

## Welcome to Parkville Rotary!

The Parkville Rotary is proud to welcome you to both our local and global community of more than 1.2 million men and women dedicated to building a better world.

You make Rotary stronger. By adding your skills, experience, and enthusiasm to your club, you can advance communities at home and on a global scale. Together, we can eradicate polio, train more skilled peacemakers, and provide lasting solutions for our communities fighting disease, hunger, illiteracy, and poverty.

Through the Rotary community, you can exchange ideas and build lifelong friendships with people who share your passion for service. Take advantage of the resources and activities available through your club, district, and Rotary International to make your experience with Rotary both rewarding and fun.

## How do I start?

Get the most out of your membership by participating in club projects and activities.

Here are some ideas:

- Serve on a club committee where you can use your skills. Information and signup sheet enclosed.
- Identify a need in your community and suggest a hands-on project to address it.
- Serve on a "Fly the Flag" team. Information and signup sheet enclosed.
- Host a [Youth Exchange](#) student
- Help organize your district's [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) programs. Committee information enclosed.
- Recommend a colleague or friend for membership in your club.

## How can I meet other Rotarians?

Rotary's global network provides a great opportunity to expand your contacts and friendships to other countries while creating a foundation of support with communities around the world.

Explore Rotary's global opportunities:

- Attend Rotary's annual [convention](#)
- Connect with Rotarians around the world who share your [hobbies and personal interests](#) or your [service interests](#)
- [Join a Discussion Group](#) to exchange ideas on topics you're interested in
- Get involved with your club's international service projects
- Participate in a vocational training team
- Join the [Cadre of Technical Advisers](#)

We all look forward to getting to know you and to watch you grow and succeed as a fellow member.

Thank you for choosing Parkville Rotary!

## Club History

The Parkville Rotary Club was formed March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1946 under sponsorship of Kansas City Club 13. Parkville Rotary currently has 43 members and meets Friday at noon in the Distance Learning Center in the Park University Commercial Underground. Our club has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with Park University. The University and Parkville Rotary have worked together through the years on various community projects. The University is also home to the Parkville Rotary Club and Rotary District 6040 Archives. In those archives, Parkville has over 1000 Rotary Club banners from Rotary clubs around the world.

Service projects undertaken by the Parkville Rotary Club early in its history included promoting and helping to organize the Parkville Volunteer Fire Department, the Parkville Community Center, and the Drug Rehabilitation Center.

The Parkville Rotary Club has maintained the landscaping of the traffic triangle in downtown Parkville at Highway 9 and First Street for many years. The club donated a clock to the City of Parkville and installed it in the triangle. Our club continues to care for the triangle with our members volunteering to pull weeds, put down mulch, and other various tasks to keep the triangle beautiful.

Helping people of all ages from children to senior citizens, Parkville Rotary Club has been serving the community since the club's inception. Parkville Rotary Club has provided assistance to victims of floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes all over the United States and various parts of the world. Locally, the club has helped to stock food pantries, provide meals on wheels, and provide funding for Synergy Services and other community needs which includes helping fund local parks and playgrounds. Over the past five years our club has raised and donated over \$120,000 to provide to those in need.

One of our more current projects includes helping Rotary International lead a worldwide project to completely eradicate polio – END POLIO NOW. We are so close to making this goal a reality with only a handful of cases worldwide!

Every year, several high school seniors are awarded scholarships provided by the Parkville Rotary Club. Also, twice a year, our club puts together bags full of personal necessities, food, and water to individually hand out to indigent people we see around the Parkville and Kansas City metro area.

Every year four high school teenagers are sent to a youth leadership camp known as "RYLA" which is short for Rotary Youth Leadership Academy. Also, this past year Parkville Rotary nominated an elementary school teacher from the Park Hill School District as an extraordinary teacher and she went on to win the District 6040 Literacy Teacher of the Year Award.

The newest and very successful local fundraising project is our club's Flag Project. Club members place an American flag at homes and businesses four times a year; Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans

Day. The money collected from this project goes to our 501c3 not-for-profit charity fund and 100% of the funds are used to better Parkville, our nation, and the world.

On the lighter side, Parkville Club members participated in a number of Rotary fellowship type programs. Two of those programs include GSE (Group Study Exchange) and RFE (Rotary Friendship Exchange).

GSE is where a Rotarian team leader takes four non-Rotarians to another Rotary district in a foreign country for four to five weeks. There they live with local Rotarians and study their economy, businesses, and local entertainment. That district then reciprocates and sends a similar team to our District, 6040. Countries we have had GSE team members visit include: Argentina, Paraguay, Thailand, Philippines, France, Japan, Brazil, Turkey, Australia, and Holland.

RFE is where a group of Rotarians and their spouses visit a Rotary District in a foreign country and live with local Rotarians and learn their social and business lives. The other Rotary District reciprocates by sending a group back to our District, 6040. Countries that have been visited in this program, by our club members are England, Turkey, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Philippines, and Canada.

Over the years, as Rotary has grown and expanded into new countries, our district's designation number has changed to reflect this worldwide growth. Below is a list of the different district designations that Parkville has been a part of:

District	134	-	1946-50
District	194	-	1951-57
District	603	-	1958-91
District	6030	-	1992-99
District 6040 - 2000-present			

Over the years the Parkville Club has had a number of members go on to be Rotary District Governors. Below is a list of those members:

Russell	Jones,	1972-1973
Colin	Campbell,	1981-1982
John	Schott,	1984-1985
Robert	Caplinger,	1986-1987
Paul	Bosch,	1992-1993
David	Napoli,	1996-1997
Homer Williams, 2000-2001		

The Parkville Rotary Club proud to say it participated in the chartering of several new Rotary clubs:

Gladstone	Rotary	Club	-	1976
Kansas City	International	Airport	Rotary Club	-
Smithville	Rotary	Club	-	1985
South Platte	Rotary	Club	-	1990
Platte City Rotary Club - 2002				

As you can see the Parkville Rotary Club has a rich history and will continue to support Parkville, our country, and the world for many years to come.

## Guiding Principals

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

## Object of Rotary

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 Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian'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.

## The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do



### The Four-Way Test

*of the things we think, say or do.*

- 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

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- Club Service focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- Vocational Service calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in [An Introduction to Vocational Service](#) and the [Code of Conduct](#).
- Community Service encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in [Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects](#).
- International Service exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as [Rotaract](#), [Interact](#), [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#).

## Rotary Code of Conduct

AS A ROTARIAN, I will

1. **EXEMPLIFY** the core value of integrity in a behaviors and activities
2. **USE** my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
3. **CONDUCT** all my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
4. **BE FAIR** in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
5. **PROMOTE** recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
6. **OFFER** my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
7. **HONOR** the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
8. **NOT SEEK** from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship

## CLUB CHARITIES

**The Parkville Rotary has supported the following organizations below thru our largest fundraiser the “Fly the Flag” program. Assist us in building on our foundation.**

Bannaker School Drug Task Force YMCA Feed Northland Kids FIFA Friendship Project Girl Scout Musical Instruments youth camp English Landing Park Butterfly Gardens Paint Parkville Community Event Park College Building Funds Park Hill Foundation Park University Scholarship – Books Park University Food Pantry Parkville Chamber of Commerce/EDC Parkville Community Volunteer Recognition Parkville Living Center Parkville English Landing landscaping Parkville Main Street Parkville Nature Sanctuary Parkville Police Platte landing Trees in Dog Park Scholarships to area students Smithville Global Special Olympics of Missouri Synergy Services Variety Children’s Charity Sophies’s Run St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry SPEAC Food Pantry Parkville Rotary District 6040 Rotary International Foundation Rotary 4 Way Speech Rotary Youth Camp Golf Cart Rotary Pets Literacy Project/Syngery Services Rotary Rose Bowl Parade Rotary Triangle Clock Rotary Youth Camp Rotary Youth Exchange Rotract Project RYLA Rotary EREY	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary WWI Museum Alpha Point Angel Flight Central Ashley Harbin Africa Mission Harvesters Headstart Homeless Kits Maresh Cancer Support Northland Ethnic Festival Polio Eradication Red Cross ReEngage Project Restoration House Kentucky Fllod Relief Maui Fires Microcredit loan fund -Santo Domingo Nebraska Flood Relief Texas Hurricane Relief Dorian Hurricane Relief Argentina before and after care for children Australia Bush Fire Brazil Flood Response Colin Campbell Shoes for Orphans Heart to Heart Kidney Transplant Heart to Heart Neurological Equipment Jamaica Medical Dental Mission Love Takes Root Mexico City Water Project Philippines Medical Mission Shelter Box St. Croix Hurricane Relief Turkey Relief Uganda Water Grant Uganda Medical Project
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## “Fly the Flag” Signup & Return

The Parkville Rotary Club supports charitable endeavors locally, nationally and internationally. In an effort to provide a sustainable source of income for our contributions we developed the “Fly the Flag” program in 2014. For an annual contribution the club will deliver an American flag to a home or business for display on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day. Flags usually remain in place five or six days before retrieval. Parkville Rotary Club provides the flag, labor, maintenance, and storage. Click on Flag Subscription below to get started!

Since its inception in 2014 Parkville Rotary volunteers have placed our flags thousands of times at homes and businesses around the Parkville area. As a result, tens of thousands of dollars have been raised in support of various charities.

1. If you would like to subscribe to our program you may do so at [Parkville Rotary Club \(helpingwithflags.com\)](http://Parkville Rotary Club (helpingwithflags.com))
2. As a Member of the Parkville Rotary we would like you to be a part of this fundraiser by signing up for a flag deployment team. You may work with a fellow Rotarian to learn and then you can start your own route such as in your neighborhood. Always fun to get the family and friends involved as well.

Steve Bleish is the Director of “Fly the Flag”. He can assist you in your setup. His name and email information can be found on the Club Runner AP under members.

## Club Committees Sign & Return

Club Committees connect our club members together thru activities and projects. Please sign up for one committee or more that may interest you. What are your skills and we can help find a fulfilling position for you?

[Programs/Snowflake & Auction](#)

[Membership Mentoring](#)

[Liaison with District & RI](#)

[Club History](#)

[Vocational Service/Classification](#)

[Rotary Foundation](#)

[Community Service Projects](#) Mainstreet, Synergy Services, PACE, Salvation Army, Micro Brew Festival, club collections i.e. Synergy, Northland feed the kids etc.

[Rotaract](#)

[RYLA Representatives](#)

[Scholarships](#)

[Literacy Programs](#)

[Communications/Facebook](#)

[Social Media/Public Relations](#)

[Rotary Friendship Exchange](#)

[Rotary Youth Exchange](#)

[Member Socials](#)

[Parkville Parks](#)

[Shoe for Orphan Souls](#)

## **New Member Classification Talk Signup & Return**

The goal is for club members to get to you know better. We want to know what you have done, what you are currently doing and about you personally

### **Vocational**

- What it is exactly that you do: if you are not self-employed, the company you work for and your position in it, as well as what the company as a whole does. Even if retired what industry were you in
- Why you chose that particular business or profession (if you previously had a different job or career, why you changed career paths)
- Parts of your job you find or found most rewarding and most difficult
- Forecast employment opportunities in your field for the coming decade
- What kind of education and experience are required to get into that vocation
- Advice you would give persons entering your career field
- How your profession is being impacted by technology, government regulations, and environmental factors

### **Personal**

- What brought you to this area if you were not born here
- Your family—if applicable, your spouse's name, where you met, how long you've been married, number and ages of children, etc.
- Your hobbies and special interests
- Interesting travel (for business or pleasure) or any other experiences that might be of interest to fellow Rotarians

### **Rotary**

- Other Rotary clubs you've belonged to, if any
- Why you joined this club

**Please sign up with the current committee chair Steve Bleish and coordinate with our event calendar. Steve's phone and email can be found on Club Runner as well as the event calendar.**

## Club Dues

Club Dues are invoiced quarterly to each member beginning in January. All invoices are emailed to the email of record for the members. If you change your email, please be sure to notify the Club Board. Dues are payable online by credit card thru the invoice emailed.

Dues can include the following items:

- Parkville Club Dues
- Quarterly District 6040 Dues
- Rotary International Dues
- Meals
- Guest Meals
- 5<sup>th</sup> Friday Family Events
- Special Events
- Special Donations

2025 quarterly invoicing appears below

Description	Qty	Unit Price	Amount
Parkville Club Dues	1	20.50	20.50
Quarterly District Dues	1	6.75	6.75
Rotary International Dues	1	38.00	38.00
Meals	0	15.00	
Guest Meals	0	15.00	
Credit Card Fee			
TOTAL DUE:			<b>\$65.25</b>

## Club Runner, Facebook, Rotary International

**Club Runner** is the website platform for [Home Page | Rotary Club of Parkville \(parkvillerotary.org\)](#).

Be sure to visit the website as it includes club bulletins and the monthly club calendar of events, locations and times. User name and Password required.

A Club Runner AP is available and recommended for use on your phone. It is a quick handy reference of club Members with their pictures, emails, phone numbers, Business information as well as Spouse/Partner name.



**Facebook** page is at [Parkville Rotary - Missouri, USA | Parkville MO | Facebook](#). We keep it updated with pictures of our current events. Please friend us. Also send in quality pictures with details to our social media person for updates to our page. Feel free to like, comment and share the posts with your friends.

**Rotary District 6040** [Home Page | Rotary District 6040 \(rotary6040.org\)](#). The district website gives updates on district wide events, dinners, fundraisers, club resources, speakers etc.

**Rotary International** [Home EN | Rotary International](#). The international website is an informative tool on international events, history, leaders, club locator for clubs you may want to visit, international causes and programs, conventions, information specific to members only: discussion groups, fellowships, Rotary Magazine online, etc. User name and Password required. Hint make the same as Club Runner.



## Club Gear

Russell Hampton Company for hats, t-shirts, flags, pins etc. [RUSSELL-HAMPTON CO. - Rotary Club Supplies Since 1920 \(bestclubsupplies.com\)](https://www.bestclubsupplies.com).

More vendors can be found at Rotary International [Home EN](#) | [Rotary International](#)

<https://www.bestclubsupplies.com>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Russell Hampton Company website. The header is dark blue with a white phone icon, the number 800-877-8908, and a link to 'CLICK FOR CONTACT INFO'. It also includes a link for 'Canadian Customers Click Here', 'LOGIN / REGISTER', and a shopping cart icon showing 'QUICKVIEW \$0.00'. The main content area features the Russell Hampton Company logo (a stylized 'RH' with 'RUSSELL HAMPTON COMPANY' and 'Since 1920 • Division of Diligence, Inc.'), a celebratory banner for 'Celebrating a Century of Service 1920 - 2020' with a '100 YEARS' seal, and the tagline 'Four Generations of Rotarians Serving Rotarians'. Below this is a section titled 'QUICK LINKS TO POPULAR PRODUCTS' with icons for Awards & Plaques, Lapel Pins, Club Supplies, New Member, Traditional Round, Engraved Plastic, Credit-Card Style, Guest Speaker, Trading Banners, and Club Shirts. A navigation bar at the bottom includes links for Products, Home, Ordering, Account, Information, Subscribe, Basket, and 'We Do That!'. A search bar is located on the right. The footer contains the text 'ROTARY'S ORIGINAL CLUB SUPPLIES VENDOR - SINCE 1920' and the slogan 'WE'RE NOT THE BEST BECAUSE WE'RE THE OLDEST. WE'RE THE OLDEST BECAUSE WE'RE THE BEST!'.