

# 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 to address critical issues including peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, literacy, maternal and child health and economic and community development.

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 34,000 clubs found in 200 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.



Back to School Backpacks, a local Cedar Rapids West service project.



Children in Ghana served by Rotary West's water project.



Scan the QR Code to learn more about Rotary West, visit our website [www.crwestrotary.org](http://www.crwestrotary.org) or join us at noon on Wednesday. 12/2014



## CEDAR RAPIDS WEST ROTARY

*Mission:*  
**Service Supporting  
Learning**

## Member Invitation

Every Rotarian has the privilege of seeking qualified members to 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.

## Values

We value service, education, fun, fellowship, and creativity.

## Membership

With around 90 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 noon for a luncheon meeting at the African American Museum of Iowa located at 55 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## Meaningful Weekly Programs

Weekly we 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

Our service work includes a partnership with Van Buren Elementary School in providing classroom and after-school volunteers. We also sponsor an Interact Club at Washington High School.

## International Work

International work is done in cooperation with Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. Visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to learn more about End Polio Now, West Rotary's Water Project in Ghana and other international service.

# Expectations

## Club Dues

Annual dues are \$300 payable by check annually, semi-annually, or quarterly. Dues can also be paid by ACH automatic funds transfer on a monthly basis.

## Additional Financial Obligations

From time to time the Club may have a fundraiser in which all members are expected to participate. 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.cwrotary.org](http://www.cwrotary.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 get 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