

ABOUT ROTARY

Rotary International is one of the largest service organizations in the world. It is a non-political and non-religious organization whose membership is by application or invitation and is based on various social factors that promote diversity of profession, gender, and race. There are more than 46,000 member clubs worldwide, with a global membership of 1.4 million individuals, known as Rotary members or Rotarians. Rotary International is the organization of service clubs with the largest membership in the world, with 1.9 million volunteers, including all the members of clubs that make up the Rotary family, namely Rotary, Interact, and Rotaract clubs.



MissionTo provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

VisionTogether, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Mantra“Service Above Self”

- 4-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?

ABOUT ROTARY CLUB OF EAST WICHITA

Rotary Club of East Wichita was chartered on March 6, 1984 with 35 members and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wichita (known as the Downtown Wichita Club). As of July 1, 2024 our Club had a membership of 64.

Who We Are

Our members are community leaders including business owners, licensed professionals, and key decision-makers from many sectors of the community. They represent small businesses, corporations, and nonprofit organizations in various industries including legal, health/medical, education, banking/financial services, aerospace, real estate, religion, and more. Rotary International and our Club embrace diversity. Member ages range from the 20s to the 90s. Women were first admitted as Rotarians internationally in 1989. Our Club has had six women serve as Club presidents. We also strive to be diverse in nationality, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, etc.

Why We Gather

Our Club is a community of leaders exchanging ideas and taking action to serve our community by giving back. We provide volunteer hours as well as funding to projects and organizations that warrant Club support. Giving our time and resources to help others is among our members’ highest priorities.

When & Where We Meet

Rotary Club of East Wichita meets three Wednesdays each month from Noon-1:00 pm at the Wichita Country Club. We reserve the first and fifth Wednesdays of the month to volunteer in the community and/or enjoy social/networking events. We do not meet during major holiday weeks. Offsite meetings, referred to as “Firesides,” are periodically hosted at a member’s workplace, providing the opportunity to showcase his/her business.

Our Expectation of Members

While we believe every meeting has value and every service project has merit, we realize members have other obligations and may miss out from time-to-time. We encourage members to attend at least 60 percent of scheduled meetings and participate in a minimum of three service projects annually. Social events count toward attendance.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

When you join Rotary Club of East Wichita, you benefit from both a local and global organization. One membership, seemingly unlimited benefits. Our members develop, elevate, and serve.

Service Opportunities

Our Club distributes turkey dinners to individuals and families in need at Thanksgiving, sets up apartments for clients of the International Rescue Committee, participates in the annual Arkansas River clean-up, and volunteers at Simply Hygiene to assemble packets with basic need items. We also fund sending high school students to Rotary Youth Leadership Experiences (RYLA), and we participate in international programs including Rotary Inter-Country Teacher Exchange (RITE) and "Open World" programs.

Learning Opportunities

One of the most important benefits of membership is the opportunity to learn ... about our community, unique businesses and business practices, programs and services available, leadership opportunities, and more. Every membership luncheon has a featured speaker presentation designed to inform, educate, and/or entertain. District and global conferences also provide education and growth opportunities. Finally, we encourage members to join our Boards, providing experience sure to advance careers.

Philanthropy

Members of Rotary Club of East Wichita are generous with both their time and financial support. Our Club has donated to many nonprofits, including Urban Preparatory Academy, the Robert Dole VA Hospital, and Head-to-Toe Hygiene Pantry. Our Club's charitable foundation was organized in 1999 to support our philanthropy and service initiatives. A major emphasis is to award annual scholarships to area high school graduates attending Kansas colleges or technical schools. To qualify, students must have a 3.0 GPA or higher, be active in their school, and show evidence of need. Students may apply for scholarships in successive years. The Foundation will support 11 students receiving \$11,500 in scholarships during the 2024-25 academic year. An Endowment Fund was launched in 2022 to help ensure funding for future students in the community. Pledge form and FAQ's regarding the Endowment Campaign can be found on our website at www.EastWichitaRotary.org. Many Club members also support the Rotary International Foundation. That foundation supports projects worldwide; Rotary is known worldwide for its work to eradicate Polio. An added benefit is that money comes back each year to our Rotary District for local grants/projects. The amount provided to the District is dependent upon District giving.

Networking & Fellowship

Building a great personal/professional network and having mentors and colleagues within the community are important benefits of membership. Rotarians use our weekly meetings for introductions and to get to know other Rotarians and visitors. Occasional mixers, service projects, and other social events also provide excellent opportunities to make new contacts. Social events are an important aspect of the Rotary experience and help to maintain a vibrant club. Occasional mixers, annual holiday party, and special social activities are scheduled at various eastside restaurants or members' homes. Members' spouses and guests are encouraged to participate.

Literature

Your membership includes a subscription to Rotary International's monthly magazine "Rotary" as well as "Weekly Update" e-newsletters from Rotary Club of East Wichita. We strive to always keep you informed. In addition, members can stay connected with the help of our annual membership directory.

FEES

Current fees are \$660 collected both in June and December. That amount includes \$510 for dues and meals, and voluntary contributions of \$50 to Rotary International Foundation and \$100 to East Wichita Rotary Foundation.

MORE INFORMATION

- **Visit Our Websites:** www.Rotary.org AND www.EastWichitaRotary.org.
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