



Gardner Rotary Club

Service Above Self to the Gardner Community



A Brief History of the Club:

The Gardner Rotary Club was founded on August 14, 1996 with 25 members. The Rotary Club of Lenexa was the driving force behind bringing Rotary to Gardner. The Club's first president was Mr. Ralph Leno.

Meeting Time and Location:

The Gardner Rotary Club meets each Thursday morning from 7:30am to 8:30am at the Gardner Senior Center, 128 E. Park St.

Attendance Requirements:

The Gardner Rotary Club strictly follows the Rotary International requirement that members attend 50% of all regularly scheduled meetings. This requirement is essential to assuring that the Club can meet its service goals. Members may "make up" missed meetings by attending another club's meeting, participating in a Rotary event or service project, or on-line at <http://rotaryclubone.org/>. Make-ups must occur within 2 weeks before or after the missed meeting and must be reported to the Secretary for recording.

Financial Expectations:

Yearly dues are \$200 and include Rotary International and District Dues. Dues do not include breakfast. Weekly breakfast pastries and coffee are provided by Ground House Coffee, and payment for your breakfasts is made directly to Ground House. Various fundraising techniques are employed at meetings such as "happy dollars", "fun fines" and "Rotary Lotto". Through these techniques, members should expect to donate an additional \$1.00 - \$3.00 each week.

Typical Activities:

Rotary is organized into Five Avenues of Services. Committees are maintained for each area of service. Members are appointed to a committee each year. This is by no means an all-inclusive list. Goals are set annually by the president and Board of Directors. The following are goals that the Club has consistently pursued:

<p><u>Club Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting set-up and tear-down - Weekly program & greeter schedule - Family of Rotary/Fellowship 	<p><u>Community Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assisting local food bank/Multi-service Center - Boo Bash - Relay for Life - Meals on Wheels - Community Emergency Response Team Training
<p><u>Vocational & Youth Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rotary Youth Leadership Academy - Dictionaries for 3rd Graders - Teacher of the Year - Scholarships 	<p><u>International Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donate to Rotary Foundation - Host In-Bound and Sponsor Out-Bound Youth Exchange Students - Participate in International Projects

In addition to these activities, the Club sponsors a **Grocery Grab each year as the primary fundraiser. All Club members are expected to assist in the planning and execution of this event.