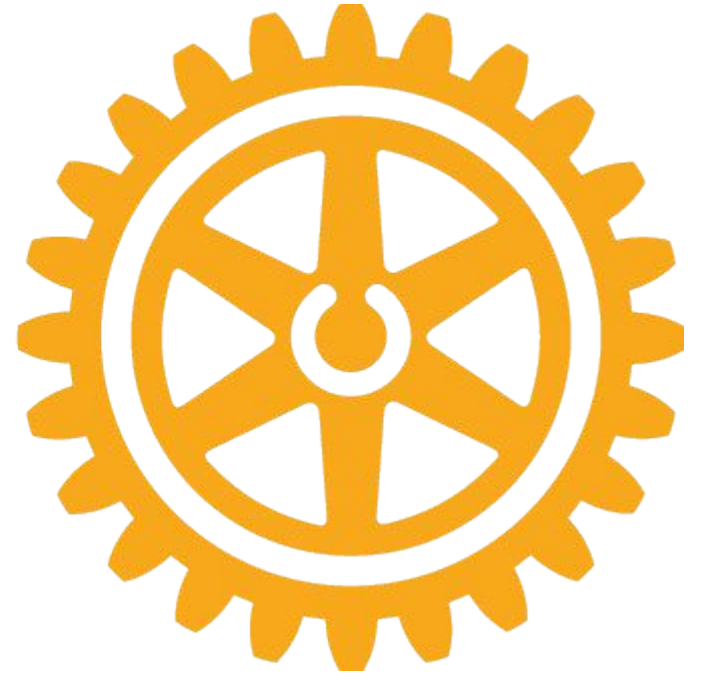


Rotary



Member Orientation

Brief History of Rotary

- 1905 - Paul Harris organizes first meeting which then “rotates” among members’ offices so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.
- 1907 - Rotary’s first community service project - Rotary Club of Chicago provides public toilet outside Chicago’s City Hall.
- 1907 - The Rotary Foundation was established. The first contribution was \$26.50 and was made by Club 13 - the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri.
- 1914 - The Rotary Club of Topeka (FKA Downtown Topeka Rotary Club) was formed .
- 1976 - The Topeka Rotary Foundation was established. 2

WHO WE ARE

Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 million people of action who belong to more than 45,000 Rotary and Rotaract clubs. What they all share is a passion for solving problems and improving people's lives. Our members work in their own communities and partner with other clubs on international projects that address today's most pressing challenges. In taking action and making a difference, they develop their leadership skills, get a sense of accomplishment, and form lifelong friendships. We have Rotary and Rotaract clubs in almost every country in the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

The name *Rotary* was selected by early members because their meeting location rotated among their offices.

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:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each member's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each member's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary Mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Rotary Vision

Together, we see a world
where people unite and
take action to create lasting
change - across the globe,
in our communities and in
ourselves.

Rotary Motto

Service Above Self

The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service.

Rotary Members Across the World Believe We Should:

Also known as the 7 areas of Focus

- Promote Peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support Education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment

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; Friendship is a key principle!
- **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;
- The advancement of **international understanding**, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four Way Test

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?

Avenues of Service

- **Club Service:** Focus on making our club strong
- **Vocational Service:** Rotarians work with integrity
- **Community Service:** Improve the quality of life in our community
- **International Service:** We have global reach to promote peace and understanding
- **Youth Service:** Empower youth

The Topeka Rotary Club (1634)

Board of Directors

- 9 members (3-year staggered terms with a 2-term)
- Officers consists of:
 - President
 - President-Elect
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Sergeant at Arms
 - Immediate Past President
- The Board meets once per month and includes the Topeka Rotary Foundation President as ex-officio

Expectations of Club Members

- ❑ Give a brief introduction of yourself to the club
- ❑ Serve as a greeter for a month
- ❑ Attend meetings regularly
- ❑ Follow your passion as a way to get involved on a committee and/or service project(s)
- ❑ Bring a guest that would enjoy Rotary
- ❑ Every Rotarian Every Year - means we encourage you to contribute \$100 to the Rotary Foundation and \$100 to the Topeka Rotary Foundation every year.
- ❑ Register on ClubRunner @ topekarotary.org and @ myrotary.org

Committees

- Membership
- Community Service
- Social Committee
- Interact
- Programs
- Rotary International & Polio

Community Service

- Covered in Coats
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing Christmas Kettles
- Toys for Tots
- Rotary Rubbish Roundup
- Pints for Polio Fundraiser

Other ways to serve:

- Check in desk
- Greeter
- Technology desk
- Committee/Officer Co-Chair
- Suggest a valuable program
- Youth
 - RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Academy
 - HPHS Interact club
 - Host an exchange student
- Share on social media
- Bring a guest
- Cup Money
- Fun Bucks
- Mentor a fellow club member

Topeka Rotary Foundation (TRF)



- 501(c)(3)
- Founded August 1976
- You belong to both
- 9 member board, 3 yr. terms
- TRF Directors are to receive, manage, invest, reinvest and distribute the funds of the Foundation.

Topeka Rotary Foundation (TRF)

- Donations to support charitable, benevolent, and educational activities and projects in the Topeka area
- Distributes 4% to Signature Grants each year
- Fund total \$1M+



TRF Signature Grants

- Topeka Zoo and Conservation Center (2024-2027)
- Topeka Center for Peace & Justice
- YWCA
- PARS
- Topeka Rescue Mission
- Topeka Housing Authority

District 5710 - Eastern Kansas

- Consists of 41 clubs and about 2,000 members
- Junction City to Kansas/Missouri state line, Nebraska state line to halfway to the Kansas/Oklahoma state line
- District Conference & Events
- District Grants return RI donations
- Past District Governors: Blanche Parks, Larry Dimmitt and Stan Teeter

Other Resources:

- ❑ Topeka Rotary Club History
- ❑ Brochure
- ❑ ClubRunner Log-in **www.topekarotary.org**
 - ❑ Update Profile
 - ❑ Phone APP
 - ❑ www.facebook.com/topekarotary
 - ❑ www.youtube.com Topeka Rotary
 - ❑ **rotarytopeka@gmail.com**
- ❑ Rotary.org Log-in **www.rotary.org**
 - ❑ Navigation
 - ❑ Find a club
- ❑ District 5710 **www.rotary5710.org**
- ❑ By-laws
- ❑ Photo for Meeting and Directory