

The Rotary Club of Springfield, Illinois

Rotary is a service organization that provides professionals in business, government and other organizations the opportunity to network with their peers, improve their own skills and give back to their community and the world-at-large.

Meetings

Monday at 5:30 p.m.
Maldaner's Upstairs
222 South 6th Street

Dues

\$150 Quarterly
\$90 Club Dues
\$60 Three Meals @ Maldaners
Note: can voluntarily donate at times

➤ **Founded 1913**

➤ **Current Membership – 38**

➤ **Weekly Rotary Club Meetings:**

- Typically, featuring speakers on current local and regional events
- Occasionally, special off-site meetings around the Springfield Community; and
- Including Social Nights – every 4-6 weeks – designed strictly for entertainment and fellowship purposes

➤ **Community Projects** focusing on literacy and hunger:

- Volunteer at Central Illinois Food Bank warehouse; and donate 2.5 tons of fresh citrus annually;
- Support Ridgely Elementary School (Springfield) by providing school supplies and providing tutoring/mentoring;
- Maintain a Food Pantry at Ridgely School; and
- Maintain a Little Library at Ridgely and Other Locations within Springfield.

- **Fundraising Activities** to support Rotary scholarships and local community organizations
 - Annual Flag Service, providing flags to subscribers during national patriotic holidays, to fund grants to nonprofits and other entities
 - Annual Citrus Sale to fund grants to nonprofits and other entities
 - St. Louis Cardinals baseball ticket sales to support literacy projects
 - Annual Holiday Angel Tree Gifts for underprivileged youth

- **Service Projects** supporting local non-profit organizations
 - Annual Holiday bell-ringing for Salvation Army
 - Scholarships for youth participation in leadership programs
 - Support for inbound and outbound exchange students
 - Financial literacy mentoring for underprivileged youth
 - Painting and Fix-Up days benefitting local non-profits
 - Adopt/Clean-a-Street campaign
 - Collecting Donations for Alzheimer's Association

- **International projects** (present and past)
 - End Polio Now – Rotary International polio-eradication project
 - Clean Water projects in India and Mexico
 - Disaster Relief and Water projects in Nepal
 - Disaster Relief projects in Haiti
 - Agricultural Modernization in Zambia
 - Meal-packing projects for Stop Hunger Now
 - Medical Supplies for Ukraine

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On an ad hoc basis, The Rotary Club of Springfield – Downtown members also may contribute time and/or financial support for several ongoing community service projects, which Include:

- Participation (as a purchaser and/or as salesperson) of Citrus through the Club's Annual Fundraiser each October-November.
- Participation (as a subscriber and/or volunteer) in the Flag Project each Spring (wherein lighted Flags are provided to subscribers for \$60/Year).
- Supporter of Rotary Literacy initiatives through purchase of Rotary St. Louis Cardinals game tickets (usually twice each summer).
- Supporter of the Christmas Gifts for Rutledge Youth each holiday season;
- As volunteer to assist the Salvation Army each holiday season or the Central Illinois Food Bank at various dates throughout the year; and
- As a volunteer or contributor for the Club's Food Pantry at Ridgely School or for several Little Libraries established and maintained by the Club.

How Can I Benefit from Rotary?

- Networking
 - You will interact with professionals from many different organizations within the Springfield area
- Community Service
 - Through your efforts, our community will be a better place
- Personal Development
 - You will build collaborative and project skills through community engagement
 - Over time within Rotary, you will have opportunities to hone your public speaking and presentation skills
- Public Relations
 - Many Rotarians tend to be visible in local media. Participation in Rotary builds goodwill for both Rotary and your organization
- Worldview and Service
 - Rotary is truly an international organization. Membership expands awareness and appreciation for how Rotarians can engage to better our world.