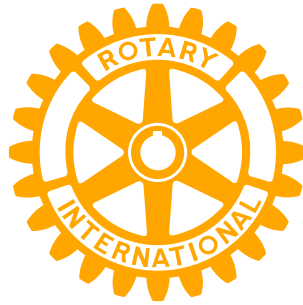




Rotary

Club of Edina





What is Rotary?

There's no secret handshake. You don't need a password to "get in." All you need is a heart for service and a commitment to making the community and world a better place.

Rotary is 1.2 million business, professional and community leaders who unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Over 35,000 Rotary clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas create and participate in projects to address today's challenges in the areas of water and sanitation, maternal and child health, disease prevention and treatment (including polio eradication), basic education and literacy, peace and conflict resolution, and economic and community development.

Founded in Chicago in 1905 as the world's first volunteer service organization, Rotary quickly expanded around the globe. Clubs are nonpolitical and open to men and women of every race, culture and creed. Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self." The organization has five avenues of service:

- Club Service
- Community Service
- International Service
- Vocational Service
- Youth Service

What is the Rotary Club of Edina?

The Rotary Club of Edina was formed in 1957. Today, with about 175 members, it is the largest club in Rotary International District 5950.



The Rotary Club of Edina's vision is to "be a leader, in partnership with other agencies, in developing, implementing and sustaining projects that improve our local and global community."

Values

We support the ideals of:

- Service Above Self
- The Four-Way Test

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?
- Giving generously to the Edina Rotary Foundation and The Rotary Foundation
 - Community engagement and empowerment
 - Setting an example for community leaders of "giving back"
 - Fellowship and mutual support

That sounds awesome! When and where does the Rotary Club of Edina meet?

The Rotary Club of Edina meets at 12:15 p.m. Thursdays most weeks of the year at the Edina Country Club, 5100 Wooddale Ave.



Rotarians are expected to attend at least half of the group's meetings, though members can make up attendance at another Rotary Club, participating in online meetings (when available) or by attending committee meetings or other club events. Each Rotarian is asked to join at least one committee.

Family, friends and colleagues are welcome to attend meetings as your guests!

What happens at a meeting?

Club members meet weekly to plan service projects, discuss community and international issues and enjoy fellowship. Rotarians gather for fellowship between 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and are greeted by two or three Rotarians. A meal is served at 12:15 p.m. Rotarians have their choice of a plated hot or cold meal. On the third Thursday of nearly every month, a buffet is served.

The President calls the meeting to order. The agenda for most meetings is as follows:

- Opening Remarks
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance and Four-Way Test
- Introduction of Guests and Visiting Rotarians
- Club Announcements
- Program
- Adjournment

The program is provided by a guest speaker who talks about a current issue, event or trend. Typically, time is allowed for questions and answers.

Each meeting is adjourned promptly at 1:30 p.m. Club members rotate responsibilities of greeting, assisting with check-in, providing the invocation and leading the Pledge of Allegiance, introducing guests and the speaker, and thanking the speaker. Assignments for responsibilities are given twice per year.

What happens outside of meetings?

The Rotary Club of Edina is governed by a 14-member Board of Directors, which includes five officers. The Board is comprised of a President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Past President and directors of Club Service; Community Service (Projects); Community Service (Grants); Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; International Service; Membership; Social; Public Image; The Rotary Foundation and Youth Service. Officers are on the Board for five consecutive years. Other Board members typically serve two-year terms.

The Rotary Club of Edina is more than just a weekly meeting with a great speaker. Our club offers members many opportunities for service, fellowship, personal and professional development and leadership development. Our committees and their responsibilities include:



Club Service

- Programs & Speakers
- Vocational Ethics Day
- Vocational Days (offsite)
- Veterans Day
- Women in Leadership Award

Community Service

- Local Grants
- Cornerstone Meal Preparation
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- Feed My Starving Children
- Human Trafficking
- VEAP Food Packing

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- Chrysanne Manoles Women in Leadership Award
- Juneteenth
- Support of Black-owned businesses in the area

International Service

- International Grants
- Peace Fellowships
- Global Grant Scholarships
- International Projects
- New Generations Exchange

Membership

- Leadership Development
- Helping Hands
- Recruitment & Retention
- Rotarians Assisting Rotarians in Edina (RARE)

Social

- Fireside Chats
- Holiday Party
- Picnic
- Bowling
- Other social events

Public Image

- Website
- Social Media
- Public Relations
- Events (Parades & Car Show)
- Photography



The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

- Annual Giving Campaign
- Paul Harris Fellow
- Paul Harris Society
- Bequest Society

Edina Rotary Foundation (ERF)

- Annual Fundraiser & Gala
- Project & Grant Approvals
- Legacy Fund & Investments

Youth Service

- Interact Club of Edina (Ages 14-18)
- Rotaract Club of Edina (Ages 18-30)
- Youth Exchange
- Student Speakers
- Camp Enterprise
- Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
- Student Ethics Seminar
- High School Scholarships
- Literacy project



Service projects include Camp Enterprise, Feed My Starving Children, Thanksgiving Baskets and the literacy project.

What does it cost to be a member?

There is an initiation fee of \$100. Dues and meals cost \$361 per quarter. Invoices are sent quarterly and can be paid by check, credit card (fees apply) or ACH (free, automatic monthly payment by e-check).



You may bring guests to a meeting, but must pay for their meals. The current cost for a meal is \$23, which can be paid at the door by cash, check or credit card. Children's meals are \$12.

In addition to paying for dues and meals, all members are expected to donate to our fall campaign (annual Fundraiser & Gala) for the Edina Rotary Foundation, and our spring campaign for The Rotary Foundation. These donations support our local and international service projects, programs and grants.

One of the major projects of The Rotary Foundation is PolioPlus. Since the PolioPlus program's inception in 1985, more than 2 billion children have received the oral polio vaccine. But Rotary's work is not done: the disease has not yet been eradicated.

Members who give \$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation are recognized and honored as Paul Harris Fellows. First-year members are offered a chance to get their first Paul Harris Fellow recognition through a generous club match! Members who give \$10,000 or more are recognized as Major Donors -- something we can all aspire to reach!



The campaign theme for The Rotary Foundation is "Every Rotarian, Every Year," encouraging all members to financially participate in supporting the

important work of The Rotary Foundation. Any and all donations are appreciated!

What does it mean to be a member in 'good standing'?

A member in good standing is fiscally current, attends at least 50 percent of meetings and is active in club activities and projects 12 hours or more each half of the year.

How do I stay in touch with the Rotary Club of Edina?

You can keep up to date on club speakers, events and activities by downloading our ClubRunner app, reading *The Barker* (our weekly e-newsletter); visiting our website, EdinaRotary.org; or following us on Facebook (@EdinaRotary), Instagram (@EdinaRotary) or LinkedIn (@The-Rotary-Club-of-Edina).

I want to join! What's next?

Becoming a Rotarian is easy!

1. Attend at least three club meetings.
2. Meet informally with a representative of the Membership Committee.
3. Complete the membership application and submit to the Membership Director. A Rotarian must agree to be your "sponsor."
4. Meet with a Club representative(s) to review Edina Rotary expectations with regard to financial commitment and committee involvement.
5. Your application will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. If approved, your name and proposed classification will be posted in the newsletter or online for possible member comment.
6. If there are no objections, you will be welcomed as a new member! Your membership becomes official the day after the last day for objections.

Smile! After you become a member, you will be formally inducted into the club and asked to have your photo taken for the club website. Create your official profile on the Rotary membership app, ClubRunner. Meet with your sponsor to go over club policies and other information. After a bit, you will be asked to give a "Classification Talk" – a three- to five-minute speech about your background and career. Every 10 years, you could be asked to give a similar speech, called a "Millennium Talk."

Where can I get more information about joining?

For more information, contact any member of the Rotary Club of Edina or Membership Director Erica Allenburg, Membership@EdinaRotary.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



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