**Benefits of Membership**

**Build a Stronger Community**

The men and women members of Williamston Sunrise Rotary contribute to the quality of life in the Williamston area. Since 1997, the Williamston Sunrise Rotary has funded projects and provided hands-on volunteers that improve the lives of individuals and our larger community. 100 percent of Rotary fundraising goes back to the place we all live in and enjoy, with the exception of our club’s support of Rotary International humanitarian projects. Our club has averaged over $20,000 annually to fund small and large projects.

**Developing Leadership Skills**

Through team building, fundraising, public speaking, planning, organizing projects, setting and achieving goals, you’re part of an organization that develops ways to enhance our community. Being part of Rotary strengthens your character as well as your ability to motivate, inspire, and guide others.

**Local and International Impact**

Our local Rotary is part of a worldwide network of Rotary clubs of the Rotary Foundation, offering opportunities to enhance humanitarian efforts that help people in need around the globe. You have friends in Rotary in many places.

**Professional Networking**

A founding principle of Rotary has been to meet regularly to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge our circle of business and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Sunrise Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community’s owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals ­­– people who make decisions and influence policy at all levels.

**Fellowship – Food – Fun**

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. At our weekly meetings, club members enjoy gathering with like-minded individuals, interacting with special program presenters, planning club projects and enjoying activities that offer opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Our members who travel will find friendly contacts in cities throughout the world. You’re never far from a welcoming local Rotary club. Here at home, the Williamston Sunrise Rotary prides itself on activities centered on building a club that fosters good fellowship, food, and fun.

**Responsibilities of Membership**

Williamston Sunrise Rotary members are expected to attend weekly meetings of the club. An attendance record of 60 percent is suggested to remain an active Rotarian. To accommodate busy schedules, we meet early, and there are also opportunities to make up attendance by attending the regular meeting of another Rotary club anywhere, attending various other Rotary-related meetings, or participation in a service project. There is even an opportunity to make up attendance online!

Members are required to pay Quarterly dues to their club, their districts, and to Rotary International. The current amount of Williamston Sunrise Rotary/District/Rotary International dues is $120 per quarter. This includes food at our weekly meetings. For those who wish to participate but find our 7:15 meeting time often conflicts with business/professional/personal commitments, the Williamston Sunrise Rotary encourages shared Corporate Memberships.

Members are expected to participate in local or international activities of the Williamston Sunrise Rotary, and to participate in fundraising efforts. Our club sponsors an annual Duck Race in which members sell duck tickets for the event in June, in coordination with the City of Williamston’s Jubilee Festival. Members are occasionally asked to assist in the sale of poker chips at charitable poker tournaments. In 2015, we also committed to put on the annual Taste of Williamston to celebrate our city’s unique restaurants. With this, as with all our fundraisers, the proceeds are used to support community projects.

**The Four-Way Test**

Rotary has translated the Test into more than 100 languages. The questions asked are at the core of our values:

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?

**Community Projects**

The complete list of our beneficial projects would require pages. Here’s a sample of our recent involvement:

McCormick Park Pavilion

Defibrillator for Senior Center

Defibrillator for Webberville Fire Dept

Oxygen equipment for Williamston Fire Dept

Printing of a cookbook by Senior Center

Ongoing Red Cedar River Cleanup

Woldemur Nature Center

Williamston Theatre

Williamston Food Bank

Williamston Area Beautification Fund

Webberville Community Schools Music Program

Boy Scout Troop 63

Williamston Police & Kids Program

Entrance Signs to the city

Depot Museum Display Case

McCormick Park playground maintenance

Student Life Leadership Camp

Community Education Program

Community Education fees for needy kids

Donation to “Save the Sun Theater” Fund

Williamston and Webberville Schools

McCormick Park tornado-damaged trees fund

McCormick Park Tree Carving Festival Partner

Community Schools Splash Bus

Dansville Library

YMCA Camp Pa-Wa-Pi Scholarships

Habitat for Humanity

Children’s Miracle Network

Scheffel Holiday Toys Project

Williamston High School Alcohol-Free

 Prom Party

High School Model United Nations

Quarterly Recognition of Williamston

 and Webberville students

Park Gazebo painting and maintenance

*Partner Programs*

Williamston Schools Foundation

Delta Rho

Williamston Firemen’s Association

Williamston All Sports Boosters

Williamston Football Boosters

Williamston Community Schools’ Kids Corner

Ingham County Crime Victims’ Advocate Program

Reconstruction of playground in McCormick Park

*The Williamston Sunrise Rotary has also donated over $25,000*

*To national and international projects over the last ten years, including:*

Katrina Relief

A grant to the nation of Fiji to help establish

 a waster disposal system

A grant to Afghanistan to provide solar ovens

Grants to Rotary International to support polio

eradication

Grant to Nicaragua to remove land mines

Medical equipment for Malawi

Water for People – Pacifica, Ecuador

Rising Star Project in India, w/Lansing Rotary

2014-2015 Efforts:

Civil War Tombstone 3-D Print Program

Building a Circulation Desk for Dansville

 Library

McCormick Park Pickleball Court

Senior Center Theatre Trips Transportation

Williamston Band Boosters

Williamston Food Bank

Support for Thursday Concert in Park Series

Handicapper Ramp for wheelchair bound

resident

YMCA Camp Pa-Wa-Pi Scholarships

Christmas Families Project

WHS Interact Club

**Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club**

Membership Information

Tuesdays 7:15 am to 8:30 am

Brookshire Inn & Golf Club

Williamston, Michigan

[www.wiliamstonrotary.org](http://www.wiliamstonrotary.org)

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168 countries. The shared goal is to build goodwill and peace in the world through friendship and humanitarian service.