



Rotary Club of Lenexa, Kansas Member Expectations

Thank you for considering membership in the greatest service organization in the world, Rotary International. Before you make the decision to join our club and become a part of Rotary, you need to fully understand the history and traditions of Lenexa Rotary, Rotary International, and what is expected of all members.

Q. What is Rotary?

A. Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders, united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Present in over 200 countries worldwide, nearly 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 33,000 Rotary clubs.

The name “Rotary” derives from the early practice of rotating meetings among members’ offices.

Q. When was Rotary started?

A. The world’s first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on February 23, 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth.

The Rotary Club of Lenexa was chartered February 6, 1967. Our club has a long history of being active both in and beyond our local community including sponsoring multiple foreign Youth Exchange

students. And partnering with local communities on sustainable, clean water and other types of projects in Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala and Panama.

Q. What does Rotary stand for?

A. *Service Above Self* is the primary purpose and motto of Rotary. Our secondary motto is *He or She Profits Most Who Serves Best*.

Rotary's code of ethics is the "4-Way Test":

Of the things we think, say and do,

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Q. What service does Rotary provide?

A. Rotary clubs provide service in the following five avenues:

- Club Service
- Vocational Service
- Community Service
- International Service
- Future Generations Service

Service project opportunities come from our member's interests!

- **Sponsoring to promote Service and a more Peaceful World**
 - The Shawnee Mission Northwest Interact Club
 - High school philanthropic group
 - The KU Medical School Rotaract Club
 - College medical philanthropic group

- Rolofson Rotaract Scholarship
 - The Lenexa Rotary Community Corps
 - Local, non-Rotarian support for community projects
 - U S Congress/New World Azerbaijan Delegation
 - Focused on women's rights
 - Annual Community ShrimpFest
 - Raising funds for youth programs
- **Supporting International programs to build Partnerships for Peace**
 - Funds and Boots on the Ground
 - Medical, clean water and clean air projects
 - Jamaica, Guatemala, Panama, Mexico, Ecuador and Uganda
 - Rotarians, Interact and Rotaract Club members
 - Heifer International
 - Purchasing and processing donated wheelchairs
 - For disabled people in Mexico, Panama and Africa
 - International Youth Exchange Students
 - In-bound and out-bound
 - Part of US State Dept. Public Diplomacy program
 - Funds for Polio Plus [END Polio Now](#)
- **Supporting Local programs to strengthen Community**
 - Participate in The Lenexa Art Fair to support
 - Ending polio
 - Ending human trafficking
 - Dictionary Project of Kansas City
 - Delivering Dictionaries to 13+ school, 3rd grade classes
 - Lenexa Fire Safety Trailer
 - Provided funds to acquire and maintain the trailer

- Provide annual assistance for safety demonstrations at Festivals and Schools
- Award annual college Scholarships
 - Wes Fry Four Way Test Speech Contest
 - \$6,000 total for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
- Lenexa Stream Clean Up
 - Bi-annual along Mill Creek at 87th & Lackman
- Cancer Research
 - Raised \$2,835 with Burger King and donations
- Shawnee Mission East College Clinic
 - Annually provide bottled water to college representatives
- Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center
 - Have made multiple years of \$2,000 donations
- Platoons Forward
 - Participated with Lenexa VFW with donations
- Lenexa's Independence Day Parade
 - Annually walk with the Lenexa Fire Safety Trailer
- Lenexa Park projects
 - Craig Crossing Overlook
 - Legler Barn Interpretive Sign at Sar-Ko-Par
 - Planted over 58 trees at Cedar Creek Park
- Habitat for Humanity
 - Donation and labor to build new homes
- Johnson County Christmas Bureau
 - Annual shopper assistance
- KMBZ Coats for Kids
 - Help raise over \$165,000 for students that need coats
 - Manage annual Coat collection
- Happy Bottoms
 - Donations, Packaging and delivery volunteers
- Rise Against Hunger
 - Host food packaging events to fund and package over 130,000 meals for domestic and international relief

- Boy Scouts
 - Donated over \$2,000
- Camp Fire Girls
 - Donated over \$1,000
- Weekly, age appropriate Book Donations
 - To area elementary schools
- Delta Upsilon Jamaican Global Service Initiative
 - Funded KSU Student to participate in Spring Break Project
- Hope Builders
 - Fund and Build Ramps for the disabled

Q. How often does Lenexa Rotary meet?

A. We meet every Friday at noon, with the exception of once or twice a year when a Friday conflicts with holidays or other Rotary events.

By bringing in great, outside programs each week, members are eager to attend meetings (online or in person) to stay informed. This, along with participation in any of our numerous service projects, attending other Rotary Club meetings or projects makes it fairly easy to achieve the desired goal of 100% attendance.

Q. Where does Lenexa Rotary meet?

A. We meet at the Southridge Building, 5th Floor at Lakeview Village. The address is: 14001 W. 92nd St in Lenexa.

Q. Are all events and projects mandatory?

A. The only event where attendance is mandatory is our Officer Installation Banquet held near the beginning of the new Rotary year, July 1st. The cost is included in the annual dues. The club

expects participation in at least three service projects per year. These can be at the community, district, or international level.

Our major fundraising event is an annual all-you-can-eat “ShrimpFest”, Bingo and Silent Auction usually held the first Saturday night in March. The club expects all members to participate by selling tickets, soliciting prizes, and working at the event. Each member is required to sell (or at least purchase) 10 tickets to the event. Each year we raise over \$17,000 for the Lenexa Rotary Foundation.

Our second fundraiser is The Lenexa Art Fair. We partner with another Rotary club to sell beverages which typically raises over \$750 for The Lenexa Rotary Foundation. The Lenexa Rotary Foundation has over \$200,000 in assets.

Q. What will membership cost me?

A. We offer multiple membership opportunities:

- Corporate – Contact Phil Hammond phammond@thelandsource.com
- Active – Contact Becca Coleman becca.7980@gmail.com
- Partner – Contact Becca Coleman becca.7980@gmail.com

Corporate membership includes up to three employees from the company. One of those three is a designated Rotarian. Initiation fee is \$100. Annual dues are \$205 payable in July. You are only billed for one meal per each meeting. If more than one member attends a weekly meeting, the extra member will pay \$14 per meal.

Active membership initiation fee is \$50. Annual dues are \$205 payable in July. Meals are currently around \$185.00 per 13-week quarter, payable in advance.

Partner members are the partner or spouse of an existing Lenexa Rotarian in good standing. Initiation fee is \$135. Annual dues are

\$135 payable in July. Meals are \$14 and are only collected for meetings where you both are in attendance. Otherwise, Partner meals are already covered if attending a meeting alone.

Some voluntary member giving opportunities are contributing \$1.00 per week in “fun fines”. Additional small fines may be suggested for media recognition, new children and grandchildren or miscellaneous “self-promotion”. These proceeds go to the Lenexa Rotary Foundation for various youth-oriented projects, such as our youth exchange program and a speech contest that awards college scholarship grants.

The Rotary Foundation* (not Lenexa Rotary Foundation), with assets of more than One Billion USD in assets, sets a goal of donations to the Rotary Annual Fund of \$100 per member per year. After three years, a share of earnings come back to clubs in proportion to their giving. This is grant money for projects in these focus areas:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development
- Scholarships

Most recently, we received \$1,800 back which we designated for two local projects.

*Received Charity Navigator’s top award five years in a row as best managed charity fund.

Q. What else does Rotary expect?

A. In general, Rotarians are expected to be cheerful, compassionate, and generous members of the community, nation, and world.

Q. So why become a Lenexa Rotary Member?

A. Once you start coming to the meetings you will see some of our quality community leaders and get to know many more. You will be surprised by the involvement and contributions of all your fellow Rotarians.

Community activities list above - you see the quantity of our projects. You can be involved in the planning and/or just show up to give your time. There is no better way to give back to your community.

Club leadership - be involved in running a World Class Organization.

Financially - give back to your Community, State, Country, World

- ShrimpFest \$17,000
- Lenexa Art Fair \$750
- Contributions to The Rotary Foundation \$10,000
- Rotary District Grants \$2,100

In 2019 alone, Lenexa Rotary has benefited projects to the tune of over \$298,828 and donated 3,430 volunteer hours.

We need you to help us continue our “Service Above Self”, and you need Lenexa Rotary to “Profit Most Who Serves Best”.

Check us out and JOIN US!

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