

# HANDOUT FOR NEW MEMBERS

## FRANKLIN ROTARY CLUB

### Membership Committee

### CLUB INFORMATION

**Club No.** 3436 **District No.** 6580

**Address:** P.O. Box 82, Franklin, IN 46131

**Franklin Club President:** David Yount

**Franklin Web Site Address:** [www.franklinrotary.org](http://www.franklinrotary.org)

**Franklin Club Facebook Page:** [https://www.facebook.com/Franklin-Rotary-](https://www.facebook.com/Franklin-Rotary-Club-119676511377588/)

[Club-119676511377588/](https://www.facebook.com/Franklin-Rotary-Club-119676511377588/)**Rotary International Web Site:** [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**District 6580 Web Site** [www.rotary6580.org](http://www.rotary6580.org)

**[www.dacdb.com](http://www.dacdb.com)** - district and club information; the place to go to find all of the club's information and membership contacts

**User Guide to DACdb database:** go to [DACDB.com](http://DACDB.com) and create an account. Select the "Support" tab at the top. Then Click "DACdb QuickStart Guides", then Click "QuickStart New UI".

## Introduction

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We are pleased you have chosen to join our Rotary club and welcome you as a new member. The Membership Committee will help you integrate into our club and feel welcome.

You are joining a global organization of community volunteers. We have approximately 1.2 million Rotarians organized into over 35,000 clubs throughout more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary International is the world's largest service organization. Our club was founded in 1919. Rotary International was founded in 1905.

We are a medium-sized club with approximately 70 members. We are truly glad you have joined us and we want to get to know you. This document will help acquaint you with some of our activities and customs.

You have been sponsored by a current member of our club. Your sponsor will be your mentor for your first several months.

Rotarians throughout the world are joined together in a common belief in service above self. This belief is set out in several statements that are quoted below.

## Rotary Definition

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

## The Object of Rotary

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The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST**        The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND**      High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD**        The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH**      The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## Rotary Motto

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**“Service Above Self”**

## Rotary Four-Way Test

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We have encapsulated our belief and support of ethical behavior in the Rotary Four-Way Test:

**“Of the things we think, say or do:**

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**? Will

it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?”

## Rotary Organization

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Rotary is organized through three tiers: clubs, districts and international. You are joining the Franklin Rotary Club, one of three clubs in Johnson County.

The primary work of Rotary occurs at the club level. The district and international levels exist to support the clubs, to give us consistency throughout the world, and to help the clubs work together to support the Object of Rotary. Rotary is a non-political and non-religious organization that is welcoming to all who wish to improve their community and the world.

# Meetings & Meeting Assignments

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**When:** Meetings are held each Tuesday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Price Hall at Grace United Methodist Church. 1300 E. Adams Street, Franklin, IN.

**Parking:** Park near C2 entrance on east side of church. Enter through C2 door. We usually are in the large room on the right about halfway down the hall.

You are welcome to sit at any table, and are encouraged to sit at different tables each week. For the first few weeks your sponsor will expect to sit with you and to introduce you to your fellow Rotarians at the table.

From time to time you may need to leave early, and that is fine. Meetings are for developing fellowship, collegiality and friends. While we recognize that one of your reasons for joining the Franklin Rotary Club is to get to know people; this is a service organization first. We are joined together in our commitment to service.

You will be notified well in advance if you are assigned to lead the prayer/pledge, vocational moment or schedule a program speaker. Reminders are given via email.

A Typical Rotary Meeting:

11:45 a.m. - noon      **Meals:** We currently bring our own sack lunch with us to the meeting.

12:15 p.m.      **President brings the group to order by ringing the bell.**  
By tradition, our meetings begin with a **Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and a Stock Report.**  
**Board Officer Reports** give brief committee/project updates.  
**Happy Dollars** (see page 7 for more details)  
**Vocational Moment** (not every meeting) - a Rotarian shares a trend or new development in their vocation or profession. Prepare 3-4 minutes to share.

12:30 p.m.      **Program Speaker:** you may be assigned to select a program speaker for an upcoming meeting. You will want to select someone or an organization who can enlighten our club about something in our community or region. It's an opportunity to learn what non-profits may be doing in the county or a professional offering his/her expertise on a community topic. Speakers have approx. 30 minutes to present and answer questions regarding their topic. We provide AV equipment. Speakers are invited to stay a few moments after their presentation to answer additional questions. As a thank you to the speaker, our Rotary Club donates \$25 to a different local charity in the speaker's honor. The charity changes quarterly and is decided at a board meeting.

1:00 p.m.      **Meeting adjourns.**

## Attendance

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Regular attendance by membership is one of the factors that makes our club successful. We realize that our membership is very busy with work and other civic and personal activities and understand that most members cannot attend every meeting. While attendance is not mandatory, we encourage all members to attend as many meetings as possible (we would like to see you make at least 60% of the meetings). Regular consistent attendance adds to the effectiveness of our club as an organization and allows for the collegiality and public service for which we are known. Currently, we offer a Zoom meeting hybrid option if you cannot make it in person to our meetings. Log-in every Tuesday with this link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82424004971pwd=SWVUYWpYdWNXTjFVMnI2U0ZkbWRCUT09>

As a Rotarian, you will be welcome at any meeting of any Rotary Club any place in the world. Meetings can be “made up” by attending meetings of any other Rotary club.

“Make-up meetings” can also be achieved by your attendance at board meetings, service projects, and your attendance at committee meetings. The Board meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Ann's Restaurant.

You can also make-up meetings by choosing a program to watch or read online at <https://www.rotaryclubone.org/makeups/articles/>. Upon completing your online make-up program, fill out the form on the bottom and click submit. Or you can email the proof of attendance to yourself and forward it via email to secretary John Saxon (you can easily email him through [www.DACDB.com](http://www.DACDB.com)). Email John when you attend committee meetings, other club meetings or service projects for your make-up meetings.

## Cost

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Application fee for new members is \$50.

Dues are \$55 per quarter; meals currently "bring your own" to meetings. In the future, if we are able to cater lunches again, you'll be billed for the lunch with your dues. Lunches are billed whether you attend or not. We appreciate prompt payment of your invoice.

All members are expected to make annual contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

## Get Involved

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Start Local and Help your Community!

- Volunteer to help with one of our service projects.
- Get involved with one or more of the programs you learn about through speakers at our club meetings.
- Identify a need in the community and design a hands-on project that addresses it.
- Learn about what other clubs are doing in our county and district and offer to assist them.
- Host a Rotary exchange student visiting our district and learn about another culture.

# Committees of the Franklin Rotary Club

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Our work is carried out through through several committees. Being involved in a committee is a great way to understand Rotary and become infused in the mission. Here are a few of the committees:

- **Foundation Committee:** works to raise funds within the membership to donate to Rotary International's mission projects, through the Rotary Foundation.
- **Membership Committee:** assists members in proposing new members and works to develop ways to encourage new membership and retention of current members.
- **Community Service Committee:** organizes members in volunteering for community service projects locally.
- **Public Relations Committee:** handles the marketing, advertising and social media updates for the club.
- **New Generations:** works to cultivate the youth in the community in the spirit of Rotary. Interact is Rotary's service club at Franklin Community High School. New in 2021, we have an additional Interact Club with Franklin Middle School. We also participate in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) and with an essay contest for high school students. Our club has also sponsored local youth studying abroad and hosted exchange-students in Franklin.
- **Scholarship Committee:** this team selects three Franklin Community High School seniors and 1 ascending college senior who previously won a Franklin Rotary scholarship. We also have one skilled trades scholarship for any age resident of Franklin. Scholarships are \$1400 each.
- **Jim Rhoades Hog Roast Committee:** the annual hog roast event is our biggest fundraiser and takes many volunteers to make it a success.
- **District Grant Committee:** oversees one project per year where we raise \$3,000 and ask our Rotary District to match the funds for community betterment.

## Special Meetings

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Our club has a few special meetings each year:

- **Johnson County Fair** - we have lunch at the county fair for one meeting each July.
- **Past-Presidents Dinner** - to honor the leadership and dedication, an evening meeting each August (usually replaces a regular lunch meeting).
- **Annual Meeting** - Officers and members of the Board of Directors are elected each December.
- **Fifth Tuesdays** - on the 5th Tuesday of any given month, we cancel our lunch meeting and have an after hours social meeting that day.

# The Rotary Foundation

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The Franklin Rotary Club supports the Rotary International Foundation.

Rotary International Foundation (often referred to as the “RI Foundation,” the “Rotary Foundation,” or the “Foundation”). The Rotary Foundation raises about \$76 million each year from members throughout the world. The funds are spent three years after they are raised on humanitarian projects. Over time you will grow to be familiar with the many good works of the Rotary Foundation. At this time it is sufficient for you to know that whenever we talk about an international project, it is usually Rotary Foundation money, which supports the project.

Our most ambitious project has been a nearly 25 year effort to eradicate polio. Rotarians throughout the world have raised in excess of one-half billion dollars to purchase vaccine and have facilitated vaccinations such that the disease is nearly eliminated.

Every Rotarian Every Year: while your contributions are personal and voluntary, we encourage all Rotarians who are able to do so to contribute at least \$100 per year to the Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization, so your contributions are tax deductible. You may write a check and give it to our Foundation Committee Chair Chase Schletzer at any Rotary meeting, or you may donate online via credit card at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>. Please notify Kurt of your donation if you pay online.

The Rotary Foundation and our club recognize those who have contributed \$1000 as Paul Harris Fellows (PHF). Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary. If you give \$25 per quarter, you will join the ranks of PHF after ten years. Naturally, we hope you will be able to complete your fellowship sooner. If you are giving at the rate of \$100 per year (\$25 per quarter) you will be designated a “Sustaining Member” of the Foundation until you complete your fellowship.

From time to time there are matching funds available to help you reach this goal. Such matching funds will be announced from the podium and/or in our newsletter.

## Guests

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You are welcome to invite guest(s) to join you at the meeting. Please introduce your guest to the club president when you arrive. You may be asked to introduce your guest at the beginning of the meeting. Until we have catered meals again, you may want to tell your guest to bring a lunch or bring one for them.

## Proposing New Members

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We are always seeking new members who share our value of service. To sponsor a member, complete a Prospective Member Form (available on the dacdb website under the "MY CLUB" tab at the top and then "CLUB FILES" icon. Fill it out digitally and email it to membership chair Tony Burton or print it out and give it to Tony at the next Rotary meeting.

Proposed new members names are approved first by the Membership Committee and the Board. Their names are published before the club for consideration. Then, the prospect submits an application and pays the \$50 application fee. This process takes three to four weeks from the time you submit the documentation.

## Happy Dollars

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At every meeting, our President & Sergeant-at-Arms will take time to raise some money for our Club's projects by asking for Happy Dollars.

Happy Dollars are a voluntary gift of a dollar or more to share some personal or professional good news with your fellow Rotarians. The Sergeant-at-Arms walks throughout the dining room collecting dollars and club members are able to celebrate good news with their colleagues.

Money raised through Happy Dollars go to our Club's general fund and makes things like our quarterly designated non-profit and our "unbudgeted and unmet needs" funding possible.

## Communications

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- **News and Updates:** you will receive periodic emails from the club president and other officers.
- **The *Rotarian*** is the official publication of Rotary International. You will receive the magazine monthly. It contains news and articles of Rotary activities around the world.

## Unbudgeted/Unmet Needs

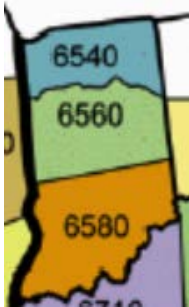
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From time-to-time a non-profit may ask you to ask our Rotary Club to make a donation to their organization, or you may know of a charity with a need. We have a short application for requests like this called "unbudgeted/unmet needs." You can find these forms on DACdb.com under "My Club" and "My Files." The Rotary Board considers these applications quarterly and will award up to \$500 to an organization in need.

# District 6580 Conference & Annual Conference

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District 6580 covers the southern part of the state, south of I-74 and I-70.



Our district holds a conference each April at a location within our district. All District 6580 Rotarians are invited to attend the conference. We strongly encourage you to attend District Conference, especially during your first year of membership. At District Conference you will learn what all of our clubs are doing together to make the world a better place. It has been said you will not begin to appreciate the power and good work of our movement until you have attended a district conference. Details on the conference will be provided in the spring.

Our club feels the District Conference is so valuable, it often will pay a portion of the registration fees for members who are able to attend. Many times, the district conference is within driving distance and accommodations are unnecessary.

Each year in June, the entire Rotary family is invited to attend the International Convention. Usually around 30,000 attend. This conference alternates being held in an U.S. city and an international city. Our club may be able to assist with some (but not all) expenses to attend the International Conference.

## Orientation Activities

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All Rotarians wear badges at the meetings as a means of introduction. All Rotarians are on a first name basis, so feel free to greet your fellow Rotarian by their first name.

The Membership Committee has designed several things to help you become an active Rotary member. Our club is currently designing a mentoring program for new members.

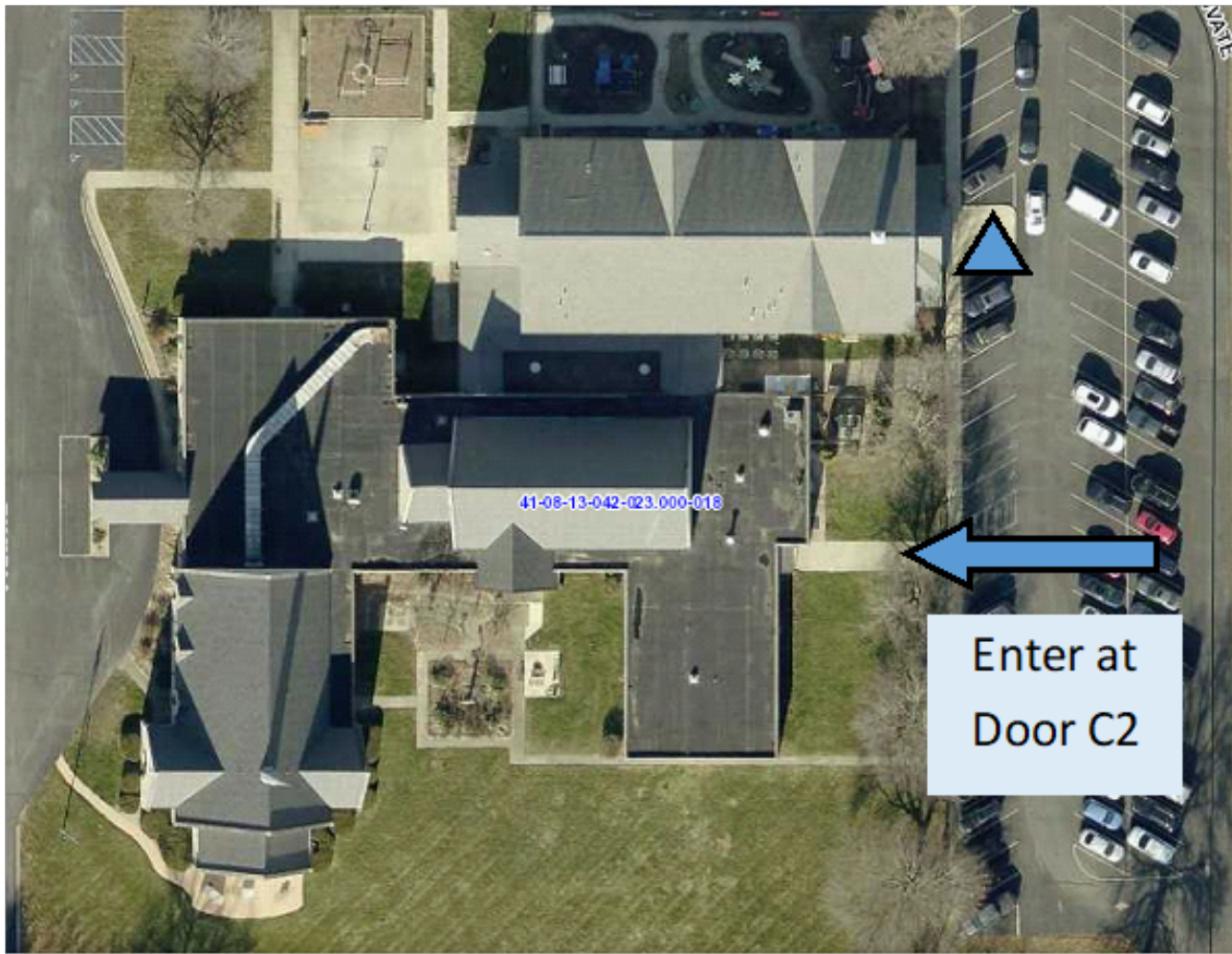
- You will meet with Greg Moore for an orientation meeting.
- The Rotary Take Five program of activities are designed to acquaint you with the your new members and help you understand the Franklin Rotary Club. These are to be completed within your first year as a member. As you complete each activity, notify or email Tony Burton, Membership Chair.

### Rotary Take Five - for your first year

- **Greeter at a Club Meeting:** you and your sponsor stand in front of the name badge box and buffet line and greet members as they enter the club meeting.
- **Attend a Board Meeting:** the board meets every second Tuesday of the month at Ann's Restaurant (in the upstairs room) in downtown Franklin at 7:30 a.m. Many people order a breakfast and eat during the meeting.
- **Participate in a Service Project:** join in on any community service project that is mentioned during the club meeting needing volunteers. For example: help with the Hog Roast, assist with the bike ride, clean up a highway with your club members.
- **Visit Another Club:** you may visit any other Rotary Club meeting of your choice. There are two other clubs in Johnson County. White River/Greenwood meets Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. and Greenwood meets Mondays at 12:00 p.m.
- **Donate to the Rotary Foundation:** make a donation to the Foundation in the amount you are able to give.



## Parking and Location of Meetings at Grace United Methodist



Grace United Methodist Church is located at 1300 East Adams Street off of King Street, just west of the roundabout.

Our meetings are in Price Hall -- which you can find by walking down the hallway through door C2. We may have to have meetings on the 2nd floor of the church, and then you would enter the building by the "blue triangle" shown on the map.