

## Historical

Early in 1987, Past District Governor Harold Lipofsky, a charter member of the Barrington Rotary Club, which was chartered in 1960, suggested to his club that it sponsor the organization of a second club for the Barrington area. Several members of the original Barrington Rotary Club expressed interest in a breakfast club because it was difficult for them to make the Tuesday noon meeting.

Following numerous planning meetings, Barrington Rotary President Ralph Jensen and Secretary Frank Watt submitted official notice to Rotary International of the Club's intention to organize a second club for the Barrington area. The application was made on February 3, 1988, and a list of 23 charter members was submitted on March 10, 1988. ***The Rotary Club of Barrington Breakfast*** was chartered April 19, 1988. Charter night was held on June 2 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

On April 7, 1988, the acting board of the new club approved a motion to meet weekly for breakfast on Thursday mornings at the Barrington Park District. The Park District served as the BBRC meeting venue until September 1997 when the meeting location was changed to JFK Health World.

Upon closure of the JFK Health World facilities in 2006, the BBRC approved a motion to meet at the Good Shepherd Hospital Fitness Center. As club membership increased, this site was found to be too small. BBRC then moved its meetings to Chessie's Restaurant in the Ice House Mall in Barrington in 2007. With further growth in membership, the meeting location was moved to The Garlands of Barrington in 2012. Post the pandemic, the breakfast meeting location was changed to the office complex at 1000 Hart Road, Suite 300, Barrington, Illinois, and the luncheon meeting location was set at the Ciao Baby Restaurant, 232 E. Main Street, Barrington, Illinois.

BBRC, in conjunction with Rotary Club of Buffalo Grove, sponsored the Rotary Club of Long Grove-Kildeer-Hawthorn Woods, which was chartered on November 1, 1994.

Barrington High School Interact Club was approved in 1997. It has since been registered with Rotary International on 1 July 2014 and has been given Club No. 217735.

Breakfast Rotary Charitable Foundation was formed as a 501(c) tax-exempt organization in 1998.

On June 30, 2023 the Noon Rotary Club and the Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club merged to form The Barrington Rotary Club (BRC) with 42 Active Members and 5 Honorary Members. The new BRC club was registered under the #3108 1960 charter of the original Noon Club. Collaboration between the two prior clubs allowed for the creation of a flexible meeting schedule with at least two breakfast meetings; one lunch meeting; and a dedicated Service Projects Week each month, as well as the convenience of Zoom access for membership and speakers. As of January 1, 2025 there are 53 Active Members, 5 Active Satellite-Companion Members and 5 Honorary Members in the BRC.