



**The following is a summary of what Rotary is, the types of services Rotary provides, the requirements to be a Rotarian, and the people who carry out the Rotary Mission.**

## What is Rotary?

### **Our Mission**

The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. Rotarians are asked to live their professional and community lives by looking to the 4-Way Test.

## Why Join The Rotary Club of Shawnee?

The Rotary Club of Shawnee was chartered by Rotary International on February 28, 1997. From our first year of service and every year thereafter, the Shawnee Club has earned RI's prestigious Presidential Citation, marking the Rotary Club of Shawnee as one of the top performing of the organization's 32,000+ clubs.

Deeply rooted in our community, the Rotary Club of Shawnee is composed of 50+ members from all walks of life. Leaders from the fields of medicine, education, public service, finance, real estate, law, construction, manufacturing, and dozens of other vocations bring their broad diversity to our community service. Since our formation, the club has raised and given over \$150,000 to our local and international community.

Supporting the Club and allowing our donor resources to go further, in 2005 the Club formed a separate, sustaining organization, the Rotary Club of Shawnee Foundation, Inc. This 501(c)3 organization financially organizes events and becomes the donor organization to benefactors supported by the club and approved by the Foundation's board of directors.

### **The Opportunity to Serve**

Rotarians provide service at both the community and international levels. Service programs address health-care needs, hunger and poverty, illiteracy, disaster relief, and environmental cleanups, to name a few. Members experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.



## **Professional Networking**

A founding principle of Rotary was to provide a forum for professional and business leaders. Members are leaders in business, industry, the professions, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. They make decisions and influence policy. Rotary is the oldest, most prestigious service club organization in the world.

## **Personal Growth and Development**

Membership in Rotary ensures continuing personal and professional development. Leadership, public speaking and communication, organization and planning, team-building, fundraising, and teaching are just a sampling of the skills that can be exercised and enhanced through Rotary.

## **World Understanding**

Rotary members gain an understanding of humanitarian issues and have a significant impact on them through international service projects and exchange programs of RI and its Foundation. The promotion of peace is one of Rotary's highest objectives.

## **Ethical Environment**

Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that measures words and actions by their truthfulness, fairness, goodwill, and benefit to all. Encouraging high ethical standards in one's professional and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days.

**IS IT THE TRUTH?  
IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?  
WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?**

## **Rotary Avenues of Service**

Based on the Object of Rotary, the Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **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.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.
- **New Generations Service** involves youth leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs.



Prospective members attend one or more meetings as guests. If interested in membership, a club member proposes the prospective member to the board, and after board approval, the prospective member applies for membership.

## 2023 – 2024 Club Executives & Directors

President	<b>David Cooper</b>
President-Elect	<b>Patrick Moltane</b>
Vice President	<b>Linda Leeper</b>
Past President	<b>Matt Zimmerman</b>
Secretary	<b>Ray Liggett</b>
Treasurer	<b>Doug Gibb</b>
Foundation Director	<b>Ross Johnson</b>
Membership Co-Director	<b>Paul Holmes</b>
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Community Service Director	<b>Joni Pflumm</b>
Public Relations Director	<b>Open</b>
Club Administration/Service Dir.	<b>Marilyn Breitenstein</b>
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### Meeting Times

Every Friday

7:15 AM

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**Shawnee, KS**

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