



Rotary Club of Downtown Topeka

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What is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary club members are business, professional, and community leaders who meet regularly to plan and implement community service activities and network with other professionals. More than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas belong to over 33,000 Rotary clubs.

Benefits of Membership

Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to make a contribution to their own communities and to communities around the world. Members join Rotary for many different reasons - community involvement, personal development, professional networking, friendship – but the most important benefit is the satisfaction gained from making a real difference in the world.

PolioPlus, Rotary International's most ambitious program to date, focuses on global immunization efforts and has played a leadership role with the World Health Organization, CDC, and UNICEF in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have contributed \$355 million to Rotary to support PolioPlus activities.

Downtown Topeka Events and Projects

- Topeka Water Festival – educate youth regarding water conservation
- Washburn Institute of Technology Career Days – host area students to examine future learning and career opportunities
- Weekly Speaker Books – books given to Ross Elementary School Library
- Dictionary Project – provide 4th graders in three Topeka schools with dictionaries
- Sole Mates – provide under privileged school children a way to earn a pair of shoes and socks
- Walking for Water – educate youth regarding struggles other countries have to get clean water
- 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Topeka – Rotary Pocket Park, *Crossroads to Freedom*
- Provide 30 different water stations to residents of Bangladesh through a Global Grant
- Support Rotary International Youth Exchange Program by hosting a student
- Sponsor high school students to RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy)
- Provide scholarships to International students at Washburn University
- Work with Highland Park High School students through the Scots Movement Interact Club

COME JOIN US!



DOWNTOWN TOPEKA ROTARY CLUB DUES SCHEDULE

Dues are paid on a quarterly basis and are billed in the months of **July, October, January and April**. The dues are \$178 each quarter, which covers The Rotarian Magazine; Club, District and Rotary International Dues; and meal costs. There is also a one-time new member fee of \$60.

The dues for a new member are prorated according to the month in which you join. The Board of Directors approves nominees for membership on the first week of each month.

DOWNTOWN TOPEKA ROTARY CLUB ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

We know our members are busy people, but to benefit the most from your membership, please plan to attend the noon meetings 60% of the time. Our meetings are usually held at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center (Downtown) at noon on Thursdays but we do go away from the Ramada for some of our meetings. You will receive weekly email meeting reminders that will give you information about the meeting. You can also do a meeting make-up by:

- Attend a meeting at any Rotary Club worldwide. Topeka Clubs:
 - **West** – Wed. 7am – HyVee Food Store, 2951 SW Wanamaker Rd.;
 - **North** – Wed. noon North YMCA Board Room, 1936 NW Tyler;
 - **South** – Fri. 7:15am – Washburn University Student Union)
- Attend a club Board meeting – first Wednesday of each month – Ramada Downtown Hotel
 - Call Rotary Office 232-7216 for room location and to order a lunch if you are attending
- Attend a Committee meeting
- Participate in a club project
- Attend a club fellowship event. These are held after work throughout the year.

You can record your make-ups in a notebook by the badge table at any meeting.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER MY APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED

- Your application will be presented to the club's Board of Directors which meets the first Wednesday of each month.
- We will announce your name as a candidate to join our club at the next two club meetings.
- You will be invited to a New Member Orientation

During this process, please continue to attend club meetings as our guest.



- Rotary Club of Topeka Membership Application -

Instructions: Please complete and sign the application and give to your sponsoring club member for signature and submission to the club board of directors.

PERSONAL FACTS FOR ROTARY CLUB DATABASE

Starred items (*) essential fields

*Title: _____ *First Name: _____ MI: _____

*Nickname: _____ *Last Name: _____

*Date of Birth: ____/____/____ E-mail Address: _____

(Birth Month, Day, and **Year** are required by Rotary International for tracking age groups – only seen by Club Website Administrator.)

Please check the below to indicate which is your preferred mailing address

Home _____
Address Street City State Zip
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____

BUSINESS: *Company: _____

Business _____
Address Street City State Zip
Phone: _____ Ext: _____ Fax: _____

*Occupation _____

*Job Title _____

FAMILY:

Spouse/Significant Other

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Married: Yes No *Anniversary Date: ____/____/____

PREVIOUS ROTARY CLUBS:

Name of Club City/State Date Joined Date Resigned

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ROTARY CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS: i.e.: offices held in club and which year.

Paul Harris Fellow: Yes No

SERVICE INTERESTS: i.e.: publicity, membership, vocational, youth, community service, international service, fellowship

NOTES:

What leadership positions have you held in your profession?

Do you agree to attend the meetings regularly? _____

Would you willingly enter into Rotary activities? _____

Would you accept a committee assignment? _____

Do you have a preferred Committee/Area you would like to serve? _____

Tell briefly why you think you would make a valuable member, and what you have done in the past in community activities, church, etc., that demonstrates how you have shown the Rotary characteristic of service.

Date

Applicant's Signature

Print Name

I recommend and propose this applicant for membership in the Rotary Club of Topeka

Date

Sponsoring Club Member Signature

Print Name