

## What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global humanitarian network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

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

## 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 220 countries and territories worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 45,000 Rotary clubs.



**Our club toured the Pillsbury Mills site as part of our Rotary on the Road program**

## The Four-Way Test

This 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. Today, contributions to The Rotary Foundation total more than \$80 million annually.

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 non-governmental 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.

As a global organization that operates in nearly every country in the world, Rotary takes stewardship of its funds seriously. The Rotary International Foundation has received the highest ratings from Charity Watch (four stars) and Charity Navigator (A+).

# Rotary Club of Springfield South



District 6460



We Are Rotary

We Are People of Action

## What We DO

- Award club grants to numerous charitable organizations. Funds are raised through citrus sales, Wreaths Across America program, and trivia nights. Since the late 1980's, **our club has distributed more than \$750,000 to charity!**
- Prepare meals for Ronald McDonald House
- Participate in Wreaths Across America
- Deliver "Daily Bread" meals weekly through Senior Services of Central Illinois
- Provide sweatshirts to students at Douglas Alternative School
- Distribute books for Reading is Fundamental
- Participate in Rotary International Youth Exchange Program
- Collect items for St. John's Breadline, Kumlur Ministries, and Sojourn Shelter
- Sponsor Pawnee High School Interact Club
- Visit interesting places through our "Rotary on the Road" program
- Enjoy holiday get-together's and after-hours socials
- Endow the Karen and Kelly Grant Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a student at Lincoln Land Community College



*Rotary South participated in Wreaths Across America at Camp Butler National Cemetery*

## Rotary South Meetings

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

You'll find business and social connections as well as stimulating conversations at our lunch meetings. We have a diverse club membership including people involved in a variety of businesses and non-profit organizations, young professionals and retirees.

If you are looking for a place to be plugged into what's going on in Springfield, have friendly conversation, hear stimulating speakers on interesting topics of the day, and to have an opportunity to make a difference both in your community and globally, Rotary South is the place for you!

*Please visit **Rotary South as our guest.*** Meetings are held at noon each Thursday, and we encourage you to come and join us at a meeting.

Our club is very sensitive to the time commitments of our members and wants you to know that attendance at Rotary meetings and service projects is intended to keep us focused on the Rotary ideals and to foster a strong and active club. Your participation is important.

## Communications

- A weekly e-bulletin prepared by the Club Secretary is sent to each member.
- *The Rotarian Magazine* is mailed monthly from Rotary International

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



**Rotary Club of Springfield South (Illinois)**

## Rotary Membership Benefits

**Rotary provides you the opportunity to:**

- **Become connected** to your community and work with others in addressing local needs.
- **Make new friends** and connections through our social events.
- **Develop leadership skills** through experience on a variety of committees and by serving on the Board of Directors.
- **Participate in** Rotary International's humanitarian service efforts.
- **Establish contacts** with an international global network.
- **Involve your family & friends** in service projects.
- **And have fun while you're at it!**

## Springfield South Rotary at a Glance:

Meetings are **Thursdays from 11:45 to 1 PM**  
**MCL Cafeteria**  
2151 Wabash Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62704

Dues \$50 per quarter  
Weekly meals: Paid to MCL

For more information, contact our Membership Chairman Adam Reiss at [rizzokimball@yahoo.com](mailto:rizzokimball@yahoo.com) or (217)390-0530

To find out more about Rotary International visit [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org)