

What is Rotary?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional people united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help to build goodwill in the world. Rotarians are a diverse group of business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives.

The History of Rotary

The Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was the world's first service club and was formed in 1905 by attorney Paul P. Harris. The name of the new organization was derived from the fact that the original members met in rotation at their various places of business.

Today, in more than **160 countries** worldwide, approximately **1.2 million Rotarians** belong to more than **30,000 Rotary clubs**.

The Purpose of Rotary

Rotary's purpose is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need both at home and throughout the world.

Rotary's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its principal motto: **Service Above Self.**

The Four-Way Test

This 24-word code of ethics was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than a hundred languages, published in thousands of ways, and is just as applicable today as it was in 1943. It asks the following four questions:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Rotary's International Service Achievements

An endowment fund set up by Rotarians in 1917 "for doing good in the world," became a not-for-profit corporation known as [The Rotary Foundation](#) in 1928. The Foundation's first program was graduate fellowships, now called [Ambassadorial Scholarships](#). Today, contributions to The Rotary Foundation total more than \$80 million annually and support a wide range of [humanitarian grants](#) and [educational programs](#).

In 1985, Rotary made a historic commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio. Working through its [PolioPlus](#) program in partnership with nongovernmental organizations, national governments, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary is the largest private-sector contributor to the global polio eradication campaign. Rotarians have mobilized hundreds of thousands of PolioPlus volunteers and have immunized more than one billion children worldwide.

Visit www.rotary.org to learn more about Rotary's outreach programs.

Rotary Club of Springfield South



***Invites you
to
join!***

***Where
"Service Above Self"
is the motto!***

Fund Raising & Community Service

- A major fundraiser is held each fall. Proceeds from the sale of Florida oranges and grapefruit are distributed to local community organizations through grant opportunities. Since the late 1980's, **Springfield South has distributed more than a half of a million dollars to charity!**
- Trivia Nights to benefit international, district, and local projects.
- Annual Salvation Army bell-ringing campaign during the holiday season.
- Club member volunteers deliver "Daily Bread" meals to local shut-ins.
- Rotary South has adopted 2 schools in Springfield and we sponsor an Interact Club in Pawnee.
- Rotarians from all Springfield Rotary Clubs donate blood to the Illinois Blood Center. A friendly competition between clubs is ongoing to see who donates the most blood to this cause, and Rotary South has won for the past several years.



We're always open to new service project ideas, such as the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics.

Rotary South Meetings

Rotary is a great way to network, make business connections, and meet new people!

Many of us find enhanced business connections and stimulating business and social conversations at our luncheons. Our membership includes business men and women just like you. We have members in ownership and executive positions in: manufacturing, collegiate education, retail sales, legal and accounting, medicine, service organizations, public service and not for profits.

If you are looking for a place to be plugged into what's going on in Springfield, to have friendly conversation with people like you, to hear stimulating speakers on interesting topics of the day, and to have an opportunity to make a difference in our town, Rotary South may be just the place for you.

Please visit Rotary South as our guest. Meetings are held at noon each Thursday at Engrained Brewing Company located at 1120 Lincolnshire Blvd (next to Scheel's), and we encourage you to come and check us out.

Our Club leadership is very sensitive to the business commitments of our members and wants you to know that attendance at Rotary meetings is intended to keep us focused on the Rotary ideals and to foster a strong and active club. Your participation is important, and we encourage all members to attend meetings on a regular basis.

Communications

- A weekly bulletin prepared by the Club President is sent by email.
- *The Rotarian Magazine* is mailed monthly from Rotary International.

Visit the Rotary South website at <http://www.rotarysouth-spi.org>

Rotary Membership Benefits

Rotary provides you the opportunity to:

- **Become connected** to your community and work with others in addressing community needs.
- **Interact with other professionals** in your community and make new friends and business contacts.
- **Develop leadership skills** through participation on a variety of committees and by serving on the Board of Directors.
- Assist with Rotary International's humanitarian service efforts.
- **Establish contacts** with an international network of professionals.
- **Involve your whole family** in promoting service efforts.
- **And have fun while you're at it!**

We invite you to join us!

Springfield South Rotary at a Glance:

Meetings are **Thursdays at 11:45**
Engrained Brewing Co.
1120 Lincolnshire Blvd, (next to Scheel's) -
Springfield, IL

Annual Dues \$140 (billed quarterly)
Weekly meals: \$12 if prepaid with dues
or \$13 if paid on site

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