

Elkhart Rotary Club Committees

Yearly Committees

Committee: Athletic/Golf Outing

Description: Plan the annual golf outing and consider other activities for Elkhart Rotarians. Golf outing should be self-sustaining or can be used as a fundraiser. Golf outing can be a way to introduce prospective members to Elkhart Rotary or involve other area Rotary Clubs.

Chair: Randy Foster

Members: Jeff New, Nate Stemm, Sherri Wuischpard, Sid Sherwood, Thad Naquin

Committee: Club Bulletin

Description: Work with Recording Secretary to compose and publish a monthly e-bulletin. Create a template for recurring sections and include committee, director, and member features.

Chair: Doug Risser

Members: Barney Ash

Committee: Social

Description: Plan social events for members and guests. Develop a Fifth Mondays program to provide more time for socializing. The Social committee should be self-sustaining when possible.

Chair: Susan Ginther

Members: Kurt Janowsky, Mick Faloon, Sherri Wuischpard

Committee: Club History

Description: Inventory Club records, digitize and maintain the history of the Elkhart Rotary Club for orientation materials, website, bulletin, and other uses. Explore adding our club history to the records of the Rotary Global History Fellowship.

Chair: Shan White

Members: Deb Stewart, David Kline, Wayne Barker

Committee: Membership Caring

Description: Communication to membership and individuals who have celebrations to share, visit or calls to membership in hospital or home bound, condolences to membership of family losses and story highlights of how members have been impacted by Rotary. Contact members who miss four or more consecutive meetings

Chair: Maria Slager

Members: Bill Petersen, Billl Templin, Dave Gunn, Deb Alwine, Denny. Gill, Dick Brotherson, Pam Hluchota, Shan White

Committee: Membership Mentoring and New Member Orientation

Description: Provide new members information about Elkhart Rotary and Rotary International to better understand our mission, provide each new member a mentor to answer questions about the club and monitor the new member's progress assimilating into the club

Chair: Geoff Church, Matt Pletcher

Members: Deb Stewart, Doug Risser, Jim Welsh, Shan White

Committee: Public Relations

Description: Provide press releases concerning meetings, establish a club Facebook and/or LinkedIn presence, review our club brochure and include on our website, use the Taste of the Gardens event to publicize our club

Chair: Tom Shoff

Members: Anthony Hunt, Barney Ash, Rhonda Banta

Committee: Sergeant-at-Arms

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Description: Raise funds to benefit our donations committee and other charitable causes while providing entertainment. Keep presentations within the spirit of the Four Way Test

Chair: Stan Cohen

Members: Anthony Hunt, Bob Shultz, Bruce Piekarski, Dave Dygert, Deb Stewart, Dick Kallenberg, Doug Thorne, Ellen Moore, Greg Hinkle, Laura Ezzell, Lisa Gilkey Schoetzow, Merritt Dilts, Peter Norton, Sherm Hansen, William Rieth

Committee: CR 6 Clean-up

Description: Manage clean-up efforts along allotted portion of CR 6 and consider other opportunities for similar projects during the year.

Chair: Tom McArthur

Members: Andy McCaskey, Darrell Peterson, Dave Gunn, Dave Lehman, Jan Farron, Jim Chandler, Ken Pletcher, Larry Roberts, Patsy Boehler, Stan Cohen, Steve Braden, Terri Rickel, Tom Eisele, Wayne Barker

Committee: Donations

Description: Solicit applications and recommend charitable gift awards for about \$11,000 a year to local organizations, especially those focusing on youth.

Chair: Bradford Miller

Members: Carlos Esteves, Dave Lehman, Dick Koerting, Doug Thorne, Fred Mischke, Geoff Church, Jim Chandler, Jim Rieckhoff, Kurt Janowsky, Steve Poe, Thad Naquin

Committee: J & K Kissinger Award

Description: J & K Kissinger award recognizes a Rotarian from District 6540 for service to Rotary at the district or international level, at the club level, and to the community. Publicize and solicit Elkhart Rotary and District 6540 for nominations. Ensure that our club always identifies and nominates a member for consideration

Chair: Jim Rieckhoff

Members: Brian Smith, Doug Risser, Fred Mischke, Gail Martin, Jim Brotherson

Committee: Rotary Foundation

Description: The Foundation is Rotary's charitable arm and is supported solely by contributions. Through the Foundation, Rotarians advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, education, and the alleviation of poverty. The committee supports TRF through program participation and financial contributions.

Chair: Dick Kallenberg

Members: Adelle Benyo, Doug Risser, Jeff Peat

Committee: RYLA

Description: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. The committee will recruit eight students to participate in RYLA each year.

Chair: Chris Pollock

Members: Darrell Peterson, Jeff New, Steve Riikonen, Steven Woodard, Terri Rickel, Tom Neat

Committee: Rotaract

Description: Rotaract is Rotary's service club for young adults 18-30, sponsored by a local club and conduct community and international service projects. The committee will identify and invite potential members, involve in club activities, present at least one Rotary program a year, and develop plan for Rotaractors to "graduate" into Rotarians

Chair: Mel Jacobson

Members: Brian Housand, Doug Risser, Doug Thorne, Wayne Barker

Committee: International Service and Fellowship

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Description: Recruit Group Study Exchange team leader and member applicants, cooperate in hosting GSE if possible, support Vocational Training Teams (VTT) and Rotary Fellowship Exchange (RFE) through District 6540

Chair: Doug Risser

Members: Myrl Nofziger, Scott Troeger

Committee: Rotary Foundation Dinner

Description: Participate in organization and promotion of September 28 dinner at The Lerner, develop incentive for Elkhart Rotarians to attend.

Chair: Bradford Miller, Dick Kallenberg

Members: Kurt Janowsky, Mick Faloon, Susan Ginther, Terri Rickel

Committee: Rotary Scholarships

Description: Promote scholarship programs of the Rotary Foundation

Chair: Ron Ringenberg

Members: Doug Risser

Committee: Member Networking

Description: Organize networking opportunities for Elkhart Rotarians through after-hours events, member features at meetings and in newsletters, promote speaking opportunities for members

Chair: Doug Risser

Members: Andrew Williams, Rhonda Banta, Sherri Wuischpard, Susan Ginther

Committee: Audit and Finance

Description: Prepare Club's tax return and review financial statements as necessary. Serve as a resource for tax and financial questions. Suggest ways to gain efficiency in club financial records.

Chair: John Frizzo

Members: Ann McCuiston, Myrl Nofziger

Committee: Wellfield Gardens/Taste of the Gardens

Description: This committee will maintain the relationship between Elkhart Rotary and Wellfield Botanic Gardens, encouraging members to support the Gardens through membership, financial support, and volunteering. Elkhart Rotary will organize and support "A Taste of the Gardens" as our primary fundraising event.

Chair: Terri Rickel, Janice Ruszkowski

Members: Adelle Benyo, Ann McCuiston, Barney Ash, Bobbi Meyers, Brian Housand, Dean Bergeman, Deb Alwine, Don Rodda, Don Stohler, Eric C. Amt, Fred Mischke, Joe Gross, Ken Pletcher, Kurt Janowsky, Laura Ezzell, Linda Rupnow, Lisa Gilkey Schoetzow, Patsy Boehler, Paula Shively, Rhonda Banta, Ron Ringenberg, Sherri Wuischpard, Steve Eldridge, Stu Barb, Tom Shoff

Committee: Fellowship

Description: Staff the Fellowship table, provide greeters and invocation. Automate the sign-in process by. We will organize the table materials to be readily available. Each committee member is responsible to recruit table volunteers and members to provide the invocation.

Chair: Pam Duncan, Kathy Grusy

Members: Anthony Hunt, Bob Giel, Brian Smith, Dave Dygert, Denny Gill, Don Stohler, Joe Gross, Nate Stemm, Peter Norton, Stan Cohen, Tom Eisele, Tom McArthur, William Rieth

Committee: Strategic Plan

Description: Develop a plan for implementation of Future Vision by July 1, 2013. Review and update current plan

Chair: Ellen Moore

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Members: Brian Wiebe, Candy Yoder, Dean Bergeman, Doug Risser, Steve Eldridge, Tammy Smith

Committee: CARES

Description: CARES is a program of Elkhart Schools to engage caring adult role models who volunteer 30 minutes each week to help a young person succeed in school and in life. The committee will promote and recruit volunteers for CARES.

Chair: Stu Basquin

Members: Dave Lehman, Ellen Moore, Jan Farron, John Hill, Kathy Sears

Committee: Student Guests

Description: Coordinate with High Schools for guests at weekly meetings

Chair: John Martin

Members: Laura Ezzell

Committee: Membership

Description: The Membership committee will identify and invite prospective members into Elkhart Rotary. Each member of the Membership committee commits to recruit at least one prospective member during the current Rotary year. The Membership committee will also monitor member retention. The committee will act on all membership proposals with a recommendation to the Board.

Chair: Jeff Peat

Members: Ellen Moore, Adam Davis, Andrew Williams, Dave Gunn, David Kline, Don Krabill, Don Stohler, Fred Mischke, Michele Kulp, Randy Foster, Shan White, Sherm Hansen, Stan Cohen, Teresa Shaffer, Tom Shoff

Committee: Programs

Description: Arrange weekly club programs that establish Elkhart Rotary as the pre-eminent club in the area, add more presentations by members and Rotary-themed programs

Chair: Chuck Grodnik

Members: Bill Kovach, Dean Bergeman, Doug Thorne, Jeffery Dean, Jim Brotherson, Joe Gross, Kurt Janowsky, Mary Pruess, Matt Lentsch, Stan Cohen, Stu Barb

Committee: Salvation Army

Description: Develop and execute a plan to meet our club goal of support, organize bell-ringing, promote Thanksgiving dinner at The Matterhorn

Chair: Merritt Dilts, Mike Lobeck, Ann McCuistion

Members: Andy McCaskey, Bob Giel, Chris Pollock, Dave Lehman, Fred Mischke, Geoff Church, Jim Chandler, John Martin, Ken Pletcher, Larry Roberts, Linda Rupnow, Pam Duncan, Scott Puckett, Sid Sherwood, Steven Woodard, Thad Naquin

Committee: Interact

Description: Interact is Rotary's program for high school students combining social time and service opportunities such as Taste of the Gardens and Salvation Army. Seniors participate in a summer service trip to Nosara, Costa Rica, to work in a local lending library.

Chair: Jim Morton

Members: Dean Bergeman, Tony Warning

Committee: Member Directory and Club Website

Description: Compile information and photos for all club members, compile club information, publish a printed directory, include directory on website, maintain club website content.

Chair: Greg Anders, Cindy Lindahl

Members: Anthony Hunt