Elkhart Rotary Club Committees

**Yearly Committees**

**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: 
Members: David Kline

**Committee: Community Beautification Projects**
Description: Manage and clean-up efforts along allotted portions of CR 6, to take place during a Saturday morning in the Spring and in the Fall. Additionally, during various times of the year assist with pulling weeds or planting flowers at Wellfield Botanic Gardens.
Chair: Tom McArthur
Members: Dave Lehman, Greg Losasso, Jan Farron, Larry Roberts, Stan Cohen, Steve Eldridge

**Committee: Donations**
Description: Solicit applications and recommend charitable gift awards. Funds obtained from the Sergeant-At-Arms weekly activity.
Chair: Chuck Grodnik
Members: Carlos Esteves, Dave Lehman, Doug Risser, Jeff Wells, Richard Munroe

**Committee: Interact**
Description: Interact is Rotary's program for high school students combining social time and service opportunities, including assisting at Taste of the Gardens, Salvation Army bell ringing and Community Beautification. Selected Seniors are invited to participate in a summer service trip to Nosara, Costa Rica, to work in a local lending library.
Chair: Tony Warning
Members: Anthony Hunt, Dawn Fisher
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**Committee: International Service/Project**

Description: Develop and work on the club's international project. Recruit Group Study Exchange team leaders and member applicants. Assist in hosting arrangements for GSE guests along with support Vocational Training Teams (VTT) and Rotary Fellowship exchange (RFE) through District 6540.

Chair: P Bandyopadhyay

Members: Aileac Deegan, Ann McCuistion, Brian Borger, Doug Risser, Kathy Grusy

**Committee: J & K Kissinger Award**

Description: The J & K Kissinger award recognizes a Rotarian from District 6540 for service to Rotary at the district or international level, along with the club level and to the community. Members of the committee will coordinate, solicit and publicize Elkhart Rotary and District for nominations.

Chair: 

Members: Brian Smith, Carlos Esteves, Doug Risser, Steve Eldridge

**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:

**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 Templin, Dave Gunn, Deb Alwine, Deb Hall, Dick Brotherson, Don Stohler, Jim Rieckhoff, Kathy Grusy, Linda Rupnow, Mick Faloon, Rebecca Kuiken, Susan Bossung
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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. The New Member Club Chair along with the Caring Committee Chair work closely with this committee.
Chair: Doug Thorne
Members: Brian Smith, Doug Risser, Geoff Church, Jeff New, Jim Welsh

Committee: Public Relations
Description: Provide press releases concerning meetings, update the club's Facebook page and/or LinkedIn presence, review our club brochure and forward the same to the Member Directory chair to be placed on the club's web-site.
Chair: Tom Shoff
Members: Anthony Hunt, Deb Hall, Eric Garton, Fran Conner

Committee: Rotary Foundation & Foundation Scholarships
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. This committee also promotes and assists in organizing the Foundation Dinner and Scholarships.
Chair: Doug Risser
Members: Dean Hupp, Gail Martin, Steve Poe, Stu Barb

Committee: RYLA
Description: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. The committee interviews and recruits eight students to participate in RYLA each year.
Chair: Chris Pollock
Members: Dave Dygert, Dawn Fisher, Deb Hall, Jim Welsh, Steve Riikonen

Committee: Salvation Army
Description: Develop and execute a plan to meet our club goal of support for Salvation Army, along with organize bell-ringing and promote financial giving for the Thanksgiving dinner at the Matterhorn.
Chair:
Members: Dave Lehman, Deb Hall, Don Rodda, Larry Roberts, Mick Faloon
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Committee: Sergeant-at-Arms
Description: Raise funds to benefit our charitable causes while providing business professional entertainment, by keeping presentations within the spirit of the Four Way Test.
Chair: Laura Ezzell
Members: Anthony Hunt, Bill Rieth, Clarence Thomas, Connie Caiceros, Dave Dygert, Don Rodda, Doug Thorne, Jeff New, Lisa Gilkey Schoetzow, Matt Lentsch, Peter Norton, Scott Franko, Sherm Hansen, Sherri Wuischpard

Committee: Social and Golf Outings
Description: Plan social events for members and guests. Develop a Fifth Mondays program to provide more time for socializing. Programs should be self-sustaining or can be used as a fundraiser.
Chair: Susan Ginther
Members: Mick Faloon

Committee: 100 Year Celebration for Elkhart Rotary Club
Description: In 2017, the Club will celebrate their 100 year anniversary. Members of this committee will initiate and develop the event during the next two years. The event will include bringing in key note speakers.
Chair:
Members: Brian Wiebe, Char Speicher, Dave Dygert, Doug Risser, Linda Rupnow, Peter McCown, Randy Foster, Richard Munroe, Scott Puckett, Tom Neat

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:
Members: Dave Lehman, Jan Farron
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**Committee: Club Service & New Membership**
Description: Identify and invite potential new members to meetings. Provide prospective members with information about responsibilities as a member of the club, including information about committee active involvement and Rotary International's purpose. Receive and review applications for membership to be presented to the Board of Directors.
Chair:
Members: Dave Gunn, Dave Lehman, David Kline, Don Rodda, Don Stohler, Doug Risser, Doug Thorne, Michele Kulp, Sherm Hansen, Stan Cohen, Tom Neat, Tom Shoff

**Committee: Fellowship Table/Greeter/Invocation**
Description: Rotary members staff the Fellowship table, provide greeters and invocation. Table materials are kept organized by this team along with recruiting volunteers to provide the invocation.
Chair:
Members: Andrew Harman, Bill Rieth, Bob Petersen, Bob Shultz, Candy Yoder, Dick Treckelo, Leigh Jacobson, Michele Kulp, Mick Faloon, Stan Cohen

**Committee: Student Guests**
Description: Coordinate with High Schools for guests at weekly meetings
Chair:
Members: Dawn Fisher, Dean Bergeman

**Committee: Programs**
Description: Arrange weekly club programs that establish Elkhart Rotary as the pre-eminent club in the area. This committee will be chaired by the current Board Officer overseeing Programs
Chair: Ann McCuistion
Members: Doug Thorne, Stu Barb

**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: Brian Housand
Committee: Wellfield Gardens

Description: The committee will maintain the relationship between Elkhart Rotary and Wellfield Botanic Gardens, encouraging members to support the Gardens through membership, financial support, and volunteering. This committee will also assist in organizing, supporting and planning the Taste of the Gardens event.

Chair: Eric Amt, Brian Housand

Members: Char Speicher, Dean Bergeman, Kay Ball, Kurt Janowsky, Linda Rupnow, Terri Rickel, Tom Shoff, Tony Warning