



What Is Rotary?

Rotary is a global network of community volunteers. Rotary club members are business, professional, and community leaders who meet regularly to plan and implement community service activities and network with other professionals. For those interested, members can also choose to become involved in international humanitarian service efforts. More than 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas belong to over 33,000 Rotary clubs.

Rotary builds international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants. Throughout the world, Rotary clubs participate in a broad range of educational, intercultural, and humanitarian activities designed to improve the lives of others.

Benefits of Membership

Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to make a contribution to their own communities and to communities around the world.

Members may join Rotary for many reasons, including community involvement, personal development, professional networking, and camaraderie with fellow members. But perhaps the most important benefit is the satisfaction gained from making a real difference in the world.

Rotary Club of LAFAYETTE supports:

Food Net / Election Day Food Drive

Promote the food drive, coordinate and distribute boxes to all polling sites in Lafayette Parish and pick up and deliver the food following the food drive.

Rebuilding Together

Participate in the non-profit effort to repair or perform maintenance on the homes of the elderly and/or disabled who are in need.

Honduras Vision Mission Trip

We support an annual vision mission trip to Honduras to provide eye exams and glasses to hundreds of needy Hondurans.

Past District Grant Projects

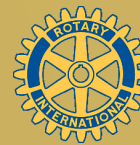
- Itty Bitty Builders for the Children's Museum
- Care Packages for nursing homes.
- Wheelchair ramp for a disabled homeowner
- Replay Musical Instrument Drive
- School uniforms for needy students



The 4 Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

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?



Rotary Club of Lafayette Established in 1920



Charter No. 769 Club 2618

Boy Scouts: In May 1921 the club organized Boy Scout Troop 1 in Lafayette with 36 boys under the leadership of Rotarian F. E. "Pa" Davis, chairman of the troop committee.

Chamber of Commerce: In its fourth meeting Rotary established a Chamber of Commerce.

1940's - The War: On Rotary Day 1943 the club sold \$5,425 in war bonds; In September 1943 club members' wives eclipsed this by selling \$21,269 in war bonds. The first 1944 war bond drive yielded \$21,019; the second, \$34,200; the third, \$80,000.

Lafayette Public Library: In 1950 Rotary defrayed the entire cost of a bond election to fund the public library on a permanent basis. The dedicatory plaque in the building recognizes Rotary and Les Vingt Quatre Club.

1960s - UL Lafayette: Rotary first began awarding scholarships to UL for area high school students, a tradition that has continued for almost 50 years.

1980s - Rotary Point: Rotary contributed money to construct the scenic overlook at Rotary Point on Bayou Vermilion. We still work actively on improvements and landscaping.

ROTARY CLUB OF LAFAYETTE

Find membership info at :

www.LafayetteRotary.com

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Founded in 1920, the Rotary Club of Lafayette seeks to develop a community of Service Above Self. One of the oldest Rotary Clubs in the region, the Rotary Club of Lafayette's members have a remarkable history of giving their time, money and knowledge to support Lafayette's youth, underprivileged, cultural arts and education programs.

The club's membership grew out of a mix of French-speaking Cajuns, oil prospecting Texans, and other Louisiana leaders and is like no other in the world. The Rotary Club of Lafayette embraces the Rotary values and the Rotary spirit that continues to thrive around the world.

This chapter coordinates events like Rebuilding Together, the Election Day Food Drive to benefit FoodNet, Youth Exchanges in which we sponsor High School exchange students and a Vision Mission Trip to Honduras, which brings hundreds of pairs of eye glasses from Acadiana to Honduras.

We also do local grant projects and support local charities like VITA, Faith House, SANE, and scouting.

What are the costs?

Dues are \$50/quarter with additional costs for meals and special events for those attending noon meetings.

**Noon Club Meetings-
Thursdays at 12 Noon
Petroleum Club
111 Heymann Blvd
Lafayette, LA 70502**

**Satellite Club Meetings-
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
At 6 PM**



PolioPlus, Rotary's most ambitious program to date, focuses on global immunization efforts and has played a leadership role with the World Health Organization, CDC, and UNICEF in bringing the world to the brink of polio eradication. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed US\$355 million to Rotary to support PolioPlus activities.



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