

The Rotary Club of Farmington

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is it for?

Rotary is an inclusive group. We welcome any person of good character who has a good business or professional reputation in the community. Members also should be an owner, partner, manager or active participant in his or her business.

How often do you meet?

Rotary meets weekly except when our meetings conflict with holidays. Members who miss a meeting also have an opportunity to make up that meeting by attending a committee meeting or a meeting at another Rotary club.

What do you expect of me?

Rotary has a lot to offer its members, but there are also expectations. When you join Rotary, we expect you to model high ethical and moral standards in your professional and personal lives. We expect you to be involved. We ask that members attend or make up at least 75% of club meetings.

How much time does it take?

Aside from time spent at meetings, there are no guidelines for the time members spend on Rotary activities. There are several opportunities for members to get involved in the activities of the club, but it is up to the individual member to decide how much or how little he or she can do. Depending on the member time, commitments can range from a couple of hours per week to much more.

What does it cost?

The focus of Rotary is on the benefits it offers more than the money it costs. But doing good things takes money. The Rotary Club of Farmington holds fundraisers throughout the year, but we also rely on dues from members. Our membership dues include international, district and local commitments. Quarterly dues are \$132.00 and include the cost of meals for weekly meetings.

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What is it all about?

The Rotary Club of Farmington was organized in June 2002. The Club has hit the ground running with participation and support in many local community events. The Club recognizes a local high school student once a month for accomplishments of service at the school and in the community. In honor of Rotary International's first Century

celebration, the Club has donated 10 park benches to be installed in the City of Farmington parks. The Club has been involved in the International support of a Haiti water project and Polio eradication program. There is more, too.

Rotary is here

To serve: Rotary members are business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and resources to help others locally and around the world. We are here to help others. The club's motto, after all, is Service above Self.

For Youth: Much of Rotary's service focuses on youth, especially children at risk. We want to make sure tomorrow's leaders have a chance to develop. Rotary sponsors service clubs for youth and offers career development and mentoring programs.

To innovate: Rotary is a non-political, non-governmental Club. We work together to meet community needs whatever they may be. We are involved in immunization projects, the construction of medical and dental clinics and the development of safe water and sanitation systems in developing countries.

To give: Rotary's takes its Service Above Self motto seriously. Its members give a lot of time to help others and improve life locally, nationally and internationally. We provide everything from opportunities for young people to learn leadership skills to funding for people to visit foreign countries.

For everyone: Rotary welcomes people of every race, culture and creed. Our membership represents a cross-section of the people who live and work in the Farmington community. We are dedicated to truth, fairness, improved relationships and world peace.

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What's in it for me?

The many benefits of being a Rotary member:

Becoming a member of Rotary is all about helping others, but that does not mean there are not benefits for Rotary members. Rotary members can take advantage of...

Professional networking

Networking is one of the founding principles of Rotary International. Through our weekly lunch meetings and other gatherings throughout the year –to care for an adopted stretch of Pilot Knob Road, or to help at a community event- Rotary gives its members a chance to get to know many people who play important roles in the Farmington area business, school and government community.

Opportunity to serve

Rotary is for people who want to take the time to make a difference The Farmington Rotary has given its members a chance to do everything from greeting students on the first day of school to working the concession stand at football games.

Personal growth

In addition to the growth that comes from helping others, membership in Rotary allows opportunities to gain experience in leadership, public speaking, organization, planning, team building and fundraising, among other things.

Friendship

Rotary members are here to get things done, but we also want to have fun. Members of the Farmington Rotary like each other, and meetings are always a good time. We also hold social events throughout the year- tailgating before a Tigers football game, hayrides, karaoke, and potluck gatherings at member's homes.

Diversity

Membership in the Rotary provides opportunities for people to get involved in their own city but also opens doors to the rest of the world. The Farmington Rotary has hosted an exchange student from France and supported outgoing exchange students as well. Bring involved in the Rotary helps members better understand the world around them.