

Rotary



Founded as America's first service club in 1905, Rotary today has over 46,000 clubs worldwide providing community leadership in many forms. Some of its 1.4 million members may be delivering polio vaccine to children in India, water purification units in Africa or clothing and food to underprivileged in America. How did a non-governmental organization started by a young attorney (Paul Harris), in a cramped Chicago office, accomplish this? Rotarians networking in many ways prove that the sun never sets on Rotary's activities. Rotary's motto, *Service above Self*, is demonstrated by, among other things, its polio campaign. Once a dreaded childhood disease Polio crippled and killed thousands of people worldwide. In 1985, Rotary International decided to provide the polio vaccine to rid the world of this gruesome disease. Working with the World Health Organization and others, Rotary basically achieved its goal to wipe out polio. *The Wall Street Journal* wrote, "Rotary's unsung polio effort deserves the Nobel Prize."

Rotary Club of East Wichita

Organized in 1984, we have 68 members. We meet at the Wichita Country Club, traditionally on the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month, at noon for approximately an hour. We encourage regular attendance, visiting other clubs and participating in our club's events and service projects. Dues are \$510 every six months, billed for January 1-June 30, and again, July 1-December 31 of each year. Members are expected to pay dues promptly when billed.

~ Tom Church, President, 2024-2025

Who is eligible for Rotary?

We seek men and women who have demonstrated leadership skills in their field or community. A member should strive to attend 60% of our weekly noon meetings and participate in at least one volunteer opportunity each year. Because we value Rotary's history and traditions, a new member must attend an orientation session, offered periodically throughout the year. All membership applications must be approved by the board of directors prior to a 7-day review by the entire membership.

This Is What WE Do!

- Our mission is to serve those in need in the greater Wichita area, our country, and throughout the world. Each year, we support various projects and activities which are designed to improve the quality of life for others. Club members get together at meetings, social gatherings, and service projects in a spirit of fun, friendship, and learning to make a difference in our community. Our guide is the 4-Way Test of the things we think, say, or do. Is it the Truth? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?
- Each year, through the East Wichita Rotary Foundation, we also award annual college scholarships to area students. After the initial scholarship, students receive additional funds for three ensuing years, provided they maintain satisfactory grades. Scholarship recipients attend Club meetings annually to tell us about their educational experiences.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION for The Rotary Club of East Wichita *

NAME: (As you would like it on name badge): _____

HOME ADDRESS (include ZIP CODE): _____

BUSINESS: _____ YOUR TITLE: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (including ZIP CODE): _____

PHONE NUMBERS (cell is optional): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

FORMER ROTARIAN? _____ IF SO, WHAT CLUB? _____

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT YOUR COMPANY/ORGANIZATION DOES, SELLS, HAS TO OFFER AND YOUR POSITION, ETC. INFORMATION IS FOR THE CLUB DIRECTORY. _____

LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND/OR ACHIEVEMENTS: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES: (please indicate under which category you are submitting your application)

- _____ **Regular Membership**—Dues are \$510 semi-annually (\$1020 per year) covering all lunch meetings and club expenses. There is a one-time new member fee of \$100. This membership category is open to all applicants.
- _____ **Senior Active**—Must meet ONE of the three requirements (age 70, retired from one's profession, **OR** have second home in another state where you spend 6 months or more of the year)
 - Half of regular membership dues (therefore, \$255 semi-annually) ; there is a one-time new member fee of \$100. Pay for all meals that you attend at our standard rate of \$25. One can change this status between regular and senior active status each semi-annual period, depending on how many meetings you project to attend in that six month period

Sponsor's Name/email: _____ DATE: _____

At times throughout the year, candid shots are used for internal/social media purposes. Please check the box at the left if you grant us permission to use your picture in this manner.

* A more detailed form will be provided after approval.

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