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Rotary Club of Western Johnson County

The following is a summary of what **Rotary** is, the types of services **Rotary** provides, the requirements to be a **Rotarian**, and the people who carry out the **Rotary Mission**.

What is Rotary?

Our Mission

The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. Rotarians are asked to live their professional and community lives by looking to the 4-Way Test.

Why Join The Rotary Club of Western Johnson County?

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.



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.

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.

Rotary Avenues of Service

Based on the Object of Rotary, the Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- **Community Service** covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- **Club Service** focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.
- **Vocational Service** encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- **International Service** encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.
- **New Generations Service** involves youth leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs.

What are the Requirements?

Requirements

1. Maintain at least 50% attendance at Rotary meetings. The happy hour meetings last one hour. Meetings consist of approximately 20 minutes of networking, 15 minutes of club business (which includes announcements, Happy Bucks, Rotary information, and updates on service projects), and 25 minutes of a presentation by the guest speaker.
2. Pay your dues (which are an investment in yourself). There is an initiation fee of \$60 for new members (\$0 for current Rotarian transfers in good standing). Annual dues are \$150. Each member is also assessed for meals on a quarterly basis, currently \$110.50 per quarter.
3. Our Club's goal is to have every member become a Paul Harris Fellow in The Rotary Foundation.



Prospective members attend one or more meetings as a guest. If interested in membership, a club member proposes the prospective member to the board, and after board approval, the prospective member applies for membership.

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**Rotary Club of
Western Johnson County Meetings**
Every Tuesday
5:15 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

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