



Rotary Club of Park Ridge

What IS Rotary?

Rotary began as an idea more than 100 years ago. Today, Rotary flourishes worldwide with more than 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. The Park Ridge Rotary Club, one of 72 Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 6440 (north and west suburbs of Chicago), serves its community and institutions through diverse projects and programs. It supports Rotary International's efforts for peace and understanding, improved health services, disaster relief, and literacy. It also promotes fellowship, vocational service and high ethical standards for its club members.



Club Service: to support activities that are essential for the continued growth and vitality of the Rotary organization.



Vocational Service: to urge and support high ethical standards in business and to guide and assist students in career/vocation selection through youth and scholarship programs.



Community Service: to apply time, talent and financial resources to enhance the quality of life in the community.



International Service: to encourage and foster international understanding, goodwill and peace through the support of the Rotary Foundation and its programs.

Benefits of Membership

There are many reasons to join The Park Ridge Rotary Club:

Service

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address concerns such as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians regularly experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

Fellowship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, a cornerstone that continues to attract members today. Rotarians enjoy camaraderie with like-minded professionals while club projects provide opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city of the world. Family members are often included in a wide range of social and service activities.

Leadership Development

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest exchange and educational programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders. Scholarships and Fellowships are awarded annually to individuals to further Rotary's ideals.

Networking

Rotary allows for club members to meet periodically and enlarge their circle of business and professional acquaintances as an opportunity for service. Rotarians represent a cross-section of their community's business owners, executives, managers and political leaders. Partnerships are often formed with other Rotary clubs to help implement community service projects.

Where and When?

The Rotary Club of Park Ridge offers members a choice of weekly meetings at:

The Summit of Uptown
10 N. Summit Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068

WEDNESDAY - 12:00 Noon

For more information, contact: cbvignola@gmail.com

The Four-Way Test

This test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions of the membership:

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?

Projects and Services

Many groups have benefited from the Rotary Club of Park Ridge's long history of giving.

- Provided funding and hands on support to many local organizations, such as *Avenues to Independence*, *Rainbow Hospice*, *WINGS* and *The Youth Campus* to help them in their service to the community.
- The *Dr. Raymond E. Hendee*, *Bob Barker*, and *Make a Difference Scholarships* are presented annually to area students and teachers to further their education and vocational training.
- Fundraising events include an annual citrus sale, coffee sales and participation in the *Taste of Park Ridge*.
- Furthered literacy through the donation of children's books to the Donoghue Charter School in Chicago.
- Hosted a student from France for a year of study in Park Ridge and an Ambassadorial Scholar from Hokkaido, Japan.
- Participated in the Rotary International effort with the World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control and the Bill Gates Foundation to eradicate Polio through a worldwide immunization program.
- Volunteers assisted Sunday Suppers at the St. Paul of the Cross service ministry.
- Provided winter coats to be distributed through Center of Concern.
- Members traveled abroad to Guatemala to provide service on an International level.
- Sponsored a Park Ridge High School student as a 2009/2010 Outbound Youth Exchange Scholar.
- Funded Shelter Boxes - tent and supplies for ten - for Haitian earthquake relief.
- Provided support to the local Food Pantry.
- Continued to support a World Health Imaging System for Radiology (WHIS-RAD) X-ray unit in a third world location and spearhead this initiative throughout Rotary International.