



The Kirkwood Rotary Club was organized January 21, 1925.
The first meeting was held in the Woodlawn Hotel.
There were nineteen original members.
The Webster Groves Rotary Club sponsored the Kirkwood Club.
The first president was Fred Howell.



What is the Rotary Club?

The Rotary Club is an international service organization with a stated purpose of bringing business leaders together in order to promote goodwill and offer humanitarian services. As of 2014, it has a worldwide membership of 1.22 million spread across 34,282 clubs worldwide. You are welcome at any Rotary club in the world.

The Rotary Club was founded by Paul P. Harris in 1905. The name chosen for the organization came from the practice of rotating the meeting locations among the offices of the members. In 1911, the first Rotary Club outside the United States was chartered in Dublin, Ireland. The original motto for the Rotary Club was "one profits most who serves best;" it was later changed to "service above self."

Rotary works with several notable charitable organizations including UNICEF, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Protection. In 1979, Rotary began a project to immunize 6 million children with the polio vaccine. Since 1988, the number of polio-endemic countries has dropped from 125 to two.

Rotary International used 92 percent of its expenditures to run its programs last year. This included \$1 million to fight polio in Africa, clean water to rural Kenya, South America women in Honduras with business training and access to small loans.

Locally, the Kirkwood club has built or been involved in many area projects. Walker Lake Dock, Farmers Market gazebo, Quarry park overlook, Muds Grove, Kirkwood Library projects, etc.

Rotary prides itself on being non-political and non-religious.

The Object of Rotary

Opportunity for service above self.

The application of the ideal of service in a Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

Employ high ethical standards in business and professions.

Recognize the worthiness of all professions.

Advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service above self.

FOUR WAY TEST

A test for things we say and do

- 1. Is it the truth?**
- 2. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
- 3. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**
- 4. Is it fair to all concerned?**

Requirements for membership:

Annual Dues

\$165. per year

Lunch Dues

\$18. per lunch.

We require a monthly or quarterly payment

The Foundation giving

Paul Harris Fellow:

It is suggested, not required \$100. per year

Attendance

You are urged to attend each week.

We understand that business and personal reasons sometimes requires us to miss meetings

We consider attendance to be a responsibility to the club and the other members.

Mostly, we like our members and want to see them each week.