



History:

- Chartered on April 16, 1925
- Sponsored by Watertown Rotary Club, conceived at meeting February 20, 1925 held at Majestic Hotel (now torn down)
- Initial membership – 14 men. Dr Henry Peters (President), Dr. L.A. Meyer (VP), Walter Matteson (Secretary), & O.P. Albert (Treasurer)
- As of 2023, our current membership is approximately 65+ members.
- Our club is part of the Rotary International District 6270, which covers SE Corner of Wis & contains 57+ clubs with 3000+ members. Rotary International has 1.2 million+ members worldwide.

Organization:

Our Philosophy/Motto is **“Service Above Self”**

Board of Directors – President, President Elect, VP, Secretary, Treasurer & 5 additional Board Members. *See Ocon Rotary Club Roles/Activity Listing at www.oconomowocrotary.org

Rotary works through committees. Each Rotarian is requested to volunteer on at least one committee or one project each year to embrace our Rotary philosophy “Service Above Self”.

The President will assign Committee Chairpersons, who will recruit members for committee.

Committee Chairpersons – *See Ocon Rotary Club Roles/Activity Listing on the Ocon Rotary website.

The 4 Avenues of Service Rotarians pursue:

- Club
- Vocational
- Community
- International

Board Meetings held every 2nd Monday of the Month. All members are welcome to attend.

Oconomowoc Rotary Club Meetings:

- Weekly lunch meetings are held at Shorehaven from 12:00-1:00, fellowship starts 11:45
- Name badges are found in the case at the entry, please wear so other members & guest learn who you are. After meeting, please return to badge box. Let Leigh Jordan know if there are any changes needed on your badge.
- Meeting Attendance – Strongly encouraged to stay connected to our club members, as well as to stay up-to-date on our activities within the community. (Sign In Book is by the Name Badge Box at entrance of meeting).

- Cost of your meal will be charged to you regardless of attendance, this money will be directed toward club projects.
- Members may attend a meeting at another club. There are Rotary Clubs all over the US & the world, which meet on various days & times. They will always welcome you!
- Dues & Billing – Quarterly statements including your club dues & meal charges will be sent electronically at your preferred email. Dues are \$190 per quarter for active members, \$25 per quarter plus meals if 35 yrs old or younger, \$50 per quarter plus meals for “Rule of 80”. There are also other membership categories. Initially after you join, there may be additional administrative fees in addition to your quarterly membership dues. Any questions about dues can be directed to Bill Lentz, Treasurer. *See Club Directory at oconomowocrotary.org
- Other expenses may include social events, ticket purchases, donations, etc. You may pay these separately or add them to your quarterly statements.
- Unfortunately, some members need to leave the club due to job changes, move, or personal reasons. Please submit a letter to the Board of Directors, so we can officially discontinue your membership with Rotary International, as well as remove you from billing & club communications.

Guests:

- Each member is encouraged to bring guests to meetings or social events. It may be a spouse, friend, business colleague, all are welcome.
- If the guest is considering membership to our club, the cost of the meal will be covered by the club and we ask them to fill out our “Welcome to the Club” information sheet.
- If not considering membership, cost of guest meal billed to member at \$14 per meal.

Typical Meeting Agenda:

- New Members greeted by membership committee member (Fellowship Time)
- Sign-In / Get Name Badge (Fellowship Time)
- Rotary Bell is rung to call meeting to order
- Pledge of Alliance
- Inspiration/Invocation
- Introduction of Guests / Happy Fines
- Committee Reports or Announcements
- Guest Speaker or Classification Talks
- Reciting of “The Four Way Test”
- Rotary Bell is rung to close meeting

Meeting Speakers:

- Let the President know if you have an idea for our weekly guest speakers.

Classification Talk:

- Once you are an official member of the Oconomowoc Rotary, we want to get to know you better by giving a Classification Talk at an upcoming meeting.
- 10-minute talk telling group about yourself – background, current/past jobs, family, etc.
- No formal structure - you're welcome to be creative (make as entertaining if you wish)
- It is surprising how many connections you will make both professionally and personally with other Rotarians, based on this talk.

Happy Fines:

- Voluntary donation of \$\$ to make announcements to the group; birthday & anniversary celebrations (generally give the \$ amount per year), family news, brag moment, announce they were in the paper, etc. Whatever you are “happy” about that week.
- Donations are used to fund the Scholarship Fund.

Weekly Club Bulletin –

- Email sent each Friday by the club president
- Includes club happenings, weekly speaker info, upcoming events/meetings.
- Let the President know if you would like to contribute any information on the email.

ClubRunner (Oconomowoc Rotary Website – www.oconomowocrotary.org)

- Log-in info will be sent once membership is confirmed in the system.
- Members should update their profile, as well as provide a current photo. (Help will be provided if you are unsure how to access your profile online)
- Your member log-in will enable you to access more sensitive data within the website, including club directories, etc.
- Rotary International's website is www.rotary.org, which has info about the purpose, structure, & history of Rotary, including news about clubs around the world.

Scholarship Info: The Lyle Neeb Perseverance Award is presented to OHS seniors, who are recommended by the OHS Staff and honored for their resilience and perseverance while overcoming personal and academic difficulties. The award is named after Rotarian Lyle Neeb, who initiated the scholarship program decades ago.

Oconomowoc Rotary Charitable Foundation:

- Tax exempt organization under Section 501(C) (3) of the IRS code
- Receives & expends funds benefiting Rotary projects, charitable & educational programs
- Foundation money comes from Rotary Club operating budget, fundraisers, & individual member contributions.
- Foundation is overseen by Board of Directors, who make decisions on disbursements to local & international projects & causes.