




THIS IS ROTARY


Rotary is an international humanitarian service organization. The men and women of Rotary are business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and resources to help others in their local communities as well as throughout the world. Rotary clubs carry out a variety of service projects that address critical issues including poverty, hunger, illiteracy, substance abuse, and pollution. Service to youth, especially children at risk, is a major emphasis. Working with and for tomorrow's leaders, Rotary sponsors service clubs for youth and young adults and offers career development and mentoring programs.

Rotary is a service-driven organization:

 Founded in 1905, Rotary is the world's first service organization. The Rotary motto "Service Above Self®" concerns itself with truth, fairness, and improved relations between people and world peace.

 Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million members in more than 29,000 clubs found in 160 countries.

 Rotary members meet weekly to plan service activities. Rotary clubs are autonomous and determine their own service projects based on local needs and the interests and abilities of its membership.

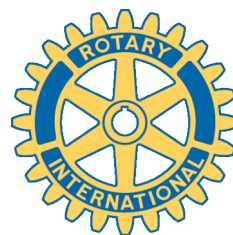
 Rotary clubs are non-religious, non-governmental and open to every race, culture and creed. Club membership represents a cross-section of local community business and professional leaders.



Great fellowship while fundraising in the annual pancake breakfast



Providing community service during the floods of 2008.



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Inviting Members to Rotary West

Every Rotarian has the privilege and obligation of seeking qualified members. In this way, all club members can help our club achieve a full representation of the business and professional life of the community.

Why Join Rotary West?

Our Rich History

Rotary West was founded in 1980. West has a strong tradition of fun and fellowship while providing local and international service.

Membership

With over 100 members, Rotary West reflects a broad cross-section of professional business men and women from the greater metropolitan area.

Networking Opportunities

Rotary West meets every Wednesday at 12 p.m. for a luncheon meeting at the Scottish Rite Temple located at 616 A Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Meaningful Weekly Programs

Even the most well-informed of our members have the opportunity weekly to learn about new businesses, organizations, area promotional events and community challenges. Speakers range from political to governmental officials, CEOs of business, directors of charitable organizations, school administrators, coaches, entrepreneurs, community leaders and visionaries.

Commitment to Education & Children

Through club fundraisers, Rotary West sponsors a college scholarship program and funds local non-profits. Rotary West also sponsors a Rotary Interact club at Washington High School helping to instill the values of community service in over 100 youth.

International Work

International work is done in cooperation with Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. Visit www.rotary.org to learn more about End Polio Now and other international service.

Expectations

Club Dues

Annual dues are \$196 payable in two installments via a direct billing.

Additional Financial Obligations

Members are expected to contribute or sell an annual allotment of breakfast tickets for our primary fundraiser, held at Jefferson High School in March each year. The proceeds from this event are used to fund our scholarship fund and annual gifts to area charitable organizations. Weekly meal costs are paid by each member. A direct billing pre-pay program is available. Incidental "fines" may be assessed at times in a humorous way that benefits our scholarship recipients.

Attendance Expectations

Members are required to attend 50% of weekly Rotary meetings to be in good standing. There are many opportunities in the immediate area to "make-up" missed meetings. Area meeting locations are detailed on the website at www.crwestrotary.org.

Active Committee Involvement

Each member is asked to serve on at least one committee to support the organization. Committees provide a great way to involved and get to know others in the club and community.

Following a general introduction to the membership, you will be presented with a red badge. This red badge helps others identify you as a newer member and to welcome you to West. After a six-month period and achieving at least a 50% attendance rating at weekly meetings, the red badge is exchanged for a blue badge. In addition, an orientation program to learn about Rotary International must be completed. During this time you may also be asked to act as a "greeter" or check-in members as a way to get to know others in West.

Proposal Form

I propose the following person for Rotary:

Name

Business Address

Phone

Residence Address

Phone

E-Mail Address

If the candidate is a former Rotarian, please tell us the club names and their dates of involvement:

Business Name

Position

Please list those activities that you feel would enhance the candidate's consideration as a Rotarian in our club:

Date: _____

Proposer's Signature