

What IS Rotary?

Started in 1905 in Chicago by four businessmen, Rotary International and is the world's oldest service organization in the world comprising of 35,200 clubs in more than 200 countries, with 1.2 million members. Rotary lets you make a difference by being a part of the world's largest family of givers. Our 3-word motto sums it up best: "Service Above Self." Rotary is 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. In 1985, Rotary took on the job of eradicating polio. Then, it was in 125 countries and had 350,000 victims annually. Today, polio exists in 3 countries and Rotarians won't stop until polio is wiped off the face of the earth!

Kingwood Rotary



Kingwood Rotary is a diverse group of friends that are business and professional leaders providing humanitarian service and encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations. Chartered during the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International, our club has the unique distinction and honor of being a "Centennial" Rotary club. Our members are committed to effecting positive and enduring change in the lives of others, and that is exactly what we do! Learn more www.kwrotary.org or www.rotary.org.

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 leadership and expertise to solve social issues

Eligibility

We're looking for people that want to give back to their community. A prospective member should visit our club dinners a couple of times just to see if our club is a fit for you. Membership is by invitation by an active Kingwood Rotarian and must be of good character and good business or professional reputation.

Membership Benefits

Members of the Rotary Club of Kingwood not only receive the friendship and fellowship of their other club members, they become part of an instantly-recognizable and respected worldwide humanitarian organization of 1.2 million women and men. Rotary members, who identify themselves by wearing a Rotary pin, will frequently encounter introductions and discover friendships in other parts of the U.S.A. and around the world when they would otherwise be among strangers.

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). Members are billed each quarter, in advance, for dues. Members order and pay for their own meals at Union Kitchen based upon their personal budget. *Please speak with your tax adviser to see if your dues would be tax-deductible under IRS rules.*

Attendance

When you become a Rotarian, we encourage you to attend an average of 50% of our weekly dinners. We're all busy, so missing a meeting isn't a problem since you can make-up by attending: 1) one of our service projects; 2) the service project of another Rotary club; 3) an on-line Rotary E-Club meeting; 4) visiting one of the 60 other Houston-area Rotary clubs where you'll be welcomed like one of the family, and gives you a chance to network; 5) Pick your favorite project and volunteer there in the name of Rotary. Travel for business or pleasure? Then you'll have the opportunity to visit a Rotary club! 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! Also, it helps to plan community service projects when members attend our meetings and share their ideas and expertise. Since the 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide gather together weekly with their club, members get to know one another (and their families) very well. We network and learn about other businesses and professions, form strong and close relationships and do business with each other.

Where we meet

The Rotary Club of Kingwood meets from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at The Union Kitchen in Kingwood. Members and guests start to gather around 6:15 PM to order their food, socialize, and enjoy fellowship. Spouses, children and family members are welcomed!

Who are our members? We're friends that use our skills and talents to make a difference. Join Rotary to start YOUR legacy!

Deirdre Murray, President-Elect (Hawthorn Suites - Hotel/Hospitality)
 Charlie Buscemi, Director (Seven Seas Consultants - International Freight Forwarder)
 Bruce Wise, Treasurer (Williams Financial Group of Kingwood - Retirement Specialist)
 Carolyn Wise, Blood Drives, PR (Williams Financial Group of Kingwood - PR/Marketing)
 Linda MacFarlane, Flag Program (West Gulf Maritime Association - VP/Controller)
 Bob MacFarlane, Flag Program (MacFarlane and Associates - CPA)
 Brian Dusablon (Duce Enterprises - Business Technology/Strategy & Rugby Coach!)
 Tom Hall (Oil & Gas - Reservoir Engineer)
 Kakie Palmer (Bear Branch Elementary - Principal)
 Elsa Torres - (JLA Realty - Realtor)

Tommie Buscemi, Foundation (Blue Tide Shipping - International Shipping)
 James Alfaro, Membership Chair (Meeting Planner - Retired)
 Sandi Nizzi, Secretary (John Daugherty Realty - Realtor)
 Salvador Matute, International Service (G & M Services - Accounting)
 Leenette Wilke, Building Administration (Federal Facility Management)
 Frank Huezo (Green World Inc - Wholesale Florist/Produce Importer)
 Jose (Chepe) Estrada (Insurance)
 Rob Buchanan (Katy ISD - Technology)
 August McGrath (Liberty Mutual - Insurance)
 Victor Jordan (Tiger Rock Martial Arts of Kingwood - Martial Arts)



Kingwood Rotary Club's Service Projects/Activities from July 2016 - May 2017

We were really busy helping others and below are a few of our projects!
Weekly Dinner Meetings - 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM at The Union Kitchen, Kingwood

COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

- Filled the freezers with 600 pounds of meat for The Door, which is FamilyTime's shelter for battered women & children
- Purchased 600 pounds of meat for Mission NorthEast which serves the needy and elderly in 9 local zip codes
- Held four community blood drives
- Volunteered at the Alspaugh's 4th of July BBQ & donate funds to support local charity charities
- Partnered with and donated \$2,000 to support the Kingwood Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) post
- Helped "Fill the Pantry" at Mission NorthEast by selling 125 grocery bags of non-perishable food at our booth at Kroger
- Donated Valentine's Day floral arrangements to the moms living in the battered women's shelter in Humble, The Door
- Donated gift boxes filled with household goods and supplies to Home Again Ministries with St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Humble which provides new beginnings for families in multiple zip codes who are forced to start over again due to natural disasters and personal crisis
- Donated \$1,600 to FamilyTime's "Mothers Are Jewels" Gala to provide care for victims of domestic violence and abuse
- A local school nurse needed "emergency supplies" to keep on hand for teachers & students, so we donated \$900 of items to her
- Held a 15th Anniversary September 11th "Remembrance & Tribute" for our community & first responders

YOUTH AND EDUCATION:

- Contributed \$1,300 to our local Boy Scout Troop #1011 which helps us with our "Flags Across Kingwood" fundraiser
- 6th school year sponsoring the EarlyAct FirstKnight (EAFK) Character Education Program at Bear Branch Elementary School
- Awarded scholarships to 3 Humble ISD students to attend the 3-day Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp in Huntsville, TX
- Served as Rotary mentors to our Humble ISD high school Interact clubs
- 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
- \$1,000 scholarship presented to the Atascocita High School JROTC
- Partnering with our Quest Early College HS Interact Club to provide water filters with Disaster Aid USA
- Donated auction items for our Rotary District 5890 Rotex Committee's "4th Annual Taste of Nations" event
- Collected and purchased books for local students in elementary school

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS: Total: USD543,815+ with our 35 Partnering Rotary Clubs

- 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 \$83,700 grant to provide clean water to 63,000 residents in Matamoros, Mexico
- Partner with other Rotary Clubs on \$92,378 Food Bank & Installation of a Soy Plant in Cartagena which will serve the poor
- Partner with other Rotary Clubs on \$121,737 project in Ghana to create jobs & increase economic stability for extremely poor
- Partner with other Rotary & Rotaract Clubs on \$167,000 Water Infrastructures Construction and Rehabilitation Water, Sanitation and Education Project in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 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:

- \$17,087 contributed to The Rotary Foundation which provides funds for clean water, literacy, & disease control (\$1,314 Per Capita)
- \$3,850 to The Rotary Foundation's End Polio Now Program. We provide polio vaccines for 23,100 children (\$296 Per Capita)
- Raised \$1,870 in our kettle when our members volunteered to "Ring the Bell for The Salvation Army" at Wal-Mart Atascocita

DISTRICT 5890 ACTIVITIES:

- Qualified for the 12th year to receive the "Presidential Citation Award" from the President of Rotary International
- Received a \$2,000 2015-2016 District Grant for our EarlyAct FirstKnight Character Education Project at Bear Branch Elementary
- Recipient of the District 5890 2017 "Small-Size Rotary of the Year Award" from District Governor Eric Liu
- Recipient of the 2017 Rotary District 5890 "4th Ranking in Overall Membership Growth" Award
- Sponsored a table at District Governor Eric Liu's Installation Ceremony
- Attended the District 5890 Membership Seminar
- Attended the 2016 Rotary District Foundation Seminar
- Attended the 2017 Rotary District 5890/5910 All Club Meeting and sponsored two tables
- Four members are Paul Harris Society members
- Attended the 2017 Rotary District 5890 Conference at La Torretta on Lake Conroe
- Two of our members became members of the White Hat Society for their contribution to The Rotary Foundation
- Members served on 2016-2017 D5890 District Committees
- Three members are Rotary Foundation Major Donors
- Increased membership by seven new members this Rotary Year

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