Rewards of Membership

Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. The Rotary Club of Louisville reflects the varied composition of our community and encourages membership from all professions and walks of life.

Membership in our Rotary Club offers many opportunities, such as

- Leadership Development in a diverse membership organization
- Developing relationships with our community and business leader
- Stimulating weekly programs
- International humanitarian work
- Ethical Environment and Good Citizenship in our community
- Fellowship and Friendship with other Rotarians who share a common interest of service to community
- Establish contact with an international network of professionals
- Service opportunities allow participation in both district and worldwide projects. The combined efforts of International Rotarians address many global needs.

If you have a servant’s heart and want to join us, we meet every Wednesday at noon at Lake Tiak O’Khata, Louisville.
For more than 110 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world. Grassroots at the core, Rotary links 1.2 million members to form an organization of international scope. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. Rotary’s name came from the group’s early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.

Although the focus of the group was fellowship, it soon adopted the philosophy “service to others”. In 1912, clubs were started in Canada and Great Britain, when the name was changed to Rotary International. Rotary’s motto, “Service Above Self”, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the more than 1.2 million members worldwide.

“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”

Paul Harris
Rotary founder

Our ongoing commitment

Rotary members have not only been present for major events in history — we’ve also been a part of them. Three key traits have remained strong throughout our history:

We’re truly international. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today, members in nearly every country work to solve some of our world’s most challenging problems.

We persevere in tough times. During World War II, Rotary clubs in Austria, Germany, Italy, Japan, and Spain were forced to disband. Despite the risks, many continued to meet informally, and after the war, Rotary members came together to rebuild their clubs and their countries.

We’re committed to service, and we’re not afraid to dream big and set bold goals. We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, polio remains endemic in only three countries — down from 125 in 1988.

The Object of Rotary

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and to encourage peace and goodwill.

The Five Avenues of Service

The Five Avenues of Service, based on the Object of Rotary, are Rotary’s philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and Youth Service.

The 4-Way Test of 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?

Service Above Self