



## We're glad you are interested in the **Vestal Rotary Club**

This pamphlet will tell you a little about Rotary International and the activities of the Vestal Club.

For more information please visit our website:

[www.vestalarotary.org](http://www.vestalarotary.org)

Or contact our Membership Chair:

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### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE:

Rotary International is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary was founded by Paul Harris in 1905. Worldwide, there are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians in over 34,000 clubs located in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary's primary mission is service - in the community, in the workplace and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's critical issues, including illiteracy, poverty and hunger, disease eradication, good stewardship of the environment and violence prevention. Rotarians support youth programs, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers and other professionals, as well as vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is "Service above Self." For more information about Rotary visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Rotary is divided into five areas of service:

1. Vocational Service
2. Club Service
3. Community Service
4. International Service.
5. New Generations

Rotarians abide by the "Four-Way Test"

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

### OUR LOCAL CLUB:

The Vestal Club was founded on October 2, 1957. There are approximately 35 members. Luncheon meetings are held every Monday at the California Grill, beginning at 12:15 p.m. Each meeting has a guest speaker to help inform our membership about various programs in our community. Quarterly dues are \$175 and include the cost of lunch. Our club has an operating budget of approximately \$60,000. We have several annual club projects to support the Vestal Community.

**ANNUAL PROJECTS:**

**Humanitarian:**

- Canned food drive each December to support food distribution for the needy in Vestal.
- Annual holiday “shopping spree” for 20 disadvantaged children, to buy winter footwear and clothing.
- Monthly wine, cheese and pizza party for the residents of Willow Point Nursing Home.
- Dick’s Sporting Goods Open – volunteer at food concession.

**Educational:**

- Our International Student Exchange program hosts a foreign student each year and sends abroad a Vestal High school student for a year in a foreign country.
- The Club supports many local organizations and teams through monetary donations for groups including the Vestal School Foundation, Vestal Little League, Vestal Rails to Trails and Vestal Volunteer Fire Department.
- Two annual scholarships of \$500 each to Vestal High School seniors through Vestal Dollars for Scholars.
- Many Vestal Rotarians also serve these organizations as volunteers or Board members.

**COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:**

We all serve on a number of committees - it's what helps us achieve our goals. Committees include: Community Service, Membership, Vocational Service, Programs, Fundraising, Club Service and International Service.

**SOCIAL LIFE:**

In addition to our community service projects, Rotarians like to have fun! Our club holds several social events annually for Rotarians, spouses and families. Events include our “Pass the Gavel” dinner, annual holiday party in December, annual Valentine’s Day dinner, and our family picnic.

**FUNDRAISING:**

The main fundraiser for our project is our St. Patrick’s Day party and raffle, which is also one of our most popular social events. We sell 200 tickets for \$100 each. The top prize is \$7,000. There is a silent auction at the party to help defray the cost of the event. Generally we raise about \$10,000 to use for our community service endeavors.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Rotary International sets the attendance requirements for all Rotary Clubs. Each member is required to have at least a 60% attendance record. You may make up a meeting by visiting another Rotary Club Participating in most of the activities listed below also counts as an attendance make-up. Below is a brief summary of our various programs and activities, as well as an estimated cost and time commitment associated with those activities.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost/Time (Approx.)</b>
Summer Picnic w/family **	Sat. in July/Aug	~\$15, plus dish to pass
RI Foundation contribution **	Annual	Min. \$50 suggested per year
Food Drive	Nov-Dec	~\$40 & 1 hr. to pack boxes **
Holiday Party (w/guest) **	Sat. in Dec	~\$15, plus dish to pass
Valentine Party (w/guest) **	Feb	~\$35/attendee
St. Patrick’s Day Raffle Fundraiser (\$100 cost/ticket)	March	Sell a minimum of 2 tickets
District Assembly **	April	1 Saturday morning
District Conference **	May	\$300/member to attend
Club Pass the Gavel Dinner **	June	~\$50/attendee
Dick’s Sporting Goods Open	Usually August	Two 4-hr. shifts
Willow Point Wine/Pizza Party	1 Sunday/yr.	1.5 hrs. volunteer service
Dues/Lunches	Quarterly	\$175 (covers lunch cost only)
Weekly Fines	Weekly	~\$1 per week on average
Serve on 2 Committees **	Annual	(Time only) ~25 hrs./yr.

\*\* OPTIONAL

To learn more about our club please consider visiting us at our weekly meeting as our guest. If we can answer any questions, or be of service in any way please call our membership chair listed on the first page.