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: Kelby Rose

Members: Dave Gunn, Wayne Barker

**Committee: County Road 6 Clean-Up**

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, Don Stohler, Jeff Wells, Joe Gold, Ken Pletcher, Larry Roberts, Monica Abair, Stan Cohen, Terri Rickel, Tom Neat, Wayne Barker

**Committee: Donations**

Description: Solicit applications and recommend charitable gift awards. Funds obtained from the Sergeant-At-Arms weekly activity.

Chair: Terri Rickel

Members: Carlos Esteves, Dave Lehman, David Kline, Dick Koerting, Jeff Wells

**Committee: Foundation Dinner**

Description: Responsible for the promotion of the annual Foundation Dinner.

Chair:

Members: Kurt Janowsky, Scott Puckett, Terri Rickel

**Committee: Inductions**

Description: Responsible for inducting new members during a club meeting.

Chair: Jim Rieckhoff

Members: Chuck Grodnik, Stu Barb
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: Wayne Barker

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, Aileac Deegan
Members: Doug Risser, Gail Martin, Terri Rickel

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: Terri Rickel
Members: Brian Smith, Carlos Esteves, Doug Risser

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
Description: Assist in recruiting new members and submitting them to the board for approval.
Chair: Merritt Dilts, Roger Duffy
Members: Dave Gunn, David Kline, Kurt Janowsky, Stan Cohen, Terri Rickel
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: Dave Gunn, Dave Lehman, Deb Alwine, Don Stohler, Jim Rieckhoff, Joe Gold, Linda Rupnow, Stan Cohen, Stu Basquin, Susan Bossung

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: David Toney, Don Stohler, Doug Risser, Terri Rickel, Tom Neat

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, Eric Garton, Fran Conner, Monica Abair

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: Stu Barb
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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: Monica Abair

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: Matt Lentsch
Members: Dave Lehman, Don Rodda, Ken Pletcher, Larry Roberts, Monica Abair, Peter Norton, Ron Ringenberg

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: Dave Dygert

Committee: Social/Fun
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, Rhonda Banta
Members: Kurt Janowsky

Committee: Strategic Plan
Description: Assist in developing a long-term strategic plan for the club.
Chair: Ann McCuistion, Scott Puckett
Members:
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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: Scott Franko

Committee: Fellowship Table/Greeter
Description: Provide greeters to welcome members and guests to every Rotary club meeting. Provides members to work the Fellowship table and keep records of visitors and Rotary Bucks organized and accounted for. Fellowship table workers will also help introduce visitors at each meeting.
Chair: Andrew Harman, Deb Hall
Members: Bill Rieth, Brian Smith, Don Stohler, Fran Conner, Jim Rieckhoff, Joe Gold, Monica Abair, Stan Cohen, Stu Basquin, Susan Ginther, Tom Pletcher

Committee: Invocation/Pledge/4-Way Test
Description: Provides members to offer the invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Rotary 4-Way Test at each meeting.
Chair: Dawn Fisher
Members: Bill Rieth, Matt Lentsch, Susan Ginther

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: Brian Housand
Members: Dean Bergeman, 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:
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: Brian Housand, Eric Garton

Members: Char Speicher, Dean Bergeman, Don Rodda, Don Stohler, Fran Conner, Joe Gold, Joshua Walker, Kurt Janowsky, Linda Rupnow, Monica Abair, Nanci Wirt, Peter Norton, Ron Ringenberg, Terri Rickel, Tom Pletcher, Tony Warning