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:

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: Bill Kovach, Dave Lehman, Dawn Fisher, Fran Conner, Glenn Peterson, Jan Farron, Joe Gold, Ken Pletcher, Larry Roberts, Monica Abair, Stan Cohen, Terri Rickel, Tom Eisele

Committee: Donations
Description: Solicit applications and recommend charitable gift awards. Funds obtained from the Sergeant-At-Arms weekly activity.
Chair: Scott Puckett
Members: Carlos Esteves, Dawn Fisher, Dick Koerting, Geoff Church, Jim Rieckhoff, Sherm Hansen

Committee: Foundation Dinner
Description: Responsible for the promotion of the annual Foundation Dinner.
Chair: Linda Rupnow
Members:

Committee: Health & Wellness Center
Description: Responsible for planning and coordinating the club's role in supporting the new Aquatic Center Project in Elkhart.
Chair: Mel Jacobson
Members: Ann McCuistion, Bill Burton, Candy Yoder, Cara Norvell, David Toney, Gail Martin, Howard Edwards, Kathy Grusy, Kay Ball, Mandy Leazenby, Monica Abair, Peter McCown, Peter Norton, Scott Puckett, Sherm Hansen
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Committee: Inductions
Description: Responsible for inducting new members during a club meeting.
Chair: Aileac Deegan, Deb Hall
Members:

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: Ashley Molyneaux

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:
Members: Aileac Deegan, Dawn Fisher

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: Scott Puckett
Members: 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:
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**Committee: Membership**

Description: Assist in recruiting new members and submitting them to the board for approval.

Chair: Merritt Dilts

Members: Dave Gunn, Dave Lehman, David Kline, David Toney, Don Rodda, Don Stohler, Doug Thorne, Jim Rieckhoff, Larry Roberts, Scott Puckett, Shan White, Terri Rickel, Tom Neat, Tom Shoff

**Committee: Membership Caring**

Description: Communication to membership and individuals who have celebrations to share, visit or calls to membership in hospital or homebound, 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:

Members: Bill Templin, Candy Yoder, Dave Gunn, David Toney, Deb Alwine, Don Stohler, Jan Farron, Kathy Grusy, Leanne McKee, Mick Faloon, Monica Abair, Shan White, Terri Rickel

**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 Risser

Members: Doug Thorne, Howard Edwards, Terri Rickel

**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, Brian Smith, Cara Norvell, Eric Garton, Fran Conner, Monica Abair
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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: Howard Edwards

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: Dean Bergeman, Deb Hall, Jessica Burbrink, Jim Welsh, Monica Abair, 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: Matt Lentsch
Members: Dave Lehman, Ken Pletcher, Monica Abair, Peter Norton, Ron Ringenberg, Terri Rickel

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
Members: Bill Rieth, Doug Thorne, Jim Rieckhoff, Kathy Geiger, Matt Lentsch, Peter Norton, Sherm Hansen, Stan Cohen

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
Members: Fran Conner, JJ Jankowski, Mick Faloon
Committee: Social Media
Description: Responsible for coordinating and keeping up to date all social media for the club (the club Facebook page in particular). Should work closely with the Public Relations Committee to streamline information that is shared with the general public about Elkhart Rotary and its activities.
Chair: Erin Wagler, Erin Kinzel
Members:

Committee: Strategic Plan
Description: Assist in developing a long-term strategic plan for the club.
Chair: Peter Norton, Erin Wagler
Members: David Toney

Committee: Student Guests
Description: Responsible for coordinating monthly rotation of guest high school students from Elkhart Memorial and Elkhart Central
Chair: Dean Bergeman, Ashley Molyneaux
Members:

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: Eric Garton, Fran Conner
Members: Cara Norvell, Eric Amt, Erin Kinzel, Linda Rupnow, Scott Puckett

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: Dave Lehman
Members: Carl Risk II, JJ Jankowski, Stu Basquin
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**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
Members: Aileac Deegan, Bill Rieth, Bradley Sheppard, Candy Yoder, Cara Norvell, Gail Martin, Howard Edwards, Jim Rieckhoff, Merritt Dilts, Stan Cohen, Terri Rickel, Tom Eisele, Tom McArthur

**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: Bill Kovach
Members: Bill Rieth, Fran Conner, Mick Faloon, Terri Rickel

**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: Peter Norton
Members: Brian Smith, Brian Wiebe, Dean Bergeman, Kurt Janowsky, Stu Barb, Tina Weldy

**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: Candy Yoder
Members: Carl Risk II, Jason Pippenger, Kathy Sears, Ron Ringenberg, Terri Rickel, Vince Von Der Vellen

**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 Garton
Members: David Toney, Deb Hall, Don Rodda, Eric Amt, Jessica Burbrink, Ken Pletcher, Kurt Janowsky, Linda Rupnow, Ron Ringenberg, Susan King, Terri Rickel, Tina Weldy, Tom Pletcher, Victoria Toney