



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 help build goodwill and peace in the world. In over 200 countries worldwide, nearly 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 34,000 Rotary clubs.

Q. How old is Rotary?

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 name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

The Lenexa Rotary Club was chartered on February 6, 1967. Our club has a long history of being active in District and International activities, including the sponsorship of Youth Exchange Students and Guatemala and Panama projects.

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"

- 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**

We are very involved. Service projects for everyone's interest:

- **Sponsoring The Shawnee Mission Northwest Interact Club**
- **Sponsoring The KU Medical School Rotaract Club**
- **Sponsoring The Lenexa Rotary Community Corps**
- **Support The Interact and Rotaract Clubs in their trips to Guatemala and Panama**
- **Provide matching funds and Rotarians for medical, clean water, clean air International Projects in Guatemala, Panama and Uganda**
- **Provide direct funding for Polio Plus**
- **Lenexa's Annual Shrimp Fest**
- **Lenexa's new Lenexa Art Fair**
- **Purchasing and getting donated wheelchairs for disabled people in Mexico, Panama and Africa**
- **Dictionary Project of Kansas City – Provide Dictionaries to 13 Schools' 3rd grade classes**
- **The Lenexa Fire Safety Trailer – Provided Funds to acquire and maintain the trailer and manpower for demonstrations at Festivals and Schools**
- **Wes Fry Four Way Test Speech Contest with \$4,500 in annual scholarships**
- **Lenexa Stream Clean Up**
- **International Exchange Students, in-bound and out-bound**
- **Cancer Research**
- **The Annual Shawnee Mission East College Clinic**
- **Lee Ann Britain Infant Development Center**
- **Platoons Forward**
- **Lenexa's Annual Independence Day Parade**
- **Park beautification projects**
- **Habitat for Humanity**
- **Johnson County Christmas Bureau**
- **Happy Bottoms**
- **Stop Hunger Now**
- **Heifer International**
- **Boy Scouts**
- **Rolofson Rotaract Scholarship**
- **Horizon Academy**
- **KMBZ Coats for Kids**

Q. How often does Lenexa Rotary meet?

A. We meet every Friday at noon, with the exception of once or twice a year when Fridays conflict with holidays or other Rotary events. Each meeting, we have a great outside program that helps keep us informed. 100% attendance is the goal, but 50% attendance is required to sustain membership in Rotary. Absences can be “made up” by attending, within two weeks (prior or after) of the absence, the meeting of another Rotary Club, our Board Meeting (1st Wednesday), or by participating in a service project.

Q. Where does Lenexa Rotary meet?

A. We meet at the Northpointe Building at Lakeview Village. The address is: 14100 W. 90th Terrace in Lenexa. We meet in the downstairs dining room.

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 on 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 fund-raising event is our annual “Shrimpfest”, 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. We also have a second fund-raiser, The New Lenexa Art Fair. We raised over \$1,500 for The Lenexa Rotary Foundation. The Lenexa Rotary Foundation has over \$250,000 in assets.

Q. What will membership cost me?

A. The initiation fee is \$50. Annual dues are \$205, and are payable in July. Meals are currently around \$170.00 per 13 week quarter, payable in advance.

Each member is asked to contribute \$1.00 per week in “fines”, which is a donation to the Lenexa Rotary Foundation. Additional small fines may be assessed for media recognition, new children and grandchildren, miscellaneous “self-promotion”. The proceeds are used for various youth-oriented projects, such as our youth exchange program and a speech contest that awards college scholarship grants.

Rotary International sets a goal of donations to the Rotary Annual Fund of \$100 per member per year for each club. Ideally, every member makes a tax deductible donation of at least \$100 per year. This money is used for a variety of global projects, including the eradication of polio, provision of safe drinking water, conflict resolution and a host of other humanitarian uses. Half of the money comes back to our local District for projects closer to home and international. This year we received \$1,600 back which was designated for a new Guatemala Global Grant, and

received a RI matching Global Grant for \$42,127. This last year we donated over \$10,000 out of members pockets to The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation has \$1 Billion in assets, annually contributes \$234 Million to projects and has \$250+ Million in endowments.

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. For the Members, once you start coming to the meetings, not only will you see some of our quality community leaders and members; you will get to know many more. You will be surprised by the involvement and contributions of all your fellow Rotarians. For the community activities, above, you see the quantity of our projects; you can be involved in the planning and/or just show up and give your time. There is no better way to give back to your community. Club leadership; be involved in running a World Class Organization. To financially give back to your Community, State, Country, World by our fund-raising; Shrimp Fest \$17,000+ and Lenexa Art Fair \$1,500+; Contributions to The Rotary Foundation \$10,000+ and \$55,000; Rotary District Grants \$1,600+; Rotary Foundation Global Grants \$1,045,000+. Yes, this year, Lenexa Rotary has benefited projects to the tune of over \$1,135,000. 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 at LenexaRotary.org and www.facebook.com/lenexarotary and JOIN US!