



Eau Claire Downtown Morning Rotary Club Club Information for New Members

What is Rotary?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women 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

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 by each Rotarian of his or her occupations as an opportunity to serve society
- Third: The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life
- Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

Being a Rotarian is ...

- Service Above Self
- Fun and Fellowship
- Adhering to the Four Way Test - 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?

The Eau Claire Downtown Morning Rotary club was admitted to Rotary

International on October 27, 1988. The club was chartered with 12 members, its first president was Steve Lafontaine, and meetings were held at the Eau Claire Athletic Club. The club was formed with the purpose of serving disadvantaged youth and single parent families. Today we have 20 active members. Our club is in District 6250, which is comprised of over 60 clubs and 3500 members throughout southern central and western Wisconsin, and Houston County Minnesota.

Members who have been honored with the distinction as a Paul Harris Fellow for their service to our Club:

James Pinter	Rob Giles	Cindra Carson	Jeff Sauter
Mitch Piper	Allen Keniston	Steve McDermid	Joanne Palzkill
Bernie Hull	Jim Bechly	Myrt Haugen	Donnie Magadance

Weekly meetings are held at Ramada Inn Convention Center every Thursday at 7:00 am. Each meeting includes a business meeting and an informational program organized by club members for the purpose of education and community building.

If you miss our meeting, you can attend at one of these locations:

Monday—Eau Claire (Noon) Sweetwaters

Tuesday—Chippewa Falls (Noon) Arizona’s

Wednesday—Menomonie (Noon) Dotseth

Thursday—Menomonie (7 a.m.) Club 29

The Board of Directors of the Morning Rotary Club are:

President Charles Farrell (farrellcf@uwec.edu)

President Elect Ann Kaiser (Akaiser@shc.hshs.org)

Secretary Jan Walker (janw@rcu.org)

Treasurer Chad Ryder (chadryder@baumancpa.com)

At large members are Myrt Haugen, Allen Keniston and Jeff Sauter.

Club sponsored activities and projects include:

Superteams! – Held in April each year, this fundraising event brings together teams of volunteers, competing in ‘games of skill’ to benefit community organizations

Golf Outing – Begun in 2007, this annual even takes place in September and includes a silent auction.

Community Table – Our club hosts lunch on the 5th Monday of the month.

Rose and Poinsettia Sales – Sales of roses prior to deer hunting, and poinsettias delivered in early December, benefit community organizations.

Social Activities – The Club hosts an annual holiday party and participates in the Chippewa Valley Rotary Clubs baseball outing each summer.

Donations to Community Organizations	2006	2007	2008
Rotary Youth Exchange	\$925	\$787	\$200
St Francis Food Pantry		\$100	\$1,000
Big Brothers, Big Sisters			\$500
Community Table	\$413	\$1,250	\$1,200
DARE	\$1,500	\$1,250	\$1,000
YMCA			\$1,000
Family Resource Center for Eau Claire County	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Brain Book	\$820		
Eau Claire County Drug Court		\$1,000	
Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley		\$1,000	\$1,250
White Pine Wildlife Rehabilitation Center		\$1,000	\$1,250
Robbins School		\$200	

Benefits of Membership include:

- Subscription to Rotarian magazine
- Rotary lapel pin
- Avenue for community service, fun and fellowship!

Your Obligations in Rotary:

- ATTENDANCE at weekly club meetings
- SERVICE through participation in club projects and activities
- FINANCIAL SUPPORT through quarterly dues of \$130, 30 days payable; this includes the cost of breakfast weekly

Additional responsibilities include -

- As assigned, with another club member, organize meeting programs for one month
- Wear your Rotary lapel pin with pride on days of Rotary meetings
- Share personal and professional accomplishments with “Good News Bucks” at weekly meetings

How Do I Become a Member?

After attending one meeting as a guest of the Club, you can complete a membership application which then goes before the Board of Directors. Upon acceptance by the Board, your application goes before the club membership for a general vote. Upon an affirmative vote by a majority of attending members, your membership is official.

New member key contacts are Myrt Haugen (832-4159) and Ann Kaiser (577-8295)

Recruitment and New Member Orientation

Periodic meetings will be held for prospective and newly accepted members with the purpose of informing them about Rotary, the Eau Claire Downtown Morning Rotary Club, its benefits and obligations.

Classification Speech

Each new Rotary Club member will be asked to present a Classification Speech at a general meeting of the club membership. The purpose of the presentation is to help members get to know you, as well as to learn about how you hope to serve the community through your membership. Content includes your personal and professional background, and your experiences with community service.