

Grove Rotary Club

Membership Information

Definition of Rotary: Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional persons who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Motto of Rotary: Service Above Self

4 Way Test

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Meetings: Our meetings are held every Wednesday at noon at the First United Methodist Church. 100% attendance is encouraged. There are several ways to make up meeting absences. One way is to work at a Rotary Function which will give you a makeup credit one month before or after you have missed a meeting. Visitation at other Rotary Clubs count for "make ups." You can also go onto DaCdb, our computer district website, and obtain a make-up from an online program. This usually takes about 20-30 minutes. The cost of membership is \$49 per month, which includes the cost of weekly lunch, district and international dues. Members also have the option of giving \$100/year to Rotary International, and \$25/year to the Grove Rotary Foundation. One can reimburse quarterly, or annually.

Rotary Committees: It is the goal of Rotary to have you join us in volunteering and serving in our community. As a member of the Grove Rotary Club, you will be asked to join at least one committee along with the Lobsterfest committee which is our major fund raiser. All members are considered members of the Community Service Committee. Please sign up for as many committees as you wish and honor your commitment. Our committee structure is broken down into avenues of service.

Five Avenues of Service in Rotary:

1. Club Service,
2. Vocational Service,
3. Community Service,
4. New generation youth service,
5. International Service.

Club Services: Deals with all aspects of the internal function of our club.

- **Club Administration:** This committee is basically the club board, which requires election to the board in February. You might mention to the current president that you would like to be on the board if this interests you.
- **Fellowship:** Promotes fellowship activities within the club. Subcommittees include the Christmas party committee, Fantasy Football committee, and occasional social gatherings.
- **Finance:** Formulates fiscal policies which it then recommends to the Board for approval.

- Membership Committee: Recruits members and is responsible for new member orientation and education as well as retention of members.
- Nominating Committee: Nominates candidates for next year's Board positions including the Grove Rotary Foundation Board.
- Program Committee: Three different areas of responsibility are under the direction of the president elect. Invocation committee, Sergeant at Arms committee which raises funds by fines for our scholarship fund and maintains order, and the Speaker's Committee which is responsible for the weekly programs
- Publicity: Responsible for dissemination of information including press and newsletter.
- Social Media: Responsible for Facebook and Twitter.

Community Service: Works on community service projects as the need arises; this includes City clean up, Lendonwood gardens projects, Harbor Village projects, raising and taking down American flags on holidays and assistance to 501(c)3 organizations. This is a hands on club!

Youth Services: Many different projects are completed annually and these includes...

- Comfort Bears: for children admitted to Integris Hospital
- Choices: presenting Choices program in area schools
- Dictionary project: distributes dictionaries to 3rd graders
- Interact: High School Rotary Club who serves at many Rotary functions.
- Reading: Works with reading program at Early Childhood Center.
- RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership camp near Tahlequah. We send many students each year.
- Students of the Month: Grove High School seniors attending Rotary.
- Jakes Day: National Wild Turkey Foundation supplying volunteers.

International, National and District Services: International services are provided through the Rotary Foundation. One half of what we donate to Rotary International comes back to support our district projects which are then passed back to the individual clubs. To do this, we encourage an annual donation of \$100. International projects include the eradication of polio worldwide, providing clean water, maternal and child health, economic development, and peace forums. This is all done through the partnering of the thousands of international Rotary clubs in all countries. Our local districts is also active, with one of the most successful programs being a Medical Supply network that warehouses used medical supplies in Tulsa and distributes them in large crates throughout the world. The district also hosts and sends groups for international study and work.

Grove Rotary Foundation: To enable us to raise and distribute money from within a 501(c)(3) framework, the Grove Rotary Foundation was formed. We request an annual donation of \$25 from each member to cover local needs in addition to what is raised at our fund raisers. Positions to this committee are elected with three members being added/subtracted each year. This election takes place in February of each year along with other club offices. The foundation has two standing committees which distribute funds each year. The Foundation distributes over \$80,000 back to the community this past year. The Foundation's by-laws state that funds from this Foundation can only be distributed locally.

1. Charitable Giving Committee: Begins January 1, and reviews and votes on recommendations for applications for charitable giving each year. The number of members and the chair person are appointed by the Foundation Board. Committee members serve two years; thus every year there is a 50% turnover.
2. Scholarship Committee: Evaluates scholarship applications and recommends funding to the Board and Membership. Three new members are added/replaced each year. Our club gives two financial need tuition vocational scholarships to students at Northeast Oklahoma Technology Center each year. Two college scholarships are given to two graduating Grove High School students each year and are currently valued at \$1200 each year and can be renewed for a total of four years as long as the student is enrolled in a full course of studies and remains in good academic standing.

Grove Rotary Club is involved!

Our members are involved in most of the Churches in Grove, Chamber of Commerce, Northeast Oklahoma Technology Center, Grand Lake Association, Grove Police Department, N.E Oklahoma Realty Board, Grove Unified School District, Delaware County, Grove Humane Society, Local YMCA, GRDA, Watershed Alliance, Grove City Council, Grove Integris Hospital and Foundation, Lendonwood Gardens, Harbor Village, and many businesses and organizations in Grove and the Delaware County.

Some of the following projects have been completed by the Grove Rotary Club!

- Funded, constructed and maintain Grove Rotary Centennial Park
- Funded, constructed and maintain Rotary Veterans Park
- Fundraising for the Grand Lake Association/Chamber of Commerce building
- Fundraising for the Grove Civic Center (formerly Wal-Mart)
- Provide labor to maintain, paint and remodel DCCSAN
- Provide labor to maintain Har-Ber Village
- Provide labor to maintain Lendonwood Gardens.
- Built and maintain cages at the Grove Humane Society
- Donated \$35,000 to YMCA to fund their annual programs in 2011
- Funds up to 30 community outreach programs through donations and community service hours with proceeds of our annual Lobsterfest fundraiser.

We have contributed labor and/or funds to the following in the past and sometimes annually based on their needs:

- Integris Grove Hospital
- Freedom House
- Christian Medical Clinic
- Christian H.E.L.P. Center
- Jake's Days
- City Flag project
- CASA (Court Advocacy Program)
- Shrine (transporting Children for health care)
- Boy Scouts
- Make A Wish Foundation
- Grove Schools
- Grove PTO

- Grove Education Foundation for Excellence
- Grove Library
- Lendonwood Gardens
- Har-Ber Village
- DCCSAN (Delaware County Children's Special Advocacy Network)
- Back Pack Program

Red Badge Program

Our red badge program is designed to assist new members in becoming an active participant in our club and allow all existing members to know who is a new member and enable existing members to reach out to them, get to know them.

- term of red badge to be 6 months.
- new Red Badge members will be greeters and involved in the secret hand shaker program.
- new member must attend an Orientation meeting.
- member should be signed up on at least one committee.
- member should have attended/worked at least one community service project