



Omaha Morning Rotary

**Orientation
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APPLICATION**

2019-2020

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The first Rotary club in the world was organized in Chicago, Illinois by Paul Harris and friends on February 23, 1905. The name was derived from the practice of rotating meetings from one member's place of business to another's.

Friendship between professional and business leaders was the original goal of Rotary and it has grown into a global network of community volunteers whose members who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary has over 1.2 million members belonging to over 31,000 clubs in more than 165 countries.

Rotary clubs carry out service projects in their local communities and abroad to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment.

Rotary clubs participate in a broad range of humanitarian, intercultural, and education activities designed to improve the human condition.

Rotary's humanitarian grants support club projects that provide health care and medical supplies, clean water, food, job training, youth development, and education to millions of people in need. In addition, Rotary provides more than 200 grants each year to fund the work of Rotary volunteers, who travel to parts of the world where their technical expertise and knowledge are the most needed to alleviate hardship and solve problems.

Why Join Your Local Rotary Club?

The Opportunity to Serve

Rotarians provide service at both the community and international levels. Service programs address health-care needs, hunger and poverty, illiteracy, disaster relief, and environmental cleanups, to name a few. Members experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to provide a forum for professional and business leaders. Members are leaders in business, industry, the professions, the arts, government, sports, the military, and religion. They make decisions and influence policy. Rotary is the oldest, most prestigious service club organization in the world.

Personal Growth and Development

Membership in Rotary ensures continuing personal and professional development. Leadership, public speaking and communication, organization and planning, team-building, fundraising, and teaching are just a sampling of the skills that can be exercised and enhanced through Rotary.

Friendship

Fellowship was a primary reason Rotary was started in 1905, and it remains a major attraction. Today, with more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in over 165 countries, Rotarians have friends wherever they go. Rotary helps to build community as well as enduring friendships.

Cultural Diversity

Rotary International is an association of local clubs in many countries. Clubs are open to members of every ethnic group, political persuasion, language, and religious belief. Rotary clubs contain a cross-section of the world's leaders. They practice and promote tolerance.

Good Citizenship

Membership in Rotary makes one a better citizen. Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world. Rotary's expansive network of clubs and programs provides extensive opportunities for service and interchange.

World Understanding

Rotary members gain an understanding of humanitarian issues and have a significant impact on them through international service projects and exchange programs of RI and its Foundation. The promotion of peace is one of Rotary's highest objectives.

Entertainment

Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversion from one's personal and business life. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

Family Foundations

Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange and educational exchange and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for future leaders. They involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

Ethical Environment

Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that measures words and actions by their truthfulness, fairness, goodwill, and benefit to all. Encouraging high ethical standards in one's professional and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days.

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 **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

OMAHA MORNING ROTARY CLUB

Meetings: Weekly Meeting Tuesday at 7:00 a.m.
Board Meeting Last Tuesday of the month following the meeting
Committee Meetings As needed/called by chairperson

District: Our Rotary International District is #5650. The District is headed by a District Governor, elected annually at the District Conference.

Members: We currently have approximately 35 members.

Recent Projects:

- Donations to many non-profit organizations in the Omaha area
- Partial sponsorship of the Roger Koehler Foundation at the Methodist School of Nursing.
- Rebuilt a secondary school in Chacala, Mexico and donated communication equipment, books and money.
- Partial sponsorship of location markers on hiking trails around Omaha to help emergency personal find injured people.
- Recycled Christmas trees.
- Provided volunteers for many Omaha events.
- Provided mentors to several high school students
- Many others

PROCESS TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER:

1. The application must be turned in.
2. The Board of Directors must verify your occupation and agree:
 - a. That you hold an "important" position in your firm
 - b. That you are an outstanding leader in your vocation
3. The Membership Committee (or Board) will verify your personal reputation both in your business and in the community.
4. The Board of Directors must approve the application.
5. Finally, the entire membership must approve each new Rotarian.

OMAHA MORNING ROTARY - MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

Dues: Annual dues of \$365 are due each July 1st. For NEW Rotarians, the annual dues payment will cover the first 2 years of membership. New Rotarians can pay \$183 per year or \$365 to cover their first 2 years with our Club. In addition each member may be required to pay an annual fundraiser fee. Money from the annual fundraiser goes to a charity selected by the Foundation committee.

Other Contributions: At each meeting we recognize members who have had their picture or articles in the paper or have done something note worthy and levy a fee of \$1. On the month of your birthday, you will be recognized at a club meeting and we normally collect a \$1. Most members donate a dollar for each year as a donation to our foundation (deductible) but this is voluntary.

Meeting Attendance: All Rotarians are encouraged to attend a Rotary Meeting each week. The minimum attendance requirement is 50% -- in other words, you must attend 5 out of 10 meetings. In order to receive credit, you must stay until 8:00 a.m. You are expected to attend Omaha Morning Rotary's meetings 50% of the time. When you cannot attend our meeting, you can make up at another club or attend other club functions that count toward a make-up such as:

- A board meeting
- Committee meeting
- After hours meeting (Cocktail party at a place of business after work. Members volunteer to show off their place of business and other members get a better understanding of what that member does in his/her business).

Meetings should be made up 14 days prior or following your missed meeting.

Permanent Badge: To earn your permanent badge you need to:

1. Attend the orientation meetings set by the past president.
2. Attend a monthly Board Meeting.
3. Attend a After Hours Event (Hosted by one of our members)
4. Attend another Rotary Club's weekly meeting.
5. Serve as Greeter at a weekly meeting
6. Attend a monthly Morning Rotary Foundation Meeting

Rotary Number: Everyone is assigned a Rotary Number which will be on the back of your badge. You will find your badge in the slot with that number in the case at check in. You should return it to that same slot when you leave. When attending another Rotary meeting, always PRINT when listing your name to obtain credit for the attendance.

Involvement: In order to enjoy all the benefits of Rotary membership you must get involved. Involvement comes in the form of attending meetings, working on projects or committees and by visiting with Rotarians at each weekly meeting.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Omaha Morning Rotary has a distinguished record of service and giving. One of the avenues available to us is that of giving to the Rotary Foundation. Through this foundation" Rotary International contributes millions of dollars and hours to assist with worthwhile programs throughout the world. The Paul Harris Fellow designation is the tool used to honor individuals able and willing to contribute financially to the Rotary International Foundation.

To become a Paul Harris Fellow, your cumulative contributions to the Foundation must be at least \$1,000. To become a Sustaining Member you need to make a \$100 contribution annually.

Current Omaha Morning Rotarians having achieved Paul Harris Fellow status are:

(Multiple years listed below indicate \$1,000 or more was given in those years).

Benck, Michael (2009)	Murphy, John (2009)
Berger, Robert (2013)	Murphy, Michael (2010)
Brase, Rodney (1997, 2004, 2010, 2017)	Nodgaard, Doug (2017)
Cockle, Andy (2004, 2012)	Pullen, Ed (2016)
Donovan-Martello, Mary (2009, 2014)	Rapp, Robert (2011, 2012)
Ewasiuk, Ron (2004, 2014)	Roeder, Jon (2008, 2009)
Ford, Bob (1998,1999, 2011)	Rupiper, Russ (2009, 2017)
Goedert, James (2017)	Sears, Gregory (1994)
Goedert, Martha (2016)	Schenk, Bill (2003, 2014)
Gurnon, Tom (2009)	Sittenauer, Leigh (2009, 2018)
Hamann, Dan (1992)	Stevens, Ken (2009, 2014)
Hansen, Mike (2004)	Stevens, Scott (2009, 2014)
Hiley, Jason (2009)	Stratton, Robert (2008)
Krause, Mike (2008)	Sullivan, Jim (2008)
McFarlin, Mike (2017)	

OMAHA MORNING ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

Chartered March 7, 1984

Year	President	President-Elect	Treasurer	Secretary
1984-1985	Paul Herrick	John Miller	Jim Follon	Jeff Ketzler
1985-1986	John Miller	John Pogge	Jim Follon	John Murphy
1986-1987	John Pogge	John Murphy	Mike McFarlin	Joe Harnett
1987-1988	John Murphy	Don Ketzler	Mike McFarlin	Jay Freed
1988-1989	Don Ketzler	Don Wagner	Mike McFarlin	Tony Simunaci
1989-1990	Don Wagner	Bob Ford	Scott Schmidt	Bob Berger
1990-1991	Bob Ford	Mike McFarlin	Scott Schmidt	Matt Moyer
1991-1992	Mike McFarlin	Scott Schmidt	Jerry Bland	Bill Schenk
1992-1993	Scott Schmidt	Jon Breuning	Jerry Bland	John Finlayson
1993-1994	Jon Breuning	Bill Schenk	Jerry Bland	Russ Rupiper
1994-1995	Bill Schenk	Carl Anderson	Jerry Bland	Bob Stratton
1995-1996	Carl Anderson	Tony Simunaci	Scott Bradley	Paul Kottich
1996-1997	Tony Simunaci	Linda Chloupek	Scott Bradley	Jim Sullivan
1997-1998	Linda Chloupek	Paul Kottich	Mike McFarlin	Mike Benck
1998-1999	Paul Kottich	Mike Benck	Robert Luebbert	Richard Triptow
1999-2000	Mike Benck	Max Rudolph	Robert Luebbert	Mike Flynn
2000-2001	Max Rudolph	Mike Flynn	Mike Homa	Doug Larson
2001-2002	Michael Flynn	Doug Larson	Mike Homa	Ted Rehmann
2002-2003	Doug Larson	Ron Ewasiuk	Elizabeth Nelson	Holly Murphy- Barstow
2003-2004	Ron Ewasiuk	Holly Murphy- Barstow	Elizabeth Nelson	Vince Vigneri
2004-2005	Holly Murphy- Barstow	Bob Wendt	Ron Ewasiuk	Kerri Peterson
2005-2006	Bob Wendt	Cecelia Tonn	Ron Ewasiuk	Elizabeth Nelson
2006-2007	Cecelia Tonn	Kerri Peterson	Ron Ewasiuk	Jennifer Skala
2007-2008	Kerri Peterson	Stephanie Peterson Basham	Ken Stevens	Robert Stratton
2008-2009	Stephanie Peterson Basham	Vince Vigneri	Ken Stevens	Scott Stevens
2009-2010	Vince Vigneri	Scott Stevens	Ken Stevens	Forrest Newburg
2010-2011	Scott Stevens	C. Todd Cook	Rick Braasch	Mike Murphy
2011-2012	C. Todd Cook	Scott Bradley	Rick Braasch	Doug Nodgaard
2012-2013	Scott Bradley	Patrick Fay	Rick Braasch	Zach Steigleder
2013-2014	Patrick Fay	Jason Hiley	JB Bricklemyer	Ed Pullen
2014-2015	Jason Hiley	Dr. Henry Nipper	JB Bricklemyer	Danielle Swerczek
2015-2016	Dr. Henry Nipper	Rick Braasch	Mary Donovan-Martello	Max Honaker
2016-2017	Rick Braasch	Doug Nodgaard	Mary Donovan-Martello	Chris Denney
2017-2018	Doug Nodgaard	Mary Donovan Martello	Ed Pullen	Martha Goedert
2018-2019	Mary Donovan Martello	Mike Murphy	Ed Pullen	Ron Ewasiuk
2019-2020	Mike Murphy	Robert Rapp	Ed Pullen	Bill Schenk

Omaha Morning Rotary Membership Application

Applicant:
Company Name:
Position or Title:
Company Address:
Company Phone:
Company Fax:
Email:
Residence:
Phone:
Date of Birth:
Spouse's Name:
Previous Rotary Memberships:

I understand that it will be my duty, if elected to the club, to exemplify the object of Rotary in all my daily contacts and activities and, at all times, to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the club. I agree to pay the annual dues of \$365.00 (for 2019-2020.) Dues are reduced by 50% for the first two years for new members making them \$182.50 per year for the first two years of membership.

I hereby give my permission to Rotary International, Rotary District 5650 and Omaha Morning Rotary to publish my name and classification to its members.

Signature: _____

Date: _____