



# Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club Welcomes You



## A Brief History

The Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club was founded in October 1994 as the second Rotary club in Lawrence. Ernie Angino led the founding of the club, which initially had 35 charter members. Ernie and others felt that the Lawrence Rotary Club had become too large for members to get to know each other easily. In addition, establishing a breakfast club allowed members who commuted outside of Lawrence to belong to a Lawrence club. Over the years our membership has grown to 80 members, with 55-60 attending meetings each week. Fellowship continues to be the hallmark of our club and enhances our commitment to Service Above Self.

## Basics

- We meet each Thursday from 7:00-8:00 AM, at Maceli's, 1031 New Hampshire.
- Dues (\$28/quarter) and meal fees \$10.25 per meal are billed quarterly in advance.
- Meeting format: We begin with fellowship and breakfast, followed by announcements and a presentation of interest each week.

## Expectations for Members

- Pay dues and meal fees promptly.
- Attend meetings regularly. (at least 50% of the meetings each half-year). We encourage members to make up missed meetings in several ways, for which you will receive a meal credit.
- Support the Rotary Foundation annually (\$100 or more). *Every Rotarian, Every Year.*
- Participate in club service projects.
- Invite others to become members.

## Club Traditions

- Sharing good news at meetings, offering a dollar or more which goes to service.
- Exchanging our club's banner when visiting other Rotary clubs while traveling.
- Meeting offsite to learn about members' vocations.
- Socializing with members and their families periodically.
- Supporting our annual Trivia Night fundraiser.

## How Do I Become a Member?

In general Rotarians invite and sponsor others to become members. After the prospective member understands both the benefits and responsibilities of Rotary and submits an application, the board of directors approves the application, and the member is inducted.

## Community Service Projects

- Bell Ringing for Salvation Army
- Early Childhood Education: Support the District's Pre-K Program for three and four-year olds at Kennedy Elementary School
- Family Promise work days
- Habitat for Humanity builds
- Martin Luther King Community Breakfast
- The Rotary Arboretum: located on the southwest side of Lawrence at K-10 and Wakarusa, this ongoing joint project of the three Lawrence Rotary Clubs opened in 2005, Rotary International's Centennial.

## Vocational Service Projects

- Scholarships for High School Seniors
- Teacher of the Year Recognition

## International Service Projects

- Polio Plus: Rotary International's Program to eradicate Polio.
- Rotary Exchange Students: host an exchange student for one semester each year.
- Water Purification Projects

## Club Service

In addition to participating directly in service projects, members serve on one of five committees: Administration, Community Service, International Service, Vocational Service, or New Generations. Chairing a committee or serving as a club officer is also important for helping the club achieve its service goals. Officers include: President, President Elect, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary, and Treasurer, and Board Members.

## Organization

Rotary International was founded by Paul Harris in 1905 in Chicago. Since then it has grown to over 34,000 clubs in over 200 countries with 1.2 million members worldwide. Our club is in District 5710, which covers most of northeastern Kansas.

## The Four-Way Test

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 Basics

**Rotary International (RI)**, the world's first service club organization and its members form a global network of business, professional, and community leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities and the world. Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members. The ideal composition of a Rotary club reflects the community's demographics, including professions, gender, age, and ethnicity. Such diversity enriches every aspect of the club's fellowship and service. Rotary headquarters are in Evanston, Illinois.

## The Organization of Rotary

Rotary's service efforts are carried out at the club level. The district and international structure is designed to support the clubs and help them provide more service in their local communities and abroad. Rotarians are members of Rotary clubs, which belong to the global association Rotary International. Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws. Clubs are grouped into 530 RI districts, each led by a district governor. The district administration, including assistant governors and various committees, guides and supports the clubs. Traditionally, the RI president, who is elected annually, develops a theme and service emphases for the year. Rotary International is headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Evanston, Illinois. The chief operating officer is the RI general secretary, who heads a 740-member staff working to serve Rotarians worldwide.

**The Object of Rotary** is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; and
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## Benefits and Responsibilities of Club Membership

The club is the cornerstone of Rotary, where the most meaningful work is carried out. All effective Rotary clubs are responsible for four key elements:

- Sustaining or increasing their membership base,
- Participating in service projects that benefit their own community and those in other countries,
- Supporting The Rotary Foundation of RI financially and through program participation, and

- Developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.

## Service

All Rotary clubs share a key mission: to serve their community and those in need throughout the world. By participating in club service projects, members learn about their club's involvement in local and international projects and can volunteer their time and talents where most needed.

## Five Avenues of Service

- Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.
- Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.
- New Generations Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects, and exchange programs.

## The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation of RI is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. With assets of over \$1 billion, the Rotary Foundation provides over \$200 million annually in grants to support many different missions. The Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative is designed to encourage worldwide annual per capita giving of \$100 or more.

## Key Meetings

Each year Rotarians come together to share ideas, celebrate successes, enjoy fellowship, and plan for the future. The RI Convention is held in May or June in a different part of the world each year with over 18,000 attending. District conferences are held annually as a motivational meeting that showcases club and district activities.

## The RI Strategic Plan

The plan's three priorities focus Rotary's efforts on clubs, and are equally important to Rotary's future: (1) Support and strengthen clubs. (2) Focus and increase humanitarian service. (3) Enhance public image and awareness.