



Rotary Club of Elgin

Established May 22, 1922

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Prospective Membership Packet

What is Rotary?

History of Rotary

Rotary International was founded by Paul P. Harris, an attorney, in Chicago, on February 23, 1905. It was organized as a forum for men of different businesses to meet and exchange ideas. The weekly meetings "rotated" among their offices providing the new service club with its name. Rotary International today consists of over 1.2 million men and women in over 30,000 clubs in 530 districts in 163 countries.

Mission Statement

Rotary improves our community by investing in and supporting the community and its people and programs.

Objectives of Rotary

- Develop fellowship and understanding among members of the community
- Promote high ethical standards
- Apply ideal of service to personal, business and community life
- Advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace

The Four- Way Test - Rotary's Pledge

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it if fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Meeting Place & Time

The Holiday Inn of Elgin
496 Airport Road
Elgin IL 60123

We meet every Monday at 12:15 for lunch. (Check website for any possible offsite meeting or Holiday schedules).

Club History and Information

The Rotary Club of Elgin was chartered May 22, 1922. Many distinguished business and community leaders have contributed to the Club's successes in many areas both in the community as well as internationally. The fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30.

Membership

Membership to Rotary is generally initiated by invitation from a current member. Clubs strive to be diverse to represent the make-up of the community.

Responsibilities of Membership

- To participate.
- To attend meetings.
- To serve on committees.
- To support the club and its activities.
- To live and work guided by the Four-Way Test.

Club Projects and Goals

The main fundraiser- The Rotary 5000 is a fun event featuring a reverse raffle and auction.

Money raised supports:

- Needs-based scholarships.
- Literacy Engagement
- Food pantry support.
- Student Award Luncheon (since 1928) to 2019)
- International projects including the "End Polio Now" program.
- Other community needs.

Club Endowment Fund

An ongoing fund has been established to facilitate funding of scholarships and community projects. The Fund allows us to facilitate larger gifts and bequests as well as provide stability for the future.

This page is as of 9/1/2020: The Club will be meeting via ZOOM rather in person due to the COVID-19. Decision to start up In-Person Meetings will be made on a month-by-month basis.

What does it take to be a Rotarian?

Financial Commitment: (detailed on next page)

Dues \$94/Quarterly plus cost of lunches for in-person meetings.

Other suggested Donations: (detailed on next page)

Note: The \$100 Rotary International Donation counts toward your Paul Harris Fellowship.

What is my Club Commitment?

Strive for 60% or better Attendance at meetings, socials, hands-on projects, and events.

Work on a Committee.

Attendance at Events and Fellowships.

Service Above Self

How do I join the Rotary Club of Elgin?

Please fill out the attached form and turn it into your sponsor or the Club President.

We are making a difference in the Community!



Rotary Club of Elgin Prospective Member Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

If you are a Transfer from another club please give prior Club's information below.

Name of prior Club _____

Address of prior Club _____

Dates of Service at the Club: From _____ To _____

President of the Club _____

We look forward to having you join the Rotary Club of Elgin.

What does it cost to belong to the Rotary Club of Elgin:

Quarterly	Annually	Suggested Donations*
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DUES

Rotary International Dues	24.805	99.22
Rotary District 6440 Dues	24.875	99.50
Rotary Club Dues (Proposed)*	50.32	201.28

Subtotal:	100	400
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DONATIONS

Fines/Fundraiser de minis	100
Rotary International Donation	100
Rotary Club of Elgin Foundation	150
Rotary Club of Elgin Foundation Fundraiser	300
Subtotal:	650

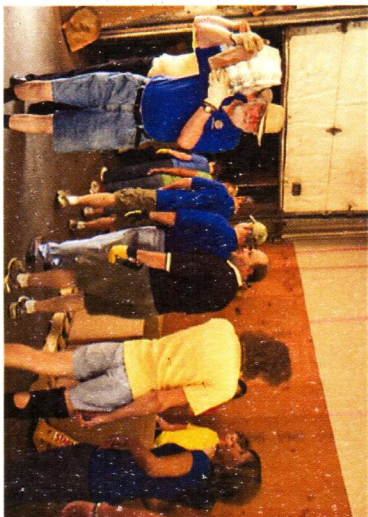
ADDITIONAL COSTS

Lunches - \$15	additional	
Social Events - If in person (TBD)	additional	

Total Costs:

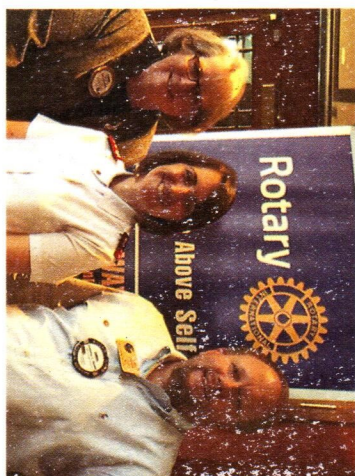
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* Not everyone can meet the donation on a regular basis. Rotary appreciates the donation of time and talent as much as monetary donations.



PEOPLE OF ACTION

The Rotary Club of Elgin offers opportunities for our members — and those interested in making a difference — to get involved. Through meetings, social events, and volunteer projects, we learn about the issues facing our community and communities all over the world, partnering with local, national, and global experts to exchange ideas about potential solutions and to draw up action plans to respond. Along with these opportunities to serve, members regularly network, resulting in lifelong friendships and business connections.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Solving real problems takes real effort, commitment, and vision. Rotarians work to protect communities from preventable disease, keep people healthy, improve education and economic outcomes, create safe water and sanitation infrastructure, and make our community and the world a more peaceful place.

We are working with various partners on the following projects:

- Scholarships to Elgin Community College and Elgin Area Leadership Academy
- Literacy Engagement
- Food pantry support
- Annual Student Award Luncheon (since 1928) recognizing 300+ students who excel
- International projects including the "End Polio Now" program
- Other community needs

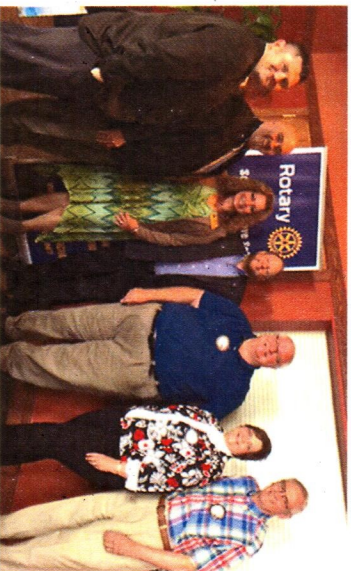


STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We support local youth leadership development through Interact Clubs and Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) conferences.

Interact Clubs are in several local schools carrying out two service projects annually while developing leadership skills and citizenship. Through RYLA, hundreds of local youth are provided an opportunity to develop their skills, character, qualities of leadership, citizenship, and personal development while exposing them to Rotary's values of service, high ethical standards, and peace.





GETTING INVOLVED

Becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Elgin enables you to meet your community's leaders and to make an impact both here and around the world. We invite you to visit our club and find out more about us and the opportunities we offer to get involved. Our members have found that Rotary is a truly rewarding experience.

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PLEASE JOIN US AS A GUEST AT A MEETING

We meet Monday's from 12:15 – 1:15 PM
Holiday Inn & Suites Chicago
Northwest – Elgin at 495 Airport Road

Contact us to schedule your visit. Just email ElginRotary@gmail.com and we will schedule your visit. We look forward to meeting you!

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change.

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