



West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club

Membership Handbook

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Is it fair to all concerned?

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Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise, and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- Second:** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of their occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- Third:** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to their personal, business, and community life.
- Fourth:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.



The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do is a test used by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships. The test can be applied to almost any aspect of life.

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THE HISTORY OF ROTARY

- 1905 The first Rotary Club was organized by Paul P. Harris, a young Chicago attorney, as an outgrowth of a meeting between Harris and three of his friends on February 23, 1905. The vision of Paul Harris was to have a club so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships and give back to their communities.
- 1908 The second Rotary Club was organized in San Francisco.
- 1910 The first Rotary Club outside the USA was formed in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
- 1912 Clubs formed in London, England; Dublin, Ireland; and Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- 1918 Rotary entered South America, with a club in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 1920 Rotary expanded to continental Europe, with members in Madrid, Spain.
- 1921 Rotary clubs were formed in more countries including Australia, France, Japan, Mexico, and New Zealand.
- 1922 Rotary entered Africa with club members in Johannesburg.
- 1927 Provisions were made for endowment of the Rotary Foundation.
- 1947 Rotary founder, Paul Harris, died.
- 1985 Rotary celebrated its 80th anniversary. Over 21,000 clubs, with 938,658 members internationally.
- 1986 Rotary expands to over 22,000 clubs and the milestone of one million members in February.
- 1987 Rotary clubs begin accepting female members.
- 1994 Western Hemisphere declared polio free
- 2001 30,000th Rotary club chartered

For more Rotary history go to My Rotary and click on history



WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary is a “service organization.” Rotary Club members are business and professional leaders who volunteer in their communities and promote world understanding and peace. Rotary's 31,000 clubs in more than 165 countries and regions encourage high ethical standards and carry out humanitarian projects to address such issues as poverty, health, hunger, education and the environment. Rotary clubs are service organizations, not business exchange clubs.

The West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club was founded in 1990. Our club meets each Tuesday morning at 7:15 a.m. A typical meeting includes an opportunity for fellowship from 7:00 – 7:15 with coffee and juice, followed by a breakfast buffet and meeting. Most meetings consist of a short business meeting followed by a guest speaker. Members take turns in providing speakers. On the first Tuesday of each month, the meeting consists of an in-service meeting where no speaker is involved and the membership discuss items pertaining to the club. All meetings typically end between 8:15 and 8:30. If you need to leave early, there is an early out “fine” of \$1.00 that goes toward Christmas gifts that our club provides to the Gingerbread House (for disadvantaged families).



THE 6 AREAS OF FOCUS OF ROTARY

The most successful and sustainable Rotary service tends to fall within one of these following six areas.

- 1) **Supporting Education:** More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.
- 2) **Fighting Disease:** We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.
- 3) **Promoting Peace:** Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.
- 4) **Saving Mothers and Children:** Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.
- 5) **Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene:** We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.
- 6) **Growing local economies:** We carry out service enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.



THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

**Bringing positive change to communities
around the world.**

Connect for Good

The annual support of Paul Harris Society members allows us to fulfill the promises we make to improve our communities and communities around the world.

What is the Paul Harris Society?

The Paul Harris Society, named for Rotary's founder, is made up of dedicated supporter who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus, or an approved Rotary Foundation grant.

Doing Good – Made Easy

Rotary's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct, is an easy way to give throughout the year. Visit www.rotary.org/give



CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name.....West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club
District.....6270
Club Number.....27074
Meeting Day.....Tuesday
Meeting Time.....7:15 am
Meeting Location.....Skinny Vic's Diner @ Coffee Stop
804 W. Paradise Drive
West Bend, WI 53095
*(located between Home Depot and
Marshall's – behind Texas Roadhouse)

Meetings begin at 7:15 with breakfast, followed by introduction of visitors, levying of club “fines”, brief club business, and then the speaker. Speakers are the responsibility of Rotarians on a rotating basis. Speakers are not to be selling anything, nor are they to be invited during the time they are running for political office. The meeting adjourns between 8:15 and 8:30. The first meeting of the month is reserved for an “in-service” meeting at which time club business is discussed in more detail.



**WEST BEND SUNRISE ROTARY
2023-2024
CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

President	Jon Corbett
President-Elect	John Knoll
President Nominee	Stacy Wolak
Secretary	Jaime Schloemer
Treasurer	Lori Yahr
Sergeant-at-Arms	Graeme Reid
Immediate Past-President	Jacci Gambucci
Club Service (Greeters and Speakers)	Stacy Wolak
Community Service	Aaron Ruplinger
International Service	Nancy Slinde
Vocational Service	Jon Corbett

SUNRISE ROTARY FOUNDATION
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Foundation President	Paul Wilke
Foundation Vice President	Mike Nowack
Foundation Treasurer	Scott Tennies
Foundation Secretary	Mike Fleishman
Director (Club's Immediate Past President)	Jacci Gambucci



West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club

Past-Presidents

1.	Allen Schaetz	1990~1991
2.	Wendy Heather	1991~1992
3.	Dick Hron	1992~1993
4.	Harry Kirchoff	1993~1994
5.	Dave Heying	1994~1995
6.	Steve Domres	1995~1996
7.	Carl Steerman	1996~1997
8.	Bob Gannon	1997~1998
9.	Kirk Emerich	1998~1999
10.	Sandy Luft	1999~2000
11.	Doug Fitzgerald	2000~2001
12.	Mike Chevalier	2001~2002
13.	Patricia Fabian	2002~2003
14.	Mary Beth Seiser	2003~2004
15.	Scott Tennies	2004~2005
16.	Paul Wilke	2005~2006
17.	Barb Schumacher	2006~2007
18.	Bev Sturgeon	2007~2008
19.	Bob Patten	2008~2009
20.	Jeff Iambie	2009~2010
21.	Mike Nowack	2010~2011
22.	Chris Guse	2011~2012
23.	Pat Seitz	2012~2013
24.	Mike Phillips	2013~2014
25.	Lori Yahr	2014~2015
26.	Bonnie Debroux	2015~2016
27.	Adam Hertel	2016~2017
28.	Joe Zarembo	2017~2018
29.	Candy Sarauer	2018~2019
30.	Todd Vance	2019~2020
31.	Jon Sacks	2020~2021
32.	Doli De Ceuster	2021~2022
33.	Jacci Gambucci	2022~2023



ATTENDANCE

Attendance at weekly meetings is encouraged. If you are unable to attend for any reason, we encourage members to try to attend the meeting of another Rotary Club, as a “make-up”. There are clubs in the adjacent local area and Metropolitan Milwaukee area, which meet every day of the work week; this includes a number of breakfast and noon meetings. Attending committee meetings, board meetings or other Rotary functions can be counted as “make-ups”. We are very flexible with attendance, but fees are expected to be paid consistently. We use our funds to support local and international projects and expect our membership to support those initiatives. You can also “attend” an “electronic meeting” at www.rotaryclubone.org.

Attendance is extremely important for fellowship, Rotary International updates and club functions and community involvement. Please try to attend as much as possible.

ATTEND, PARTICIPATE and HAVE FUN!!!!



ORGANIZATION / SERVICE

The West Bend Rotary Club has a President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past-President, Sergeant-at-Arms, and four Directors, representing the four avenues of service. The four avenues of service are: Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, and International Service.

Rotary is a “service organization.” Each member is expected to become actively involved in some service activity. Among these are: Being a greeter at weekly meetings, who welcomes guests and visitors to the meeting; being a speaker host for visiting speakers; attending club functions; working on club community service functions; and participating in club fund raising activities.

Examples of past service functions include:

- Providing clean water systems/filters and wells in under-developed countries
- Supporting education and associated systems to El Salvador
- Providing Christmas gifts and food to disadvantaged families
- Enchantment in the Park
- Enchanted Raffle
- \$15k Give-Away
- Rotary Skateboard Park
- Regular Highway Clean Up initiatives
- Bell-ringing for the Salvation Army
- Other local and international projects



ACTIVITIES & FUNDRAISER PROJECTS (More info)

Fellowship activities are scheduled throughout the year, and usually include the spouses of members. The following are the current activities and projects:

1. Changing of the Guard Dinner – Late June dinner which marks the start of the Rotary Year (July 1), during which the new club officers and directors are installed. Spouses or guests are encouraged to attend. Held at a location to be determined. Fun, fun, fun.
2. Rotary Scholarships – Our Club awards one (1) \$4,000 academic scholarship and one (1) \$1,000 technical scholarships each year to graduating seniors of West Bend East / West Bend West High Schools. Recipients are selected by the Columns Scholarship Committee. We further provide two (2) \$1,000 scholarships through the Moraine Park Foundation (MPTC) to students studying at the technical college.
3. World Affairs Seminar – Our Club sponsors one to two local high school students who have an interest in world affairs and government to the World Affairs Seminar held each summer.
4. Christmas for Needy Families – At each meeting the Sergeant-at-Arms “fines” club members for various offenses, such as you (or your company) being mentioned in the newspaper, forgetting to sign in, not wearing a Rotary pin, etc. Anything is fair game for the “fine master”. The money collected during the year is used to provide gifts to disadvantaged families at Christmas through the Gingerbread House.
5. Sunrise Rotary Foundation – The Sunrise Rotary Club has established a foundation which oversees the money we have raised on our service projects. The foundation has its own Board of Directors and can only give money to 501-C3 (not-for-profit) organizations. Although the foundation donates money to many organizations, our Funds Distribution Committee is always looking for significant projects which would enable the club to get recognition through naming rights.
6. District Activities – There are many seminars and assemblies throughout the year that any Rotarian can attend. All are enjoyable and quite informative.



West Bend Sunrise Rotary Committees

- 1) **Club Service** – Chair – Aaron Ruplinger
- 2) **Enchanted Raffle** – Chair – Jon Corbett
- 3) **Enchantment in the Park** – Lori Yahr
- 4) **Foundation** – Chair - Paul Wilke
- 5) **Gingerbread House** – Kathy Busch
- 6) **International Committee** – Chair - Nancy Slinde
- 7) **Public Relations** – Co-Chairs – Joyce Malloy & Dolf De Ceuster
- 8) **Social Committee** – Chair- Jacci Gambucci
- 9) **Vocational Service** – Chair – Jon Corbett
- 10) **Funds Distribution** – Chair – Bob Neja

At quarterly intervals, the committee chairs will, at in-service meetings, introduce themselves and explain what the committee is responsible for, and who is presently on the committee.

It is the expectation that new members get involved in the club, learn what we do, and make a commitment to any committee within one year of membership. It is a great way to know new members and get involved and understand what we represent and what we do internationally and locally.



FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Dues and meal charges are billed quarterly. Dues are \$26.50 per quarter and meals are \$11.00 per meeting. Portions of the dues collected from each member, are forwarded to pay the member's Rotary International dues, District dues, and for a subscription to "The Rotarian" magazine. New members are charged an initiation fee of \$40.00.

Rotary International's goal is \$100 for "Every Rotarian Every Year." Members of our club will be billed \$25.00 quarterly to fulfill the requested \$100 per member.

Fundraisers are held throughout the year and we all become involved. These generally involve time and/or ticket sales and are "fun" and help us to get to know each other.

From time to time, members should expect to pay a \$1.00 "fine" for "offenses" such as mention in news articles, notable accomplishments, birthdays, new children and grandchildren, and the like. The fines collected support the club's Christmas Gift Fund (Gingerbread House) for families in need of assistance.

The cost of fellowship dinners and special events are expected to be covered by charges to the participating members. These events are all voluntary.



MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Attaining qualified individuals to become new members of the West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club is the responsibility of all members. This is a brief summary of the guidelines to be followed to select, propose, and approve new members. A prospective Rotary member must meet all of the following qualifications:

1. Be engaged in a professional vocation, for which there is an open classification in our club.
2. Have exemplary moral character, high ethical standards, and is a credit to the prospect's family, vocation, and community.
3. Have leadership qualities, be civic-minded, and has already been active in community, religious or other activities, which demonstrates a willingness to serve others.
4. Live or work within the territorial limits of our clubs.
5. Be willing and able to fulfill the obligations and expectations of West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club members.
6. Be sponsored by a member of the West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club.

If you know of a prospect who meets the above qualifications, and you feel he or she should be a member of our club, the steps on the following page should be taken.



HOW TO PROPOSE A NEW MEMBER

- Invite prospective member to attend a meeting. The prospective member is to be introduced to the club, including name, employer, position and a little of their personal information (i.e. Married/single, children, etc.).
- Furnish prospective member with a copy of the Sunrise Rotary Membership Summary and Handbook.
- If the prospective member is then interested in becoming a member, have them complete the attached application and give to membership committee or board member.
- The board will review the application and the President will present the application at one regular meeting. If no one has questions or concerns, the application will be approved.
- If approved, the prospective member will be invited to a meeting and inducted into membership.
- The sponsor (or other mentor appointed by the board) shall act as a mentor to the new member for up to three months or until the new member feels comfortable with being a member. Responsibilities for a mentor should include but not be limited to:
 - a. Introduce new member to other members prior to meeting.
 - b. Sit with new member at breakfast and make introductions at the table.
 - c. Explain activities to the member.
 - d. Encourage member to participate in activities as they arise.
 - e. New member shall act as a co-greeter for one week after induction in order to become acquainted with other members.

Membership Application

Thank you for interest in becoming a West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club member. Please complete the following application and return it to:

Jon Sacks, Membership Chair, sacksj8@gmail.com

Personal Information

Name:

Address:

Cell phone number:

Email:

Spouse's Name (if applicable):

Employment

Employer/Company Name:

Title (if applicable):

Business Address:

Business Telephone:

Classification (e.g. teacher, engineer, sales):

Special Interests

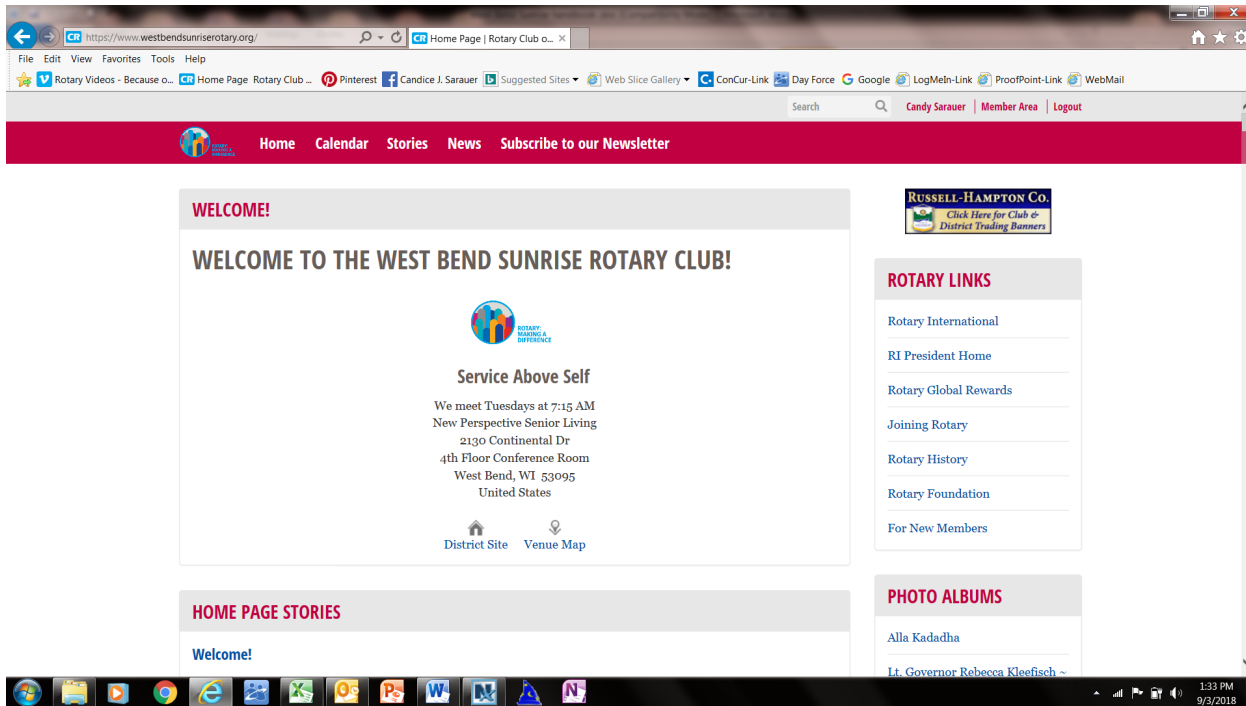
Hobbies or Fun Activities:

Former Rotarian? If so, where:

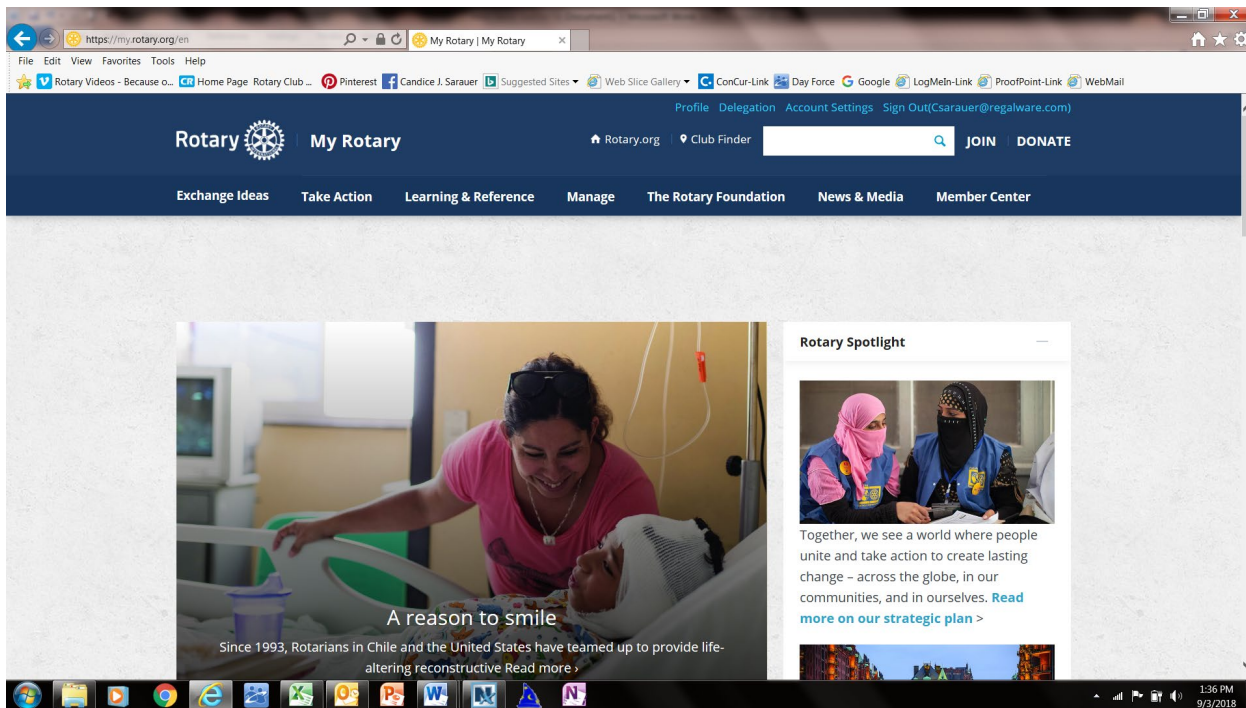
Birthday:

Sponsor name (current club member):

T-shirt size:



www.westbendsunriserotary.org/clubrunner



<https://myrotary.org>