



Corporate Membership

Rotary Club of Franklin, Indiana

The Rotary Club of Franklin, #3436 in District 6580, was chartered on June 6, 1919, and continues to be a proud part of the Franklin and Johnson County communities, focusing on club, youth and community service. Our club meets each Tuesday at noon for an hour in the Franklin College Dietz Center for Professional Development, although it's not uncommon for members to gather a little early to have extra time to socialize.

Our members believe that great things happen when dedicated minds come together. We are community and business leaders representing different professions, experiences and perspectives with a shared desire to connect with others to address the challenges affecting our community and communities around the world.

Our club offers opportunities for members – and those interested in making a difference – to get involved. Through weekly meetings, social events and volunteer projects, our members learn about the issues facing our community and the world. Along with these opportunities to serve, members are also able to regularly network, resulting in lifelong friendships and business connections.

Solving real problems takes real effort, commitment and vision. Our club is actively working with community partners on a variety of annual projects, making a positive impact.

Our club organizes and participates in multiple service projects that support Rotary International in ending Polio world-wide and its six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and economic and community development.

Our signature service project, the Jim Rhoades Memorial Hog Roast, has been raising funds to help feed the hungry in Johnson County for nearly a quarter century, now raising more than \$30,000 annually in support of the Interchurch Food Pantry and the Johnson County Good Cheer Fund. The event is named in memory of longtime Franklin resident and Rotarian Jim Rhoades, who started the event in 1996. With the generosity of several community organizations and businesses, such as Malone's Catering and the Johnson County FFA, we are able to serve a delicious meal to several hundred guests during this one-day lunch event. The meal is free of charge, with generous sponsorships and donations serving as the means to the fundraising total. In 2014, the event earned our club one of the highest honors Rotary International awards, the Significant Achievement Award, for hosting an outstanding service project addressing the needs of the community. At the time, we were the first club in District 6580 to ever earn the high honor.

We also participate in an annual District Grant Project. The project itself varies each year and must be pre-approved by district leadership. The district then provides up to \$3,000 toward the community project, which the club must match.

Each project must also include member participation. Past projects have included the Johnson County Mural Project with the Johnson County Community Foundation, purchasing and planting trees in the Franklin Urban Forest, providing resources for and assisting with History Camp for third and fourth graders at the Johnson County Museum of History, providing financial assistance and chaperoning Franklin Community High School students who traveled to Kuji, Japan (Franklin's sister city and Franklin Rotary Club's sister club) as part of an exchange

program, and two separate projects at Blue Heron Park in Franklin, the most recent helping purchase and install all-inclusive playground equipment. These are just a few of the District Grant Projects the club has completed over the years, each making a significant impact throughout Johnson County.

A more recently adopted annual project is a partnership with Webb Elementary School and the Franklin School Corporation. Each year, a group of fourth graders are selected by school leadership to participate in our Webb Elementary Student Program. The students attend one club meeting each month, chaperoned by their school administrators. They enjoy lunch, conversation and the weekly program with Rotarians. The students learn proper dining etiquette, public speaking skills and experience what it's like to participate a professional business setting. Their visit each month has quickly become a club favorite!

We have many other service activities we organize and participate in annually, including:

- Conducting two road-side clean-ups, servicing a portion of Upper Shelbyville Road in Franklin
- Staffing The Salvation Army bell ringing in Franklin during the holiday season
- Filling food baskets at The Salvation Army in Greenwood
- Providing financial support to local non-profits through our Unbudgeted/Unmet Needs Program
- Supporting multiple youth programs, such as Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), the 4-Way Test Speech Contest, a local Interact Club, scholarship funds for college-bound high school seniors and Rotary Youth Exchange

Benefits of Corporate Members

A Rotary Corporate Membership provides the opportunity to have corporate memberships of 2-4 members for participation in the Club. The corporate members will be provided the same rights and obligations as individual Rotary Club of Franklin members.

The Club Board will work with your business to tailor its participation in the Club, working together to align and support the needs of both parties.

Membership Costs

Your business may have 2-4 members. The admission fee is \$50.00 per person. The Membership dues are \$180.00 per annum per person, payable as invoiced. Corporate members are charged for one (1) meal weekly for memberships that include two (2) individuals; and two (2) meals weekly for memberships that include three to four (3-4) individuals. Additional corporate members who attend the same meeting will be responsible for the cost of the additional meal.

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Prospective Member Form

Please complete this form to nominate a prospective individual or corporate Rotary Club member for review by the Board of Directors. Nominees should be adults of good character and good business or professional reputation. Please provide as much information as possible.

Note: Until approval is granted by the board of directors, individual candidates should not be informed they are being considered for membership. Corporate member candidates should be informed of the nomination and approval process.

Complete this section for Individual Membership or Transfer from another Club

Club Name

Name: _____

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Complete this section for Corporate Membership (Corporate Members may include 2 to 4 individuals)

Company: _____

Business Address: _____

Name #1: _____

Name #2: _____

Name #3: _____

Name #4: _____

Comments: _____

Referred by: _____ Date: _____

Please submit completed form to the Membership Chair
Franklin Rotary Club, P.O. Box 82, Franklin, IN, 46131