



# This is Rotary

**New Member Orientation  
The Rotary Club of Eagan**

# Who We Are

- A global network of 1.2 million members worldwide in 35,000+ clubs
- 530 districts in over 169 countries
- Motto: **Service Above Self**
- Values: **Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, Leadership**



Rotary Founder  
Paul Harris

## In the Beginning...

- First Rotary Club was founded in Chicago in 1905 by Paul Harris
- The club had four members and they met in rotation at their offices – and called it “Rotary”
- Rotary provides people from different backgrounds a chance to exchange ideas, form friendships, and give back to their communities

# 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?

# Rotary Organization 2024-25



Rotary International  
President  
Stephanie A.  
Urchick,



5950 District Governor  
Sharon Bloodworth

## Eagan Rotary Board of Directors

President: Andy Schmitz

President-elect: Karen Peterson

Treasurer: Laura Helmueller

Secretary: Kathy Sullivan

Membership: Amy Sousa

New Generations: Steve Conlin

Public Image: Brent Cory

Community Service: John Rhody

World Service: Glenn Perkins

Past President: Andy Lucking

Fundraising: Mike Vruno

Sergeant-at-Arms: Dick Fuller

*All positions in Rotary are one-year terms and change on July 1.*



2024-25 Rotary Theme



# The Rotary Club of Eagan

## Origins

- Chartered in 1987
- 34 original charter members

## 2024-25

- 56 members
- President Andy Schmitz
- Meetings every Wednesday at noon at Lost Spur Golf and Event Center

# FIVE AVENUES OF SERVICE

# Avenues of Service

## Club Service

- Rotary's **Club Service** group makes our club strong by creating an active group anchored by strong relationships. It involves working with new members and organizing activities within the club to help it function successfully.



# Club Service Projects

- Identifying and welcoming new members
- New Member orientation and mentoring
- Club Directory (Club Runner software)
- Social activities
- Special events

# Avenues of Service

## Community Service

John Rhody

- Rotary's **Community Service** group promotes high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizes the worthiness of all occupations, and encourages the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations

# Community Service Programs

- Veterans Day recognition
- Safety Officer recognition
- Teacher recognition
- Vocational talks
- Rotation Day
- Adopt-a-Street program

# Community Service Projects

- Community Service Grants program  
(presented each year)
- Major Projects  
(Eagan Rotary Band Shell, Art Works Eagan,  
Eagan Fire Department Safety Trailer)
- Armful of Love
- Camp Enterprise
- Rotary Park partnership with City of Eagan

# Avenues of Service

## International Service

Glenn Perkins, Chair

- Rotary's **International Service** group supports things Rotarians do to encourage and foster the advancement of understanding and goodwill among people around the world

# International Service Projects

- Panama Chicken Coop Project
- Polio Plus
- Clean Water

# Avenues of Service

## *New Generations & Youth Exchange*

Steve Conlin, Chair

- Rotary's **New Generations & Youth Exchange** group recognizes the importance of students and young professionals through international student exchange and leadership development programs

# New Generations & Youth Exchange Projects

- Interact Club at Eagan High School
- Youth Exchange welcomed past students from Brazil, Italy and Korea; current student is outbound to Italy
- Eagan High School Student of the Month
- Ethics Workshop put on for Eagan High School students annually



# The Rotary Foundation

Cindy Hendrick, Chair

- Each spring, members are invited to contribute to The Rotary Foundation
- Paul Harris Fellow awards are presented to the member or a designee at \$1,000 increments (this can be done at \$100 or more increments)
- Our club is proud to have a history of receiving a contribution from each member every year (Every Rotarian/Every Year)
- PolioPlus Fund

# Club Committees

- **Veterans Day Recognition Committee**

Honor three veterans for their military service. Veterans from the community are invited to attend for free lunch and recognition.

Chair: Bob Holton

- **Membership Committee**

Create and implement an action plan for membership development to attract, retain and engage members. Develop committee procedures to achieve goals.

Chair: Dick Fuller

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# Club Committees

- **The Rotary Foundation Committee**

Coordinate annual giving to The Rotary Foundation and Paul Harris Fellowship Awards.

Chair: Cindy Hendrick

- **Safety Officer Recognition**

Create an annual event to recognize an Eagan Police Officer and an Eagan Firefighter.

Chair: Jill Hutmacher

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# Club Committees

- **Ethics Workshop**

Work with Eagan High School to sponsor and produce our full-day annual Ethics Workshop for juniors and seniors. Recruit Rotarian facilitator to work with students at each table. Programs introduces students to the concepts of ethics, fairness and equality in business and in life.

Chair: Quinn Hutson

- **Student of the Month**

Recognize and honor an outstanding student from Eagan High School each month.

Chair: Mimi Palen-Clare

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# Club Committees

- **Dinner Club**

Organize one or more annual dinner gatherings for Rotarians and their significant others.

Chair: Sue Luse

- **Street Cleanup**

Organize a street cleanup twice a year.

Chair: Jennifer Conoryea

- **Rambling Rotarians**

Organize interesting outings and invite club members to participate.

Chair: Bob Holton

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# Club Committees

- Annual Live to Give Walk

Plan and organize our biggest annual fundraiser. Choose three charity partners to participate and to receive up to a maximum of \$5000 each. Find sponsors, entertainment, food providers and walkers for the 1.1 mile event.

Chair: Karen Peterson

# Live to Give Walk

Mike Vruno, Chair



- Our club's ANNUAL MAJOR FUNDRAISER (Next Walk is on Saturday, May 4, 2024)
- Proceeds from this event supports our Community Service Grants program
- Club Members are invited to become event sponsors (\$500 – \$2500), form teams of walkers, attend the event, and volunteer to make it a success
- Our Presenting Sponsor (\$5,000 level) is Spaces

# Financial Expectations

- Annual Dues        \$310 (billed in July)
- Meals        \$144/quarter (billed quarterly)    OR  
                  \$20/meal (pay-as-you-go)
- Social Events        Varies
- The Rotary Foundation yearly (suggested \$100 or more....Every Rotarian, Every Year)  
(Annual Gift)



# Welcome to the Rotary Club of Eagan!

- Meet other people who live or work in Eagan
- Give back to your community and have fun at the same time
- Help celebrate students, teachers, veterans, public servants, businesses and non-profits in Eagan
- Learn about our international service project to change lives in Panama
- Connect and network with other professionals