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: Bill Simon, Tom Pletcher

**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: David Kline

**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, Dave Lehman, Greg Losasso, Jim Chandler, Joe Gold, Larry Roberts, Patsy Boehler, Thad Naquin, Thomas Smith, Tom Eisele

**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: Ellen Janowsky
Members: Carlos Esteves, Dave Lehman, Dawn Fisher, Dick Kallenberg, Dick Koerting, Geoff Church, Jeff Wells, Jim Chandler, Kathy Grusy, Kurt Janowsky, Linda Rupnow, Matt Lentsch, Sherm Hansen, Steve Poe

**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: Tony Warning
Members:
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**Committee: International Service/Project**

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: P Bandyopadhyay

Members: Aileac Deegan, Ann McCuistion, Doug Risser, Kathy Grusy, Myrl Nofziger

**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: Andy McCaskey

**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 Brotherson

Members: Brian Smith, Carlos Esteves, Dick Kallenberg, Doug Risser

**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, Connie Caiceros

Members: Bill Petersen, Bill Templin, Dave Gunn, Deb Alwine, Dick Brotherson, Don Stohler, Jim Rieckhoff, Linda Rupnow, Mick Faloon, Shan White, Stu Basquin

**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: Doug Thorne

Members: Doug Risser, Geoff Church, Jim Welsh, Shan White
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**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, Deb Hall, Don Stohler, Scott Franko

**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: Donna Belusar, Gail Martin, Geoff Church, Jeff Peat, Kurt Janowsky

**Committee: Rotary Scholarships**
Description: Promote scholarship programs of the Rotary Foundation
Chair: Ron Ringenberg
Members: Gary Blacketor, Kurt Janowsky

**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: Mel Jacobson, Steve Riikonen

**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: Mike Lobeck
Members: Bob Giel, Chris Pollock, Dave Lehman, Jeff Peat, Jim Chandler, Larry Roberts
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Committee: Sergeant-at-Arms
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: Laura Ezzell
Members: Anthony Hunt, Bill Rieth, Bob Shultz, Clarence Thomas, Connie Caiceros, Doug Thorne, Jeff Peat, Lisa Gilkey Schoetzow, Matt Lentsch, Matt Pletcher, Sherm Hansen

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: Mick Faloon

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: Gary Blacketor

Committee: Wellfield 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: Eric Amt
Members: Char Speicher, Dean Bergeman, Deb Hall, Kurt Janowsky, Linda Rupnow, Lisa Gilkey Schoetzow, Phil Penn, Sherri Wuischpard

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, Joe Gold, John Hill, Kathy Sears
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Committee: Fellowship Table/Greeter/Invocation
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: Nate Stemm
Members: Bill Rieth, Bob Petersen, Bob Shultz, Dick Treckelo, Doug Risser, Tom Eisele

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: Dave Gunn, David Kline, Don Stohler, Doug Risser, Kurt Janowsky, Roger Duffy, Shan White, Sherm Hansen, Tom Shoff

Committee: Strategic Plan
Description: Develop a plan for implementation of Future Vision by July 1, 2013. Review and update current plan
Chair: Terri Rickel
Members: Ann McCuistion, Doug Risser, Scott Franko

Committee: Student Guests
Description: Coordinate with High Schools for guests at weekly meetings
Chair: Nate Stemm, Clarence Thomas
Members: Patsy Boehler

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: Scott Puckett
Members: Anthony Hunt, Connie Caiceros, Dean Bergeman, Stu Barb