andy Fletcher, Duffy Johnson

The Transmitter Committee is responsible for providing the weekly Club newsletter – "The Transmitter". Among the Committee's activities are taking notes of announcements made at Club meetings, obtaining from the Weekly Program Committee the speaker's bios and program notes (done by the Committee chairs/editors), and listing upcoming Club events in the Club's Calendar on the website.

World Community Service Committee

Chairs: Rick Manix, Malcom MacDougall

The World Community Service Committee is responsible for the Club's participation in Rotary International World Community Service. This Committee's activities have included medical missions in numerous countries throughout the world, and participation in other services such as water missions digging wells in other countries.