

Obligations of Rotary

Participation: To be a Rotarian, a member must give their time and talents in community work, in social functions, and in Club and district activities.

Attendance: One hundred percent attendance is urged. This can be achieved by attending weekly meetings of the Rockford East/Cherry Valley Club or making up missed meetings by visiting other Rotary Clubs and/or district or international Rotary meetings. Make ups are allowed two weeks before or two weeks after the missed meeting.

Financial: Members are expected to pay a one-time admittance fee, annual dues, and their cost of social events attending. (Contact the Club President for member's annual financial obligations.)

Rotarian Selection

Potential Rotarians are sponsored by a Rotarian. The Club Membership Committee verifies the occupation of the proposed Rotarian in relation to: the proposed member holding an important position in their vocation and the proposed member demonstrating leadership in their vocation. The Club cannot duplicate vocational classification for active members on the membership roster.

Rotary Club of Rockford East/Cherry Valley, Officers/Committees

Officers of the Club are elected annually. The officers conduct the Club's general business. Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors.

The president, with approval of the Board of Directors, makes committee appointments. All members are assigned to a committee.

Annual Fund Raiser

Rotarian's time and profits from the Annual Fund Raiser have helped support charities and organizations. Over the past thirty years the Club has raised funds to support forty-five local and seven international organizations. A partial list includes: American Heart Association, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Boy and Girl Scouts, Cherry Valley Library, Contact, Crime Stoppers, Crusader Clinic, DARE, Soup Kitchens, Hunger Connection, Hospice, Salvation Army, Rosecrance, RI Polio Plus, and Kids Alive in Taiwan.

Rotary Publications

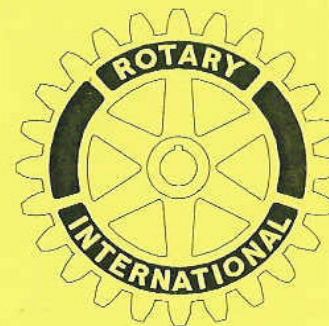
The Rotarian: Rotary International publishes *The Rotarian* magazine monthly. It contains news of Rotary around the world and articles by outstanding writers on a variety of important subjects.

Weekly Newsletter: The Weekly Newsletter is e-mailed to the membership weekly. It includes membership attendance and make ups, weekly program summaries, up coming programs and Club and district announcements.

Welcome to Rotary

Remember, no organization is greater than its individual members. As a member of Rotary, Rotarians:

- ▶ participate for friendship
- ▶ participate for service
- ▶ participate for fellowship
- ▶ participate for knowledge
- ▶ participate for international understanding



Membership

**Rotary Club
of**

**Rockford East/
Cherry Valley**

**Rotary Club
Rockford East/Cherry Valley
P.O. Box 8074
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Welcome the Rotary Club of Rockford East Cherry Valley. The club is one of 32,462 Rotary Clubs in 168 countries. There are 1,209,790 Rotarians world wide.

With the Rotary ideal of service as the foundation, a group of business leaders from the Cherry Valley area held meetings in early 1974 at the new Cherry Vale Mall to start another Rotary Club in the Rockford area. After several months of planning, the Rotary Club of Cherry Valley was chartered May 11, 1974. The Club had twenty-five Charter Members. In 1989, the Club's name was changed to Rotary Club of Rockford East/Cherry Valley. Name change was because of the Club's service area change and Rockford's growth to the east.

Club meetings are held every Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Clock Tower Inn. Meetings consist of business meetings, members' discussions, breakfast, and weekly program/speaker.

As the Club has grown, the level of local and international projects has also grown. Rotarians' time and profits from annual fund raisers have helped support many charities and organizations. Over the years, the Club has donated over \$450,000 to youth-oriented organizations in northern Illinois and \$50,000 to several soup kitchens.

Adding qualified men and women to Rotary vastly increase Rotary's ability to serve the community and support Rotary's world wide projects. We encourage you to consider membership in Rotary.

Chuck Lindstrom
President 2006-2007

Rotary Information

Rotary is an international organization. The free world is divided into territories within which groups of clubs are associated. The territories are known as districts. There are 529 districts in the Rotary World in 168 countries. The Rockford East/Cherry Valley Club is in District 6420. The district has fifty clubs with a membership exceeding 2700 Rotarians.

Rotary International is governed by a president and a Board of Directors elected from all over the world. Annually each district nominates a district governor, but each club is an autonomous group.

The first Rotary Club was organized in Chicago in 1905, by Paul Harris. The Chicago Rotary Club met in rotation at the offices of members, thus the name Rotary.

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:

- ▶ the development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service;
- ▶ high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarians occupations as an opportunity to serve society;
- ▶ the application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- ▶ the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Avenues of Service

The Rotary Club of Rockford East/Cherry Valley implements the Object of Rotary through four avenues of service. Each Rotarians is a member of an Avenue of Service Committee:

- ▶ *Club Service:* Rotarians activities to help make a successful Club.
- ▶ *Vocational Service:* Promoting the "ideal of service" throughout the business and professional world.
- ▶ *Community Service:* Activities which make the community a better place to live.
- ▶ *International Service:* Encourages and fosters the advancement of understanding and goodwill among peoples of the world.

Rotary Four Way Test

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Privileges of Rotary

The privilege of friendship with leaders in your community, in neighboring cities, and over the United States and all parts of the world.

The privilege of giving service to your community.

The privilege of developing international goodwill and understanding.

The privilege of helping build ethical standards within your vocation, through the common bond of Rotary