

## Club Leadership

Each club elects its own president and officers among its active members for a one-year term. The clubs enjoy considerable autonomy within the framework of the standard constitution and bylaws of Rotary International. The governing body of the club is the club board, consisting of the club president (who also serves as the board chairman), a president-elect, club secretary, club treasurer, and a board director, including the past president and the president elect. The president usually appoints the directors to serve as chairs of the major club committees.

## District Level

Each club is a member of a regional district; the Fort Morgan Rotary is in District 5450. Each governor is nominated by the clubs of his/her district, and elected at the annual RI District Convention. The district governor appoints assistant governors from among the Rotarians of the district to assist in the management of Rotary activity and multi-club projects in the district.

## Zone Level

Approximately 15 Rotary District for a zone. A zone director also serves as a member of the RI board of directors. The zone director is nominated by the clubs in the zone and elected by the convention for the terms of two consecutive years.

## Rotary International

Rotary International is governed by a board of directors composed of the international president, the president-elect, the general secretary, and 17 zone directors. The international board meets quarterly to establish policies and make recommendations to the overall governing bodies. The chief operating officer of RI is the general secretary, who heads a staff of about 600 people working at the international headquarters in Evanston, IL and in seven international offices around the world.

## Membership

Each club determines its own membership. Active membership is by invitation from a current Rotarian to professional or business people working in diverse professions or areas of endeavor. One can contact a Rotary club to inquire about membership but can join a Rotary club only if sponsored by an existing Rotarian. Membership responsibilities include weekly attendance at the Fort Morgan Rotary meetings Tuesday at noon, participation in club service projects, and participation in weekly programs and club leadership opportunities.



## Dues

Dues are paid quarterly and the Fort Morgan Rotary Club will email you an invoice each quarter. There will be three items on each invoice: dues \$40, meals (\$10 per meeting, regardless of attendance), and an optional Paul Harris donation of \$25. The Paul Harris donation helps fund the Rotary Foundation. You are responsible for forwarding this invoice to your employer if they pay. Any outstanding balances owed from the prior quarter must be paid before the next quarterly invoice, or you will be asked to become "inactive" until you are caught up. Inactive members are still responsible for paying quarterly dues but are not responsible for other assessments. Honorary membership may be given to individuals who have distinguished themselves through meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals. Honorary membership is conferred only in exceptional cases and Honorary members are exempt from the payment of dues.

## The Rotary Foundation

At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI president Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good works in the world." In 1928, it was renamed the Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. In 1929 the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization later grew into Easter Seals.

As a nonprofit organization, all of the foundation's funding comes from voluntary contributions made by Rotarians and friends who share the Rotary vision of a better world. The mission of the Rotary foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Rotary Foundation helps fund humanitarian activities from local service projects to global initiatives and leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such as eradicating polio.

When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the foundation. Today the Paul Harris society recognizes and honors Rotary members and friends of the Rotary Foundation who contribute \$1,000 or more to the annual fund, to PolioPlus, or to authorized global grants. The number of Paul Harris Fellows reached the one million mark in 2006. Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. Rotary's recurring giving program, makes it easy to join the Paul Harris Society.

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The Board of Trustees manages the business of the foundation, led by the trustee chair. The Rotary International president -elect nominates the trustees, who are elected by the Rotary International Board of Directors. The trustee chair serves for one year and trustees serve for four years.







# Rotary

Club of Fort Morgan



## ORIENTATION TO ROTARY

### Rotary

Rotary is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. Rotary is a nonpartisan, secular organization open to business and professional leaders regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political preference or economic status. There are over 34,000 clubs worldwide with over 1.2 million Rotarians. Rotary's motto is:

**"Service above Self"**



## The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and 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?

### Club

The club is the basic unit of Rotary activity. Originally limited to a single club per city, municipality, or town, Rotary International now encourages the formation of one or more additional clubs in more populated areas. Most clubs meet weekly, usually at a mealtime on a weekday in a regular location. At these weekly meetings, Rotarians can discuss club business and hear from guest speakers. Each club promotes service to their community as well as to the wider world. Projects may be organized for the local community by a single club, but some special projects may involve collaboration with other clubs within the district or occasionally a "sister club" in another nation.

