

**ROTARY CLUB OF EDINA
TIMELINE
1957-PRESENT**

- July 8, 1957 Eighteen people voted to apply to Rotary International for a charter as the Rotary Club of Edina.
- July 18, 1957 **Kermit Wilson** begins term as the first president of the Rotary Club of Edina. The Rotary theme is “Enlist-Extend-Explore-Service.”
- July 25, 1957 The first meeting of the Rotary Club of Edina was held at the former Biltmore Inn.
- Oct. 7, 1957 The Rotary Club of Edina’s Charter Night was held at the Biltmore Inn. Twenty-three men form the club’s membership.
- July 1958 **Robert Crabb** begins term as second club president. The Rotary theme is “Help Shape the Future.”
- July 1959 **Donald Judkins** begins term as third club president. The Rotary theme is “Vitalize! Personalize! Build Bridges of Friendship!”
- July 1960 **Stanley Fredrickson** begins term as fourth club president. The Rotary theme is “You are Rotary – Live It! Express It! Expand It!”
- July 1961 **Kenneth Zinser** begins term as fifth club president. **Fred Rogers** begins term as District Governor. The Rotary theme is “ACT.” (ACT was an acronym for Aim for action, Communicate for understanding, Test for leadership.)
- July 1962 **Bruce Shubert** begins term as sixth club president. The Rotary theme was “Kindle the Spark Within.”
- July 1963 **Donald Erickson** begins term as seventh club president. The Rotary theme is “Meeting Rotary’s Challenge in the Space Age.”
- July 1964 **C.J. “Sonny” Danens** begins term as eighth club president. The Rotary theme is “Live Rotary.”
- August 1964 Illness forces C.J. “Sonny” Danens to resign as President and the Board of Directors elects **Woodrow “Woody” Wilson** to complete the Rotary year.

- 1965 Rotary International begins its Group Study Exchange and matching grants programs.
- July 1965 **M.E. “Micky” Lane** begins term as 10th club president. The Rotary theme is “Action, Consolidation and Continuity.”
- July 1966 **Donald Gabbert** begins term as 11th club president. The Rotary theme is “A Better World Through Rotary.”
- July 1967 **Donald Brauer** begins term as 12th club president. He Rotary theme is “Make Your Rotary Membership Effective.”
- October 1967 The Rotary Club of Edina celebrates its 10th anniversary with President **Donald Brauer** presiding. The club boasts a membership of 58.
- July 1968 **Warren Hyde** begins term as 13th club president. The Rotary theme is “Participate!”
- July 1969 **Frank Cardarelle** begins term as 14th club president. The Rotary theme is “Review and Renew.”
- July 1970 **Dr. Lloyd Pearson** begins term as 15th club president. The Rotary theme is “Bridge the Gaps.”
- July 1971 **John Bishop** begins term as 16th club president. The Rotary theme is “Good will begins with you.”
- Feb. 17, 1971 Along with 11 other local organizations, the Rotary Club of Edina sponsors the new Edina Crime Prevention Fund with a goal to raise \$50,000. Edina was the first community in the United States to have a program of this type.
- July 1972 **Elwyn Anderson** begins term as 17th club president. The Rotary theme is “Let’s take a new look – and act.”
- July 1973 **Robert Jones** begins term as 18th club president. The Rotary theme is “A Time for Action.”
- 1974 Rotary International establishes its Youth Exchange program.
- July 1974 **Dr. Keith Millett** begins term as 19th club president. The Rotary theme is “Renew the Spirit of Rotary.”
- July 1975 **Bob Felker** begins term as 20th club president. The Rotary theme is “To dignify the human being.”

- September 1975 Bob Felker's employment is transferred out of the area. **Dr. William Stromme** takes over as President.
- July 1976 **Dr. Walter Bonnet** begins term as 22nd club president. The Rotary theme is "I Believe in Rotary."
- July 1977 **Lee Heutmaker** begins term as 23nd club president. The Rotary theme is "Serve to Unite Mankind."
- Oct. 5, 1977 The Rotary Club of Edina celebrates its 20th anniversary at Interlachen Country Club. **Lee Heutmaker** presided over the festivities, which included a dinner of prime rib of beef au jus. The club boasts a membership of 94.
- July 1978 **Dr. Ernest J. Larson, Jr.** begins term as 24th club president. The Rotary theme is "Reach Out."
- July 1979 **Harvey Moore** begins term as 25th club president. The Rotary theme is "Let Service Light the Way."
- July 1980 **Daniel Hallberg** begins term as 26th club president. The Rotary theme is "Take Time to Serve."
- 1981 **Dennis Hykes** organized a committee and moved Camp Enterprise, formerly a project of the Rotary Club of Alexandria, to Camp Courage as a Rotary Club of Edina project.
- July 1981 **Dr. Charles Lindemann** begins term as 27th club president. The Rotary theme is "World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary."
- July 1982 **Thornton P. Anderson** begins term as 28th club president. The Rotary theme is "Mankind is One – Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World."
- Oct. 7, 1982 The Rotary Club of Edina celebrates its 25th anniversary with a gala at Interlachen Country Club. **Arthur Rouner** gives the invocation, written especially for the event.
- July 1983 **William Clynes** begins term as 29th club president. The Rotary theme is "Share Rotary – Serve People."
- July 1984 **Dennis Bock** begins term as 30th club president. The Rotary theme is "Discover a New World of Service."

- 1985 Rotary makes a historic commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio. Working in partnership with nongovernmental organizations and national governments, Rotary launched its PolioPlus program.
- 1985 Club receives Mayor's Commendation for Outstanding Service Club.
- July 1985 **Joseph Kenny** begins term as 31st club president. The Rotary theme is "You are the Key."
- July 1986 **James Hogg** begins term as 32nd club president. The Rotary theme is "Rotary Brings Hope."
- 1987 **John Schwarz** lives in Kenya and sees the PolioPlus program in action and its benefits first hand.
- May 4, 1987 The U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs cannot exclude women from membership.
- July 1987 **Albert Kempf** begins term as 33rd club president. The Rotary theme is "Rotarians – United in Service-Dedicated to Peace."
- 1988 **Chrysanne Manoles** joins the Rotary Club of Edina as its first female member. Her classification was "Interior Design-Lighting."
- July 1988 **John Diracles** begins term as 34th club president. The Rotary theme is "Put Life into Rotary – Your Life."
- 1989 Women are officially recognized as members of Rotary International. The Rotary Club of Edina begins meeting at the Edina Country Club. **T.P. Anderson** oversees an effort to establish the new Rotary Club of Edina Morningside.
- July 1989 **Larry Fischer** begins term as 35th club president. The Rotary theme is "Enjoy Rotary!"
- 1990 **Mike Norman** led the Attendance Committee and organized a "90 in 90" theme to generate 90 percent attendance in 1990. Norman and **Tom McNellis** studied attendance and retention and found that "initially, people get into Rotary, but after about two years, Rotary gets into those people." At the end of the year, the club's attendance averaged over 90 percent.

- July 1990 **Dennis Hykes** begins term as 36th club president. **Daniel Hallberg** begins term as District Governor. The Rotary theme is “Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm.”
- July 1991 **Scott Hutton** begins term as 37th club president. The Rotary theme is “Look Beyond Yourself.”
- 1992 The club receives the Mayor’s Commendation for Community Endowment.
- July 1992 **Mick Flynn** begins term as 38th club president. The Rotary theme is “Real Happiness is Helping Others.”
- July 1993 **Harry Spell** begins term as 39th club president. **John Diracles** begins term as District Governor. The Rotary theme is “Believe in What You Do – Do What You Believe in.”
- 1994 Western Hemisphere is declared polio-free.
- July 1994 **Robert Perkins** begins term as 40th club president. The Rotary theme is “Be a Friend.”
- 1995 **Tom Shian**, chairman of the club’s Community Service Committee, established a mentoring program at North Star Elementary School in Minneapolis.
- July 1995 **Kevin Curry** begins term as 41st club president. The Rotary theme is “Act with Integrity, Serve with Love, Work for Peace.”
- July 1996 **Les Wanninger** begins term as 42nd club president. The Rotary theme is “Build the Future with Action and Vision.”
- 1997 The club “adopts” Lewis Park, agreeing to clean it up at least two times per year. **Joe Cavanaugh** establishes the Kindness Retreat to benefit fifth-graders at Highlands and Cornelia elementary schools.
- July 1997 **Bob Solheim** begins term as 43rd club president. The Rotary theme is “Show Rotary Cares for your community, for our world, for its people.”
- September 1997 **Dr. Bill Carter** leads a group to Penu, Peru, to evaluate one of the club’s international service projects, a dental and OB/GYN clinic.
- Sept. 25, 1997 The Rotary Club of Edina celebrates its 40th anniversary with a special luncheon emceed by **Burt Cohen**. In honor of the

anniversary, the club makes a special donation to the Friends of the Southdale Library. The club boasts a membership of 150.

- July 1998 **Tom McNellis** begins term as 44th club president. The Rotary theme is “Follow your Rotary Dream.”
- May 1999 **Susie Holderness** leads a group to Pena, Peru, to further evaluate the club’s dental and OB/GYN clinic there.
- July 1999 **Bob Hildreth** begins term as 45th club president. The Rotary theme is “Rotary 2000: Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity.”
- 2000 Western Pacific is declared polio-free. District 5950 launches its Safe Water Plus program.
- July 2000 **Mike Norman** begins term as 46th club president. The Rotary theme is “Create Awareness Take Action.”
- 2001 **John Diracles** becomes the club’s first Major Donor to the Rotary International Foundation.
- July 2001 **Patti [Ellingson Solheim]** begins term as 47th club president and first female club president. The Rotary theme is “Mankind is Our Business.”
- 2002 Europe is declared polio-free. The club launches its first website with **Ben McPheeters** as its webmaster. **Tim Murphy** is Mission Director and District 5950 Ambassador for a club-sponsored Rotoplast mission trip to El Salvador. It is the first Rotoplast mission trip in that country.
- July 2002 **Bob Stehlik** begins term as 48th club president. The Rotary theme is “Sow the Seeds of Love.”
- 2003 The Club begins serving meals at the Jeremiah House two or three times annually and organizes a regular blood drive.
- July 2003 **Brad Hepp** begins term as 49th club president. The Rotary theme is “Lend a Hand.”
- July 2004 **Bruce Templeton** begins term as 50th club president. The Rotary theme is “Celebrate Rotary.”

- 2005 Rotary celebrates its centennial in Chicago, Ill. **Dennis Hykes** and **Dan Hallberg** lead an effort to co-sponsor the Minnesota Business Ethics Award.
- April 14, 2005 Club receives Mayor's Commendation for Outstanding Service Club for its work on the new commercial kitchen at the Edina Senior Center.
- May 21, 2009 Anne Byrne is named the second Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award winner.
- July 2005 **Sandy Schley** begins term as 51st club president. The Rotary theme is "Service Above Self."
- 2006 District 5950 launches a chapter of the Paul Harris Society and **Jeff Ohe** is named to lead the regional effort.
- April 24, 2006 **Debra Korb** is recognized as the club's Rotarian of the Year at the City of Edina's 27th-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception. **David Kunz** receives the Mayor's Connecting With Kids Commendation for his work on Rotary's youth projects.
- July 2006 **Tim Murphy** begins term as 52nd club president. The Rotary theme is "Lead the Way."
- January 2007 **Sandy Schley** leads a group to Tanzania, Africa, to view the site of a 2006 earth dam project. Other members on the trip included **Audri Schwarz** and **Wendy Muhlhauser**.
- April 24, 2007 **Jeff Ohe, Dan Rasmus** and **Sandy Schley** are recognized as the club's Rotarians of the Year at the City of Edina's 28th-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception. **Sandy Schley** receives the Mayor's Outstanding Senior Commendation for her work in Rotary, among other things. **Terry Stevens** receives the Mayor's Connecting With Kids Commendation for his work on Rotary's youth projects, among other things.
- June 13, 2007 North Star Elementary School closes its doors.
- June 30, 2007 The club is recognized as being a club of "100 Percent Paul Harris Fellows" by Rotary International.
- July 1, 2007 **Terry Stevens** begins term as 53rd club president. The Rotary theme is "Rotary Shares."

- July 12, 2007 The Rotary Club of Edina begins its golden anniversary celebration with a special luncheon honoring its past presidents. The club boasts a membership of 158.
- May 8-22, 2008 **Tim Murphy** leads a trip to Africa to tour the Mathare Valley slum where the Rotary Club of Edina would begin a \$125,000 ablution block project (five public restrooms). The group also initiated a relationship with “Arise & Shine” orphanage in Kisumu, Kenya, where the club eventually provided a well, uniforms and supplies, and toured Heshina Children’s Center and Dignity Designs. Other members of the club on the trip were **Sandy Schley** and **John Schwarz**.
- May 29, 2008 Dr. Laurel Wills is named the first Chrysanne Manoles Women In Leadership Award winner. The award is named in honor of the club’s first female member.
- July 1, 2008 **Paul Mooty** begins term as 54th club president. The Rotary theme is “Make Dreams Real.”
- April 22, 2009 **Woodrow “Wooj” Byun** and **Mary Younggren** are recognized as the club’s Rotarians of the Year at the City of Edina’s 30th-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception.
- May 22-June 6, 2009 **Tim Murphy** leads a trip to Niarobi, Kenya, and Arusha, Tanzania. The group viewed the club’s completed project in the Mathare Valley and “Peace House Africa” in Tanzania for which our club bought a bus for the school, equipped a science laboratory and shipped a container of books for the library.
- July 1, 2009 **Ellen Kennedy** begins term as 55th club president. The Rotary theme is “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.”
- July 9, 2009 An installation ceremony is held for **Sandy Schley** as Rotary International District 5950 Governor at Centennial Lakes Park.
- March 4-24, 2010 **Tim Murphy** leads a trip to Africa, where the group toured Heshima Children’s Center and the completed Mathare Valley project and checked the progress of the Peace House Africa project. The group traveled to northern Uganda to tour potential villages and schools for an upcoming water and sanitation project to be completed with World Vision.
- March 25, 2010 Six-year-old Moses Mwaura, identified by **Sandy Schley** in the Mathare Valley slums, arrives in Minnesota with **Tim Murphy** for

life-changing eye surgery and dental work.

- April 29, 2010 **Leslie Kreofsky, Ann Platt and Tim Murphy** are recognized as the club's Rotarians of the Year at the City of Edina's 31st-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception.
- June 10, 2010 Donna Tilsner is named the third Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award winner.
- July 1, 2010 **Jon Barnett** begins term as 56th club president. The Rotary theme is "Building Communities – Bridging Continents."
- April 18-May 7, 2011 **Tim Murphy** travels to Uganda and Kenya to tour past and potential project sites and visit Moses Mwuara and Heshima Children's Center.
- April 28, 2011 **Josh Sprague and Nate Wenner** are recognized as the club's Rotarians of the Year at the City of Edina's 32nd-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception.
- May 26, 2011 Dr. Terrie Rose is presented the fourth-annual Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award.
- July 1, 2011 **Woodrow "Wooj" Byun** begins term as 57th club president. The Rotary theme is "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity."
- Nov. 5-13, 2011 **Tim Murphy** travels to Uganda on a project development trip with World Vision and third-party donors to stage another large water project.
- April 16-30, 2012 **Tim Murphy** leads a trip to Africa to visit Moses Mwuara at the Green Garden School in Kenya and celebrate the completion of a project in Gulu, Uganda. **John Flynn** was also part of the trip.
- April 23, 2012 The STRIVE (Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education) program led by the club and the Edina Morningside Rotary Club receives the Mayor's Connecting With Kids Commendation at the City of Edina's 33rd-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception.
- May 24, 2012 Katey Taylor is presented the fifth-annual Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award.
- June 30, 2012 The club receives a Presidential Citation from Rotary International. The club is recognized as being No. 1 in District 5950 in per capita

giving to The Rotary Foundation, with an average of \$413.27 per member.

- July 1, 2012 **Scott MacDonald** begins term at 58th club president. The Rotary theme is “Peace Through Service.”
- March 11-21, 2013 **Tim Murphy** and **John Flynn** are part of a trip to the Dominican Republic to tour the club’s water and sanitation project there. (The primary project sponsor was the Rotary Club of St. Cloud.) The project capped and plumbed natural springs from high elevations down into water reservoirs in remote villages.
- April 2013 **John Flynn** is recognized as the club’s Rotarian of the Year at the City of Edina’s 34th-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception.
- May 30, 2013 Ruth Valgemaie is presented the sixth-annual Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award.
- June 30, 2013 The club receives a Presidential Citation from Rotary International. The club is recognized as being No. 3 in District 5950 in per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation, with an average of \$417.31 per member.
- July 1, 2013 **Steve Slyce** begins term as 59th club president. The Rotary theme is “Engage Rotary, Change Lives.”
- March 30-April 7, 2014 **Tim Murphy** represents the club on a trip to Honduras to tour a District-wide Safe Water Plus project with multiple sites along the border of El Salvador.
- April 2014 **Doug Johnson** is recognized as the club’s Rotarian of the Year at the City of Edina’s 35th-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception.
- May 2014 District 5950 charts an Alumni Association. Charter members include **Woodrow “Wooj” Byun, Tim Murphy** and **Sandy Schley**.
- May 29, 2014 Kim Foote receives the seventh-annual Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award.
- June 30, 2014 The club is recognized as being No. 3 in District 5950 in per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation, with an average of \$436.57 per member.

- July 1, 2014 **Jeff Ohe** begins term as 60th club president. The Rotary theme is “Light Up Rotary.” The Edina Rotary Foundation’s endowment fund, the “Legacy Fund” is established.
- Aug. 12, 2014 An heirloom clock fabricated by the Verdin Company is dedicated at Centennial Lakes Park. The club gifted the clock to the City of Edina in honor of its sesquicentennial. The clock was the Rotary Club of Edina’s signature project for 2013-2014.
- Feb. 11-24, 2015 **Tim Murphy** is part of a group to visit Heshima Children’s Center and visit Moses Mwuara in Africa.
- April 29, 2015 **Jean Morrison** and **Mary Younggren** are recognized as the club’s Rotarians of the Year at the City of Edina’s 36th-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception. Club receives the Mayor’s Service Club Commendation and Tim Murphy the Mayor’s Individual Service Commendation.
- May 21, 2015 Kris Marshall is presented the eighth-annual Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award.
- May 25, 2015 The Edina Veterans Memorial is dedicated at Utley Park, recognizing the Edina soldiers who died while serving our country. The Rotary Club of Edina was a major contributor toward the project, which was considered a signature project.
- June 18, 2015 An installation ceremony is held for **Tim Murphy** as Rotary International District 5950 Governor at Edina Country Club.
- June 30, 2015 The club is recognized as being No. 2 in District 5950 in per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation, with an average of \$584.29 per member. The club receives a Polio Certificate from Rotary International for giving \$1,500 or more to the Polio Plus campaign.
- July 1, 2015 **Jennifer Bennerotte** begins term as 61st club president. The Rotary theme is “Be a Gift to the World.”
- Aug. 14, 2015 The Carl N. Platou Emergency Center is dedicated at Fairview Southdale Hospital. The triage desk in the center was a gift from the Rotary Club of Edina as its 2014-2015 signature project.
- Feb. 23, 2016 The Interact Club of Edina’s Charter Night was held at the Edina Country Club.
- April 20, 2016 **Marty Kupper** is recognized as the club’s Rotarian of the Year at the City of Edina’s 37th-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception.

The Interact Club of Edina receives the Mayor's Service Club Commendation and Interact Club President Elizabeth Anderson receives the Mayor's Youth Commendation.

- May 26, 2016 Ann Swenson is presented the ninth-annual Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award.
- June 2, 2016 The Rotary Community Room is dedicated at Erik's Retreat. The remodeling of the room was the Rotary Club of Edina's signature project for 2015-2016.
- June 30, 2016 **Royce Pavelka** and **Greg Yoch** of the Class of 2014-2015 are recognized as the club's "Rookies of the Year." The club receives a gold-level Presidential Citation from Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran, presented by District Governor Tim Murphy. The club boasts a membership of 173.
- July 1, 2016 **Ann Platt** begins term as 62nd club president. The Rotary theme is "Rotary Serving Humanity."
- April 3, 2017 **Gary Pedersen** is recognition as the club's Rotarian of the Year at the City of Edina's 38th-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception. **Frank Cardarelle** receives the Mayor's Senior Commendation for his nearly four decades of service to the Edina Historical Society as the Rotary Club of Edina's liaison. Camp Enterprise receives the Mayor's Service to Youth Commendation.
- May 25, 2017 Lauren Morse-Wendt is presented the 10th-annual Chrysanne Manoles Women In Leadership Award.
- July 2, 2017 **Saturo "San" Asato** begins term as the 63rd club president. The theme is "Rotary: Making a Difference."
- July 13, 2017 **Renee Harberts** of the Class of 2015-2016 is recognized as the club's "Rookie of the Year."
- Aug. 3, 2017 A grand-opening celebration is held for 66 West, a housing development for young adults who previously experienced homelessness. Furnishing the community room there was the club's signature project for 2016-2017.
- Oct. 5, 2017 The Rotary Club of Edina celebrates its 60th anniversary. Charter Members **Frank Cardarelle** and **Jack Braun**, long-term member **Don Erickson** and Past Presidents are recognized and a representative of the Edina Historical Society presents a history of the club at the luncheon.

- April 23, 2018 **Gordon Lewis** is recognized as the club’s Rotarian of the Year at the City of Edina’s 39th-annual Volunteer Recognition Reception. Lewis also receives the Mayor’s Senior Commendation at the event for his volunteer service.
- May 24, 2018 Lexi Reed Holtum is presented the 11th-annual Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award.
- July 1, 2018 **John Flynn** begins term as the 64th club president. The theme is “Be the Inspiration.”
- September 2018 The Rotary Club of Edina receives a 2017-2018 Rotary Citation from the RI President for being one of only 1,575 clubs in the world to achieve “Top Three Highest in Per Capita Annual Giving” honors in the district.
- April 15, 2019 **Jennifer Bennerotte, Jody Kern and Kip Peterson** are recognized as the Club’s Rotarians of the Year at the 40th-annual Community Volunteer Recognition Reception.
- July 1, 2019 **Josh Sprague** begins his term as the 65th club president. The theme is “Rotary Connects the World.”