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**Kingwood Rotary** We're a group of friends that are business and professional leaders 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 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](http://www.kwrotary.org) or [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

**What IS Rotary?** Our 3-word motto sums it up best: "Service Above Self." Started in 1905 in Chicago by four businessmen, Rotary International 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. 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!

**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 dinners a couple of times just to see if our club is a fit for you. 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. We don't have a minimum food order, so some members enjoy a glass of wine, soda, appetizers, or a meal. *Please speak with your tax adviser to see if your dues would be tax-deductible under IRS rules.*

**Attendance: We're VERY Flexible!** When you become a Rotarian, we hope you'll attend our weekly dinners, but we're all busy, so missing a meeting isn't a problem. You can make-up by attending: **1)** Pick your favorite project/organization and volunteer there in the name of Rotary (it doesn't have to be a Rotary event); **2)** the service project of another Rotary club; **3)** attend an on-line Rotary E-Club meeting; **4)** visiting one of the 61 other Houston-area Rotary clubs where you'll be welcomed like one of the family, plus it gives you 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. 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:** We share a dinner each Thursday night 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!**

**Sandi Nizzi** (John Daugherty Realty - Realtor)

**Charlie Buscemi, President** (Seven Seas Consultants - International Freight Forwarder)

**Tommie Buscemi, Foundation** (Blue Tide Shipping - International Shipping)

**Linda MacFarlane, Flag Program** (MacFarlane and Associates)

**Bob MacFarlane, Flag Program** (MacFarlane and Associates - CPA)

**Kakie Palmer** (Bear Branch Elementary - Principal)

**Brad Jude** (KPMG IT Consulting...Retired)

**Deirdre Murray, Past President** (Hawthorn Suites - Hotel/Hospitality)

**Frank Huezo** (Green World Inc - Wholesale Florist/Produce Importer)

**Donna Ballard** (Ballard's Pest Control – Pest Control)

**Tom Hall** (Talas Energy LLC - Oil & Gas Reservoir Engineer)

**Holly Hunt** (Spanish Tutor)





## **Kingwood Rotary Club's Service Projects/Activities**

*Weekly Dinner Meetings - 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM at The Union Kitchen, Kingwood*

**Most Rotary projects were started with an idea from a Rotarian thinking about ways to help others!**

### **COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**

- Donated \$32,469 to replace computers, monitors, workstations, etc. for Children's Section at Kingwood Library after hurricane
- Filled the freezers with 4,000+ pounds of meat for The Door, which is FamilyTime's shelter for battered women & children
- Purchased 2,000 pounds of meat for Mission NorthEast which serves the needy and elderly in 9 local zip codes
- Held multiple community blood drives for the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
- Volunteer annually at the Alsbaugh's 4th of July BBQ & donate funds to support local charity charities
- Partnered with and donated over \$10,000 to support the Kingwood Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) post
- Held a "Super Bowl of Caring-Fill the Pantry" for Mission NorthEast by selling non-perishable food 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
- A local school nurse needed "emergency supplies" to keep on hand for teachers & students, so we donated \$900 of items
- Held a 15th Anniversary September 11th "Remembrance & Tribute" for our local community & first responders
- Kingwood Rotarian played Santa and members volunteered at the Mission NorthEast Christmas event for their clients

### **YOUTH AND EDUCATION:**

- Contributed \$3,000 to our local Boy Scout Troop #1011 which helps us with our "Flags Across Kingwood" fundraiser
- 9th school year sponsoring the EarlyAct FirstKnight (EAFK) Character Education Program at Bear Branch Elementary School at a grand total cost over 9 years of \$54,000.
- Awarded scholarships to 47 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 club at Quest Early College High School
- 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
- \$7,000 of total scholarships to the Atascocita High School JROTC for partnering with our "Flags Across Kingwood" fundraiser
- 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 two elementary schools

### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS: Total: USD562,115+ 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 \$181,000 grants 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 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:**

- \$154,402 contributed to The Rotary Foundation which provides funds for clean water, literacy, & disease control
- \$40,000 to The Rotary Foundation's End Polio Now Program to provide polio vaccines for children
- Raised \$27,304+ since 2004 in our kettle "Ring the Bell for The Salvation Army" at Wal-Mart Atascocita
- Donated \$1,600 to FamilyTime's "Mothers Are Jewels" Gala to provide care for victims of domestic violence and abuse

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

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