

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders, who

- Provide humanitarian service
- Encourage high ethical standards
- Help build goodwill and peace
- Develop friendships and business relationships

Rotary International is a spearheading partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, and is the largest private sector donor, and second largest contributor, after the Government of the United States. Through its PolioPlus program, Rotary International has contributed more than \$700 million over 25 years to support polio eradication efforts in priority countries.

Rotary started in 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, and is the world's oldest and largest service club. Currently there are more than 1.2 million members in 34,000 clubs located in 168 countries.

The Kansas City Plaza Rotary Club was founded December 16, 1986 and currently has 70 members.



At a recent Friday morning meeting, club members celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Plaza Rotary Club with a champagne toast.

Rotary's Values

Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, and Four-Way test provide the best insight into Rotary's values. The four-way test is a convenient measuring stick for all human relations consisting of these four simple criteria:

In everything we think, say, or do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Quixotic, an innovative ensemble of artists from various disciplines, performs at the annual HERO (Helping Everyone Rotary Overcomes) event.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF KANSAS CITY PLAZA MISSOURI, USA

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KANSAS CITY PLAZA ROTARY CLUB



NEW MEMBER BROCHURE

Meets weekly
Friday morning 7:15 a.m.
at the Grand Street Café
4740 Grand Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

KANSAS CITY PLAZA ROTARY CLUB

The Kansas City Plaza Rotary exists to improve the wellbeing of youth in the Kansas City community, to support the mission of Rotary International, and to provide meaningful fellowship and philanthropic opportunities for club members.

The Rotary Club of Kansas City Plaza:

Contributed over \$250,000 over the past 10 years to non-profit organizations. This money was raised through a signature fundraiser, originally a Jazz Cabaret, and, more recently, the KC Games for Good (www.kcgamesforgood.org) event.

The fundraisers have benefited many local organizations including:

- The Bridge Home for Children
- Child Advocacy Services
- Cristo Rey School
- Hope House
- Ozanam Home for Children
- SafeHome
- Turning Point
- The Children's Place
- Urban Ranger Corps

Participates in many community service projects, including:

- Bloch Cancer Survivor Park clean-up
- Greater KC Day to support Rotary Youth Camp
- Harvesters' Food repackaging
- Read Across America
- Repairs for Hope House



Rotary members regularly participate in community service projects, such as the spring and fall clean-up of Bloch Cancer Survivor's Park.

Participates in and supports international service projects, including:

- Microcredit in Nogales, Mexico
- Building latrines for schools and providing commercial sewing equipment at Malawi Children's Village – Africa
- Providing shoes for Shoes for Orphan Soles in partnership with Buckner International
- Providing layettes for expectant mothers living in and near the dumps in Managua, Nicaragua
- Hosting international study and vocational exchanges
- Supporting Shelter Box disaster response solutions

Sponsors three high school Interact Clubs and sponsors students for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) summer camp.

How to Become a Member

Contact Membership Chair Jeff Chapman at chapmanjef@umkc.edu. Prospective members are asked to attend several club meetings with a current member/sponsor in order to learn about the club, its members and activities. They are asked to supply information about their occupation and community activities. All membership applications must be approved by the club board and membership.

Members are asked to:

- Attend at least 50% of the weekly meetings.
- Be involved in club projects and service activities and serve on at least one club committee.
- Make a financial commitment of \$185/quarter for meals and dues.
- Pay an induction fee of \$100. This is split between the Rotary International Foundation, which is matched by the club in the member's name, and the Plaza Rotary Foundation to support community projects and organizations.



