

Lawrence Rotary Club Information

Meeting: Monday, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Would you like to be part of an organization... that helps provide clean water, nutrition, sanitation, medicine and immunizations, and education to millions of children and adults worldwide? How about promoting world understanding and peace through youth and adult exchange programs and scholarships? Would you like to help make Lawrence an even better place? If community engagement, while enjoying the fellowship of business, community, and university leaders, is appealing, then the ***Lawrence Rotary Club is for you!***

The Lawrence Rotary Club is part of the Rotary International family that includes more than 34,000 clubs with over 1.2 million members in 200+ countries worldwide. The first Rotary Club was founded in 1905 in Chicago, for the purpose of fellowship and association with other professional, business, and community leaders. Rotary Clubs were soon established in other cities, and started programs to help and serve people in their communities, thus becoming the first "service club" in our country. **The Lawrence Rotary Club was established in 1917.** Today, there are clubs all over the world.

The principles that guide Rotarians include the Object of Rotary and the Four Way Test, with the motto "Service Above Self." In addition to service at the community level, The Rotary Foundation's amazing resources and programs benefit millions of people around the world. For example, Rotary's PolioPlus program has immunized more than two billion children in polio endemic countries, and is committed to the final eradication of polio. The Rotary Foundation has provided more than \$1 billion of financial support and millions of volunteer hours. The Lawrence Rotary club is a leader in support for The Rotary Foundation.

Club Projects and Committees are an essential means of active involvement. Club members are encouraged to participate in one or more projects, programs, or committees. Committee and project involvement are rewarding ways to understand and appreciate the community and worldwide impact of Rotary.

Community projects and philanthropy are at the heart of service for Lawrence Rotary Club. For example, the Lawrence Rotary club helped establish the Lawrence Rotary arboretum, donates snacks for public school children, rings bells to collect for Salvation Army during the holidays, and makes weekly contributions by way of the "blue cup" for local non-profit organizations. In

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addition, the Lawrence Rotary Club has initiated and participated in several international philanthropic projects.

Meeting Schedule

The Lawrence Rotary Club meets each Monday, noon - 1:00 p.m., at Maceli's Banquet Hall, 1031 New Hampshire Street. A typical gathering includes a luncheon buffet, announcements, club business, and a program on a topic of local interest, with time allowed for questions to the speaker.

Attendance is strongly encouraged at as many weekly meetings as possible; a goal of 60% attendance is encouraged by Rotary International.

Club dues and meals cost statements are sent by mail to each Club member **quarterly**. **Payments are due the month sent (January, April, July, and October)**. Each statement includes:

- **\$53.00**, quarterly dues;
- **\$192.00**, the total meal cost billed for a typical quarter having 12 meetings; (meal costs are currently \$16.00 per week that meetings are held);
- New members pay a one-time **\$55.00** induction fee for Rotary International costs.
- Quarterly statements also contain information about optional donation choices, such as contribution to the work of **The Rotary Foundation**.

WILL YOU JOIN US?

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