

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Member Primer

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Club of Carpentersville

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Basics

What is Rotary?

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- Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad.
- Rotary members look for opportunities to improve our communities today and invest in the next generation for tomorrow.
- We collaborate with community leaders who want to get to work on projects that have a real, lasting impact on people's lives
- We connect passionate people with diverse perspectives to exchange ideas, forge lifelong friendships, and, above all, take action to change the world.

Object

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:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service
2. 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.
3. The application of the idea of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the idea of service.

Mottoes

The first motto of Rotary International, “He profits most who serves best” was approved at the second Rotary Convention, Portland, Oregon in 1911. In 1989 the Council on Legislation established “Service Above Self” as the principle motto of Rotary.

Presidential themes

Each year the incoming RI President will decide on a theme for their presidential year. In 2017/18 Pres. Ian Riseley's theme "Making a Difference" 2018/19 Pres Elect Barry Rassin's theme "Be the Inspiration"

The Four-way Test:

Created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1923. One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world.

The Four-way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943.

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?

Area of focus

The areas of focus form an integral part of The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan and the RI Strategic Plan. The most sustainable Rotary service tends to fall within one of six areas:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development.

Service

The five Avenues of Service support the Object of Rotary:

- **Club Service** – involves all of the necessary activities Rotarians perform to make their club functions successfully.
- **Vocational Service** – describes the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and value of his or her vocation.
- **Community Service** – pertains to those activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality in their community.
- **International Service** – describes the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace.
- **New Generations Service** – recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities.

Organization of Rotary

District Governor:

He or she is the single officer of Rotary International in the geographic area called a district. The district governor is a very experienced Rotarian who volunteers more than a year to leading the district; has a wealth of knowledge of current Rotary programs, purposes, policies and goals. (Julie Clark, as of 2018)

Assistant Governors:

This position was created in 1996 as a key element of the District Leadership Plan. These key district leaders help incoming club presidents plan for their year and advise clubs on strategies to achieve goals. (Terry Parkes, as of 2018)

The International Assembly:

Meets in January and prepares district governors-elect from around the world for the office they will assume 1 July.

The District Assembly:

Offers motivation, inspiration, Rotary information, and new ideas for club officers and committee chairs.

The District Conference:

Brings together all club members and their families to enjoy a celebration, fellowship and inspirational speakers.

Training

President-elect Training Seminar (PETS):

Designed to prepare incoming club presidents for the office they will assume on 1 July.

Fall Training (ORS)

One Rotary Summit (ORS) is all about the synergy among Membership, Public Image, and Humanitarian Service (The Rotary Foundation). ORS is about coming up with creative ways to achieve and sustain membership growth and retention, to increase Rotary Foundation giving and project engagement, and to gain enhanced public image in their communities.

Winter Training

Grants Management Seminar is mandatory that each club send at least 1 member in order to qualify to process grant applications. You will learn about the procedures and policies critical to know for District and Global Grant projects, particularly what's new for the coming year.

Rotary Foundation

Foundation history

In 1917, RI President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta convention that "it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world. The endowment's first contribution was \$26.50 in 1917. after 6 years it had reached to \$700. The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis convention. During the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

Why does our club donate to the Rotary Foundation?

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation funded solely by voluntary contributions from members and friends of Rotary who support its mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Using Rotary Foundation grants, Rotary's 34,000 clubs across the globe develop and carry out sustainable humanitarian projects throughout the world. According to Charitable Navigator, The Rotary Foundation has been awarded its highest honor "100%"

What your contribution does for you:

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world. Your donation makes a difference to those who need our help most. More than 90% of donations go directly to supporting our service projects around the world. Our partners make your donation go even further. For every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$2.

How does The Rotary Foundation use donations?

With donations like yours, we've wiped out 99.9 percent of all polio cases. Your donation also trains future peacemakers, support clean water, and strengthens local economies.

Paul Harris Society:

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus Fund, or approved global grants.

Future Vision Plan:

We just had The Rotary Foundation's 100 year anniversary in 2017, the Trustees set out to develop a plan to move the Foundation toward its second century of service.

To simplify the grant-making process, the Future Vision Pan offers three types of grants: district grants, global grants, and packaged grants.

Districts must become qualified in order to receive grant funding from The Rotary Foundation.

Becoming qualified is simple – agree to the club qualification MOU. and send at least one club member to a grant management seminar.

Membership

An active member is one who has been elected to membership under a classification. Members may hold office in their clubs and serve Rotary International at the district and international levels.

Active Rotary membership in Carpentersville has two options:

- **\$50 a quarter.** and you pay for your own meals
- **\$190 a quarter.** and meals are included

Diversified membership

A clubs membership should be reflective of the community it serves. Rotary recognizes the value of diversity with regard to professional and business classification, gender, age religion, and ethnicity.

Sharing rotary with new members:

Of all the obligation a person accepts when joining a Rotary club, the one which most Rotarians fail is “Sharing Rotary” Each club should have a well-balanced membership in which no one business or profession predominates.

Carpentersville Rotary

Rotary Club of Carpentersville-Mornings in District 6440

Club history

We were Chartered in 2009 by Jim Krenz, a local Business owner who wanted to help the local community. Jim passed away a few years later from cancer. His son John joined our club for a number of years and still supports our club annually for our scholarships.

We originally did a vision workshop and determined our goal was to help the underprivileged in our community with a focus on the youth.

We currently have two main fundraisers: our Dundee Pub Crawl and Raceway Woods 5K. We’ve tried a number of things to raise funds from hosting our own event, selling ice cream at Rib Fest, being involved in Oddfellows Rock The Fox, and other community events to raise awareness and funds.

Causes we support

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Operation Warm

Every November, we provide over 300 brand new winter coats to the needy children in our community under the fund-raising banner, Operation Warm. Operation Warm will be providing us with brand new winter coats in a variety of styles and colors. Every \$20 we raise will provide a new coat for a child in need.

Unaccompanied youth dinners

There are homeless kids in our area that need assistance, and this dinner is a chance for one or two of members to take them to dinner and give them donations from our club.



Easter dinner baskets

On the Saturday before Easter, we donate baskets to families in need in the Carpentersville area. There are a lot of donations around other holidays, but our club saw a shortage of assistance to families in need for a good Easter meal.



Educational scholarships

We offer a number of educational scholarships to youths in the area that show a need and potential. These include the Krenz scholarship and RYLA scholarships.

Young Life sponsorship

We have identified this group for their dedication to helping kids to focus on education and service to others. We sponsor the efforts of a few volunteers working in the Carpentersville area.

Living Forward Foundation

The Living Forward Foundation uses coaching as a way to partner with students to be successful in school and reach their educational goals.

FISH Food Pantry

We make financial contributions to this local food pantry throughout the year and also make efforts to show up and volunteer at least a couple times each year. We encourage members to help out here as often as possible.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Dundee Township

We partner with our friends at the Boys & Girls Club to help identify needs in our area, and to combine our efforts to help kids in Carpentersville and Dundee. They are very aware of local needs and are working towards the same goals.

CASA

Our club helps provide suitcases for children who are being pulled from their home because of family problems. It delivers a small amount of comfort and provisions at a time that's very traumatic for children in our community.

FREE community movies

Each Halloween and Christmas we sponsor a free movie showing of an animated movie at Classic Cinema 12 in Carpentersville. It's a good way to build better awareness of our club to the community and families that we serve. We also have prizes, crafts and games for kids to participate in.

Little Free Libraries

We build, install and stock a number of little free libraries throughout the area. There's no shortage of books to put in these adorable displays, and it helps deliver books to areas that appreciate it.



End Polio Now

The goal is global eradication of polio with the help of World Health Organization (WHO) and other partner organizations. We are very close to getting rid of polio for good and are very dedicated to the hard work it takes to extinguish those last few cases across the world.

Agua Es Vida (Water is Life)—Rain Harvesting Project

During our service trip down in El Vaquero, SLP Mexico in 2014 we made a commitment to that community to somehow bring them a sustainable water source which they lack and desperately need.

Fundraising events

Poker Pub Crawl

Our yearly pub crawl through downtown Dundee's famous pub district draws a big crowd and is a lot of fun. If you've never tried your luck with a Poker Pub Crawl, you purchase drinks to get cards and make a poker hand at the end to win prizes.

This is a great way for us to support our local bars while raising money for all of our club's many causes. Learn more at www.rotarypubcrawl.org



Raceway Woods 5K

Raceway woods is a retired car raceway in Carpentersville with scenic views, lots of trees, and challenging hills. Runners have a lot of fun, and some even bring dogs to run along. Learn more at www.raceway5k.com



SuperBowl Squares

This is a simple game that combines football and gambling—with all proceeds going to our club. We sell 100 squares, and as the SuperBowl game scores points and starts new quarters, someone wins some money back. It makes the game a bit more fun to watch—so be sure to invite your friends to play as well.

We want your ideas!

Bring us your ideas for ways to help support great causes in Carpentersville, or around the world. We are always open to discussing new causes or new fundraising events to raise money for those causes. We are all united by a common desire to serve others over ourselves. So if you have an idea that accomplishes that objective, you'll probably spark a similar excitement in other members. The best way to bring up a new idea is to bring it to one of the planning committees for new projects. They will walk you through the best way to bring it up for discussion.

Current board

(last updated 2018)

President – Morgan Bergquist

President Elect – Melissa Hernandez

Treasurer – Lauren Rosenthal

Secretary – Michelle Charron

Immediate Past President – Charlie Nason

Rotary Year runs 7/1-6/30

Club meetings

Meeting format

We start promptly at 7am on Wednesday mornings at Southern Belle's in Carpentersville, IL.

1. Bell rings at 7am, pledge, 4-way test
2. An agenda is planned by the current president for organized discussion and voting on any decisions that need to be made.

3. If we have a guest speaker, they will present after formal club business is completed
4. Happy Dollars (see next page)
5. Raffle (see next page)
6. Bell rings at 8:15 am to close the meeting

Guest speakers

Carpentersville Rotary is always open to welcoming new speakers to our weekly meetings. Anyone with interest please let us know so we can schedule a time and date. We cover the cost of breakfast for guest speakers, and donate a children's book to the local library in their name as a thank you for speaking.

Why we love fines (aka donations)

We have a few rules that are ways of keeping things moving smoothly, while also providing a source of donation money to FISH food pantry. If you break any of these rules, you owe \$1 to the club to go directly to one of our favorite local causes. Forgive us if we get excited every time someone gets fined.

A \$1 fine will be given when you:

- Show up late
- Forget to put on your Rotary pin
- Forget to put on your name tag

Raffle

At the beginning of every meeting, you may purchase a set of raffle tickets. At the end of the meeting, a guest or non-participant will draw a ticket and the winner will get to try their luck at drawing a card. You want to pull out the joker to win. If you pull out another card, it gets pulled out of the deck to increase the odds of the next raffle. When someone pulls out the Joker, they win half of the money in the pot! The other half goes to FISH food pantry.

Happy Dollars

At the end of the meeting, members have a chance to share one thing they're happy about for a \$1 donation to FISH food pantry. Just raise a \$1 in the air, and share you're good news.

How to donate to Rotary

Checks

Checks can be made payable to:

Carpentersville Rotary

P.O. Box 946, Carpentersville, IL 60110

Credit card

See our club financial officers if you need to swipe credit cards at local events

Venmo

This method has a small transaction fee, so only use for minor donations, or when a check is not possible or convenient

venmo.com/Carpentersville-Rotary

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Now is our chance to change the world. To make
sure no child is disabled by polio ever again.

Join in. Speak out. Donate. Be a part of history.

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