



Here's A Few Of Kingwood Rotary's Local & International Projects

Rotarians are leaders like you come who come together to move each other, our communities, and the world forward. **Rotary clubs** tackle projects of every scale and inspire fellow Rotarians, friends, neighbors, and partners to share their vision, exchange ideas for lasting solutions and take action to bring those ideas to life.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

- **July 4th Parade in Kingwood:** Co-sponsored with Kingwood Civic Club to organize this event
- **Kingwood Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post:** Partnered with and donated over \$14,000 to support them.
- **Kingwood Library Children's Section:** Donated \$32,469 to replace computers, monitors, workstations, etc. after Hurricane Harvey flooded the library
- **"Kingwood Reforestation Project:** Donated \$2,000 to Kingwood Trail Association to plant trees in Kingwood
- **\$2,000 Sponsorship of Humble ISD Middle School Teachers** to attend training for educating students about the environment
- **FamilyTime's Domestic Abuse Shelter:** Filled the freezers with 4,000+ pounds of meat for The Door
- **Our "Kingwood Rotary Live in Harmony Music Park":** Installed & Donated \$24,200 of instruments to Kingwood Town Center Park
- **Kingwood's "Holocaust Garden of Hope:** Sponsored an exhibit about peace & donated a Founders Large Paver at entrance
- **ABBY Foundation:** Donated and delivered \$650 of pet food to local senior citizens so they can feed their pets
- **Houston Seafarer's Center:** Donated \$2,400 to fill Christmas Gift Boxes with hygiene items to seafarers on vessels in Port of Houston
- **Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center:** Held multiple community blood drives
- **"Operation Turkey":** On Thanksgiving day we've delivered 800 meals to local area senior citizens and our local first responders
- **Blue Star Moms:** Donated over \$8,000 of food items & volunteered to fill Care Packages for our troops serving in harm's way
- **Held a September 11th "Remembrance & Tribute"** for our local community & first responders

YOUTH AND EDUCATION:

- **\$12,000 of total scholarships** to the Atascocita High School JROTC for partnering with our "Flags Across Kingwood" fundraiser
- **Contributed \$3,000** to our local Boy Scout Troop which helps us with our "Flags Across Kingwood" fundraiser
- **Donated 4,000+ used school uniforms** to schools in economically challenged communities in Matamoros, Mexico for their students
- **Sponsored EarlyAct FirstKnight (EAFK) Character Education Program** at Bear Branch Elementary School for 10-years of \$61,000.
- **Awarded scholarships** to 47 Humble ISD students to attend the 3-day Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp in Huntsville, TX
- **Purchased fabric, cut out fabric, and had clothing sewn** for our Little Dresses for Africa and Little Dresses for Honduras Project
- **Sponsored education, food, and medical** for a student at the School of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua
- **Collected and purchased books** for local students in two elementary schools
- **Donated \$900 of "emergency supplies"** that school nurse needed to keep on hand for teachers & students

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS: Total: USD562,115+ with our 41 Partnering Rotary Clubs & Rotary Districts

- **Lead International Partner** on \$40,000 Rotary Grant for a Mobile Health Clinic in Mali to provide healthcare to multiple villages
- **Partner with other Rotary Clubs** on \$181,000 grants to provide clean water to 63,000+ residents in Matamoros, Mexico
- **Partner on a \$140,000 Rotary Foundation Global Grant** to start Houston Area Women's Center redesign into Child Victims Facility
- **Partner with other Rotary Clubs** on \$92,378 Food Bank & Installation of a Soy Plant in Cartagena which will serve the poor
- **Lead International Partner** on \$30,000 Rotary Grant for a Cold Blood Storage Facility in Mali to prevent newborn & mother deaths
- **Partner with other Rotary Clubs** on \$121,737 project in Ghana to create jobs & increase economic stability for extremely poor
- **Partner with other Rotary Clubs** on \$127,000 project for a hospital in Cucuta, Colombia providing new medical equipment including vital signs monitors, obstetric chairs, and hospital beds. At least 30% of the mothers seeking treatment are refugees in Venezuela.
- **Provided services for shipping 40' containers** to School of the Dump, and also for the Rotary Books for the World Project
- **Kingwood Rotarian** was a member of the Rotary District 5890 Friendship Exchange to Columbia to tour Rotary service projects

HEALTH AND HUMANITY:

- **\$216,257 contributed** to The Rotary Foundation which provides funds for clean water, peace, literacy, & disease prevention
- **\$40,000 to The Rotary Foundation's End Polio Now Program** to provide polio vaccines for children
- **Raised \$32,099 since 2004** in our kettle "Ring the Bell for The Salvation Army" at Wal-Mart Atascocita

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Fight Hunger and Disease...Improve Literacy...Provide Clean Water...Peace...Change the World...Interested?

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Who are our members? We're friends and neighbors that use our skills and talents to make a difference in the world!

Charlie Buscemi, President (Blue Tide Shipping...International Shipping)
Sandi Nizzi, Secretary (Realty Associates...Realtor)
Brad Jude, Treasurer (KPMG IT Consulting...Retired)
Donna Ballard, Community Service Chair (Ballard's Pest Control...Pest Control)
Judy Arnold (Aviation, Retired)
Richard Briggs (Retired Professor)
Harold Brown (Stationary Engineer)

Tommie Buscemi (Seven Seas Consultants...International Freight Forwarder)
Frank Huezo (Green World Inc...Wholesale Florist and Fresh Produce Importer)
Bob MacFarlane (MacFarlane and Associates...CPA)
Laura Valladares (School Counselor)
Rhonda Zack Whitesell (Aviation, Retired)
Juanita Zavala (East Montgomery County Victim Services...Domestic Abuse)
Theil T. Theil, Honorary Member (Undying Hope International, Inc...Non-Profit)



THE BENEFITS OF JOINING KINGWOOD ROTARY CLUB

OUR VISION STATEMENT:



Kingwood Rotary Impact starts with our members! We're a group of friends that are living our dream of making a difference in the world. Chartered during the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International in 2005, our club has the unique distinction and honor of being recognized as a "Centennial" Rotary club.

What IS Rotary? Rotary's 3-word motto sums it up best: "Service Above Self." Started in 1905 in Chicago by four businessmen to network, Rotary International is the world's oldest service organization in the world comprising of 35,200 clubs in more than 200 countries, with 1.4 million members. Rotary lets you make a difference by being a part of the world's largest family of givers. It's about community and volunteer leaders from different cultures, and occupations in our community taking action — to enhance health, empower youth, promote peace, and improve their community.

Our values: Fellowship & Global Understanding, Ethics and Integrity, Diversity, Vocational Expertise, Service & Leadership

How we live our values: Build lifelong relationships, honor our commitments, and apply our expertise to solve social issues.

Eligibility: We're looking for people that want to give back to their community. We encourage anyone interested to visit our weekly dinners a couple of times just to see if our club is a fit for you. Kingwood Rotarians must be of good character and good business or professional reputation.

Membership Benefits: You become part of an instantly-recognizable and respected worldwide humanitarian organization. Becoming a Rotary member connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back. Through regular meetings and events, you'll:

- ~ Discuss your community's needs and develop creative ways to meet them
- ~ Expand your leadership and professional skills
- ~ Catch up with good friends and meet new ones

Financial Commitment: Our quarterly dues are \$150/quarter (which includes an optional \$50/quarter contribution to The Rotary Foundation (a 501(c)3 non-profit) making you a member of the **world's most recognized and honored international organization!** We also have lowered dues for teacher/educators, military, first-responders, and retirees. Members are billed each quarter, in advance, for dues. Members order and pay for their own meals at The Union Kitchen based upon their personal budget. We don't have a minimum food order, so some members enjoy a glass of wine, coffee, appetizers, or a meal. *Please speak with your tax adviser to see if your dues would be tax-deductible under IRS rules.* You'll also have opportunities to attend events and conferences.

Attendance: We're VERY Flexible! When you become a Rotarian, we ask that you attend our weekly dinners, but we're all busy, so missing a meeting isn't a problem. There are multiple ways to make-up a meeting:

- 1) pick your favorite project/organization and volunteer in the name of Rotary (it doesn't have to be a Rotary event);
- 2) volunteer at the service project of another Rotary club;
- 3) attend an on-line Rotary E-Club meeting;
- 4) visit one of the 54 other Houston-area Rotary clubs where you'll be welcomed like family, plus you get a chance to network;
- 5) Volunteer at one of our service projects.

Travel for business or pleasure? Then you'll have the opportunity to visit a Rotary club and it's no problem because Rotary clubs are throughout the USA, and around the globe, so you'll be welcomed like family.

Why weekly dinners? WE HAVE FUN! It helps to plan community service projects when members attend our meetings and share their ideas and expertise. We network and learn about other businesses and professions, form strong and close relationships *and do business with each other.*

Where we meet: We have dinner together each Monday night from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM at The Union Kitchen in Kingwood. We start to Gather around 5:15 PM to order their food, socialize, and enjoy fellowship. *Spouses, children and family members are welcomed!*

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